

KERBING, GUTTERING AND FOOTPATHS POLICY

POLICY OBJECTIVE

This Official Council Policy is to ensure a coordinated, collaborative and consistent approach to how Council collects ratepayer contributions toward the cost of capital improvements in the Wentworth Shire Council Local Government Area (LGA).

1. POLICY STATEMENT

The intent of this policy is to ensure that Wentworth Shire Council establishes systems which provide a framework for Council's collection of ratepayer contributions towards capital improvements.

2. POLICY COVERAGE

This policy applies to all requests from landowners for the construction of kerb, guttering and footpaths which are not part of Council's strategic direction.

3. STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Objective: 3.0 Wentworth is a community that works to enhance and protect its physical and natural assets.

Strategy: 3.2 Plan for and develop the right assets and infrastructure.

4. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term/Word	Definition
Council	Council of the Shire of Wentworth
Footpaths	Are defined as the work constructed for the specific purpose of conveying pedestrian traffic (whether or not it may also be used by bicycle traffic).
Kerb and Guttering	Is defined as the civil works necessary to contain and/or to convey stormwater runoff from the roadway to the stormwater system.
LGA	Local Government Area

5. POLICY CONTENT

It is the policy of this Council:

- i. To provide ratepayers with adequate notice of timing and cost for proposed "improvement works".
- ii. To comply with the Roads Act.
- iii. For Council to gain 50% of actual costs of "improvement works" on frontage and 25% of sideline costs.
- iv. To define "other work incidental thereto" as provided for in Section 217-219 of the Roads Act, 1993.
- v. That Council charge ratepayers for 50% of frontage and 25% of sideage of actual costs of all "improvement works" based on property title street frontage boundary length apportionment.

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- vi. That kerb returns and footpath extensions past any property be costed and apportioned against each property benefitting from the improvement works.
- vii. That Council send construction proposal letters to all ratepayers affected by (1.) and (2.) as mentioned above.
- viii. That proposal letters be sent preferably 30 days prior to proposed commencement of improvement works.
- ix. A vehicular gutter crossing notice be sent to affected ratepayers at least 30 days prior to commencement of construction.
- x. All cost per metre pre-construction estimates to be used in compiling the construction notice are to be estimated actual cost including Council overheads.
- xi. That frontage benefit costing calculation sheet, be available for contributors inspection.
- xii. That pro forma preliminary notification to ratepayers be sent out within 30 days after Council adopts estimates for improvement works.
- xiii. Payment can be made in accordance with Council’s deferred payment scheme as outlined in 2017CP19 Deferred Payment Arrangements.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTS & LEGISLATION

7. ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

8. DOCUMENT APPROVAL

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Signed:


24 May 2022

General Manager Wentworth Shire Council

Date