

PUBLIC LIGHTING POLICY

1. Purpose of Policy

This policy outlines the City of Port Phillip's approach to public lighting management principles to achieve the following benefits:

- Provide a clear direction for the management of public lighting within the municipality in line with councils Public Lighting Strategy
- Guide informed decision making by Councillors, staff and the community regarding councils lighting responsibilities
- Serve as a framework to implement continuous improvement in public lighting to meet community needs and expectations
- Manage council's risk exposure

2. Details of the Policy

2.1 Policy Mission

Council is responsible for providing public lighting. The distribution businesses (electricity companies) own most of the lighting assets however Council has responsibility for all maintenance, operational and renewal costs associated with lighting in the public realm. The City of Port Phillip is committed to ensuring that public lighting within the municipality is delivered effectively for present and future of generations.

2.2 Policy Objectives

- Establish a framework for the City of Port Phillip to manage its public lighting in line with councils four pillars of sustainability and in accordance with best value principles.
- Implement public lighting according to environmentally sustainable practices
- Improve the quality, consistency, efficiency and application of lighting in the public domain of the city.
- Ensure that the city's lighting infrastructure adheres to Australian Public Lighting Standards
- Achieve the principles contained in the Public Lighting Strategy by delivering the Public Lighting Implementation Plan

2.3 Implementation Responsibilities

Councillors

- Act as steward for public lighting on behalf of the community
- Ensure Council's legal obligations and regulatory obligations are met
- Ensure lighting assets are maintained and developed for the effective delivery for present and future generations
- Approve Public Lighting Strategy

General Management Team

- Approve Public Lighting Implementation Plan
- Ensure that the results of council's best value program and service reviews are reflected in the Public Lighting Implementation Plan
- Compliance with legislation and regulatory requirements
- Management of public lighting with a structured and coordinated approach
- Four pillars of sustainability
- Risk management principles
- Continuous improvement

Staff

- Develop maintenance and capital works programs in accordance with the principles in the Public Lighting Strategy
- Monitor and review the implementation of the Public Lighting Strategy
- Deliver the public lighting implementation plan

3. Performance and Review

The success of this policy will involve the assessment of public lighting at a future date against the current benchmark for lighting within the municipality based on the recommendations contained in the Public Lighting Strategy.

4. Responsibility

4.1 Responsible Manager

Manager Infrastructure and Environment

4.2 Responsible Officers

Responsible officers for implementing this policy include all personnel involved in the operation, maintenance, refurbishment, upgrading, development and accounting for council's public lighting infrastructure.

5. Audit and Review

Infrastructure and Environment to conduct a review of the policy in five years or earlier as required.