

## TOWN OF COTTESLOE POLICY

### DIFFERENTIAL RATING

**(1) OBJECTIVE**

To ensure that the rate struck by Council annually will realistically enable Council to provide the specific and relevant services which the community expects to occur within the area.

**(2) PRINCIPLE**

The rate burden imposed by Council expenditure requirements to fulfil the range of Council responsibilities should be spread across the rateable properties on a basis which reflects specific expenditure demands and based on property valuations.

**(3) ISSUES**

A differential rate seeks to address the following:

- (a) Rating anomalies within the locality;
- (b) Service requirement anomalies.

A redistribution of charges should ensure that the area targeted is not itself disadvantaged through the striking of a differential rate and that property owners within a designated area or zoning are not unfairly disadvantaged.

**(4) POLICY**

In order to consider a proposal which introduces a differential rate, Council will require a report for consideration which incorporates:

- (a) Horizontal equity;
- (b) Council expenditure obligations relative to income drawn from specific zones or areas under consideration;
- (c) Alternative options available;
- (d) Intended objectives and anticipated outcomes;
- (e) Identification of any non-conforming use sites within the zone or area which should be exempted to avoid an unfair disadvantage.

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