



PARTNERSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY PURPOSE POLICY

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1.1 Objectives:

The purpose of this policy is to establish a governing framework and consistent management of partnerships between Ipswich City Council and external organisations for the purposes of community benefit, where there is no expectation of financial gain from either party. The Policy ensures that Council is able to report in accordance with its legislative requirements under the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

1.2 Regulatory Authorities:

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012

Ipswich City Council - Advance Ipswich

Ipswich City Council – Corporate Plan 2017-2022

1.3 Policy Statement:

Ipswich is experiencing unprecedented growth and by 2041, the population is expected to reach approximately 520,000. The challenge for Council is to manage this growth and deliver positive and sustainable outcomes for the Ipswich community, but more importantly, ensure that the community has an opportunity to directly participate in this critical growth phase.

The business sector is often positioned to develop, implement and deliver projects that deliver community benefit. Through partnering with these organisations, Council seeks to support the 'corporate citizenship' agenda of businesses and their delivery of community programs, services and initiatives.

Similarly, not-for-profit organisations regularly secure funding, through government or philanthropic means, to deliver targeted programs across the city of Ipswich. Where these initiatives align to Council's strategic goals, Council may seek to partner in their delivery to optimise benefit to the community.

1.4 Scope:

- Council may partner with businesses, corporations or not-for-profit organisations to deliver initiatives or projects that contribute significantly to community, cultural or social enhancements for the Ipswich community, where there is no financial gain to any party in the agreement.

- In adopting the annual budget, Council may approve an allocation of funds to support a range of initiatives or programs for eligible businesses or community organisations.
- Council's partnership with corporate or community organisations for community purpose will contribute to Council's Corporate Plan and Advance Ipswich strategies and will assist Council in achieving its corporate goals.
- Relevant Procedures and/or Guidelines will be established for partnerships for community purpose.
- Organisations are expected to apply responsible management of any financial or non-financial assistance received from Council.
- Council may consider partnerships with organisations outside the City of Ipswich boundary where it is considered that the project, activity or initiative will benefit the City of Ipswich.

1.5 Roles and Responsibilities:

This Policy, and supporting Procedures and practices, apply to all Departments and Branches seeking to partner with organisations for community purposes.

The Community Engagement Branch within Ipswich City Council will provide advice regarding the eligibility of the project or initiative proposed for community benefit to ensure adoption of a consistent management approach.

1.6 Definitions:

Not-For-Profit

A Not-For-Profit is an organisation that does not operate for the profit, personal gain or other benefit of particular people (for example, its members, the people who run it or their friends or relatives). The definition of Not-For-Profit applies both while the organisation is operating and if it closes down.

Business

An integrated set of activities and assets that is capable of being conducted and managed for the purpose of providing a return in the form of dividends, lower costs or other economic benefits directly to investors or other owners, members or participants.

Corporate Organisation

Under the *Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)* and the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Qld)*, a corporation includes:

- a company or any body corporate (whether incorporated in this jurisdiction or elsewhere),

OR

an unincorporated body that under law of its place or origin, may sue or be sued, or may hold property in the name of an officeholder of the body.

Community benefit

Positive contribution to community, cultural or social wellbeing of the Ipswich community

1.7 Policy Author:

The Community Engagement Manager is responsible for reviewing this policy.

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