

minutes

Policy Committee

MEETING HELD ON

MONDAY, 10 JUNE 2013

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CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON MONDAY, 10 JUNE 2013.

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Cr Brian Corr	<i>Presiding Member</i>
Mayor Troy Pickard	
Cr Liam Gobbert	<i>Deputy Presiding Member</i>
Cr Kerry Hollywood	
Cr Mike Norman	<i>Deputising for Cr Christine Hamilton-Prime</i>
Cr Teresa Ritchie	
Cr Philippa Taylor	

Officers:

Mr Jamie Parry	Director Governance and Strategy
Ms Dale Page	Director Planning and Community Development
Mr John Corbellini	Manager Planning Services
Mr Brad Sillence	Manager Governance
Mr John Byrne	Governance Coordinator
Mrs Deborah Gouges	Governance Officer

DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 7.01pm.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies

Cr Christine Hamilton-Prime.
Mr Garry Hunt, Chief Executive Officer.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE POLICY COMMITTEE HELD ON 11 MARCH 2013

MOVED Cr Gobbert, SECONDED Cr Ritchie that the minutes of the meeting of the Policy Committee held on 11 March 2013 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mayor Pickard, Crs Gobbert, Hollywood, Norman, Ritchie and Taylor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY SIT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

In accordance with Clause 76 of the City's *Standing Orders Local Law 2005*, this meeting was not open to the public.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

REPORTS**ITEM 1 RESCISSION OF THE CENTRES STRATEGY POLICY**

WARD	All
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR	Ms Dale Page Planning and Community Development
FILE NUMBER	20454, 101515
ATTACHMENT	Attachment 1 Centres Strategy Policy
AUTHORITY / DISCRETION	Legislative - includes the adoption of local laws, planning schemes and policies

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the proposed rescission of the *Centres Strategy Policy*.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

As a result of the Minister for Planning granting approval to Scheme Amendment No. 66, *District Planning Scheme No. 2 (DPS2)* no longer sets out the maximum retail floor space for each commercial centre. As such, DPS2 now aligns with the requirements of State Planning Policy 4.2 – *Activity Centres for Perth and Peel (SPP 4.2)*, which does not outline any retail floor space caps.

The City is in the process of developing a *Local Commercial Strategy* to implement the requirements of SPP 4.2 which would replace the existing *Centres Strategy Policy*. The existing *Centres Strategy Policy* contains reference to maximum retail floor space for each commercial centre and does not align with SPP 4.2 or DPS2. As such, when considering applications for major developments, scheme amendments or structure plans, it will no longer be used as an assessment tool for retail expansions and instead due regard will be given to the draft *Local Commercial Strategy*.

Considering the above, it is recommended that the *Centres Strategy Policy* be rescinded.

BACKGROUNDMetropolitan Centres Strategy (superseded by State Planning Policy 4.2)

The City developed the *Centres Strategy Policy*, which was adopted as a local planning policy in 2000, to guide the implementation of the state government's *Metropolitan Centres Strategy*. The *Centres Strategy Policy* promoted retail and incremental expansion of existing centres throughout the City. It also identified the different types, functions and locations of centres within the City and recommended maximum net lettable area (NLA) for each centre. The recommended maximum NLA was also reflected in Schedule 3 of the City's DPS2.

The *Metropolitan Centres Strategy* has since been superseded by SPP 4.2 in 2010. While SPP 4.2 continues to provide guidance on the development and hierarchy of activity centres the key difference between SPP 4.2 and the *Metropolitan Centre Strategy* is the removal of retail floor space caps. Instead SPP 4.2 encourages employment self sufficiently through land use diversity and intensity. Where major development (a building with a proposed shop retail net lettable area of more than 10,000m² or an extension with more than 5,000m²) is proposed, the retail floor space expansion is either to be in line with an agreed structure plan, a *Local Commercial Strategy* or justified through a Retail Sustainability Assessment (RSA).

Draft Local Commercial Strategy

The City's draft *Local Commercial Strategy* (LCS) was adopted by Council for the purposes of public advertising at its meeting held on 17 April 2012 (CJ072-04/12 refers). The strategy identifies indicative retail floor space thresholds for all the commercial centres within the City. Where an applicant proposes to increase the retail floor space beyond the recommended thresholds an RSA is required to justify the proposal. The draft LCS is currently being reviewed and refined in response to the feedback received by the City during the public consultation period.

Section 76 order and Scheme Amendment No. 66

In response to an order issued by the Minister for Planning under Section 76 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, at its meeting held on 21 August 2012 (CJ173-08/12 refers), Council initiated Scheme Amendment No. 66 to DPS2 for the purpose of public advertising. Amendment No. 66 proposed to remove various clauses and Schedule 3 from DPS2 in order to remove the maximum retail floor space allocations that currently apply to commercial centres, so as to align DPS2 with SPP 4.2.

Following the conclusion of the public consultation period, at its meeting held on 11 December 2012 (CJ290-12/12 refers), Council considered the submissions received and resolved to adopt the amendment. The amendment was forwarded to the Department of Planning and final approval was granted by the Minister for Planning on 17 April 2013.

DETAILS

Scheme Amendment No. 66 removed various clauses and Schedule 3 from DPS2 in order to remove the maximum retail floor space allocations that currently apply to commercial centres so as to align DPS2 with SPP 4.2. As a result, the *Centres Strategy Policy* is no longer a relevant assessment tool for commercial development and is proposed to be rescinded.

Issues and options considered

The options available to Council are:

- support the rescinding of the local planning policy
or
- not support the rescinding of the local planning policy.

Legislation / Strategic Community Plan / policy implications**Legislation**

City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2.

Under subclause 8.11.4 of DPS2, Council may rescind a local planning policy by preparing a new policy to supersede an existing policy, or by publishing a notice in the local newspaper.

Strategic Community Plan**Key theme**

Economic Prosperity, Vibrancy and Growth.

