



POLICY – 4.11 – Rating Strategy

Relevant Delegation

N/A

Objective

The objective of the Council's rates is to provide for net funding requirements of Council's Operational and Capital budget in order to achieve a balanced budget.

Policy Statement

The purpose of the Rating Strategy is to provide a robust and considered framework for rates categories, minimum rates and differential rates that incorporates the principal of:

- Objectivity
- Fairness and Equity
- Consistency
- Transparency; and
- Administrative efficiency

and to ensure a stable rates revenue stream from year to year; and deliver a stable rating price path for our community.

In arriving at the proposed rate in the dollar and minimum payments Council takes into consideration many factors and attempts to balance the need for revenue to fund essential services, facilities and infrastructure to the entire Community.

– End of Policy

COMMENT

Surrender of Land

Practice to October 2018 has been that:

- Where a property owner has advised that they no longer wish to retain ownership of a property that, subject to the following conditions, Council will accept the ownership of land subject to
 - All rates and charges are paid in full and
 - All costs for transfer of the title of the property from the owner to the Shire of Menzies are paid by the owner prior to the transfer.

Council has indicated that this advice is no longer to be provided, and

- Where a property owner no longer wishes to retain ownership of a property, they will be advised to either
 - Sell the property or
 - Apply to Landgate to return the property to the Crown.”

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