

# AGENDA.

## Council Agenda Briefing

15 July 2025

### Notice of Meeting

Mayor and Councillors

The next Council Agenda Briefing of the City of South Perth Council will be held on Tuesday 15 July 2025 in the City of South Perth Council Chamber, corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth commencing at 6.00pm.



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9 July 2025

# Acknowledgement of Country

Kaartdjinin Nidja Nyungar Whadjuk Boodjar Koora Nidja Djining Noonakoort kaartdijin wangkiny, maam, gnarnk and boordier Nidja Whadjuk kura kura.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians of this land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and their Elders past and present.

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# Council Agenda Briefing Meeting - Agenda

## 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

## 2. DISCLAIMER

## 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

## 4. ATTENDANCE

### 4.1 APOLOGIES

### 4.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Councillor Glenn Cridland for the period 15 July 2025 to 17 August 2025, inclusive.
- Councillor Bronwyn Waugh for the period 7 July 2025 to 23 July 2025, inclusive.
- Councillor Hayley Prendiville for the period 10 July 2025 to 21 July 2025, inclusive.

### 4.3 PARENTAL LEAVE

- Councillor Nic Coveney for the period 4 June 2025 to 4 December 2025, inclusive.

## 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

## 6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND TABLING OF NOTES OF BRIEFINGS

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

## **8. PRESENTATIONS**

### **8.1 PETITIONS**

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

### **8.2 GIFTS / AWARDS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL**

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

### **8.3 DEPUTATIONS**

## **9. METHOD OF DEALING WITH AGENDA BUSINESS**

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 10. DRAFT REPORTS

### 10.1 STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1: COMMUNITY

#### 10.1.1 RFT 1/2025 - Provision of Coode St New Public Toilets & Changing Places Building

File Reference: D-25-17107

Reporting Officer(s): Anita Amprimo, Director Infrastructure Services

##### Summary

This report considers the submissions received from the advertising of Tender 1/2025 for the Provision of Coode St New Public Toilets & Changing Places Building.

This report will outline the assessment process used during evaluation of the tenders received and recommend approval of the tender that provides the best value for money and level of service to the City. The report also requests approval of a budget variation to provide sufficient funds to complete the project.

##### Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Accepts the tender submitted by LKS Constructions (WA) Pty Ltd for the Provision of Coode St New Public Toilets & Changing Places Building in accordance with Tender Number 1/2025 for the period by which the contractor has discharged all contractual obligations at the satisfaction of the Principal;
2. Accepts the tender price included in **Confidential Attachment (a)**;
3. Notes that tender price will be included in the Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes;
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract with LKS Constructions (WA) Pty Ltd for the Provision of Coode St New Public Toilets & Changing Places Building;
5. Adopts an amendment to the 2025/26 Annual Budget to include the 2024/25 Annual Budget carry forward adjustment consisting of \$720,350 expenditure, \$126,800 grant funded capital revenue and \$593,550 reserve funding from the Community Facilities Reserve for the Coode Street Public Toilet project; and
6. Adopts an amendment to the 2025/26 Annual Budget to include additional expenditure of \$430,000, additional contribution revenue of \$135,800 and additional reserve funding from the Community Facilities Reserve of \$294,200 for the Coode Street Public Toilet project.

**Absolute Majority Required**

### Background

A Request for Tender (RFT) 1/2025 for the Provision of Coode St New Public Toilets & Changing Places Building was advertised in The West Australian on 7 May 2025 and closed at 2.00pm on 10 June 2025.

Tenders were invited as a Lump Sum Contract.

The contract is for the period by which the contractor has discharged all contractual obligations at the satisfaction of the Principal, with a 12-month Defect Liability Period from the date of practical completion.

The City previously released a request for tender to the market for this project for a modular construction but received no responses. The request for tender was subsequently released with brick construction design. This report considers the responses to the second request for tender.

### Comment

At the close of the tender advertising period three submissions had been received and these are tabled below:

TABLE A – Tender Submissions

<b>Tender Submissions</b>
AE Hoskin Building Services
Brausch Construction Group
LKS Constructions (WA) Pty Ltd

The Tenders were reviewed by an Evaluation Panel and assessed according to the qualitative criteria detailed in the RFT, as per Table B below.

TABLE B - Qualitative Criteria

<b>Qualitative Criteria</b>	<b>Weighting %</b>
1. Specified Personnel for Project Team	20%
2. Demonstrated Experience & Capabilities	25%
3. Work Methodology	30%
4. Delivery Timeframe	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Based on the assessment of all submissions received for Tender 1/2025 Provision of Coode St New Public Toilets & Changing Places Building, it is recommended that the tender submission from LKS Constructions (WA) Pty Ltd be accepted by Council.

More detailed information about the assessment process can be found in the Recommendation Report – **Confidential Attachment (a)**.



### Consultation

Public tenders were invited in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

### Policy and Legislative Implications

Section 3.57 of the *Local Government Act 1995* - tenders for providing goods or services:

- (1) *A local government is required to invite tenders before it enters into a contract of a prescribed kind under which another person is to supply goods or services.*
- (2) *Regulations may make provision about tenders.*

Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 - when tenders have to be publicly invited:

- (1) *Tenders are to be publicly invited according to the requirements of this Division before a local government enters into a contract for another person to supply goods or services if the consideration under the contract is, or is expected to be, more, or worth more, than \$250 000 unless subregulation (2) states otherwise.*

The following Council Policies also apply:

- Policy P605 - Purchasing
- Policy P607 - Tenders and Expressions of Interest.