Objective

Activity Centre development.

Strategic initiative

Understand local commercial needs and opportunities.

Promote the primacy of the Joondalup City Centre in the application of the Activity Centre Hierarchy.

Policy

Centres Strategy Policy.

Risk management considerations

There is not considered to be any risk associated with revoking the *Centres Strategy Policy* as any proposed retail expansion within a centre will need to comply with the requirements of SPP 4.2 and have due regard to the City's draft *Local Commercial Strategy* and if necessary provide a retail sustainability assessment as part of an application for development approval.

Financial/budget implications

The cost of notices in the local newspaper advising of the rescission of the policy will be approximately \$600.

Regional significance

Not applicable.

Sustainability implications

In response to SPP 4.2 the City has developed a draft *Local Commercial Strategy*. The draft *Local Commercial Strategy*, once finalised and endorsed, will be used to assess development within the City's commercial centres so as to develop centres which are sustainable and provide opportunities for people to live and work within those centres.

The strategy will provide a framework to guide retail expansion in the appropriate locations without impacting on other centres. This will assist in meeting the employment self sufficiency targets that have been set for the City through the WAPC's *Directions 2031 and Beyond*. Therefore the *Centres Strategy Policy* no longer has a function within the framework for developing sustainable activity centres.

Consultation

In accordance with clause 8.11.4(b) of DPS2, the City is required to publish notification of the rescission of a local planning policy by publishing a notice in the local community newspaper once a week for two consecutive weeks.

COMMENT

As retail floor space caps are no longer supported under SPP 4.2 or DPS2 (as a result of Scheme Amendment No. 66), any proposal to increase retail floor space within a commercial centre will now be guided by:

- SPP 4.2
- agreed structure plans
- the draft *Local Commercial Strategy*
- retail sustainability assessments.

As such, the *Centres Strategy Policy* is no longer relevant in the assessment of commercial development where an increase in retail floor space is proposed, therefore it is recommended that the policy be revoked.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

MOVED Cr Ritchie, SECONDED Cr Gobbert that Council:

- 1 In accordance with clause 8.11.4(b) of *District Planning Scheme No. 2*, **RESCINDS** the *Centres Strategy Policy* as detailed in Attachment 1 to this Report;
- 2 **PUBLISHES** a formal notice of rescission of the *Centres Strategy Policy* in accordance with clause 8.11.4(b) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mayor Pickard, Crs Gobbert, Hollywood, Norman, Ritchie and Taylor.

Appendix 1 refers

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ITEM 2 DRAFT AMENDED CHILD CARE CENTRES POLICY - CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING ADVERTISING

WARD	All
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR	Ms Dale Page Planning and Community Development
FILE NUMBER	85510, 101515
ATTACHMENT	Attachment 1 Draft Amended Child Care Centres Policy
AUTHORITY / DISCRETION	Legislative - includes the adoption of local laws, planning schemes and policies.

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the draft amended *Child Care Centres Policy* following advertising and decide whether to adopt the policy as final.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City's *Child Care Centres Policy* provides guidance on the location, siting and design of child care centres. A review of the policy found it was generally operating well. It was considered, however, that updates were required in regard to the road classifications referenced in the policy, as well as format and text changes in line with the current review of the City's policy manual. Additional detail was also added to provide clarity in regard to the development requirements and locational criteria.

At its meeting held on 20 November 2012 (CJ258-11/12 refers), Council resolved to advertise the draft amended policy for public comment. The policy was advertised for 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013. No submissions were received.

It is recommended that Council:

- 1 In accordance with clause 8.11.3(c) of the City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2, finally ADOPTS the draft amended Child Care Centres Policy, shown in Attachment 1 of this Report;*
- 2 PUBLISHES a formal notice of the final adoption of the Child Care Centres Policy in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2.*

BACKGROUND

On 15 July 2008, the Council adopted draft amendments to the *Child Care Centres Policy* to bring the policy into line with community expectations and assist with the assessment of child care centre applications. The following issues were addressed in the draft amended policy:

- Amenity.
- Appropriate location.
- Traffic and car parking.
- Noise attenuation.
- Operating hours.
- Location of outdoor play areas.

The *Child Care Centres Policy* has been in operation for a number of years and the current review has found that generally it continues to operate well.

At its meeting held on 15 May 2012 (CJ093-05/12 refers), Council resolved that a report be prepared on the *Child Care Centres Policy* with a view to including in the policy provisions to permit child care centres to be located within residential precincts subject to noise and traffic impact statements being submitted demonstrating that the proposal would not adversely impact the amenity of surrounding residences in terms of noise and traffic. This matter arose from a recent application to extend an existing child care centre in a residential precinct in Dun Craig where, despite the proposal having merit and limited impact on adjoining neighbours, it did not meet the locational requirements of the existing policy.

At its meeting held on 20 November 2012 (CJ258-11/12 refers), Council considered a report on the review of the *Child Care Centres Policy* and resolved to advertise the draft amended policy for public comment.

The policy was advertised for 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013. No submissions were received as result of the public advertising.

DETAILS

The proposed amendments to the *Child Care Centres Policy* are as follows:

- The inclusion of provisions within the policy setting out development requirements and locational criteria to:
 - clarify that when a child care centre is proposed to be located next to residential properties, the applicant is required to demonstrate that the proposal will not unduly impact the surrounding uses, for example by way of noise or traffic impacts
 - clarify that a Traffic and Road Safety Impact Report is required for all new child care centres or expansion in capacity of existing centres
 - apply the operating time restrictions to child centre centres that abut or are opposite a residential property.
- Update references to the Main Roads road hierarchy by including reference to District Distributor A and District Distributor B (previously only one category of District Distributor).
- Text and format changes in line with the current policy manual review.

The proposed amendments are outlined as tracked changes to the current *Child Care Centres Policy* in Attachment 1.

