

FP034 – Asset Sustainability Ratio

1. Intention

To meet the minimum levels for this ratio, as set by the Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries.

2. Scope

This policy applies to Elected Members and employees of the Shire of Waroona.

3. Statement

This ratio is calculated by dividing the total of Capital Renewal/Replacement Expenses for the year by the total of Depreciation Expenses for the year.

The Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries has regulated that all local government authorities will develop and implement an Integrated Planning & Reporting Framework (IP&RF) compliant with the standards set out in the 'Integrated Planning and Reporting Advisory Standards'. The standards require Council to have adopted a number of 'Financial Management Policies', and for details of these to be included in the narrative section of the 10 year Long Term Financial Plan, and references to such policies are expected to be made in the 4 year Corporate Business Plan.

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The expectation is that "The Standard is not met if this ratio data cannot be identified or ratio is less than 90%. Basic Standard is met if the ratio data can be calculated and ratio is 90% or greater. Advanced standard is met if this ratio is between 90% & 110%". (IP&RAS, 2011, p7).

Council will attempt to expend funds on renewal and replacement of assets at 90% to 110% of the total of Depreciation Expenses for each year. With very high Depreciation levels, and high Operating Expenses, it is accepted that Council's ability to allocate sufficient funds for Renewal and Replacements every year of the Plan are somewhat limited. Also, Council may need to provide some matching funds for the financing of a New Capital Asset.

4. Legislative and Strategic Context

The *Local Government Act 1995* and the associated subsidiary legislation provide the broad framework within which this policy operates.

5. Review

This policy is to be reviewed triennially.

6. Associated Documents

Other documents that have an association to this policy and that may be useful reference material are:

- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries: Operational Guidelines No. 18 – Financial Ratios.

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Related Shire Documents	Annual Report				
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