### Financial Implications

Prior to issuing the request for tender the City obtained an estimate from a quantity surveyor. The lowest price offered by the market is 4.8% above the pre-tender estimate which is considered acceptable in the current market conditions.

The majority of budget to fund this contract is partially approved through the 2024/25 Annual Budget. An amendment to the 2025/26 Annual Budget to include the 2024/25 Annual Budget carry forward adjustment consisting of \$720,350 expenditure, \$126,800 grant funded capital revenue and \$593,550 reserve funding from the Community Facilities Reserve for the Coode Street Public Toilet project are subject to Council approval as per the officer recommendation in this report.

The project also requires an additional \$430,000 budget allocation to meet the full cost associated with this proposed contract and the remaining project costs which includes professional fees, landscaping and contingencies.

Project cost increases are related to changes in design and the construction costs to address site conditions, additional conditions on the project through the approvals process and the resulting delays in the project. Included in these costs are also approximately \$70,000 associated with managing groundwater conditions.

The additional budget requirement is offset by a contribution from Wesley and Penrhos Colleges for the sewer pump station that will be utilised by their new rowing facility. The balance is funded from the Community Facilities Reserve Fund.

This report recommends an amendment to the 2025/26 Annual Budget to include the additional expenditure of \$430,000, additional contribution revenue of \$135,800 and additional reserve funding from the Community Facilities Reserve of \$294,200.

Both the carry forward adjustment and additional budget results in an overall nil impact on the 2025/26 balanced and adopted budget position.

### Key Risks and Considerations

<b>Risk Event Outcome</b>	<p><b>Reputational Damage</b></p> <p>Deals with adverse impact upon the professional reputation and integrity of the City and its representatives whether those persons be appointed or elected to represent the City. The outcome can range from a letter of complaint through to a sustained and co-ordinated representation against the City and or sustained adverse comment in the media.</p> <p><b>Business Interruption</b></p> <p>Incorporates the impact of events which impinge upon the City's capacity to deliver expected services to the community. These interruptions can range from minor inconvenience requiring an alternative method of service delivery being employed through to forced loss of ability to provide multiple services to all or some of the community. Knowledge loss, technological failure and property damage will also contribute to this outcome.</p>
<b>Risk rating</b>	Medium
<b>Mitigation and actions</b>	Provide comprehensive information for supporting Council endorsement of the award of the contract.

### Strategic Implications

This matter relates to the following Strategic Direction identified within Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031](#):

Strategic Direction:	Community
Aspiration:	Our diverse community is inclusive, safe, connected and engaged
Outcome:	1.2 Community infrastructure
Strategy:	1.2.2 Develop, manage, maintain and optimise the use of the City's properties, assets and facilities

### Attachments

10.1.1 (a):	Recommendation Report ( <i>Confidential</i> )
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## 10.3 STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3: ENVIRONMENT (BUILT AND NATURAL)

### 10.3.1 Urban Greening Strategy

File Ref: D-25-17596

Reporting Officer(s): Anita Amprimo, Director Infrastructure Services

#### Summary

This report requests that Council adopt the Urban Greening Strategy, as contained in **Attachment (e)**. This follows an extensive stakeholder engagement process. The Urban Greening Strategy will replace the Urban Forest Strategy 2018-2023 and the City of South Perth Green Plan 2002.

#### Officer Recommendation

That Council adopts the Urban Greening Strategy, as contained in **Attachment (e)**.

#### Background

The Urban Forest Strategy 2018 – 2023 (UFS) was adopted by Council at its meeting held 31 July 2018. Over this period, the City achieved:

- 21,394 street trees maintained.
- 4,899 street trees planted.
- 799 parks and reserve trees planted.
- 423,986 plants produced in the City's nursery.
- An increase of 248% in nursery production.
- \$2,146,909 total grant funding received.
- 15 environmental reserves managed.
- \$1.5m (\$700K grant funding) construction of Djirda Miya (Black Swan Habitat).
- 9 bird waterers installed and 100 fauna boxes.

An Elected Member Workshop on the UFS review was held on 21 June 2023, where the City provided details on the background and approach to the review.

At its meeting held 27 June 2023, Council unanimously adopted the 2023/24 Annual Budget with an amendment to the Officer Recommendation to "Increase the Operating Expenses by \$50,000 to provide funding, exclusively to undertake an external review of the Urban Forest Strategy in 2023/24" which triggered the formal commencement of the Urban Forest Strategy 2018-2023. Resulting in the Urban Greening Strategy, as presented in **Attachment (e)** to this report.

### Comment

The Urban Greening Strategy (the Strategy) provides long term guidance for creating a resilient, healthy and diverse green liveable place for all: people, fauna and flora. The Strategy considers a wide range of greening initiatives, including green corridors, urban parks and foreshores, community education and incentive programs, policy and advocacy efforts, and sustainable funding mechanisms. It promotes an informed and place-based approach to deliver outcomes and benefits for both community and environment, such as cooling the city, enhancing biodiversity, improving public health, and increasing liveability, alongside the challenges, including maintenance, equity of access, and the pressures of urban development.

The Strategy is guided by four key pillars: protect; enhance; manage; connect and support. Each pillar includes goals, and objectives to guide action and investment required to achieve the City's urban greening vision.

Informed by extensive stakeholder and community engagement, the Strategy presents what is possible: green corridors to connect communities and ecological systems; verges, parks and open spaces revitalised with climate-resilient vegetation and trees; cool and inviting places accessible by all; and ongoing support from a knowledgeable, engaged and caring community.

Implementation plans will guide on-ground delivery, with measurable targets and performance indicators to ensure accountability and track progress over time. An implementation approach is included within the Strategy to set the direction for the City of South Perth as a green, liveable, and resilient place for generations to come. Provision is contained within the 2025/26 Annual Budget for development of the implementation plan which will be informed by the Strategy and all the supporting material obtained through development of the Strategy especially through the stakeholder engagement process.