Issues and options considered

Council has the option to:

- adopt the draft policy
- adopt the draft policy, with modifications
or
- not to proceed with the draft amended policy.

Legislation / Strategic Community Plan / policy implications

Legislation

City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2.

Clause 8.11 of the DPS2 enables Council to prepare, amend and add to local planning policies that relate to any planning and development matter within the scheme area.

If Council decides to finally adopt a policy, notification of the final adoption shall be published once in a newspaper circulating with the scheme area.

If Council considers that a provision of a policy affect the interests of the Western Australian Planning Commission, a copy of the policy shall be forwarded to the Western Australian Planning Commission.

Strategic Community Plan

Key theme

Quality Urban Environment.

Objective

Quality built outcomes.

Strategic initiative

For the City's commercial and residential areas to be filled with quality buildings and appealing streetscapes.

Policy

Child Care Centres Policy.

Risk management considerations

If the policy remains unchanged, the ability for the City to consider new applications for child care centres within the 'Residential' zone is restricted. The proposed amendments will provide greater flexibility in the locating of child care centres in appropriate areas of the 'Residential' zone.

Financial/budget implications

The costs associated with advertising the draft amended policy in the local newspaper and notice to publicise the final adoption of the policy will be approximately \$810 and can be met from within existing budgets.

Regional significance

Not applicable.

Sustainability implications

Not applicable.

Consultation

The draft amended policy was advertised for public comment for a period of 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013, as follows:

- A notice was published in the Joondalup Times for two consecutive weeks (21 and 28 February 2013).
- A notice and documents were placed on the City's website.

No submissions were received.

COMMENT

No submissions were received as a result of the public consultation and no further changes to the policy are proposed.

The proposed amendments to the policy will provide clarity in regard to the development requirements and locational criteria for child care centres. It is anticipated that these changes will assist in further minimising impacts of future child care centre developments on the surrounding area.

As the advertising of the amended *Child Care Centres Policy* has not raised any issues that would warrant not proceeding with the proposal, it is recommended that the draft amended *Child Care Centres Policy* be adopted as final, and that a notice of the final adoption be published in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the City of Joondalup's *District Planning Scheme No. 2*.

None of the provisions included in the amended policy are considered to affect the interests of the Western Australian Planning Commission and as such forwarding of the local planning policy to the Commission is not recommended.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

MOVED Cr Hollywood, SECONDED Cr Norman that Council:

- 1** In accordance with clause 8.11.3(c) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*, finally **ADOPTS** the draft amended *Child Care Centres Policy*, shown in Attachment 1 of this Report;
- 2** **PUBLISHES** a formal notice of the final adoption of the *Child Care Centres Policy* in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mayor Pickard, Crs Gobbert, Hollywood, Norman, Ritchie and Taylor.

Appendix 2 refers

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ITEM 3 DRAFT AMENDED SIGNS POLICY– CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING ADVERTISING

WARD	All
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR	Ms Dale Page Planning and Community Development
FILE NUMBER	01907, 101515
ATTACHMENT	Attachment 1 Draft Amended Signs Policy
AUTHORITY / DISCRETION	Legislative - includes the adoption of local laws, planning schemes and policies.

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the draft amended *Signs Policy* following advertising and decide whether to adopt the policy as final.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City's *Signs Policy*, which has been in operation since October 2009, provides guidance on the permissible types and locations of signage within the City of Joondalup. The local planning policy was last reviewed in August 2012, when an amended policy was adopted by Council (CJ167-08/12 refers).

The *Signs Policy* has again been reviewed and a further amended policy has been drafted to include provisions for monolith signs; clarify the restriction of illuminated variable message signs; revise the standard requirements for pylon signs; and clarify that signs should be site specific and not located within the road reserve. The wording of the policy has also been revised to reflect the terminology used within the draft *Joondalup City Centre Structure Plan* (JCCSP).

At its meeting held on 19 March 2013 (CJ036-03/13 refers) Council resolved to advertise the draft amended policy (Attachment 1 refers) for public comment.

The draft amended policy was advertised for 21 days closing on 26 April 2013. No submissions were received.

The draft amended policy, shown as Attachment 1, represents a more comprehensive and effective planning tool and is recommended for final approval.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 13 October 2009 (CJ225-10/09 refers), Council adopted a new *Signs Policy* that provides guidance for the types and locations of signage within the City of Joondalup.

An updated *Signs Policy* was adopted as final by Council at its meeting held on 21 August 2012 (CJ167-08/12 refers) which provides additional provisions for inflatable signs, and deals with the permissibility of illuminated variable message board signs.

A further review of the policy has now been undertaken as a result of potential improvements identified through the application of the policy in the assessment of development applications. While the latest review has found that the *Signs Policy* is operating effectively, it has been identified that certain modifications would further improve the operation of the policy.

At its meeting held on 19 March 2013 (CJ037-03/13 refers), Council resolved as follows:

“That Council:

- 1 *ADOPTS the proposed amendments to the Signs Policy as detailed in Attachment 1 to Report CJ037-03/13, for the purpose of advertising, subject to allowing the use of illuminated variable message signs by not for profit organisations to promote significant community events;*
- 2 *In accordance with Clause 8.11 of the City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2, ADVERTISES the proposed amendments to the Signs Policy as detailed in Attachment 1 to Report CJ037-03/13 and as amended, for public comment for a period of 21 days.”*

The draft amended policy was advertised for 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013. No submissions were received as result of the public advertising.

DETAILS

The proposed amendments to the *Signs Policy* are as follows:

- Clarification in Section 4.1 of the policy that signs should be located on land to which they relate, and are not to be located within the road reserve.
- Minor amendments to the standard sign requirements of pylon signs to clarify the permitted number of free standing signs per frontage, and the provision or maintenance of vehicle sightlines within the lot.
- Addition of the category ‘Monolith Signs’ and the provision of standard sign requirements applicable to this type of signage.
- Amendments to the Variable Message Board sign requirements to include use of this type of sign for a period of time that is in accordance with a Traffic Management Plan approved by the City, and in accordance with Council’s resolution, to allow use by not for profit organisations to promote significant community events.
- Updating of the ‘Applicable Zones’ categories to reflect the terms used in the draft JCCSP.

