

<b>POLICY TITLE:</b>	Debt Borrowing Policy
<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b>	S006
<b>COUNCIL ADOPTION DATE:</b>	20 June 2023
<b>LINK TO WIK KATH MIN VALUES:</b>	Values 1-6
<b>LINK TO CORPORATE PLAN:</b>	Key Governance Goal 5 – Financial Stability
<b>REVIEW DATE:</b>	June 2024
<b>POLICY OWNER:</b>	Director of Corporate Services

### 1. Purpose

To provide Council with a contemporary Debt Borrowing Policy that provides for responsible financial management on the loan funding of infrastructure capital projects and assets, by ensuring the level of debt is within acceptable limits to Council, its community, and stakeholders.

### 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Debt Borrowing Policy are to:

- a) plan new borrowings for the current financial year and next 9 financial years; and
- b) define the period over which the Council plans to repay existing and new borrowings.

### 3. Scope

This policy applies to the Council use of loan borrowings to fund infrastructure and other important capital projects.

### 4. Policy Statement

The following is the Council’s borrowing policy if Council considers borrowing money:

- loans will only be used for capital expenditure;
- borrowings will only be made in accordance with the adopted budget; and
- loan terms are to be no longer than 20 years.

Council does not intend to borrow money in Financial Year 2023-2024. There are no new borrowings planned for the next 10 financial years.

The current borrowing with Queensland Treasury Corporation is for the upgrade of Wuungkam Lodge for \$740,079.17 over a term of 20 years, commencing 30 June 2015 and finishing on 30 June 2035.

### 5. Regulatory Authority

*Local Government Act 2009*  
*Local Government Regulation 2012*

### 6. Implementation and Review

#### *Implementation*

Once adopted, this policy will be:

- incorporated in the budget setting process;
- published on Council's website; and
- published on Council's Intranet;

#### *Review*

Once adopted, the Policy Owner is responsible for:

- monitoring this policy to ensure it is fit for purpose and meeting operational needs;  
and
- reviewing the policy whenever legislation changes, or annually if no changes have been required to be enacted.