**Superannuation Contributions**

**KFA** Governance and Civic Leadership

**Status** Council

**Responsible**

**division** Office of the Chief Executive Officer

**Objective** To establish employer and employee superannuation contributions

**Context**

This policy sets out the criteria for the payment of government guaranteed superannuation to employees as well as additional superannuation contributions to employees where employees elect to make a voluntary contribution.

**Statement**

The City shall provide superannuation co-contribution payments to all employees regardless of their modes of employment when certain criteria are met.

**Definitions**

**Employee** - means an employee of the City of Nedlands

**Mode of employment** - mean full time, part-time or casual employment.

**Superannuation co-contribution scheme** - a system for payments made to an employee’s superannuation scheme over and above those made in the superannuation guarantee payment.

**Superannuation guarantee payment** - payments set at a minimum rate by the Federal Government, to be paid to complying funds or retirement savings accounts.

**Objectives**

To determine the criteria for the payment of employee superannuation co-contributions in addition to payments made in accordance with the Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992.

**Policy Principles**

The purpose of this policy is to:

* provide an employment incentive for employees, commensurate with the employment market; and
* provide an incentive to all employees to voluntarily contribute to their superannuation fund.

**Policy Guidance**

The City offers its superannuation co-contribution scheme to all employees.

Under the superannuation co-contribution scheme, the City will contribute 2% of an employee’s base salary to the employee’s superannuation where the employee contributes a minimum of 5%, or more, of their base salary to superannuation.

The co-contribution paid by the City is in addition to the City’s mandatory Superannuation Guarantee Payment prescribed by the Federal Government.

The co-contribution will be paid to the employee’s nominated superannuation fund.

All employees can contribute to their superannuation via salary sacrifice (pre-tax amount) or salary deduction (post-tax amount) as allowed under the Australian Taxation Office guidelines.

Salary sacrificed superannuation contributions are classified as employer superannuation contributions, rather than employee contributions. This reduces the amount of superannuation guarantee contributions that the City is required to make.

Employees should consider whether the additional salary they wish to sacrifice combined with the City’s co-contribution will cause them to exceed their concessional (before-tax) contributions cap and attract additional tax or attracts Division 293 tax.

**Related documentation**

Contracts between the City and Employees / CEO

Enterprise Bargaining Agreements between the City and employees

Staff Superannuation Contributions Procedure

**Related Local Law/legislation**

Superannuation Guarantee (Administration) Act 1992 Local Government Act 1995

Local Government (Employee Superannuation) Regulations 2016

**Related delegation**

Nil.

**Review History**

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