The implementation plan will be used to support development of the annual budget each year and the programs delivered will be determined through the annual budget adoption. At the time of writing the City's Strategy, the State Perth and Peel Urban Greening Strategy was still in development. Once the State strategy is finalised and released, this will be reviewed by the City and used to support the implementation plan development and review.

### Consultation

The City conducted extensive stakeholder and community engagement with a three-stage process in the development of the Urban Greening Strategy. For stages one and two of the engagement, consultants Aha! Consulting was engaged to conduct an independent stakeholder and community engagement process to understand the community aspirations, priorities and preferred approaches to urban greening in the City of South Perth.

An overview of the three stages of the stakeholder and community engagement includes:

#### Stage One

Stage one of the engagement process involved broad engagement, seeking input from the wider community, through a survey and two pop-up events in September/October 2024.

The opportunity to participate was advertised through:

- Verge banners.
- Signs in parks and reserves.
- Pavement decals along South Perth Foreshore.
- City website.
- *Your Say South Perth* website.
- City advisory, community and action groups.
- *mySnapshot* e-newsletters.
- Social media.
- Posters in City locations.
- Business cards distributed to cafes and other venues.
- Slide at Como Cinema shown ahead of movies.

Stage One consisted of two key elements	Participation rates
1. Survey: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online at Your Say South Perth</li> <li>• Available at several City facilities, pop-up events and by request.</li> </ul>	345 responses.
2. Two x pop-up events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 September 2024: John McGrath Pavilion</li> <li>• 5 October 2024: South Perth Foreshore, Hurlingham playground.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 attendees at John McGrath Pavilion.</li> <li>• 146 attendees at South Perth Foreshore.</li> </ul>
3. Ideas Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ideas board on the Your Say South Perth site with the ability for others to upload and vote on the ideas.</li> </ul>	9 ideas contributed.
4. Written submission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One community member provided a written submission.</li> </ul>	1 submission.

Further details are contained in **Attachment (a):** Engagement Report Aha! Consulting Stage One (2024).

#### Stage Two

This stage of the engagement process involved a deliberative panel (a panel of key stakeholders and community members who worked collaboratively to recommend priorities for the Urban Greening Strategy) which took place over a two-day period in February 2025.

The panel of 38 community members was as demographically representative as of the City's population with 27 panel members recruited through Thinkfield (an independent research company) and 11 panel representative members from the City's key stakeholder groups including:

- City of South Perth Environment Association.
- City of South Perth Public Health Reference Group.
- City of South Perth Residents Association.
- Manning Community Association.
- Salter Point Community Group.
- South Perth Bicycle Users' Group.
- South Perth Peninsula Action Group.
- South Perth Tree Canopy Advocates.
- South Perth Youth Network (three panel members).

The deliberative panel was facilitated by independent consultant Joel Levin, from Aha! Consulting and took place over two days in February 2025.

The panel worked to provide recommendations for the Urban Greening Strategy based on the remit: To recommend urban greening priorities in the City of South Perth that best balance the needs of the community and the natural environment for future generations.

Further details are contained in **Attachment (b)** Deliberative Panel Final Report Aha! Consulting (February 2025).

Following these two stages of extensive stakeholder and community engagement, the draft Urban Greening Strategy document was written by independent consultants from Josh Byrne and Associates.

### Stage Three

The draft document (see **Attachment (c)**) was released for community feedback as Stage Three of the engagement process open for a three-week feedback period in May 2025, involving an online or hard copy feedback form and two drop- in sessions to facilitate participation from a broad cross-section of stakeholders and the community.

The opportunity to participate was advertised through:

- Verge banners.
- Signs in parks and reserves.
- City website.
- *Your Say South Perth* website.
- City advisory, community and action groups.
- Email to Stage One participants and deliberative panel members.
- *mySnapshot* e-newsletters.
- Social media.
- Posters in City locations.
- Business cards distributed to cafes and other venues.

Stage Three consisted of two key elements	Participation rates
1. Feedback form: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online at Your Say South Perth.</li> <li>Available at several City facilities, drop in sessions and by request.</li> </ul>	153 responses
2. Drop in sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 May 2025: City's Tree Giveaway at the Operations Centre.</li> <li>18 May 2025: at the Civic Centre.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions with over 50 community members.</li> <li>7 attendees.</li> </ul>
3. Engagement activities at Civic Centre drop in sessions.	Comments and dot democracy activities in line with the questions in the feedback form.
4. Two written submissions received from community members.	2 submissions

All feedback received was analysed (further details in **Attachment (d)** Stage Three Engagement Outcomes) and the Strategy was revised as appropriate (**Attachment (e)**).

The City has responded to the respondents' feedback comments by:

- Updating the Strategy document format to match the City's new template, making it easier to read and consistent with other new City strategies.
- Making the content clearer by using text boxes, infographics and icons.
- Refining the four 'Pillars' by using simpler language to outline the strategic priorities and adding performance measures for each 'Pillar.'
- Adding an end date to the Strategy to give it a 25-year timeframe and to align it with 'The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework' goals for 2050.
- Ensuring that the strategic priorities of:
  - "Protecting and promoting biodiversity of flora and fauna, especially endangered and vulnerable species;" and
  - "Identifying and protecting green corridors."
 were retained to address Stage Three respondents' concerns around habitat for Black Cockatoos and other fauna.
- Providing Josh Byrne & Associates the opportunity to review and comment on the changes to ensure that the intent of the draft Strategy has been maintained.

