

POLICY



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Policy title: **ACCOUNTING POLICY STATEMENT 2019/2020**

Directorate: ORGANISATIONAL SERVICES

Branch: FINANCE

Policy objective: To formally apply the accounting principles implicit in the National Competition Policy (NCP) reforms to the operational implementation of the Council's budget documents in accordance with section 34 of the Local Government Regulation 2012.

Policy scope:

The Council has adopted the following policies to validate the calculations made in accordance with the accounting principles, upon which the provisions in the Budget and Financial Statements are based.

1. Tax Equivalents Policy
The Council resolves that in the 2019/2020 financial year, the Council will calculate and require payment of actual tax equivalents from the Commercialised Business Units in accordance with the Tax Equivalent regime as it applies to local government.
2. Depreciation Policy
The Council resolves that in the 2019/2020 financial year, the Council will provide for depreciation in accordance with the Council's policy 'Depreciation of Non-Current Assets'.
3. Internal Services (Full Cost) Pricing Policy
The Council resolves that in the 2019/2020 financial year, the Council will apply full cost pricing for the Commercialised Business Units, in accordance with the Local Government Regulation 2012.
4. Community Service Obligations
The Council resolves that in the 2019/2020 financial year, the Council will deliver community service obligations in accordance with the Council's policies 'Community Service Obligations' and 'Remissions to Sporting, Recreational and Community Organisations'.

Definitions:

Not applicable.

Policy Statement:

1. Code of Competitive Conduct
 - (a) The Council resolves that in the 2019/2020 financial year, the Council will apply the National Competition Reforms to the significant business activities in the following table and as such they will not be subject to the Code of Competitive Conduct.

Business Activity	Level of Reform Applied
Water Services	Commercialisation
Waste Services	Commercialisation

- (b) The Council resolves that in the 2019/2020 financial year, the Code of Competitive Conduct will not be applied to any business activities because their purpose includes increasing community access to services and social benefits and not merely trading to make a profit. Council also believes that applying the Code would result in unnecessary administration costs.

Related policies/legislation/other documents:

DOC ID	DOCUMENT TYPE	DOCUMENT NAME
5969257	Policy	Depreciation of Non-Current Assets
5985665	Policy	Community Services Obligations
8474200	Policy	Remissions to Sporting, Recreational and Community Organisations
-	Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 2009</i>
-	Legislation	Local Government Regulation 2012