

## **SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT**

**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 contribute to a better future for the local and regional communities by embedding sustainability principles into all Council policies.

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### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The purpose of this policy is to set a direction that will, over time result in the achievement of outcomes consistent with the principles of sustainability. The Council is also mindful that in some instances there may be constraints through the need to act within legislation.

### **Policy Statement**

In carrying out its functions as a local government the City of Joondalup will use its best endeavours to meet the needs of current and future generations through the integration of environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity.<sup>1</sup>

The City adopts the following definition of sustainability:

*Meeting the needs of current and future generations through an integration of environmental protection, social advancement, and economic prosperity.*

To achieve this, all Council policies will contain a statement identifying the manner in which the policy contributes to the City's sustainability.

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<sup>1</sup> Local Government Act 1995 S 1.3 (2005)

The following interconnected principles will inform and underpin all council policies:

1. The overarching principle of *Sustainable Development* (integrating the economic, social, cultural and environmental dimensions);
2. *Effective Democratic Participation* (with a substantial set of key competencies, and commensurate financial resources);
3. *Good Governance* (effective ethical leadership, transparency, accountability, probity, proper management and effective services, equitable access to services, a commitment to partnership working, and institutional capacity building); and
4. *Co-operation and Solidarity* (partnerships for exchange of good practice, information, support and mutual learning, and the establishment and nurturing of networks).<sup>2</sup>
5. An understanding of the effects that local activities have on the community, the nation and the world.

### **Sustainability Statement**

This Policy promotes the sustainable social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of the community by requiring all Council Policies to consider sustainability outcomes.

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Amendments:	CJ065-04/06, CJ238-12/06
Related Documentation:	City Sustainability Policy 5-4. Local Government Act 1995. The Local Government Declaration to the World Summit on Sustainable Development 2002. Sustainability Discussion Paper
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<sup>2</sup> The Local Government declaration to the World Summit on Sustainable Development. 2002