Attachment 1 illustrates the proposed amendments as tracked changes to the current *Signs Policy*.

Issues and options considered

Council has the option to:

- adopt the draft policy
- adopt the draft policy, with modifications
or
- not to proceed with the draft amended policy.

Legislation / Strategic Community Plan / policy implications

Legislation

City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2.

Clause 8.11 of DPS2 enables Council to prepare, amend and add to the local planning policies that relate to any planning and development matter within the scheme area.

If Council decides to finally adopt a policy, notification of the final adoption shall be published once in a newspaper circulating with the scheme area.

If Council considers that a provision of a policy affect the interests of the Western Australian Planning Commission, a copy of the policy shall be forwarded to the Western Australian Planning Commission.

Strategic Community Plan

Key theme

Quality Urban Environment.

Objective

Quality built outcomes.

Strategic initiative

Buildings and landscaping are suitable for the immediate environment and reflect community values.

Policy

Signs Policy.

Risk management considerations

While there is minimal risk if the proposed modifications to the *Signs Policy* are not made, the modifications will improve the operation of the current policy.

Financial/budget implications

The costs associated with advertising the draft amended policy in the local newspaper and notice to publicise the final adoption of the policy will be approximately \$810 and can be met from within existing budgets.

Regional significance

Not applicable.

Sustainability implications

Not applicable.

Consultation

The amended policy was advertised for public comment for a period of 21 days, closing on 26 April 2013, as follows:

- A notice published in the Joondalup Times for two consecutive weeks (4 and 11 April 2013).
- A notice and documents placed on the City's website.

No submissions were received.

COMMENT

No submissions were received during the advertising period and no further changes to the policy are proposed.

The amendments to the *Signs Policy* propose the inclusion of provisions for monolith signs, provide additional clarity that advertising signs are not to be located on the road reserve, and generally improve the operation of the policy.

As the advertising of the draft amended policy has not raised any issues that would warrant not proceeding with the proposal, it is recommended that the draft amended *Signs Policy*, shown in Attachment 1, be adopted as final, and that a notice of the final adoption be published in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of DPS2.

None of the provisions included in the amended policy are considered to affect the interests of the Western Australian Planning Commission and as such forwarding of the policy to the Commission is not recommended.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

MOVED Cr Gobbert, SECONDED Cr Norman that Council:

- 1 In accordance with clause 8.11.3(c) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*, finally **ADOPTS** the draft amended *Signs Policy*, shown in Attachment 1 of this Report;**
- 2 PUBLISHES a formal notice of the final adoption of the *Signs Policy* in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*.**

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (6/1)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mayor Pickard, Crs Gobbert, Hollywood, Norman and Ritchie.

Against the Motion: Cr Taylor.

Appendix 3 refers

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ITEM 4 DRAFT AMENDED SMALL SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS POLICY - CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING ADVERTISING

WARD	All
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR	Ms Dale Page Planning and Community Development
FILE NUMBER	102705, 101515
ATTACHMENT	Attachment 1 Draft Amended Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy
AUTHORITY / DISCRETION	Legislative - includes the adoption of local laws, planning schemes and policies.

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the draft amended *Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy* following advertising, and decide whether to adopt the policy as final.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City's *Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy* provides criteria for the development of small scale renewable energy systems on land or buildings within the City of Joondalup. At its meeting held on 21 August 2012 (CJ160-08/12 refers), Council considered amendments to the format and text of the policy. Consideration of the policy was deferred, and a report requested examining the development standards relating to height and noise requirements for wind energy systems.

In response to Council's request, further amendments were made to the *Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy* to include a minimum height clearance of three metres from natural ground level for wind turbine blades. At its meeting held on 20 November 2012 (CJ257-11/12 refers), Council considered the amendments and resolved to advertise the draft amended policy. The policy was advertised for 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013, with no submissions received.

It is recommended that the draft amended Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy, shown in Attachment 1 to this Report, be adopted as final.

BACKGROUND

The City has recently undertaken a review of the Policy Manual. As part of this review the *Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy* was reviewed. Minor amendments were proposed to the policy, which included format improvements and wording changes to improve consistency and clarity. At its meeting held on 20 March 2012 (CJ032-03/12 refers), Council resolved to advertise the draft amended policy for public consultation.

At its meeting held on 21 August 2012 (CJ160-08/12 refers), Council considered the adoption of the policy following the public consultation period during which no submissions were received, and resolved to defer consideration of the policy to examine the development standards related to wind energy systems, including potential noise impacts.

In response to Council's request, further amendments were made to the policy to include a minimum height clearance of three metres from natural ground level for wind turbine blades. At its meeting held on 20 November 2012 (CJ257-11/12 refers), Council considered the draft amended policy, which included the rationale for the development provisions included in the policy and highlighted the alignment of the policy with the *Environmental (Noise) Regulations 1997* and resolved to advertise the draft amended policy.

The policy was advertised for 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013. No submissions were received as result of the public advertising.

DETAILS

The proposed amendments to the *Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy* include text and format changes in line with the policy manual review as well as the inclusion of a provision requiring a three metre minimum clearance height for wind turbine blades. Attachment 1 illustrates the proposed amendments as tracked changes to the current *Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy*.

Issues and options considered

Council has the option to:

- adopt the draft policy
- adopt the draft policy, with modifications
or
- not to proceed with the draft amended policy.

Legislation / Strategic Community Plan / policy implications

Legislation

City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2.

Clause 8.11 of the DPS2 enables Council to prepare, amend and add to local planning policies that relate to any planning and development matter within the scheme area.

If Council decides to finally adopt a policy, notification of the final adoption shall be published once in a newspaper circulating with the scheme area.