The above provides the details in relation to the broad stakeholder engagement process and below lists the briefings provided to Elected Members (EM):

- 21 June 2023: EM briefing on the City's urban forest.
- 6 Aug 2024: EM briefing with Joel Levin from Aha! Consulting.
- 5 Feb 2025: EM briefing cancelled, due to EM inability to attend.
- 14 April 2025: EM briefing with Melissa McGrath of Josh Byrne & Associates.
- 1 July 2025: EM briefing on the outcome of stage three consultation.

### Policy and Legislative Implications

Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031

Urban Forest Strategy 2018 -2023

P206 – Urban Forest

P210 - Street Verges and Vegetation

P211 - Water Sensitive Urban Design

### Financial Implications

The Strategy has been developed taking into consideration the need to balance investment in the benefits of urban greening and finite resources. The implementation plan will be developed from the UGS and used as the basis to inform the development of the annual budget each year for consideration and adoption by Council. The Strategy has been developed to be consistent with the broad parameters of existing levels of funding.

### Key Risks and Considerations

<b>Risk Event Outcome</b>	<b>Reputational Damage</b> Deals with adverse impact upon the professional reputation and integrity of the City and its representatives whether those persons be appointed or elected to represent the City. The outcome can range from a letter of complaint through to a sustained and co-ordinated representation against the City and or sustained adverse comment in the media.
<b>Risk rating</b>	High
<b>Mitigation and actions</b>	The City will ensure a comprehensive process is followed and it will present a balanced representation of stakeholder feedback. Council will be provided with access to this information to inform their decision making.



### Strategic Implications

This matter relates to the following Strategic Direction identified within Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031](#):

Strategic Direction:	Environment (Built and Natural)
Aspiration:	Sustainable, liveable, diverse and welcoming neighbourhoods that respect and value the natural and built environment
Outcome:	3.3 Enhanced environment and open spaces
Strategy:	3.3.3 Improve the amenity value and sustainable uses of our streetscapes, public open spaces and foreshores

### Attachments

10.3.1 (a):	Engagement Report Aha! Consulting Urban Greening Strategy - Stage One
10.3.1 (b):	Deliberative Panel Final Report - Aha! Consulting Urban Greening Strategy Stage Two
10.3.1 (c):	Community Consultation May 2025 - Josh Byrne & Associates Draft Urban Greening Strategy
10.3.1 (d):	Engagement Outcomes - Urban Greening Strategy Stage Three
10.3.1 (e):	Urban Greening Strategy

### 10.3.2 eQuote 07/2025 - Provision of Traffic Management Services

File Reference: D-25-18688

Reporting Officer(s): Anita Amprimo, Director Infrastructure Services

#### Summary

This report considers submissions received from the advertising of eQuote 07/2025 for the Provision of Traffic Management Services.

This report will outline the assessment process used during evaluation of the eQuotes received and recommend approval of the submission that provides the best value for money and level of service to the City.

#### Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Accepts the eQuote submitted by the Trustee for TMSW Unit Trust for the Provision of Traffic Management Services in accordance with eQuote 07/2025 for an initial contract term for two years with three options available to extend the Contract, each option being of one year duration, exercisable at the City's sole discretion;
2. Accepts the estimated eQuote price included in **Confidential Attachment (a)**;
3. Notes that the estimated eQuote price will be included in the Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes; and
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract with The Trustee for TMSW Unit Trust for Provision of Traffic Management Services.

#### Background

A request for eQuote 07/2025 for the Provision of Traffic Management Services was advertised via WALGA Vendor Panel on 2 April 2025 and closed at 2:00 pm (AWST) on 29 April 2025.

eQuotes were invited as a Schedule of Rates.

The initial contract term will be for two years with three options available to extend the Contract, each option being of one year duration, exercisable at the City's sole discretion.

The scope of services under this contract primarily involves traffic management in and around roadworks, with the flexibility to extend to special events management, if approved.

### Comment

At the close of the eQuote advertising period eight submissions had been received and these are tabled below:

TABLE A – eQuote Submissions

eQuote Submissions
The Trustee For TMSW Unit Trust T/A Traffic Force
Altus Traffic Pty Ltd
Evolution Traffic Management Pty Ltd
LGC Traffic Management
LuxWorks Traffic Control and Management Pty Ltd
Overwatch Traffic Services Pty Ltd
QTM Pty Ltd
Turtle Traffic Pty Ltd

The eQuotes were reviewed by an Evaluation Panel and assessed according to the qualitative criteria detailed in the eQuote, as per Table B below.

TABLE B - Qualitative Criteria

Qualitative Criteria	Weighting %
1. Demonstrated Experience in Traffic Management	30%
2. Key personnel and Company Profile	30%
3. Resource (Equipment) and Contingency Plan	30%
4. Sustainability and Value adding	10%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Based on the assessment of all submissions received for eQuote 07/2025 Provision of Traffic Management Services, it is recommended that the eQuote submission from the Trustee for TMSW Unit Trust be accepted by Council.

More detailed information about the assessment process can be found in the Recommendation Report – **Confidential Attachment (a)**.

### Consultation

WALGA Preferred Supplier Panel eQuotes were invited in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

### Policy and Legislative Implications

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- (2) *Tenders do not have to be publicly invited according to the requirements of this Division if—*
  - (b) *the supply of the goods or services is to be obtained through the WALGA Preferred Supplier Program.*

The following Council Policies also apply:

- Policy P605 - Purchasing
- Policy P607 - Tenders and Expressions of Interest

### Financial Implications

The full cost of the works is included in the 2025/26 budget. The supply costs for the subsequent years will be sought in the future City operational budgets for the life of the contract.

