



Policy Subject/Title: **MOWING OF FOOTPATHS POLICY**

Policy Number: **OP/004**

Responsible Officer: Director Operations

Authorised by: Somerset Regional Council

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1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is provide consistency across the region in regard to slashing and mowing of Council roads, residential streets and footpaths, park, reserves and Council land within the Somerset Regional Council.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the policy is to provide guidance to Council officers in relation to the level of service in regards to slashing and mowing operational activities within the Region.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies throughout the Somerset Regional Council.

4. POLICY

This policy is applicable to Council's operational maintenance activities and all requests for slashing and mowing across the Region.

(a) Bitumen roads

Bitumen roads are slashed to one slasher width up to the guide posts with additional slasher widths undertaken on crests or bends where possible to enhance road user visibility.

(b) Gravel and formed roads

Gravel and formed roads are not slashed unless an assessment by an appropriate Council Officer has deemed that mowing or slashing is required to address a road user visibility issue such as on crests or bends.

(c) Unformed, unused and unmade roads

Unformed, unused and unmade roads are not slashed.

(d) Park residential streets and footpaths

Streets and footpaths in park residential subdivisions are not mowed or slashed unless an assessment by an appropriate Council Officer has deemed that mowing or slashing is required to address a road user visibility issue such as on crests or bends.

(e) Town streets and residential footpaths

Town streets and residential footpaths are not mowed with the exception of town approaches and CBD areas within urban centres.

Overgrown town streets and residential footpaths are only mowed or slashed if the grass height exceeds 600mm and/or on the direction of the appropriate Council Officer.

(f) Parks and reserves

Parks and reserves within urban centres are mowed or slashed with the exception of natural or bushland reserves.

(g) Other Council land and reserves

Other Council land and reserves are only mowed or slashed on the direction of the

appropriate Council Manager.

5. DATE OF RESOLUTION

This original policy was approved by the Chief Executive Officer and adopted by the Somerset Regional Council at the Ordinary Meeting of 27 April 2010.

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Signed:

Dated: 9 July 2014