If Council considers that a provision of a policy affect the interests of the Western Australian Planning Commission, a copy of the policy shall be forwarded to the Western Australian Planning Commission.

Strategic Community Plan

Key theme

Quality Urban Environment.

Objective

Quality built outcomes.

Strategic initiative Environmentally sensitive building designs are showcased, promoted and encouraged.
Buildings and landscaping is suitable for the immediate environment and reflect community values.

Policy *Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy.*

Risk management considerations

Not applicable.

Financial/budget implications

The costs associated with advertising the draft amended policy in the local newspaper and notice to publicise the final adoption of the policy will be approximately \$810 and can be met from within existing budgets.

Regional significance

Not applicable.

Sustainability implications

Not applicable.

Consultation

The draft amended policy was advertised for public comment for a period of 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013, as follows:

- A notice was published in the Joondalup Times for two consecutive weeks (21 and 28 February 2013).
- A notice and documents were placed on the City's website.

No submissions were received.

COMMENT

No submissions were received as a result of the public consultation and no further changes to the policy are proposed.

The amendments to the text and formatting of the policy will bring it in line with the current policy review standards. The additional provisions requiring a ground level clearance of three metres for wind turbine blades will ensure that the blades are clear of any impediments while still allowing the diameter of the blades to be two metres.

As the advertising of the modified *Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy* has not raised any issues that would warrant not proceeding with the proposal, it is recommended that the draft amended *Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy*, shown in Attachment 1, be adopted as final, and that a notice of the final adoption be published in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*.

None of the provisions included in the amended policy are considered to affect the interests of the Western Australian Planning Commission and as such forwarding of the local planning policy to the Commission is not recommended.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

MOVED Cr Norman, **SECONDED** Cr Gobbert that Council:

- 1** In accordance with Clause 8.11.3(c) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*, finally **ADOPTS** the draft amended *Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy*, shown in Attachment 1 of this Report;
- 2** **PUBLISHES** a formal notice of the final adoption of the *Small Scale Renewable Energy Systems Policy* in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mayor Pickard, Crs Gobbert, Hollywood, Norman, Ritchie and Taylor.

Appendix 4 refers

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ITEM 5 DRAFT CONSULTING ROOMS POLICY - CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING ADVERTISING

WARD	All
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR	Ms Dale Page Planning and Community Development
FILE NUMBER	102788, 101515
ATTACHMENT	Attachment 1 Draft Consulting Rooms Policy
AUTHORITY / DISCRETION	Legislative - includes the adoption of local laws, planning schemes and policies.

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the draft *Consulting Rooms Policy* following advertising and decide whether to adopt the policy as final.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2* (DPS2) includes 'Consulting Rooms' as a use class within the zoning table. However, DPS2 provides no further guidance regarding the development of consulting rooms. In addition, the draft *Local Planning Strategy* includes an action to prepare a *Consulting Rooms Policy*.

A draft local planning policy has been prepared to provide guidance on the establishment of consulting rooms to ensure they do not have an adverse impact on the amenity of nearby residents. The draft policy provides guidelines on the location, car parking design, building design and landscaping of consulting rooms within the 'Residential', 'Special Residential' and 'Urban Development' zones that contain residential development as it is within these areas that they are most likely to have an impact on residential amenity.

At its meeting held on 20 November 2012 (CJ259-11/12 refers), Council resolved to adopt the draft *Consulting Rooms Policy* for the purpose of advertising. The draft policy was advertised for 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013. No submissions were received.

It is recommended that Council:

- 1 *In accordance with clause 8.11.3(c) of the City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2, finally ADOPTS the draft Consulting Rooms Policy, included as Attachment 1 of this Report;*
- 2 *PUBLISHES a formal notice of the final adoption of the Consulting Rooms Policy in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2.*

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 16 February 2010 (CJ007-02/10 refers), Council adopted a draft *Local Planning Strategy* (LPS) for the City of Joondalup. The LPS contains a strategy and action relating to consulting rooms as set out below:

Strategy: Encourage the establishment of local medical centres and consulting rooms in appropriate locations.

Action: Prepare a local planning policy on medical consulting rooms to provide guidance on appropriate locations, preservation of residential character and amenity, design, traffic and parking.

The draft *Consulting Rooms Policy* was prepared and Council at its meeting held on 20 November 2012 (CJ259-11/12 refers) resolved to adopt the draft policy for the purposes of advertising.

The draft policy was advertised for 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013. No submissions were received as result of the public advertising.

DETAILS

'Consulting rooms' is defined under DPS2 as:

“consulting rooms means a building used by no more than one health consultant for the investigation or treatment of human injuries or ailments and for general patient care.”

DPS2 identifies 'consulting rooms' as being able to be considered for approval in the following zones:

'Residential' zone	D (discretionary)
'Mixed Use' zone	P (permitted)
'Business' zone	P (permitted)
'Commercial' zone	P (permitted)
'Civic and Cultural' zone	D (discretionary)
'Special Residential' zone	D (discretionary)

'Consulting rooms' are not permitted in the following zones:

- 'Private Clubs/Recreation' zone.
- 'Service Industrial' zone.
- 'Rural' zone.

The draft local planning policy has been prepared to provide guidelines for the establishment of consulting rooms in the 'Residential', 'Special Residential' and 'Urban Development' zones only. Key aspects of the draft policy include:

- outlining that proposals that contribute to the concentration of consulting rooms along a street will generally not be supported
- outlining that battle-axe lots and lots at the head of cul-de-sacs be avoided due to the constraints of those sites

- requiring all parking to be provided on-site and in such a way that it does not detract from the streetscape
- requiring the building to maintain a residential appearance and outlining that variations to DPS2 setback requirements may be considered to achieve this
- not permitting the verge to be paved in order to discourage parking and requiring the verge area to be landscaped
- outlining that applications for all new ‘consulting rooms’ will be advertised for public comment.

