

# Policy

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**Title:** **Increasing the Energy Efficiency of Council Assets**

**Category:** **Property Management**

**Date Last Adopted:** 26 April 2021

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## 1. Objectives

This policy establishes a framework for improving the management of energy at the Hobart City Council to ensure that the Council uses energy in a manner that achieves environmental, social and economic benefits in the long term.

## 2. Background

This Policy is administered under the Smart and Sustainable City Unit.

## 3. Policy

That:

1. Energy use by the Council will be minimised by achieving the optimum level of energy efficiency for both new and existing assets.
2. Estimates of projected energy use are to be calculated prior to the construction or purchase of new Council assets, and prior to the replacement or refurbishment of existing Council assets. An internal or external energy audit will be conducted if the projected energy use is greater than 2,500 kilowatt hours per annum.
3. The audit will investigate all areas of projected energy use and identify energy saving options. Particular attention will be given to innovative solutions and the use of renewable sources of power. The total cost of conducting the audit will not exceed 20% of the projected annual cost of energy for the asset.
4. Electricity connection and supply fees are to be minimised by wiring new assets to the electrical system of existing assets where possible. The Smart and Sustainable City Unit will advise on sub-metering arrangements and technologies for analysis of fine-grained, real-time energy use.



5. Energy saving options must be cost-effective. This will be determined by comparing the financial benefits of energy saving options with the cost of implementation. This cost/benefit will be calculated over the expected life of the asset.

## 4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Not applicable.

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