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1 Policy Summary

The purpose of the Walkways Policy is to provide guidance in relation to the management of Darwin's walkways.

2 Policy Objectives

Council is committed to providing and maintaining a walkway network as part of a wider network that facilitates active travel across the municipality. Council recognises the diversity of activities, different needs, ages and mobility of the community and seeks to promote a liveable and walkable city.

3 Background

Council maintains over 200 walkways across the municipality to ensure accessibility and connectivity of public spaces. This Policy is periodically reviewed to ensure a contemporary approach is applied to Council's open spaces.

4 Policy Statement

Council will maintain and improve the existing network of walkways across the municipality to ensure accessibility and amenity for the community.

Issues arising from behaviours in and around a walkway will be investigated on a case-by-case basis. Council will work with residents, relevant authorities and other stakeholders to consider appropriate options and determine a response.

From time to time Council will review its closed walkways to determine the most appropriate long term use of the asset.

5 Legislation, terminology and references

For the purpose of this Policy, a Walkway is a narrow pedestrian thoroughfare under the care and control of City of Darwin. They are generally designated 'Road Reserve'. This Policy does not apply to cycle paths, footpaths or paths through parks and other public land.

The procedure for the temporary closure of a walkway is prescribed within the Local Government Act (Sect 187) and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations

6 Implementation and delegation

The implementation of this Policy will be the responsibility of the General Manager City Life.

7 Evaluation and review

This Policy will be evaluated and reviewed at a minimum of once, during the term of Council.

Policy to be reviewed in accordance with Policy 032 – Policy and Procedures Framework, clause 5.3 - Reviewing Existing Policies and may be amended at any time as approved by the Chief Executive Officer.