

POLICY NO: 3.8.8

**RODENT AND VERMIN CONTROL – ASSISTANCE TO
RATEPAYERS**

OBJECTIVES

To provide guidelines for provision of assistance by the City in the control of rodents and other vermin.

POLICY STATEMENT

It is recognised that rodents and some vermin have the potential to spread disease, are a risk to public health and may cause a nuisance to residents.

To assist in the control of rodents the City will provide owners/occupiers with an allocation of rodent baits and other forms of pest control assistance where human health may be jeopardised, as follows:

- Owners/occupiers who have demonstrated that they have taken appropriate action to control rodents through appropriate property maintenance, upkeep and protection of stored foodstuffs, and which have been deemed unsuccessful. In these cases the City will provide a *one-off* allocation of rodent bait;
- Owners/occupiers who are Pensioners (aged or disability); and
- Where in the opinion of the Chief Executive Officer or relevant Manager cases of hardship or where extenuating or mitigating circumstances exist.

Prior to any assistance being carried out, the owner/occupier is required to:

- provide proof of residency/ownership;
- sign the necessary disclaimer/indemnity form, which indemnifies the City and removes all liability in the event of a claim; and
- acknowledge that they have read the rodent bait Material Safety Data Sheet.

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