

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

STATUS: **Council Policy** - *A strategic policy that sets governing principles and guides the direction of the organisation to align with community values and aspirations.*

Council policies are developed by the Policy Committee for approval by Council.

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE: **Governance and Strategy**

OBJECTIVE: To provide a clearly defined, consistent and collaborative approach to encouraging sustainable community development.

STATEMENT:

The City of Joondalup recognises its role in the development of a sustainable community. Council supports the development and implementation of collaborative approaches with the Joondalup community to build on the combined skills, resources and commitment needed to address challenges and opportunities.

Community Development activities undertaken by the City will encompass and include all facets of the community, and will address equity and access, leisure and cultural development in the City of Joondalup context.

The Council will develop and adopt, using a consultative model, strategies for its community development activities, using the following broad headings:

- Access & Inclusion;
- Culture;
- Families & Children;
- Leisure;
- Seniors; and
- Youth

In undertaking community development activities, the Council's role is to:

- Facilitate leadership within the community;
- Provide information, expertise, guidance, and other resources, as appropriate.
- Utilise a collaborative approach to community development;
- Use a balanced approach that addresses and integrates economic, social, environmental and cultural considerations;
- Strive to understand and respect community values;
- Ensure, where possible, that all community members have the opportunity to become engaged in the community development process and are able to access social and economic benefits;

- Engage all stakeholders at the community and Government levels;
- Ensure that its actions are based on transparency, accountability, participation and evidence-based decision-making;
- Recognise the function of community development and allocate resources to it in the strategies developed, while recognising the need for ensuring value for money in outcomes;
- Recognise the resources, information and support required by community representatives and organisations when working in partnerships.

In addition, the Council will take account of the above factors in the development of legislation, regulations and guidance.

In implementing its community development program the City is committed to the Guiding Principles as determined within the Strategic Plan.

Sustainability Statement

This Policy supports the ability of people to act together to influence the social, economic, political and environmental issues that affect them. The Community Development Policy supports structures and processes that give genuine participation and involvement.

This Policy supports sustainability through:

- Supporting the active involvement of the community in the issues that affect their lives through sharing of skills, knowledge and experience.
- The development of processes that enable the active involvement of people from disadvantaged groups and/or special interest groups.
- Supporting processes that develop the knowledge and experience of people as individuals and in groups and therefore enabling them to undertake initiatives of their own to address social, economic, political and environmental issues, and enabling individuals and groups to fully participate in the democratic processes of the City.
- Recognising that there are limited funds and human resources available and that they should be used to achieve best value for the community as a whole, with particular emphasis on disadvantaged groups within the community.

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Related Documentation:

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