The draft *Consulting Rooms Policy* is included as Attachment 1 to this Report.

Issues and options considered

Council has the option to:

- adopt the draft policy
- adopt the draft policy, with modifications
or
- not to proceed with the draft amended policy.

Legislation / Strategic Community Plan / policy implications

Legislation

City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2.

Clause 8.11 of the DPS2 enables Council to prepare, amend and add to local planning policies that relate to any planning and development matter within the scheme area.

If Council decides to finally adopt a policy, notification of the final adoption shall be published once in a newspaper circulating with the scheme area.

If Council considers that a provision of a Policy affect the interests of the Western Australian Planning Commission, a copy of the policy shall be forwarded to the Western Australian Planning Commission.

Strategic Community Plan

Key theme

Quality Urban Environment.

Objective

Quality built outcomes.

Strategic initiative

Buildings and landscaping in suitable for the immediate environment and reflect community values.

Policy

Consulting Rooms Policy.

Risk management considerations

If there is no local planning policy in place, there is the risk that consideration and approval of consulting rooms may occur in an ad hoc manner with no ability to adequately defend decisions in the State Administrative Tribunal.

Financial/budget implications

The costs associated with advertising the draft policy in the local newspaper and notice to publicise the final adoption of the policy will be approximately \$810 and can be met from within existing budgets.

Regional significance

Not applicable.

Sustainability implications

Not applicable.

Consultation

The draft *Consulting Rooms Policy* was advertised for public comment for a period of 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013, as follows:

- A notice published in the Joondalup Times for two consecutive weeks (21 and 28 February 2013).
- A notice and documents placed on the City's website.

No submissions were received.

COMMENT

No submissions were received during the advertising period and no further changes are proposed to the draft *Consulting Rooms Policy*.

The policy will provide guidance on the appropriate location and establishment of consulting rooms and will minimise the impact of consulting rooms on the amenity of nearby residents.

As advertising of the draft *Consulting Rooms Policy* has not raised any issues that would warrant not proceeding with the proposal, it is recommended that the draft *Consulting Rooms Policy* as per Attachment 1, be adopted as final, and that a notice of the final adoption be published in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the DPS2.

None of the provision included in the policy are considered to affect the interests of the Western Australian Planning Commission and as such forwarding of the local planning policy to the Commission is not recommended.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

MOVED Mayor Pickard, SECONDED Cr Gobbert that Council:

- 1 In accordance with clause 8.11.3(c) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*, finally **ADOPTS** the draft *Consulting Rooms Policy*, included as Attachment 1 to this Report;**
- 2 PUBLISHES** a formal notice of the final adoption of the *Consulting Rooms Policy* in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mayor Pickard, Crs Gobbert, Hollywood, Norman, Ritchie and Taylor.

Appendix 5 refers

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**ITEM 6 DRAFT ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE
DESIGN POLICY (FORMERLY THE
ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS IN
THE CITY OF JOONDALUP POLICY) -
CONSIDERATION FOLLOWING ADVERTISING**

WARD:	All
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	Ms Dale Page Planning and Community Development
FILE NUMBER:	21452, 101515
ATTACHMENTS:	Attachment 1 Draft Amended Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy
AUTHORITY / DISCRETION	Legislative - includes the adoption of local laws, planning schemes and policies

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the draft *Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy* following advertising and decide whether to adopt the policy as final.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City's *Environmentally Sustainable Buildings in the City of Joondalup Policy* (adopted in 2011) was reviewed in 2012 in line with the new standard policy template. The review resulted in several formatting and wording improvements. Included in these amendments was a change of the policy name to *Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy* to better reflect the purpose of the policy.

At its meeting held on 21 August 2012 (CJ165-08/12 refers), Council resolved to advertise the draft policy for public comment. The policy was advertised for 21 days, closing on 4 October 2012. No submissions were received.

Following advertising, at its meeting held on 20 November 2012 (CJ255-11/12 refers), Council resolved to make further amendments to the policy and readvertise the draft policy, including these amendments. The policy was advertised for a period of 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013. No submissions were received.

It is recommended that Council:

- 1 In accordance with clause 8.11.3(c) of the City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2, finally ADOPTS the draft amended Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy, shown in Attachment 2 of this Report;*
- 2 PUBLISHES a formal notice of the final adoption of the Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2.*

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 15 May 2012 (CJ093-05/12 refers), Council requested that a report be prepared to consider the possible amalgamation of the *Environmentally Sustainable Design for City Buildings Policy* and the *Environmentally Sustainable Buildings in the City of Joondalup Policy*. A report was subsequently prepared outlining that the policies were prepared under different legislation, and therefore it was not appropriate to combine the policies. Council, at its meeting held on 21 August 2012, considered this report and did not pursue combining these policies.

The City has recently undertaken a review of the Policy Manual. As part of this review the *Environmentally Sustainable Buildings in the City of Joondalup Policy* was reviewed. The review resulted in several formatting and wording improvements. Included in these amendments was a change of the policy name to *Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy* to better reflect the purpose of the policy.

Council considered the draft policy at its meeting held on 21 August 2012 (CJ165-08/12 refers), and resolved to advertise the draft policy with minor text updates for public comment for a period of 21 days. Advertising concluded on 4 October 2012 and no submissions were received.

Council considered the draft policy following advertising, at its meeting held on 20 November 2012 (CJ255-11/12 refers), and resolved as follows:

That Council:

- 1 *APPROVES the proposed amendments to the Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy as shown in Attachment 1 to Report CJ165-08/12 for the purpose of public advertising with the following amendments:*
 - 1.1 *An additional dot point be ADDED under heading 4 - Details, subheading 4.1 -Design Principles to read as follows:*
 - *“Designing buildings so materials can be easily recycled if in the future the building is to be demolished.”;*
 - 1.2 *The words ‘seek to’ between the words ‘will’ and ‘prioritise’ in paragraph two under heading 3 – Statement be DELETED;*
- 2 *ADVERTISES the proposed amendments to the Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy for public comment for a period of 21 days, in accordance with Clause 8.11 of the City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2.*

The draft policy was advertised for 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013. No submissions were received as result of the public advertising.

