



A8 Vehicle Plant and Equipment Management

Policy Objective

The objective of this Policy is to ensure Council's vehicles, plant and equipment are standardised and meet operational requirements, required safety standards and are replaced at a time that optimises its use and minimises the whole of life costs.

Policy

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for the administration of this Policy and for the determination of the use and categories of vehicles together with application of conditions of use. When acquiring and disposing of vehicle plant and equipment, the Shire shall consider the following five key principles, being:

- Economic Criteria
- Functional Criteria
- Safety Criteria
- Environmental Criteria
- Ergonomics and useability

Where possible the Shire of Ravensthorpe will aim for a standardisation fleet through a reputable manufacturer.

The annual budget provides allocations for each category of vehicle within the vehicle plant and equipment fleet that is consistent with and complimentary to the needs of the operators and operational requirements (fit for purpose). The allocation of vehicles and equipment is outlined as a non-exhaustive list below;

Vehicle Category	Replacement Strategy
Cars, Utes and Electric Vehicles	5 years / 200,000km
Trucks (Light, Medium, Heavy & Prime Movers)	7 years
Graders, Loaders, Skid- steers, rollers, tractors, street sweepers etc	8 years
Dozers	10 years or major overhaul
Backhoes / Excavators	10 years
Trailers and dollies	10 years
Tip Truck	Used sparingly, maintain as required



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Certain vehicles may form part of an employee's remuneration package and may be varied based on the relevant employment contract, any variation must not exceed the overall remuneration package.

This policy is intended to be the basis for the on-going review of Council's ten (10) year plant replacement program.

DOCUMENT CONTROL BOX		
Custodian: Chief Executive Officer		Decision Maker: Council
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Industry:		
Organisational:		Vehicle Plant and Equipment Operational Guidelines
Document Management:		
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a	OCM 18/08/2020 Item 13.3	Comprehensive Policy Register Review
b	OCM 19/07/2022 Item 12.1.2	Comprehensive Policy Register Review
c	OCM 21/11/2023 Item 12.1.1	Comprehensive Policy Register Review
d	OCM 17/12/2024 Item 12.1.2	Policy Reconfirmed – No Amendments