

Council Policy Name: Footpaths and Cycleways Funding

Responsible Directorate: Engineering and Works Services  
Finance and Corporate Services

Version: Adopted

**1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1. The purpose of the Policy is to provide a framework for the ongoing provision of Footpaths and Cycle Ways for the City of Busselton.
- 1.2. The intention of this Policy is to outline the overall funds required to be directed towards footpaths and cycleways over a period of fifty years; the required split between new and renewal expenditure and timeframes for the construction of required new paths.

**2. SCOPE**

**3. DEFINITIONS**

Term	Meaning
New works	assets acquired for a new (never before provided) service to the community
Policy	This City of Busselton Council policy titled “Footpaths and Cycleways Funding”
Renewal Work	is defined as works to replace existing assets or facilities with assets or facilities of equivalent capacity or performance capability
Upgrade Works	result in a higher (improved) level of service than previously offered. As distinct from new assets, the service currently exists

**4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

- 4.1. This Policy links to Key Goal Area 3 – Environment of the City’s Strategic Community Plan 2017 and specifically Community Objective:
  - a. 3:1: Development is managed sustainably and our environment valued.

**5. POLICY STATEMENT**

- 5.1. The Council is committed to the long term sustainability of its infrastructure assets and recognises the need to undertake asset management planning to ensure that adequate levels of renewal are undertaken.
- 5.2. Asset Management planning for footpaths and cycleways has identified a need to fund expenditure for new as well as renewal to cater for growth, service deficiencies in existing areas and renewal of poor condition paths.
- 5.3. In order to cater for both new and renewal expenditure over a period of fifty years, based on asset management modelling and existing levels of expenditure continuing in the future; the Council will be required to inject additional income along the way to ensure long term renewal expenditure is not compromised for the sake of new paths in the initial years of the plan.

- 5.4. Asset Management modelling has predicted that additional funding will be required in the long term to address the predicted funding gaps, the Council has committed to regularly review the long term requirements of its footpaths and cycleways network and to plan for additional funding when large spikes in expenditure occur.
- 5.5. To accommodate the short and mid-term expenditure requirements for footpaths and cycle ways, the Council has committed to set aside a portion of Long Term financial Plan (LTFP) funds for the express use of renewal of footpaths and cycleways; and an amount for construction of new paths and cycleways. This split will be administered through the annual budget process has been determined as seventy per cent new and thirty percent renewal. This split will be in place for the period 2015/16 – 2036/37.
- 5.6. At the conclusion of the 2036/37 financial year, the funds will revert to 100% renewal based.
- 5.7. In light of the fact that large funding gaps (based on existing levels of expenditure) are not expected to appear until around 2050, any additional income can be planned for in subsequent reviews of the paths and cycle ways asset management plan.

**Council Own Source Funding**

- 5.8. Council has allocated funds as part of the Long Term Financial Plan as ‘own source funds’ for footpaths and Cycleway renewal and new construction. These are funds allocated to capital projects which are funded though the Council’s own financial resources .i.e. net of external funding.
- 5.9. It is the intention of the Policy that in any given year, if other additional funds (such as grant funding) are obtained for footpaths and cycleways, then this would be in addition to any already allocated funds within the LTFP.

**Eligibility for Funding**

- 5.10. All works funded under the terms of this policy must have been identified as required works through a formally adopted asset management plan of the City of Busselton and be included within the City’s Long Term Financial Plan, Corporate Business Plan and Annual Budget.

**6. RELATED DOCUMENTATION / LEGISLATION**

- 6.1.

**7. REVIEW DETAILS**

<b>Review Frequency</b>		3 yearly		
<b>Council Adoption</b>	<b>DATE</b>	10 December 2014	<b>Resolution #</b>	
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