

Policy number Policy title Strategic outcomes supported

Policy 223

Fleet\_-Management-<u>(light vehicles)</u>

EN5 – Appropriate and sustainable facilities for everyone that are well built, well maintained and well managed.

## **POLICY OBJECTIVE:**

To ensure that processes are in place to manage the <u>use</u>, purchase, <u>use</u>, operation and disposal of <u>vehicles in</u> <u>Council's the Town's fleet of vehicles</u>.

### **POLICY SCOPE:**

This policy applies to all staff, elected members, contractors and volunteers of the Town of Victoria Park<u>in</u> the operation of the Town's light vehicle fleet.

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

Nil

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

- 1. The Town will retain a fleet of motor vehicles that are essential for operational requirements to service the community and to attract and retain senior staff as part of their employment contracts where this provision exists. Additionally
- <u>tThe</u> vehicle fleet will comprise <u>a range</u> of suitable, safe and environmentally friendly vehicles <u>with some</u> <u>flexibility in vehicle type for staff with full private use.</u> The Town will provide flexibility of choice in vehicle selection for its employees.
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- 3. The supporting procedure to this policy document is provided as the Fleet Management Practice which outlines how this policy is to be implemented outlines the implementation of this policy and The Management Practice describes the administrative processes necessary to give effect to this policy for use by the Town's officers.

### **Value of Vehicles**

- 4. In order to meet functional requirements of the <u>positionreason</u> for which the vehicle is being acquired it must be fit for purpose, <u>economic impacts in terms of have low</u> whole of life costs <u>are evaluated and ensure</u> employee benefits are equitable.
- 5. The operational needs of Councilthe Town underpins the fleet management approachare the primary consideration of the policy including the cost, size and vehicle specification, environmental credentials, acquisition, management/maintenance and disposal.



6. All employees or authorised personnel must be aware ofabide by their responsibilities to ensure the vehicle is used and maintained in a suitable manner as per the Light Vehicle Management Practice guidelinesset out in the fleet relevant management practice.

### 4. Vehicle Purchases and selection

- 7. Vehicle purchases will be in accordance with <u>Policy 301 Procurement and relevant management practices</u> the <u>Towns Fleet Management Practice and Procurement Policy</u> and will, or as defined in an employee's contract of employment.
- 8. A weighted assessment shall take into consideration the economic, environmental and safety aspects for a range of vehicles that meet the Town's Fit for Purpose requirements.
- <u>9.</u> The purchase and renewal of the Town's light vehicles <u>must will</u> be selected from the relevant State Government Fleet Acquisition Contract.

The optimum replacement timing for the Towns light fleet is to be reviewed annually, however as a general guide will be changed over .no more than 5 years / 120,000 kms or less than 3 years / 60,000 kms.

### **2.** Environmental Considerations

10. In order to minimise the <u>size\_impact</u> of the Town's light vehicle <u>carbon\_footprintfleet on the environment</u>, hybrid and low emissions or alternative fuel vehicles will be considered for purchase if and where strategically practical <u>and where budget allows.</u>

An annual review is conducted to measure the carbon footprint of the Towns vehicles and a carbon neutral offset is provided-purchased or delivered by the Town's operations, for example by tree-planting with a biodiverse reforestation project.

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# **3.** Vehicle Disposals

- <u>12.</u> The replacement of vehicles will occur on an appropriate timeline in line with usage, warranty, suitability, maintenance and cost.
- The optimum replacement timing for the Town's light fleet is to be reviewed at least every 2 years, however as a general guide vehicles will be changed over no later than 5 years / 120,000 kms and no less than 3 years / 60,000 kms.

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14. Disposals of the Town's fleet are as per the Disposal Policy Policy 304 -- Disposal of disused equipment,



<u>machinery and other equipmentmaterial</u> and Fleet Management Practices for the disposal of property, either through trade in or auction. The most cost effective method for sale of each vehicle will be evaluated with the aim to maximise return on the Town's investment.

### **Related Documents:**

- Practice 223.1 Fleet Management
- Policy 301 Procurement Policy 301
- Policy 304 Disposal of disused equipment, machinery and other material 304
- Code of Conduct Employees
- ToVP Plant and Vehicle Asset Management Plan
- ToVP Fleet Safety Policy (In future, refer to Fleet Management Practice)
- ToVP Enterprise Agreement (current) and various contractual arrangements with staff