DETAILS

The review of the City's *Environmentally Sustainable Buildings in the City of Joondalup Policy* resulted in several formatting and wording improvements in line with the current review of the policy manual. Included in these amendments was a change of the policy name to *Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy* to better reflect the purpose of the policy. In addition, Council required amendments to ensure building design allowed materials to be easily recycled if buildings are demolished and further strengthened provisions prioritising the assessment of applications for planning approval that demonstrate design and assessment against a national recognised rating tool. Attachment 1 illustrates the proposed amendments as tracked changes to the current *Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy*.

Issues and options considered:

Council has the option to:

- adopt the draft policy
- adopt the draft policy, with modifications
or
- not to proceed with the draft amended policy.

Legislation/Strategic Plan/Policy Implications

Legislation *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2.*

Clause 8.11 of DPS2 enables Council to prepare, amend and add to local planning policies that relate to any planning and development matter within the scheme area.

If Council decides to finally adopt a policy, notification of the final adoption shall be published once in a newspaper circulating with the scheme area.

If Council considers that a provision of a policy affect the interests of the Western Australian Planning Commission, a copy of the policy shall be forwarded to the Western Australian Planning Commission.

Strategic Community Plan

Key theme Quality Urban Environment.

Objective Quality built outcomes.

Strategic initiative Environmentally sensitive building designs are showcased, promoted and encouraged.

Policy *Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy.*

Risk Management Considerations:

Not applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

The costs associated with advertising the draft amended policy in the local newspaper and notice to publicise the final adoption of the policy will be approximately \$810 and can be met from within existing budgets.

Regional Significance:

Not applicable.

Sustainability Implications:

Not applicable.

Consultation:

The draft amended policy was advertised for public comment for a period of 21 days, closing on 14 March 2013, as follows:

- A notice published in the Joondalup Times for two consecutive weeks (21 and 28 February 2013).
- A notice and documents placed on the City's website.

No submissions were received.

COMMENT

No submissions were received during the advertising period and no further changes are proposed to the policy.

The amendments to the text and formatting of the policy will bring it in line with the current policy review standards. The draft amended policy demonstrates the City's continued commitment to environmental sustainability.

As the advertising of the draft policy has not raised any issues that would warrant not proceeding with the proposal, it is recommended that the draft *Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy*, shown in Attachment 1, be adopted as final, and that a notice of the final adoption be published in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the DPS2.

None of the provision included in the draft policy are considered to affect the interests of the Western Australian Planning Commission and as such forwarding of the local planning policy to the Commission is not recommended.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

MOVED Cr Gobbert, SECONDED Cr Hollywood that Council:

- 1** In accordance with clause 8.11.3(c) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*, finally **ADOPTS** the draft amended *Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy*, shown in Attachment 1 of this Report;
- 2** **PUBLISHES** a formal notice of the final adoption of the *Environmentally Sustainable Design Policy* in accordance with clause 8.11.3(d) of the *City of Joondalup District Planning Scheme No. 2*.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mayor Pickard, Crs Gobbert, Hollywood, Norman, Ritchie and Taylor.

Appendix 6 refers

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ITEM 7 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY AND SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT POLICY — MAJOR REVIEW

WARD:	All
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:	Mr Jamie Parry Governance and Strategy
FILE NUMBER:	101288, 101515
ATTACHMENTS:	Attachment 1 Revised Sustainability Statement Policy Attachment 2 Sustainability Policy (current)
AUTHORITY / DISCRETION	Legislative - includes the adoption of local laws, planning schemes and policies.

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the proposed amendments to the *Sustainability Policy* and *Sustainability Statement Policy* as a result of the 2011 Policy Manual review process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the review of the Policy Manual in 2011, the *Sustainability Policy* and *Sustainability Statement Policy* were identified as requiring significant amendments to:

- consolidate both policies into one document to remove duplications
- modernise the policy content to reflect the City's current approach to integrating sustainability into service delivery
- align the policies to the new standardised policy template.

The policies were originally adopted by the Commissioners in 2005 to reflect a commitment by both the Council and the City to implement sustainable practices. The *Sustainability Statement Policy* was based on the principles agreed to at the 2002 *Johannesburg World Summit of Local Governments*, while the *Sustainability Policy* was based on the framework endorsed at the 1992 *United Nations Rio Declaration on Environment and Development*. These commitments have since evolved and developed over this period at subsequent United Nations conferences on the subject of sustainability.

Given the current level of integration of sustainable practices at the City and the normative approach to sustainable planning and decision-making that local governments now adopt, it is considered appropriate that the policies be consolidated and significantly amended.

It is recommended that Council adopt the proposed amendments to the *Sustainability Statement Policy*, provided as Attachment 1, and revoke the current *Sustainability Policy*, provided as Attachment 2.

BACKGROUND

A review of the Policy Manual was conducted in 2011 to assess all current policies against the following criteria:

- Consistency — with regard to language, style and format.
- Relevance — in terms of new plans and strategies that now supersede previously endorsed positions within existing policies.
- Duplication — identified sections of policies that duplicate other policies, City plans and strategies, local laws, and/or State legislation.
- Operational content — identified sections of policies deemed as being too operational and therefore more appropriate to be incorporated into a City protocol or operational plan.

As a result of the review process, a standardised policy format was developed and current policies were categorised as requiring either:

- minor amendments (changes that do not impact on the application of the policy)
or
- major amendments (significant changes that alter the City's position on an issue or matter).

The *Sustainability Policy* and *Sustainability Statement Policy* were identified as requiring major amendments, based on a preliminary review of their relevance and last review date. As a result, this report outlines the proposed amendments to these policies and the justification for the proposed changes.

