

# Council Policy: Major Strategic and Financial Decisions

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## **Purpose and Scope**

To establish the circumstances under which WMRC Council decisions require unanimous support and engender confidence amongst member Councils that the WMRC will not take decisions which might adversely impact a minority of member Councils.

## **Strategic Objective**

SCP 5 - Develop a strong organisation with responsible financial management

## **Relevant legislation**

- Local Government Act 1995
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## **Policy**

### **Relevant Council Resolutions**

Council resolved at its meeting of 13 June 2019:

10.13.1 All decisions with major strategic and financial implications for member Councils are to require unanimous WMRC support.

10.13.2 A major strategic and financial decisions policy is to be developed for the approval of Council.

### **Major Strategic and Financial Decisions**

The following constitute major strategic or financial decisions, each triggering a requirement for unanimity in decision making:

- Approval of WMRC annual budget.
- Approval of WMRC mid-term budget review.
- Approval of WMRC Strategic Community Plan, including reviews.
- Approval of WMRC Corporate Business Plan, including reviews.
- Contractual commitments of five or more years, including all possible contract extensions, where the value of the contract is \$100,000 per annum or more.
- Contractual commitments of \$500,000 per annum or more.
- Capital commitments of \$500,000 or more.
- Submissions or proposals to State or Federal Government with potential for significant impact on member Council resources or operations.
- Proposals with the potential to significantly shift costs between member Councils.
- Proposals a simple majority of Council considers to represent a major strategic or financial decision.

## **Unanimous Support Required**

Major strategic and financial decisions require the unanimous support of Council. Votes on major strategic and financial decisions should not be conducted unless all member Councils are represented by a Member or Deputy Member at the Council meeting.

## **Amendments to this policy**

This policy may be amended by a simple majority of Council.

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## **Adopted / Modified**

This policy is required to be reviewed every 3 years

	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Item #</b>	<b>Implementation Responsibility</b>
<b>Council Adoption</b>	03.12.2020	Item 10.6	Manager Finance & Governance