### Key Risks and Considerations

<b>Risk Event Outcome</b>	<p><b>Health / Injury</b></p> <p>Refers to the injurious effect upon a person as a consequence of a risk event occurring - ranging from minor (requiring no first aid treatment) through to loss of life at its most extreme.</p> <p><b>Reputational Damage</b></p> <p>Deals with adverse impact upon the professional reputation and integrity of the City and its representatives whether those persons be appointed or elected to represent the City. The outcome can range from a letter of complaint through to a sustained and co-ordinated representation against the City and or sustained adverse comment in the media.</p> <p><b>Business Interruption</b></p> <p>Incorporates the impact of events which impinge upon the City's capacity to deliver expected services to the community. These interruptions can range from minor inconvenience requiring an alternative method of service delivery being employed through to forced loss of ability to provide multiple services to all or some of the community. Knowledge loss, technological failure and property damage will also contribute to this outcome.</p>
<b>Risk rating</b>	Medium
<b>Mitigation and actions</b>	Establish a contract for the supply of traffic Management for risk mitigation.

### Strategic Implications

This matter relates to the following Strategic Direction identified within Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031](#):

Strategic Direction:	Environment (Built and Natural)
Aspiration:	Sustainable, liveable, diverse and welcoming neighbourhoods that respect and value the natural and built environment
Outcome:	3.1 Connected and accessible City
Strategy:	3.1.1 Facilitate a safe, efficient, accessible and reliable transport network that encompasses alternative forms of transport and supportive infrastructure

### Attachments

10.3.2 (a): Recommendation Report (*Confidential*)

## 10.4 STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4: LEADERSHIP

### 10.4.1 Listing of Payments June 2025

File Ref: D-25-19776

Reporting Officer(s): Abrie Lacock, A/Director Corporate Services

#### Summary

This report presents to Council a list of accounts paid under delegated authority between 1 June 2025 to 30 June 2025 for information. It also includes purchase card transactions between 1 May 2025 to 31 May 2025 in line with new legislative requirements. The City made the following payments:

EFT Payments to Creditors	(520)	\$6,292,848.45
Cheque Payments to Creditors	(1)	\$17.20
<b>Total Monthly Payments to Creditors</b>	<b>(521)</b>	<b>\$6,292,865.65</b>
EFT Payments to Non-Creditors	(46)	\$73,883.84
Cheque Payments to Non-Creditors	(17)	\$10,000.32
<b>Total EFT &amp; Cheque Payments</b>	<b>(584)</b>	<b>\$6,376,749.81</b>
Credit Card Payments	(107)	\$23,417.45
Fleet Card Payments	(35)	\$2,293.16
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>(726)</b>	<b>\$6,400,167.26</b>

#### Officer Recommendation

That Council receives the Listing of Payments for the month of June 2025 as detailed in **Attachment (a)**.

#### Background

Council has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the exercise of power to make payments from its Municipal and Trust Funds. In accordance with regulation 13(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month and presented to Council at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council after the list is prepared. The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 have been amended. Regulation 13A have been inserted requiring payments made with purchase cards to be included in the list of accounts paid.

**Comment**

The payment listing for June 2025 is included in **Attachment (a)**.

The attached report includes a “Description” for each payment. The City’s officers have used best endeavours to redact (in black) information of a private or confidential nature.

The report records payments are classified as:

- Creditor Payments

These include payments by both cheque and EFT to regular suppliers with whom the City transacts business. The reference numbers represent a batch number of each payment.

- Non-Creditor Payments

These are one-off payments that include both cheque and EFT that are made to individuals/suppliers who are not listed as regular suppliers. The reference numbers represent a batch number of each payment.

- Purchase Cards

Purchase card payments are included in the listing of payments as required by the amended Regulations. The amended Regulations requires the City to prepare a list of the payments made with each card and to present it to Council. Due to the time lag between receiving the statements and the successful acquittal of transactions in the City’s system this listing will always be for the month preceding the month for which creditor and non-creditor payments are being reported.

Details of payments made by direct credit to employee bank accounts, in accordance with contracts of employment, are not provided in this report for privacy reasons. The payments of bank fees, such as merchant service fees which are directly debited from the City’s bank account in accordance with the agreed fee schedules under the contract for provision of banking services, are also not provided in this report.

**Consultation**

Nil.

**Policy and Legislative Implications**

Regulations 12, 13(1) and 13A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. Policy P602 Authority to Make Payments from the Municipal and Trust Funds.

**Financial Implications**

The payment of authorised amounts is within existing budget provisions.

### Key Risks and Considerations

<b>Risk Event Outcome</b>	<b>Legislative Breach</b>  Refers to failure to comply with statutory obligations in the manner in which the City, its officers and Elected Members conduct its business and make its decisions and determinations. This embraces the full gamut of legal, ethical and social obligations and responsibilities across all service areas and decision making bodies within the collective organisation.
<b>Risk rating</b>	Low
<b>Mitigation and actions</b>	Monthly Financial reporting timelines exceeding statutory requirements.

### Strategic Implications

This matter relates to the following Strategic Direction identified within Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031](#):

Strategic Direction:	Leadership
Aspiration:	A local government that is receptive and proactive in meeting the needs of our community
Outcome:	4.3 Good governance
Strategy:	4.3.1 Foster effective governance with honesty and integrity and quality decision making to deliver community priorities

### Attachments

10.4.1 (a):	Listing of Payments June 2025
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## 10.4.2 Monthly Financial Statements June 2025 (Interim)

File Ref: D-25-20335

Reporting Officer(s): Abrie Lacock, A/Director Corporate Services

### Summary

The monthly Financial Statements are provided within **Attachments (a)–(i)**, with high level analysis contained in the comments of this report.

