Policy G12 – Disposal of Property



1. Policy Intention

To improve the process and time frame involved to:

- (a) Dispose of Shire of Murray (Shire) property where the market value of the property to be disposed of (which does not include land) is less than \$20,000 or where the property that is disposed of as part of the consideration for other property that the local government is acquiring for a consideration where the total value of which is not more, or worth more, than \$75,000.
- (b) Dispose of abandoned vehicles.

2. Policy

2.1 Shire Property

The disposal of Council owned property with a market value of less than \$20,000 or where the property that is disposed of as part of the consideration for other property that the local government is acquiring for a consideration where the total value of which is not more, or worth more, than \$75,000 shall be carried out in accordance with the following schedule:

Current Market Value of Property	Method of Disposal	
\$501 - \$75,000 or less, per item	• to the highest bidder at public auction; or	
	 to the most acceptable tender, whether or not it is the highest tender through the public tender process; or 	
	 to an external party at market value. 	
\$1 – \$500 per item	• to the highest bidder through an internal bidding process for staff and Council Members whereby bids are sealed and placed in the Shire tender box.	
	 any property not purchased by staff or Council Members may be donated to a local service organisation for distribution to community groups through Expressions of Interest. 	
Nil Value	at the direction of the Chief Executive Officer	

- 2.1.1 Part 2.1 of this policy prescribes the method of disposal of Shire property with a market value of less than \$20,000 or where the property that is disposed of as part of the consideration for other property that the local government is acquiring for a consideration where the total value of which is not more, or worth more, than \$75,000 and the disposition of which shall be an exempt disposition pursuant to Regulation 30(3).
- **2.1.2** A written register is to be kept of all bids received and purchases made including a register of any property that is donated to local service organisations.

2.1.3 The disposal of property exceeding the value prescribed shall be in accordance with requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act).

2.2 Abandoned Vehicles

Value of Abandoned Vehicle	Method of Disposal	
Greater than \$501	 At the expiry of sixty days from impounding, if not claimed – to the highest bidder via formal offer and acceptance advertised locally; by public auction by a licenced auctioneer; by tender in accordance with the Act; or if unsold, by the most cost-effective means. 	
\$1 – \$500 per item	 After seven days from impounding, if the owner is unknown or after seven days from the giving a notice of impounding – by offering the vehicle to local emergency service groups for training, or by offering the vehicle to local vehicle dismantlers at best value; or if unwanted by the most cost-effective means. 	

3. References

Where this policy relates to the disposal of property reference must be made to Policy A17. Monetary amounts referenced in this Policy are Goods and Services Tax (GST) exclusive.

Policy Detail				
Responsible Directorate	Corporate Services			
Responsible Department	Governance and Strategy			
Responsible Officer	Manager Governance and Strategy			
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