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1. Statement

This policy provides a standard approach to infrastructure contribution relief for community organisations, offering a degree of certainty for community organisations, Council and the community regarding infrastructure relief for community organisations within the Ipswich City Council area. Where an applicant proposes a variation to this policy, the onus is on the applicant to demonstrate relevant facts and circumstances to justify the variation.

For eligible community organisations, contribution relief may apply for transport infrastructure contributions.

Public parks and local community facilities infrastructure contributions do not apply to non-residential development.

Water supply and sewerage trunk infrastructure networks are not Council infrastructure. This policy does not alter any applicable water supply and sewerage infrastructure charges.

This policy only applies to non-residential development.

2. Purpose and Principles

This policy identifies community organisations that are eligible for infrastructure contribution relief, and the category and amount of contribution relief to be offered.

3. Strategic Plan Links

This policy aligns with the following iFuture 2021-2026 Corporate Plan themes:

- Vibrant and Growing
- A Trusted and Leading Organisation

4. Regulatory Authority

Authority for Council to perform this function is determined by s.9 of the Local Government Act (2009) giving power to do anything that is necessary or convenient for the good rule and local government of its local government area.

5. Human Rights Commitment

Ipswich City Council (Council) has considered the human rights protected under the *Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)* (the Act) when adopting and/or amending this policy. When applying this policy, Council will act and make decisions in a way that is compatible with human rights and give proper consideration to a human right relevant to the decision in accordance with the Act.

6. Scope

1. Eligible Community Organisations

Community organisations eligible for relief or exemption from required infrastructure contributions include any non-residential development by or for the purposes of the following:

- Scouts and Girl Guides Associations, War Widows Guild, Creche and Kindergartens, Queensland Deaf Society (Inc.), Queensland Spastic Welfare League, Welfare Associations for the Blind, Queensland Society for Crippled Children, Senior Citizens Clubs and other like registered charitable organisations;
- religious institutions defined under the Tax Act;
- private schools (or non-state schools) in receipt of a subsidy under the Education (General Provisions) Act 1989 and affiliated with an approved Capital Assistance Authority under the Education (Capital Assistance) Act 1993; or
- other non-profit organisations (including sporting and recreational organisations) which provide a service to the community and do not normally have an income stream or are able to demonstrate their status as non-profit through an external source such as the Australian Taxation Office.

2. Categories of Development

For the purpose of this policy, development by community organisations is categorised as follows:

- Citywide – these developments are higher order community facilities which have a Citywide or sub-regional catchment. Whilst not mandatory, they are best located in the Ipswich City Centre or proposed Town Centres (e.g. Ipswich Grammar Schools);
- District – these developments, whilst higher order community facilities, have a ‘sector’ or large suburban catchment (i.e. Ipswich Eastern Suburbs, Southern Corridor etc.). These types of developments are more prevalent in existing urban areas (e.g. St. Peter Claver College);
- Neighbourhood – these developments, whilst varied in size, primarily cater for the needs of the surrounding neighbourhood (e.g. Leichhardt Catholic Primary School,

Riverview Neighbourhood Centre); and

- Local – these developments provide facilities for a highly localised catchment (e.g. Local Neighbourhood House, Tenants’ Association House or local community hall or recreational facility which is generally less than 200m² in gross floor area).

Development categorised as local development is exempted on the basis that no significant increase in demand is likely to result from the development, as local users of the facility are already accounted for in calculations of existing local infrastructure network requirements.

Categorisation of development shall be determined by the Development Planning Manager or relevant Team Coordinator (Development).

3. Amount of Contribution Relief

The following table indicates the amount of contribution relief applicable to the different categories of development:

Category of Development	Amount of Contribution Relief (%)
	Transport
Citywide	50%
District	75%
Neighbourhood	100%
Local	100%

7. Roles and Responsibilities

The Manager City Design Branch is responsible for this policy.

8. Key Stakeholders

The following will be consulted during the review process:

- Planning and Regulatory Services Department
- Finance Branch

9. Monitoring and Evaluation

All discounted (subsidised) infrastructure contributions and the amount of contribution relief shall be recorded in the Register of Infrastructure Contributions and Credits.

As the exempting of infrastructure contributions for ‘local’ community oriented development is based on the principle of ‘no net increase in equivalent population’, the waiving of infrastructure contributions requires no record in the Register of Infrastructure Contributions and Credits.

10. Definitions

Definitions of contribution types and related terminology are found in the current Ipswich City Council Planning Scheme and Adopted Infrastructure Charges Resolution.

11. Policy Owner

The General Manager (Planning and Regulatory Services) is the policy owner and the City Design Manager is responsible for authoring and reviewing this policy.