
Policies for revocation

Responsible Officer: Group Manager People and Performance (Helen McNeil)

Recommendation

That Council revoke the 'Community Sponsorship and Donations' policy dated 19 May 2004 attached to this report and any policy revived as a result of the revocation.

Background

Council's policies are continually reviewed for suitability and currency to promote and deliver against Council's commitment to continuous improvement and legislative compliance.

An objective of the on-going policy review is to ensure that Council policies are current, effective and address organisation needs.

In furtherance of this objective, the 'Community Sponsorship and Donations' policy adopted by Council (trading as Rous Water) on 19 May 2004 has been identified for revocation for the reasons outlined below.

Rationale for revocation

The purpose of the 'Community Sponsorship and Donations' policy is to identify the Council fund available for the drawdown of expenditure or financial assistance in connection with promoting Council's adopted programs for water demand management.

This policy was adopted prior to the merger of the three county councils (Rous County Council (t/as Rous Water), Far North Coast County Council and Richmond River County Council) in 2016.

Water supply demand management initiatives and the associated funding of these activities are now detailed and approved by Council through the adoption of a Regional Demand Management Plan ('RDMP').

Council's 2023-2026 RDMP was adopted by Council at its 19 October 2022 meeting and the association budget adopted at the 15 June 2022 Council meeting. Any additional funding of RDMP activities will be processed through Council's regular Quarterly Budget Review System.

Finance

Outlined in the body of the report.

Legal

There is no legislative requirement to maintain a policy for the funding and sponsorship of water demand management activities. Some parameters for the granting of financial assistance are set out in the *Local Government Act 1993* and due regard will be given to those provisions should any application for financial assistance be received in the future.

Consultation

Consultation was undertaken internally between Governance, Finance and Water Sustainability staff to ensure the proposed revocation is appropriate.

Conclusion

Relevant content contained in the above policy has been captured within the Regional Demand Management Plan (2023-2026) and there is no longer a business need for the policy in its current form. As a result, it is proposed that the policy be revoked.

Attachment

1. 'Community Sponsorship and Donations' policy dated 19 May 2004 (for revocation)
2. [Regional Demand Management Plan 2023-2026](#) (via website)