

POLICY PURPOSE

To establish a consistent basis upon which Council is able to review, identify and evaluate the existence of land (including land containing improvements) which is surplus to requirements and could be available for sale. (NB: This policy does not apply to land having the legal status of "road").

POLICY STATEMENT

All Council land is to be retained except where the following criteria applies:

- The land is no longer used or is not used for a purpose associated with service provision by Council.
- The land is not being used for its originally intended purpose.
- The land (being used for a Council service) has a net realisable value for another purpose which is significantly greater than the cost of re-establishing the service on another site.
- The land does not contribute to the achievement of any current Council objective.
- The land has no strategic significance to Council on a long term basis.
- The land is identified in a Study commissioned and adopted by Council as being surplus to requirements (e.g. Open Space Study).

Having regard to the above criteria, all landholdings (which include improvements to land) will be reviewed on an ongoing basis as to possible disposal.

All land which may be identified as being surplus to requirements and available for sale in accordance with the above criteria will be the subject of a report to Council for specific approval in each instance to commence the statutory process to effect a sale.

All land to be sold will be offered at public auction or tender unless Council specifies otherwise in a particular instance having regard to extenuating circumstances which may be shown to exist.