

# Policy



## STRATEGIC/GOVERNANCE

# ASSET MANAGEMENT

## Head of Power

*Local Government Act 2009*

*Local Government Regulation 2012*

### Key Supporting Council Document

Lockyer Valley Regional Council Corporate Plan 2017 – 2022

Lockyer Leadership and Council

- 5.1: Undertake robust and accountable financial, resource and infrastructure planning and management to ensure affordable and sustainable outcomes for our community.

## Definitions

<b>Asset</b>	is a resource controlled by Council as a result of past events and from which future economic benefits are expected to flow to Council. The asset can be tangible, i.e. have a physical substance (e.g. land, road, bridge, plant and equipment) or intangible, i.e. no physical substance (e.g. computer software).
<b>Asset Management</b>	The combination of management, financial, economic, engineering, and other practices applied to assets with the objective of providing the required level of service in the most cost effective manner.
<b>Asset Management Plan</b>	A plan developed for the management of one or more assets that combines multi-disciplinary management techniques (including financial and technical) over the life cycle of the asset in the most cost effective manner to provide a specified level of service
<b>Lifecycle Cost</b>	The total cost of an asset throughout its life including planning, design, construction, acquisition, operation, maintenance, rehabilitation and disposal costs.
<b>Service Delivery Standard</b>	The defined service quality for a particular activity or service area against which service performance may be measured. Levels of Service usually relate to quality, quantity, reliability, responsiveness, environmental acceptability and cost.

## Policy Objective

This policy outlines Lockyer Valley Regional Council's commitment to the responsible management of council-owned assets.

## Policy Statement

This policy applies to all council activities and services that are provided through or with the use of an asset or assets.

Council will efficiently manage the long-term acquisition, use and maintenance of assets to achieve identified levels of service, consistently and equitably. Council will pursue non-asset based solutions to service delivery where this is deemed the appropriate approach.

The efficient management of assets will be achieved by:

- developing and maintaining long-term Asset Management Plans
- making decisions to increase services or the levels of service, based on defined needs and affordability
- maintaining a long term financial plan which demonstrates the funding requirements to deliver the services
- pursuing the lowest lifecycle cost of an asset through continual review and improvement
- identifying critical assets and the risks associated with their failure, assessing risks periodically and monitoring and addressing these risks within available resources
- annually reviewing asset management plans (including 10 year capital works forecasts) and
- ensuring a corporate approach to asset management.

## Related Documents

Lockyer Valley Regional Council – *Service Management Strategy (2018-2021)*

Lockyer Valley Regional Council – *Service Management Plans (per asset class)*

Lockyer Valley Regional Council – *Corporate Plan (2017-2022)*

Lockyer Valley Regional Council – *Operational Plan (2018-2019)*

Lockyer Valley Regional Council - *Long Term Financial Plan*