DETAILS

Policy History:

The two sustainability policies were first introduced by the Commissioners in 2005 (*CJ269–12/05 refers*) as separate City and Council policies. The *Sustainability Policy* was intended to provide direction in applying sustainability principles to the development of policies and strategies at the City. It was based on a framework adopted at the *1992 United Nations Rio Declaration on Environment and Development*.

The *Sustainability Statement Policy* intended to define sustainability in alignment with the *WA State Sustainability Strategy* and articulate the principles of sustainability that would underpin Council activities. These principles were based on the *2002 Johannesburg World Summit of Local Governments Report*.

At its meeting held on 26 April 2006 (*CJ065–04/06 refers*), on the recommendation of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, the Council *Sustainability Policy* was amended to include a new principle and change several existing principles. The title of the policy was also changed from *Sustainability Policy* to *Sustainability Statement Policy*.

Further amendments were also adopted by Council at its meeting held on 12 December 2006 (*CJ238–12/06 refers*) on the recommendation of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, to make minor amendments to the statements in both sustainability policies, which removed references to a transition period for implementing sustainable practices.

Proposed Amendments:

As a consequence of developing dual policies, there is significant duplication between them. Furthermore, the documents upon which the policies were originally based have since developed significantly at the subsequent United Nations Conference held in Rio in 2012 (namely, the "Rio 20" Conference). As such, the principles and framework referenced within the current policies are considered out-dated and require simplification to reflect the City's current approach to integrating sustainable practices.

It recommended that the *Sustainability Policy* be revoked and the following amendments are made to the Council *Sustainability Statement Policy* as outlined in Attachment 1:

- Remove references to specific principles contained within the *2002 Johannesburg World Summit of Local Governments*.
- Modify the Statement to succinctly describe the City's commitment to:
 - lead the community through improved sustainable practices
 - working and engaging with its community and stakeholders to deliver sustainable outcomes
 - achieving a thriving business environment and community well being
 - ensuring long term protection of the environment through a "Precautionary Principle"
- Incorporate references to governance in the Statement, to reflect a quadruple-bottom line approach to sustainability, rather than the previous triple-bottom line approach.
- Remove the Sustainability Statement contained at the end of the policy due to its duplication of details discussed in the opening statement. This was also in accordance with the decision made by Council to remove all Sustainability Statements within all policies at its meeting held on 15 May 2012 (CJ093-05/12 refers).
- Reorder the structure of the policy to reflect the standardised policy template.

Issues and Options Considered:

Council can either:

- adopt the proposed amendments to the *Sustainability Statement Policy*, as outlined in Attachment 1 and revokes the *Sustainability Policy*, provided as Attachment 2
- further modify the *Sustainability Statement Policy* and/or the *Sustainability Policy* or
- retain the policies in their current formats.

It is recommended that option 1 be adopted.

Legislation/Strategic Plan/Policy Implications

Legislation: *Local Government Act 1995.*

Strategic Community Plan

Key theme Sustainability is covered across all areas of *Joondalup 2022*.

Objective Refer above.

Strategic initiative Refer above.

Policy *Sustainability Policy and Sustainability Statement Policy.*

Risk Management Considerations:

In order to remain transparent and to facilitate appropriate decision-making processes, it is imperative that policies reflect the current positions of Council and work practices at the City. If not effectively maintained, there are risks associated with potentially misleading the community through publicly available, unreviewed policies.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not applicable.

Regional Significance:

Not applicable.

Sustainability Implications:

Achieving sustainability is an important element of good governance. It recognises the need for local governments to consider the wider environmental, social and economic implications of decisions and actions on the community. As such, it is considered important that the City has a statement through a policy mechanism that demonstrates its ongoing commitment to applying and integrating sustainable practices.

Consultation:

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Through the Policy Manual Review process, the City has attempted to consolidate where it can, duplications across policies. The current sustainability policies are examples of significant and unnecessary policy duplication.

It is considered opportune to significantly amend the policies while still retaining a statement on the City's commitment to promote and implement sustainable practices for the benefit of the community.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

MOVED Cr Gobbert, SECONDED Cr Norman that Council:

- 1 **ADOPTS** the proposed amendments to the *Sustainability Statement Policy* as outlined in Attachment 1 of this Report;
- 2 **REVOKES** the *Sustainability Policy*, provided as Attachment 2 to this Report.

AMENDMENT MOVED Mayor Pickard, SECONDED Cr Norman that Part 1 be amended to read as follows:

“1 ADOPTS the proposed amendments to the Sustainability Statement Policy as outlined in Attachment 1 of this Report for the purposes of public advertising with the ADDITION of a definition for ‘Precautionary Principle’ as follows:

“Precautionary Principle means: avoidance of the risk of serious or irreversible environmental damage will not be postponed because of a lack of full, scientific knowledge.””

The Amendment was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Amendment: Cr Corr, Mayor Pickard, Crs Gobbert, Hollywood, Norman, Ritchie and Taylor.

The Original Motion as amended, being:

That Council:

1 ADOPTS the proposed amendments to the Sustainability Statement Policy as outlined in Attachment 1 of this Report for the purposes of public advertising with the ADDITION of a definition for ‘Precautionary Principle’ as follows:

“Precautionary Principle means: avoidance of the risk of serious or irreversible environmental damage will not be postponed because of a lack of full, scientific knowledge.”

2 REVOKES the Sustainability Policy, provided as Attachment 2 to this Report.

Was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Cr Corr, Mayor Pickard, Crs Gobbert, Hollywood, Norman, Ritchie and Taylor.

Appendix 7 refers

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MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Nil.

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the Meeting closed at 7.45pm, the following Committee Members being present at that time:

Cr Brian Corr
Mayor Troy Pickard
Cr Liam Gobbert
Cr Kerry Hollywood
Cr Mike Norman
Cr Teresa Ritchie
Cr Philippa Taylor