



POLICY TITLE:	DEBT POLICY
POLICY NUMBER:	053
INFOPERT REF:	86917
DATE OF ADOPTION:	26 JUNE 2007
TIME PERIOD OF REVIEW:	1 YEAR
DATE OF NEXT REVIEW:	July 2023

1. OBJECTIVES

To provide guidance to Council for existing and future debt and ensure compliance with the Local Government Finance Standards.

2. PROCEDURE

Council's policy for 2022/2023 for Debt is as follows:

New Debt

- Council will take up additional debt for particular capital projects as they are identified. Generally these will be large projects which occur infrequently.
- Competitive rates will be sought in relation to any debt taken up.
- Debt will be taken out for periods of no longer than ten (10) years.
- Interest rates will be fixed for the period of the borrowing.
- Approval for new borrowing will be sought from the Minister for Local Government and Planning and be in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*
- Funding will only be sought for capital infrastructure and only after all other avenues of funding have been exhausted.

Planned Debt

- Council has no plans for new borrowings in 2022/2023

3. RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Section 199 Local Government Regulation 2012

4. IMPLEMENTATION

This Policy will commence from the Approval Date (see Section 5). This Policy replaces all other acceptable requests Policies and Procedures of Richmond Shire Council (whether written or not).

This Policy will be made available to all corporate staff on Council's intranet site/network, and to all outdoor staff at the Depot and via their supervisor/coordinator. Council reserves the right to vary, replace or terminate this Policy from time to time. This Policy will typically be reviewed when a review has been deemed appropriate by organisational processes (e.g. audit recommendations), or when legislative requirements change.

5. APPROVAL

Last reviewed and adopted at the Budget Council Meeting held on 29th July 2023.