

Sports Turf Maintenance Policy

Responsible Division	Major Projects and Commercial Activities
Responsible Business Unit	Project Services
Responsible Officer	Manager Project Services
Affected Business Units	Parks and Gardens
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Purpose

This policy states the Council's position on consistent and equitable ways of providing specialist turf surfaces and more appropriately apportioning the costs of this to the recipient clubs.

Policy Statement

In order to assist in the delivery of specialist turf surfaces to eligible clubs, the City of Bayswater adopts the following policy:

Capital Costs of Installing Specialist Turf Surfaces

1. The City will assist Clubs to identify sustainable specialist turf surfaces for use within their sport and club environment where the following conditions are met:
 - a. The Club contributes to the capital cost of installation;
 - b. The Club contributes to the ongoing maintenance costs;
 - c. The Club establishes a reserve account/sinking fund for the replacement of the turf at the end of its useful life;
 - d. The Club can demonstrate that it has the management capability and membership base to support the ongoing financial responsibilities associated with specialist turf surfaces over the life of the asset;
2. The City will assist Clubs with identifying suitable grant funding opportunities and sponsorship arrangements.
3. The City's contribution towards capital works for specialist turf surfaces will not exceed 50% of the total project cost or \$50,000, whichever is the lesser.

Maintenance of Specialist Turf Surfaces

4. The City, in collaboration with Clubs, will develop a detailed specification for the maintenance of each turf area including weekly, monthly and seasonal work.
5. Independent contractors will be appointed by Clubs to conduct maintenance of turf where they do not have the capacity to undertake work themselves based on the specification developed.

6. The City's contribution towards maintenance for specialist turf surfaces will not exceed 50% of the annual cost, except in the case of the WACA cricket club which will not exceed 80% of the annual cost, and will be determined by the following principles:
 - a. Development of a Strategic Plan and a sinking fund which includes provision for replacement of assets;
 - b. Growth/stability of membership, including junior development programs;
 - c. Fundraising capacity of the Club, including a bar, lettable spaces and ability to hire courts/greens to other users;
 - d. Community involvement in the Club, including access by others to the premises, contribution to local events and activities;
 - e. Provision of annual reports to the City within 6 weeks of the Club's AGM
7. The maximum funding any single club may receive from Council in any year (as of 2022/23) for maintenance of specialist turf surfaces is

a. Bowling Clubs (not fallow or used for another purpose)	\$11,557 per useable green
b. Tennis Clubs	\$2,889 per court
c. Cricket Clubs (WACA)	\$4,622 per block
d. Cricket Clubs (Suburban)	\$2,312 per block
e. Croquet Clubs	\$2,889 per court
8. The Club's performance in managing the specialist turf surface will be considered at the time of entering into lease, funding or other formal agreements.
9. These costs will be indexed every year by CPI (Perth).

Definitions

- Specialist turf surfaces - Provided as a specifically manicured area for the precise play required for turf sports such as bowling, tennis, cricket and croquet. May include artificial turf, grass courts, turf greens and pitches
- Clubs - all clubs that use specialist turf surfaces, whether under lease arrangements or regular hire arrangements.
- City - the City of Bayswater organisation.
- Council - the eleven councillors elected to make decisions on behalf of the residents of the City within the requirements of the Local Government Act (WA) 1995.
- Subsidy - the contribution made by the City of Bayswater to Clubs affected by the policy to reduce the maintenance cost of specialist sports turf.

Related Legislation

Nil.

Related Documentation

Implementation Schedule

Relevant Delegations	Nil.	
Risk Evaluation	Low	
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