
Report of the General Manager - 25 July 2017

ITEM 6.3 Council Policies

AUTHOR Corporate

ISSUE

To consider a number of aligned Policies for Canterbury-Bankstown Council.

RECOMMENDATION That -

1. Council endorse the Policies as outlined in the report.
2. Council carry out the relevant public exhibition and reporting process as outlined in the report.

BACKGROUND

As part of the ongoing process of aligning policies of the former Bankstown and Canterbury Councils, a number of policies have been revised and prepared for Council's consideration in order to provide a consistent approach to these issues across the Local Government Area.

The Contaminated Land Policy, Graffiti Management Policy, Library Services Policy, Vehicular Crossing Policy are the subject of this report.

REPORT

Contaminated Land Policy

The Policy forms the basis for the management of land contamination within the City of Canterbury-Bankstown and has been made as a policy under the planning guidelines and SEPP 55 in order to implement a contaminated land management framework. It applies to all land in Canterbury-Bankstown.

Previously, both former Councils had an adopted policy governing the management of contaminated land in the respective local government areas. This aligned Contaminated Land Policy enhances these previous policies and practices.

In accordance with planning guidelines, the Policy provides the framework for the integration of land contamination management into Council's planning and development process, and aims to:

- ensure that changes of land use, or new development proposals, will not increase the risk to human health or the environment.

- avoid inappropriate restrictions on land use.
- provide information to support decision-making and to inform the community.

The adoption of this Policy will supersede the former policies adopted by Canterbury City Council and Bankstown City Council as they pertain to the management of contaminated land.

Graffiti Management Policy

The Graffiti Management Policy outlines Council's commitment to minimising the incidence of graffiti vandalism on both public and private property throughout the local government area by its prompt removal. It also outlines Council's rapid response to removal of graffiti found on Council properties of significance, gateway locations, major thoroughfares and village centres.

Specifically, the Policy addresses:

- Offensive graffiti
- High profile locations (as nominated in the Policy)
- Routine areas
- Graffiti removal on Government and Agency property
- Graffiti removal on private property
- Bill poster removal.

In dealing with repeated occurrences of the placement of unauthorised bill posters, Council may, at its discretion, apply 'Event Cancelled' stickers at the subject location.

Adoption of this policy will supersede the former Bankstown Council's Graffiti Management Policy.

Library Services Policy

The Library Services Policy details the framework for Council's provision of library services to the community and residents of the Canterbury-Bankstown local government area. Council is committed to providing the community with free and equitable access to information in accordance with the Library Act 1939.

This Policy outlines requirements for membership, principles for collection development and management, criteria for donations and bequests, requirements for hiring of Library facilities, restrictions on the use of the Library internet, WIFI and computer networks, disciplinary action and complaints processes and the procedure for dealing with unattended children in the Library.

Adoption of this Policy will supersede the former Library policies adopted by the Canterbury City Council and Bankstown City Council, as noted in draft policy attached.

Vehicular Crossing Policy

The Roads Act 1993 and the Local Government Act 1993 require that a person does not carry out any activity or works on a public road or place without the approval of Council.

In this respect, both of the former Bankstown and Canterbury Councils held detailed procedures and specifications aimed at ensuring that, among other things, vehicular crossings were constructed to a suitable standard.

The introduction of a Vehicular Crossing Policy (draft attached) establishes a series of guidelines for the construction, widening, reconstruction and maintenance of vehicular crossings. It also provides guidance for when and how Council will restore vehicular crossings if damage is incurred by Council through the course of its operations.

Public Exhibition

Given the nature of the policies that are the subject of this report, it is recommended that they be placed on public exhibition. In accordance with the Community Engagement Policy, Council commits to undertaking consultation as part of the public exhibition process commensurate with the requirements of each Policy, thereby ensuring the community are provided the opportunity to participate in Council's decision making and policy development process.

Should no submissions be received, then it is proposed that these policies be adopted at the conclusion of the exhibition process, otherwise a further report will be provided to Council following the close of exhibition addressing any submissions received.

POLICY IMPACT

The adoption of the Policies included in this report will provide an aligned policy position for Canterbury-Bankstown Council and ensures compliance with Council's legislative requirements.

When adopted, these Policies will supersede all previous related policies adopted by the former Bankstown and Canterbury Councils.

FINANCIAL IMPACT OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Funding required to administer these Policies will be made available from Council's adopted budget.

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ATTACHMENTS

- A. Contaminated Land Policy
- B. Graffiti Management Policy
- C. Library Services Policy
- D. Vehicular Crossings Policy