

Title	Sports Ground Lighting
Council Resolution	Item 11 (20 March 2017) as per Council Minutes
Responsible Directorate	Corporate Governance
Due for Review	Four (4) years from Council Resolution Date
Strategic Plan Reference	<u>Leading our Community</u> <i>4.1 Govern in an open and responsible manner in the best interests of the community.</i> <i>4.2 Manage our resources to achieve community outcomes</i>
ECM	Council Policy

PURPOSE

This policy provides guidance on the ownership and operation of lighting infrastructure on Council owned sports grounds

SCOPE

This policy applies to lighting infrastructure installed for the purpose of illuminating playing fields at Council-owned sports grounds.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Acts	Not applicable
Regulations	Not applicable
Australian/International Standards	AS 2560.1-2002: Sports lighting – general principles AS 2560.2 Series: Sports lighting – specific applications AS 4282-1997: Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting

DEFINITIONS

lighting infrastructure	the components and structure used to provide lighting for the purpose of illuminating the playing area at a Council-owned sports ground, including, but not limited to, light poles, electrical wiring, light globes, circuit boards, control panels, and meter boxes.
Council-owned Sports Ground	Means a sports playing field or facility that is owned or administered by Council.

POLICY STATEMENT

Ownership of lighting infrastructure

- Any lighting infrastructure installed at Council owned sports grounds after the adoption date is to be owned and managed by Council.
- Council may, in its absolute discretion, agree to take over ownership and management of lighting installed at a Council-owned sports ground prior to the adoption date, in accordance with the requirements of clause 9 (below) of this Policy.

Maintenance costs

- The cost of the maintenance of lighting infrastructure at Council-owned sporting grounds is to be borne by:
 - where the lighting infrastructure is owned by Council - Council, and

- (b) where the lighting infrastructure is owned by a person or entity other than Council - that person or entity.

Usage Costs

4. The costs of the electricity used to operate lighting infrastructure are to be paid by the person or entity which used the electricity.
5. If the relevant bill for the electricity is in the name of Council, Council will invoice the user for the charges incurred by the user.
6. Arrangements as to the payment of electricity costs for the use of lighting infrastructure are to be formalised in the lease/licence agreement between Council and the users of the relevant sporting ground.

Compliance with Australian Standards

7. All lighting installed on Council-owned sports grounds after the adoption date must comply with:
 - (a) AS 2560.1-2002: Sports lighting – general principles
 - (b) the applicable Standard in the AS 2560.2 series which covers the sport or sports to be played at the relevant Council-owned sports ground (for example, for a football oval, AS 2560.2.3-2007: Sports lighting - Specific applications - Lighting for football (all codes)), and
 - (c) AS 4282.1997: Control of the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting.
8. For the avoidance of doubt, in addition to the requirements in clause 7 (above), the installation of lighting within a Council-owned sports ground must also comply with any other relevant code, standard, planning scheme, regulation or law.

Transfer of Ownership of Existing Lighting Infrastructure

9. Where lighting infrastructure installed at a Council-owned sports ground is owned by a person or entity other than Council, Council may, in Council's absolute discretion, consider taking over ownership of the lighting infrastructure provided that:
 - (a) the lighting complies with, or can be made to comply with, the Australian Standards identified in Clause 7 (above)
 - (b) an asset condition report has been presented to Council which concludes that the lighting infrastructure is in a satisfactory condition, and
 - (c) appropriate arrangements are made for the operating costs (i.e. the electricity bill) for the lighting infrastructure to be paid by the persons or entities using the lighting infrastructure.

Audit of Sports Ground Lighting

10. Council will undertake an annual audit of lighting infrastructure not owned by Council that is installed at Council-owned sports grounds.
11. Where the audit identifies damage, defects or deficiencies in lighting infrastructure, Council will issue the owner of the lighting with a notice of non-compliance. Council will not permit the use of the lighting infrastructure at the Council-owned sports ground until appropriate rectification works have been undertaken and approved by Council.

BACKGROUND

For some time, Council's position is that all assets which are constructed on land that is owned and administered by Council should generally remain in Council ownership. This includes lighting infrastructure at Council-owned sports grounds.

Though it places the burden of maintenance and some operating costs on Council, Council ownership of lighting infrastructure and control of its operational functions is desirable because it allows Council to manage the risks associated with the lighting infrastructure, increase venue safety and maintain a high standard of lighting at all sports grounds that Council owns.

This policy is necessary to clarify Council's position, and the circumstances under which Council will own, operate, and permit the use of lighting infrastructure at its sporting grounds.