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Business Unit	CORPORATE SERVICES / FINANCE
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1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

To provide Council with a debt management strategy based on sound financial management guidelines.

To establish a framework for:

- a) The new borrowings planned for the current financial year and the next nine (9) financial years; and
- b) The time over which the local government plans to repay existing and new borrowings.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

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2.2 Borrowings will only be made for:

- Capital expenditure; or
- Short-term working capital; or
- A genuine emergency or hardship.

2.3 Borrowing will be undertaken in accordance with Queensland Treasury Corporation guidelines.

2.4 Borrowings will be for a period which is less than or equal to the estimated useful life of the related asset(s). However, in the case of infrastructure with useful lives ranging from 10 to 80 years the term will be limited to between 10 and 20 years unless longer terms are recommended by the Queensland Treasury Corporation.

2.5 Detailed capital works and assets acquisition programs (Asset Management Plans, Strategies, and Policies) for the next ten (10) years together with the ten (10) year Long Term Financial Forecast will provide the basis for determination of funding options.

2.6 Council will use the Queensland Treasury Corporation for the management of its long-term debt facilities.

2.7 Borrowings planned for the next ten (10) financial years based on estimated new capital expenditure provided to Queensland Treasury Corporation:

2025/26 – no proposed borrowings

2026/27 – no proposed borrowings

2027/28 – no proposed borrowings

2028/29 – no proposed borrowings

2029/30 – no proposed borrowings

2030/31 – no proposed borrowings

2031/32 – no proposed borrowings

2032/33 – no proposed borrowings

2033/34 - no proposed borrowings

2034/35 – no proposed borrowings

2.8 Borrowing debt as at 30 June 2025 was \$0.00

3. RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 2009 Section 192

Local Government Regulation 2012

4. RELATED DOCUMENTS

FIN-002 FINANCIAL DELEGATIONS POLICY

FIN-003 INVESTMENT POLICY

FIN-005 REVENUE POLICY

5. DEFINITIONS

All definitions are as per the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* (LGA 2009) and *Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)* (LGR 2012).

6. REVIEW MECHANISM

This policy will be reviewed when any of the following occur:

1. The related legislation or governing documents are amended or replaced; or
2. Other circumstances as determined by resolution of Council or the CEO; or
3. At the time of the Council's annual budget adoption.

7. AMENDMENTS

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