### Officer Recommendation

That Council notes the Financial Statements and report for the month ended 30 June 2025.

### Background

Regulations 34(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, requires each local government to present a Statement of Financial Activity reporting on income and expenditure as set out in the annual budget. Regulation 34(3) specifies that the nature or type classification must be used. In addition, regulation 34(5) requires a local government to adopt a percentage or value to report on material variances between budgeted and actual results. In addition to the above, Regulation 35 requires a local government to present a Statement of Financial Position. The 2024/25 budget adopted by Council at its meeting held 25 June 2024, determined the material variance amounts of \$10,000 or 10% for the financial year. The Financial Management Reports contains an Original and Revised Budget column for comparative purposes.

### Comment

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires that a Statement of Financial Position and a Statement of Financial Activity are produced monthly. The Statement of Financial Activity is a financial report unique to local government drawing information from other reports to include operating revenue, expenditure, capital income, expenditure, loan funding and transfers to and from reserves.

Monetary policy measures taken by the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) appears to be achieving its objective of lowering inflation in Australia. The March 2024 quarter to March 2025 quarter Perth CPI of 2.8% were within target. The monthly national CPI figure of 2.1% for the 12 months to May 2025 decreased from 2.4% for the 12 months to April 2025 - well within the target range of between 2% and 3%.

At its February meeting the RBA decided to cut the cash rate by 25 basis points to 4.10%, followed by a further 25 basis points cut at its 20 May 2025 meeting taking the cash rate to 3.85%. The RBA did not cut rates further at its Monetary Policy Board Meeting on 8 July 2025.

The economic outlook remains uncertain, the RBA Monetary Policy Board released the following statement on the 8 July 2025: “Uncertainty in the world economy remains elevated. While the final scope of US tariffs and policy responses in other countries remains unknown, financial market prices have rebounded with an expectation that the most extreme outcomes are likely to be avoided. Trade policy developments are nevertheless still expected to have an adverse effect on global economic activity, and there remains a risk that households and firms delay expenditure pending greater clarity on the outlook.”

Council adopted the mid-year budget review at its meeting held 25 February 2025, reflecting a forecasted operating surplus of \$1.81m as opposed to the original budgeted operating surplus of \$0.55m. The year-to-date budget versus actual expenditure have been updated to reflect the revised budget. Budget phasing has also been revised as part of the review; this is demonstrated by the lower year-to-date (YTD) variances between revised budget and actual results. The City continues to prudently manage its finances whilst remaining conscious of the need to provide quality services to our community.

Interim actual income from operating activities for June year-to-date (YTD) is \$76.08m in comparison to budget of \$74.88m, favourable to revised budget by \$1.20m or 1.60%. Mainly the result of higher fees and charges, offset by the receipt of a reduced advance of the Financial Assistance Grants, which was budgeted for and anticipated at a higher percentage. The Federal Government advanced only 50% as opposed to the prior years' almost 85%. Interim actual expenditure on operating activities for June is \$70.07m in comparison to the budget of \$73.07m, favourable to budget by \$3.00m or 4.12%, mainly in materials and contracts due to ongoing cost management initiatives. It should be noted that these interim expenditure results are subject to the finalisation of accruals. The Interim June Net Operating Position of \$6.01m is \$4.20m favourable in comparison to budget.

Interim actual Capital Revenue is lower than budget by \$5.81m, \$2.69m compared to budget of \$8.50m, revenue recognition is dependent on capital project completion and like the capital expenditure below also are subject to yearend accruals and carry forwards. Interim actual Capital Expenditure YTD is \$13.55m in comparison to budget the budget of \$27.84m lower than the revised budget by \$14.29m or 51.33%. Some of the current year projects will be the subject of carry forward adjustments, most notably the Federal Grant Funded Sports Lighting and All Genders Change Room projects representing a combined approximate carry forward amount of \$5.24m. Some projects also required re-budgeting in 2025/26 due to factors outside of the City's control, the most significant item is the Collier Park Golf Course Pro-shop, Clubhouse and Driving Range redevelopment representing a variance of \$4.02m. It should be noted in addition to the above all final yearend figures are subject to the finalisation of accruals. A variance analysis is provided within **Attachment (e)** titled Significant Variance Analysis

Cash and Cash Equivalents amounted to \$77.10m. Consistent with previous monthly reports, the Cash and Cash Equivalents balance is contained within the Statement of Financial Position. In addition, further detail is included in a non-statutory report (All Council Funds).

Banks have been pricing in the anticipated rate cut by the RBA, offering average interest rates of 3.98% for investments under 12 months. The City holds a portion of its funds in financial institutions that do not invest in fossil fuels. Investment in this market segment is contingent upon all the other investment criteria of Policy P603 Investment of Surplus Funds being met. At the end of June 2025, the City held 54.17% of its investments in institutions that do not provide fossil fuel lending. The Summary of Cash Investments illustrates the percentage invested in each of the non-fossil fuel institutions and the short-term credit rating provided by Standard & Poors for each of the institutions.

**Consultation**

Nil.

**Policy and Legislative Implications**

This report is in accordance with the requirements of the Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

**Financial Implications**

The preparation of the monthly financial reports occurs from the resources provided in the annual budget.

**Key Risks and Considerations**

<b>Risk Event Outcome</b>	<b>Legislative Breach</b>  Refers to failure to comply with statutory obligations in the manner in which the City, its officers and Elected Members conduct its business and make its decisions and determinations. This embraces the full gamut of legal, ethical and social obligations and responsibilities across all service areas and decision making bodies within the collective organisation.
<b>Risk rating</b>	Low
<b>Mitigation and actions</b>	Monthly Financial reporting timelines exceeding statutory requirements.

