

33. PENSIONER'S OUTSTANDING REFUSE CHARGES

Policy Objective

To ensure that charges for refuse collection are met in the year they are levied.

Policy Statement

Although under legislation entitled pensioners are able to defer payment of their rates whilst they remain entitled pensioners, this does not extend to charges levied for refuse collection services. It is Council policy that charges for refuse services are to be paid for in the year in which they are raised by Council. This policy extends to entitled pensioners as is the case with all other ratepayers.

Policy Detail

Entitled pensioners that are not in a position to pay refuse charges due to financial hardship will not be pursued legally for the recovery of outstanding monies as all outstanding monies are a secured and is recoverable when the property is sold.

Entitled pensioners that have outstanding refuse charges due to financial hardship, will not be prejudiced in relation to their entitlement to defer their rates.

Reference/Associated Documents

[Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.38.](#)

Reference to Internal Procedure

N/A

Definitions

N/A

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

There are minor financial and reputation risks associated with the policy.

The policy will be reviewed every two years.

THIS POLICY IS SUPPORTED BY:		
REGISTER OF DELEGATIONS	N/A	
SERVICE AREA:	CORPORATE AND GOVERNANCE	
POLICY OWNER:	MANAGER FINANCE	
<u>AMENDMENT STATUS</u>		
<u>DATE OF AMENDMENT</u>	<u>STATUS OF AMENDMENT</u>	<u>MINUTE ITEM REFERENCE</u>
01/03/05		11.4.1
28/04/09		12.10
22/11/11		12.9
28/10/14		12.4
22/08/17	REVIEW – NONE	12.2
24/05/22	REVIEW - MINOR	12.7
NEXT REVIEW DATE	2023	