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### 1 PURPOSE

To promote greening and sustainability initiatives throughout Palmerston by allowing residents to grow edible plants in sections of their local parks.

### 2 PRINCIPLES

Edible Pocket Gardens are a great way of creating a sense of community and a sense of space within a community. Edible Pocket Gardens are a free-range style of garden where residents can nominate to use a small section of their local park or reserve to plant edible plants. These plants are to be tended to by the resident or interested parties and Council must approve any works before they commence. The produce from the garden is accessible by the whole community and is not owned by the resident/group who tends to it. City of Palmerston reserves the right to make changes to the space at any time.

### 3 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy, the following definitions apply:

Term	Definition
Edible pocket garden	A green space on Council owned land, managed by member/s of the local community, that is used to grow edible species of plants for consumption by the general public.
The City	Refers to the City of Palmerston.

### 4 POLICY STATEMENT

#### 4.1 Conditions

The City of Palmerston will support the growing of appropriate edible plants on Council land and reserves if the following conditions are met:

- 4.1.1 A location is identified by residents and approved by City of Palmerston.
- 4.1.2 Approval is gained before any edible pocket garden work is commenced.
- 4.1.3 The edible plants must not interfere with or change normal operation or function of the park space.
- 4.1.4 The site is prepared and maintained by the community members involved, to the satisfaction of the City of Palmerston.
- 4.1.5 If the edible plants within the park are considered to pose a safety risk or aren't being maintained to a suitable standard, the City can request that work is undertaken by the responsible party to bring it up to the standard required. If this fails to occur, the City can remove the garden.
- 4.1.6 Residents are required to meet the Edible Pocket Gardens Guidelines, which may be modified from time to time.

### **5** ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

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5.1 City of Palmerston Edible Pocket Garden Guidelines

### **6** REFERENCES AND RELATED LEGISLATION

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