**Strategic Implications**

This matter relates to the following Strategic Direction identified within Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031](#):

Strategic Direction:	Leadership
Aspiration:	A local government that is receptive and proactive in meeting the needs of our community
Outcome:	4.3 Good governance
Strategy:	4.3.1 Foster effective governance with honesty and integrity and quality decision making to deliver community priorities

**Attachments**

10.4.2 (a):	Statement of Financial Position
10.4.2 (b):	Statement of Change in Equity
10.4.2 (c):	Statement of Financial Activity
10.4.2 (d):	Operating Revenue and Expenditure
10.4.2 (e):	Significant Variance Analysis
10.4.2 (f):	Capital Revenue and Expenditure
10.4.2 (g):	Statement of Council Funds
10.4.2 (h):	Summary of Cash Investments
10.4.2 (i):	Statement of Major Debtor Categories

### 10.4.3 Asset Management Strategy

File Ref: D-25-17925

Reporting Officer(s): Anita Amprimo, Director Infrastructure Services

#### Summary

This report presents the draft Asset Management Strategy 2025–2035 for consideration by Council.

#### Officer Recommendation

That Council adopts the draft Asset Management Strategy 2025–2035 as contained within **Attachment (a)**.

#### Background

The draft Asset Management Strategy 2025–2035 (the Strategy) has been developed as a strategic roadmap to guide sustainable and effective asset management across the City of South Perth (the City). This is the City's first Asset Management Strategy, marking a significant milestone in formalising and strengthening its approach to managing community assets.

The City owns approximately \$1b in assets, including roads, pathways, stormwater drainage systems, buildings, open space assets, land, and fleet, plant and equipment. Effective stewardship of these assets is essential to ensure they continue to meet community needs, deliver services efficiently, and support long-term financial sustainability.

The Strategy is a key component of the City's integrated planning and reporting framework. It aligns with the Strategic Community Plan 2021–2031 and the Long-Term Financial Plan, reinforcing the City's commitment to sustainability, risk mitigation, and intergenerational equity.

In addition to guiding Asset Management Plans, the Strategy integrates with the Community Infrastructure Plan, Public Open Space Plan, and Land Utilisation Plan, ensuring a coordinated and holistic approach to planning. It also aligns with ISO 55000 standards, reflecting industry best practice in asset management.

#### Comment

The Strategy provides a clear and forward-looking framework for the sustainable management of the City's assets over the next decade. Developed through cross-organisational collaboration and aligned with ISO 55000 standards, it ensures that asset planning is integrated, financially responsible, and responsive to community needs.

It identifies three key strategic pillars: Data and Capability; Quality and Performance; and Supply and Access. Each pillar is supported by defined objectives, strategic priorities, and performance measures. Implementation will be supported by the City's Asset Management Plans, Asset Management Improvement Plan, Community Infrastructure Plan, Public Open Space Plan, and Land Utilisation Plan, as these are developed and refined.

Adoption of the Strategy will strengthen the City's capacity to deliver reliable services, manage risk, and support long-term financial sustainability.

### Consultation

The Strategy has been developed through a collaborative process, drawing on the expertise of the City Officers including subject matter experts.

An Elected Member Briefing was held on 26 November 2024 and outlined the Strategy's purpose, introduced the Asset Management Strategy Model, and demonstrated its alignment with key plans.

An additional Elected Member workshop was held on 26 May 2025. This workshop explored and discussed the key components that would inform the development of the Strategy. The session focused on asset management maturity, targets, strategic priorities, the 'Strategy on a Page,' and the revised asset management principles. These discussions provided valuable input and feedback that helped shape the draft Strategy.

### Policy and Legislative Implications

*Local Government Act 1995*

P688 - Asset Management

### Financial Implications

The draft Asset Management Strategy 2025–2035 is aligned with the Long-Term Financial Plan 2025–2035 and will inform future budget allocations through the City's budgeting process.

### Key Risks and Considerations

<b>Risk Event Outcome</b>	<p><b>Reputational Damage</b></p> <p>Deals with adverse impact upon the professional reputation and integrity of the City and its representatives whether those persons be appointed or elected to represent the City. The outcome can range from a letter of complaint through to a sustained and co-ordinated representation against the City and or sustained adverse comment in the media.</p> <p><b>Financial Loss</b></p> <p>An adverse monetary impact on the City as a consequence of a risk event occurring. A grading is assigned to different levels of potential loss relative to the significance of the impact on the City's ongoing operations and its ability to deliver expected services.</p>
<b>Risk rating</b>	Medium
<b>Mitigation and actions</b>	That Council adopt the draft Asset Management Strategy to mitigate the risk of reputational damage and to improve the financial sustainability and stewardship of the City's assets.

### Strategic Implications

This matter relates to the following Strategic Direction identified within Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031](#):

Strategic Direction:	Leadership
Aspiration:	A local government that is receptive and proactive in meeting the needs of our community
Outcome:	4.3 Good governance
Strategy:	4.3.1 Foster effective governance with honesty and integrity and quality decision making to deliver community priorities

### Attachments

10.4.3 (a):	Draft Asset Management Strategy 2025 - 2035
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## 11. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.



## 12. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

### 12.1 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR NIC COVENEY - REMOVAL OF THE SIX TREES PLANTED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LAKE DOUGLAS DURING WINTER 2024

File Ref: D-25-17513

Reporting Officer(s): Anita Amprimo, Director Infrastructure Services

#### Summary

Councillor Nic Coveney submitted the following Notice of Motion prior to the Council Agenda Briefing held 15 July 2025.

