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City updates procurement policy to better support Cockburn business community and strengthen local economy

A more sustainable local business community will be the winner of an overhaul to the City of Cockburn's Procurement Policy and the establishment of a Cockburn Supplier Register.

Recent Council-endorsed changes to the policy mean it is now a mandated requirement for the City to seek a quote from a local supplier when one is available, for purchases valued above \$20,000.

The concept of 'buying 'local' continues for lower value quotes where possible.

The Cockburn Supplier Register enables local and regional businesses to list their services and contact details on the City's website, making it easier for City staff to connect with them in the process of procuring goods and services.

City of Cockburn Strategic Procurement Manager Tony Natale said the COVID-19 pandemic had demonstrated how important it was to community wellbeing for the City to support the local economy, helping safeguard its sustainability into the future.

"The City has now taken steps to further strengthen the local economy, by committing to provide further opportunities for local businesses and organisations when it's in the market for goods and services," Mr Natale said.

As part of the reboot, the policy requires City officers to consider the 'local and immediate regional economy' when making procurement decisions.

"The City will give higher preference to businesses operating from within its boundaries, but will also give some preference to suppliers from our local neighbouring South West Metropolitan council areas, over those from the wider Perth area where possible," he said.

"The intention is to balance competition with economic benefits for the Cockburn community while fostering the development of local markets.



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“These measures align with the City’s reviewed Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030, which contains a ‘Local Economy’ outcome and a strategic objective to support and promote the benefits of ‘buying locally’.”

City of Cockburn Business Engagement Officer Sarah Kahle said the City had always preferred to seek out local suppliers.

“However, these changes further demonstrate the City’s commitment to the vital benefits of supporting the local economy, now and into the future.

“As part of the City’s economic recovery during COVID-19, we encouraged everyone in the community to #ShopLocalCockburn,” Ms Kahle said.

“We want you to know the City is doing the same where possible, and we hope all local businesses continue to support each other with competitive, top quality work and services.”

For more information on the updated policy and the new register, visit the City’s Tender and Procurement Opportunities [page](#).

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