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## INVOLVEMENT OF COUNCIL IN JOINT PROJECTS WITH GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS POLICY

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### Purpose

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To ensure there is proper preparation, investigation, funding and accountability for any projects with government departments and government agencies.

### Scope

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This policy is applicable to Councillors and the Executive involved in government projects.

### Policy

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Section 8A (1) (e) "Guiding Principles for Councils" of the *Local Government Act 1993* states that:

1. Exercise of functions generally - The following general principles apply to the exercise of functions by councils:
  - e. Councils should work co-operatively with other councils and the State government to achieve desired outcomes for the local community.

Council has resolved that:

Involvement by Council in voluntary projects with other councils, government departments, government agencies, agencies that receive government funding, or any agency or service involved with Council will not occur unless the following are satisfied:

1. there are appropriate and clear guidelines for the project, including aims, objectives, target population, timing
2. clear details about funding, budget in consultation with Chief Finance Officer
3. Management details are clear. This must set out the role and responsibility of the Government Department etc and Council, how the project will operate e.g. co-ordination, role of Management Committee (if there is one)
4. suitable mechanisms for accountability and evaluation

### Related Information

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- State Plan
- *Local Government Act 1993* : Public - Private Partnerships Sections 400C and 400L

- Burwood2030 Community Strategic Plan
- Burwood Council Delivery Program and Operational Plan
- Southern Sydney Region of Councils (SSROC)

## **Review**

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This policy will be reviewed every four years.

## **Contact**

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