

ITEM 9.4	DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY
REPORTING MANAGER	EXECUTIVE MANAGER PROPERTY
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ATTACHMENTS	1 Draft Northern Beaches Council Asset Management Policy

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PURPOSE

To seek Council's endorsement to publicly exhibit the draft Asset Management Policy.

SUMMARY

Prior to amalgamation, the three former Councils had adopted and implemented their own Asset Management Policies that differed in style, layout, and details. Each policy was reviewed and the principles from each were consolidated into the draft Asset Management Policy (Attachment 1).

The draft Asset Management Policy defines the principles by which the Northern Beaches Council's assets will be managed.

The Asset Management Policy is the first stage in providing strategic asset management leadership and governance across Council. The draft Policy will have a positive impact on the community, ensuring Council's assets are effectively managed to meet the community's needs and expectations in a sustainable manner.

RECOMMENDATION OF GENERAL MANAGER ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

That Council:

- A. Place the draft Asset Management Policy on public exhibition for a period of 28 days inviting submissions.
 - B. Report back following close of the public exhibition period.
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REPORT

BACKGROUND

Council is the custodian of a large number of physical assets that support the delivery of service to the community. These include roads, bridges, footpaths and recreational trails, car parks, furniture, stormwater network, parks and reserves, sportsgrounds, playgrounds, ocean pools, aquatic centres, buildings, and public amenities.

The Integrated Planning and Reporting framework, developed by the NSW Government, requires Council to implement an Asset Management Policy which is aligned with the Community Strategic Plan.

Prior to amalgamation, the former Councils had their own Asset Management Policies adopted, which differed in layout and details:

- Asset Management Policy and Strategy, Part 2 (c) (i) of the Manly Community Strategic Plan – Beyond 2021, adopted on 4 June 2012
- Warringah Council's Asset Management Policy, Policy No. PL 550 Asset, adopted on 28 August, 2012
- Pittwater Council's Asset Management Policy, Council Policy No. 184, adopted on 21 March, 2011

In developing the draft Asset Management Policy (Attachment 1), the former policies were reviewed, consolidated and simplified into a single policy appropriate for Northern Beaches Council. The draft Policy supports Council's vision and strategic objectives, and sets guidelines for implementing consistent asset management practices throughout the Northern Beaches Council.

CONSULTATION

The draft Policy will be placed on public exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days consistent with Council's community engagement policy.

TIMING

Following public exhibition, the draft Policy will be reported back to Council for its consideration of submissions and decision in relation to the making of the Policy.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

The draft Policy promotes the long term financial sustainability of Council's assets, and integrates asset management with Council's long term financial and strategic resourcing planning.

SOCIAL CONSIDERATION

The draft Policy demonstrates Council's commitment to delivering a safe, inclusive and connected community through promoting effective and responsible management of Council's assets. The implementation of the Policy will ensure Council's assets continue to provide the appropriate level of service to meet the community's needs and expectations in a sustainable manner.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The draft Policy promotes the use of sustainable practices in the management of Council's assets to protect the needs of future generations. This includes applying environmentally sustainable asset management practices and considering the risks of climate change on Council's assets.