

Sustainability Policy

Council Policy

Responsible Directorate: Governance and Strategy

Objective: To outline the City's commitment to integrating sustainable practices into all local government functions and services.

1. Definitions:

“sustainability” means meeting the needs of current and future generations through an integration of environmental protection, social advancement, and economic prosperity.

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

2. Statement:

In carrying out its functions as a local government, the City of Joondalup will endeavour to meet the needs of current and future generations by integrating environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity principles within sound governance frameworks.

The City will achieve this by:

- demonstrating community leadership through commitment to adopting improved sustainable practices;
- ensuring all policies, strategies and services are financially sustainable to ensure intergenerational equity;
- ensuring economic development, environmental sustainability and social development contribute to a thriving business environment and community wellbeing; and
- adoption of the “Precautionary Principle” in decision-making processes to ensure the long-term protection of the environment.

Creation Date: December 2005

Formerly:

- *Sustainability Statement Policy*

Amendments: CJ065-04/06, CJ238-12/06, CJ115-06/13, CJ027-02/18

Related Documentation: • *Local Government Act 1995*