
Policy Matters - 24 November 2020

ITEM 6.2 **Markets Policy**

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PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's endorsement of the Markets Policy for the purposes of public exhibition.

ISSUE

The purpose of the Markets Policy is to provide an aligned approach on the approval and operation of markets across the Canterbury Bankstown Local Government Area (LGA).

The policy applies to all market operators requesting to operate on land under the care and control of Council, and the assessment of applications.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council endorse the Markets Policy and the policy to be placed on public exhibition.
2. A further report be submitted to Council following public exhibition.

ATTACHMENTS [Click here for attachment](#)

- A. DRAFT Markets Policy

POLICY IMPACT

The Markets Policy outlines Council's policy response to markets. It provides guidance on the approval and operation of markets across the LGA and brings together the Canterbury and Bankstown areas under one policy.

This policy will replace the current Bankstown Markets Policy (2015).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct financial impact as a result of this policy.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The Markets Policy aims to facilitate well managed markets that support and contribute to local communities.

Markets are treated as a special event and subject to terms and conditions. Prospective market operators are required to submit a 'special events application form' to seek approval to operate a market on land under the care and control of Council.

DETAILED INFORMATION

Council acknowledges the contribution markets make socially, economically and culturally to the Canterbury Bankstown LGA. Well managed markets activate and create a vibrancy to the public domain that enhance the economic potential of the area while encouraging local production, distribution and consumption of goods.

The policy strikes a balance between facilitating trade, visitation, growth and activation, while at the same time putting in protections for Council and the public. It outlines clear parameters surrounding the approval and operation of markets on Council owned or operated land across the City.

It details the application and approval process where markets are treated as Special Events and are facilitated initially through a Special Events Application Form. It also outlines Council's commitment to its legislative obligations and as such, markets will be subject to periodic inspections by Council officers to ensure compliance with the provisions in the policy, and terms and conditions, and other regulatory instruments.