

REGIONAL COOPERATION

1. Objectives

Enhance the capacity of Council to respond effectively and efficiently to the needs of the community.

2. Principles

The Town of Cottesloe is an independent corporate body accountable to the community for the effective provision of services within the municipality. As such, Cottesloe recognises that there are areas of operation which may be delivered in a more cost-effective manner on a regional or sub-regional basis, in cooperation with neighbouring local authorities.

3. Issues

In developing any cooperative arrangements with neighbouring local authorities, the following should be taken into consideration:

- a. Council remains autonomous in its decision making
- b. Any cooperative venture/arrangement is not binding on Council
- c. Cooperative arrangements with neighbouring local authorities fall into two broad categories:

- administration/service provision
- policy development/lobbying

The two activities should be distinguished from each other and planned, developed and implemented accordingly.

- d. Matters to be taken into consideration when identifying opportunities for regional cooperation are:
 - policy implications on Council activity
 - cost effectiveness
 - lobbying power
 - resource/budget impact
 - outcomes for:
 - residents
 - Council as a whole
 - The region in general

4. Policy

Council endorses and encourages cooperative activity with other local authorities with the common objectives as follows:

4.1 Defined Attributes

The land bounded by the local authorities of Claremont, Cottesloe, Mosman Park, Nedlands,

Peppermint Grove and Subiaco, known as the western suburbs of Perth (WESROC).

4.2 Aim

Provide the best possible scale and mix of services to the western suburbs which the community can be offered.

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Work cooperatively to identify, plan, develop, coordinate, manage and deliver services and facilities appropriate to the region as a whole or sub-region within the defined area.

Develop a common policy approach on matters relevant to the region.

4.4 Protocols

- a. The cooperative arrangement remains voluntary in nature.
- b. Decisions are made on the basis of consensus.
- c. A presiding body of elected member representatives, in consultation with each Council, sets the policy directives.
- d. A management body of Chief Executives Officers establishes implementation programs and undertakes management of the policy direction.
- e. Broad objectives are established annually in consultation with all Council's elected member bodies.

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