

Friday 24 July 2020

NEW PROCUREMENT POLICY TO HELP LOCAL ECONOMY AND DRIVE SUSTAINABILITY

The City of Ryde has endorsed a new procurement policy which will support local businesses, help generate employment and promote greater sustainability practices within Council.

The procurement policy provides the framework for all of the City of Ryde's procurement practices when finding, selecting and contracting suppliers to undertake services for Council operations.

Under the new policy, Council will consider the use of local suppliers wherever possible when assessing potential supplier relationships in order to encourage economic development and generate local employment.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the new procurement policy was another example of Council supporting local businesses and jobs during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"The City of Ryde is committed to supporting local business and job creation throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and the new procurement policy that we have endorsed is the latest example of how we are achieving this," Cllr Laxale said.

"This new policy ensures Council can support the local economy wherever possible while still adhering to appropriate procurement standards and obtaining the best value for money for ratepayers."

The policy also sets the following sustainable operational targets by 2025:

- 50 percent of all material procurements be sourced from recycled material
- 70 percent of all service contracts adhere to sustainable principles.

"By integrating sustainable procurement practices into this policy, Council will continue to achieve positive environmental outcomes for the Ryde community," Cllr Laxale added.

Media Contact: Michael East, City of Ryde Communications
p • 9952 8083 m • 0466 091 059 e • meast@ryde.nsw.gov.au