

# **Debt Policy 2024/2025**

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Policy Approved by: Chief Executive Officer	

# **HEAD OF POWER**

Local Government Act 2009 Local Government Regulation 2012, Section 192

## **OBJECTIVE**

To prescribe the circumstances and terms on which Council may borrow money.

#### **DEFINITIONS/APPLICATION**

This policy applies to all external borrowing of money by Council.

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

It is Council's intention that, to provide a better service and value for money to ratepayers, Council will restrict the purpose of loans to asset acquisition and expenditure of a capital nature only. The service that will be provided by long term assets will benefit present and future generations; therefore, it is the opinion of Council that the cost should be shared between present and future generations.

The appropriate mix of debt to internal funding used is intended to provide the lowest long-term level of rates which does not over-commit the future, and which provides adequate flexibility of funding in the short term. The total debt will depend on the outlook for growth in the region. The term of the debt will relate to the life of the asset created but will not exceed 20 years for any individual asset.

Council at the 1 July 2024 is debt free.

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Proposed borrowing program for this budget year and the next nine (9) budget years:

YEAR	AMOUNT	PURPOSE
24/25	Nil	
25/26	Nil	
26/27	Nil	
27/28	Nil	
28/29	Nil	
29/30	Nil	
30/31	Nil	
31/32	Nil	
32/33	Nil	
33/34	Nil	

## **REVIEW TRIGGERS**

This policy is required to be reviewed annually with the budget.

#### RESPONSIBILITY

This Policy is to be:

- a) Implemented by all Officers and Councillors; and
- b) Reviewed annually and amended to incorporate current decisions.

## **DATE NEXT REVIEW DUE**

May 2025

# **CHANGES SINCE LAST REVISION**

All loans have been fully repaid to the Queensland Treasury Corporation

#### **RECORDS**

When completed and approved the original, signed hard copy of the policy is filed in the Master File.

Electronic copies are saved in the appropriately labelled folder in Magiq.