#### Notice of Motion Recommendation (Suggested Officer Recommendation page 44)

That Council request the CEO to remove the six trees planted on the south side of Lake Douglas during winter 2024.

#### Background

Councillor Nic Coveney submitted a Notice of Motion regarding trees planted at Lake Douglas. The reasons for the Notice of Motion are as follows:

1. *I have been contacted by, and met with, over a dozen residents on Jubilee Street who are concerned about losing their million-dollar views of the Perth CBD skyline as a result of six trees having recently been planted on the South Perth foreshore in front of the rear of their properties. Over many years now, the same angst has arisen from other residents, particularly those living directly adjacent to the South Perth and Salter Point foreshores.*
2. *Whilst I understand that no one owns a view, it ignores the reality that those residents will have paid a hefty sum for that view. To impact it in a significant way will not only impact their amenity, but the price of their homes, which for most people is what they spend their life working towards. Putting myself in their shoes, if I had that view, I wouldn't like to lose it either. I cannot support that happening to my fellow community members.*
3. *Whilst the trees sought to be lawfully removed under this motion are presently more akin to the size of twigs, capable of unlawful removal by a motivated vigilante, in time they will grow to block these residents views. Residents have done the right thing and contacted the City themselves, and then their local Council Member. Similarly, I have sought to deal with this administratively first, but understand that a notice of motion is required.*
4. *These trees are located behind Lake Douglas, furthest away from the river, which is not a location used by families for picnics or any other purpose. There is no obvious amenity benefit to the wider community for these trees being planted in this particular location. Conversely, there is considerable amenity loss for those residents whose views are impacted.*

5. *It is my preference that for every one tree removed, a further three trees are planted elsewhere. However, the administration have advised me that tree planting around our active reserves needs to be part of a broader specifically designed project that includes hydro zoning otherwise it is not a sustainable option. Consequently, that aspect of my motion has been removed. Similarly, it was my intention to bring this motion at the June OCM, but at the recommendation of the administration, I have brought it at the July OCM.*
6. *I accept this is a polarising issue. Both sides of the argument feel very strongly about it. My position on protecting significant views should come as no surprise given it was a key pillar of my election campaign.*
7. *It is important to note that those concerned about losing these views are not just the residents living adjacent to the South Perth foreshore, but other community members as well. The Perth CBD skyline has been ranked as one of the best in the world. In the same way you wouldn't cover up the Mona Lisa for all to enjoy, we ought not cover up the view of the Perth CBD skyline for all to enjoy.*
8. *I do wish to stress that supporting protecting views and supporting urban greening, are not mutually exclusive. While I remain open to hearing both sides of the argument and changing my view accordingly, my present personal view is that urban greening is appropriate at least in the following situations:*
  - (a) *Planting trees on most of our verges - providing shade for properties thus lowering electricity bills in the summer, increasing the price of properties as data suggests, and providing habitat for birds. I would love it if most streets in South Perth looked like Carr, York, Strickland and Elizabeth Streets. It can be undisputed that the tree canopy there well and truly elevates them. I'd support the City aspiring to have, if doesn't already, one of leafiest suburban streets in the Perth Metropolitan Area.*
  - (b) *Planting trees on the fringes of most of our reserves - providing shade for spectators and habitat for birds, whilst keeping the centre of the reserve unobstructed for local sporting clubs to use.*
  - (c) *Planting trees in most of the Kensington sumps which cannot otherwise be sold to build houses (the latter which addresses the housing crisis and raises funds for priority capital projects like indoor sports courts).*
  - (d) *Planting trees and encouraging more planter boxes and green walls in our activity centre as part of broader planned upgrades - providing both shade and amenity for residents and visitors.*
  - (e) *Planting some trees in our new fully enclosed dog parks - providing shade for dog owners and trees for dogs to sniff.*
  - (f) *Planting low height shrub around the existing wetlands and lakes on the South Perth foreshore - providing additional habitat for wildlife whilst protecting views.*
  - (g) *Landscaping the area between the Narrows Bridge and Mindeerup as part of a broader activation which includes replacing aging river walls with beaches, widening the foot paths, and additional lighting (as has been done further along the South Perth foreshore). The lack of shade along that area can be resolved with some gazebos - which is supported by the many residents I have spoken to who do not want trees blocking their views.*

- (h) *If the community supported it, parklands around the Coode Street node as part of a broader South Bank style activation to include a regional playground, removal of river walls for beaches, recommencement of the ferry terminal at the Coode Street Jetty and a couple more restaurants/cafes nearby to the Boatshed.*
  - (i) *Noting the large patch of grass at the flagpole node of the South Perth foreshore is utilised for larger scale events such as South Perth Sounds, Citizenship Ceremonies etc) but the large patch of grass at the Ellam Street node is underutilised, and as we recently found out cannot be used for sport, if the community supported it, converting the Ellam Street node into gardens which preserve views whilst activating the area and acting as a unique inner city tourism drawcard.*
  - (j) *If the community supported it, and the State and Federal Governments funded it along with the South Perth train station, sinking part or all of the freeway between Canning Highway and the Narrows Bridge to create a foreshore on that side of the City of South Perth and the Swan River, with said foreshore to host a mixture of urban greening and residential development (the latter of which would help fund the sinking, and further justify a train station in South Perth).*
9. *As illustrated above, urban greening can be woven into existing strategic priorities such as activating the activity centres and foreshore – whilst also being amenable to potentially competing priorities like protecting views and developing underutilised land. This moderated approach can achieve win-win outcomes for all the community.*

The Annexure is contained at **Attachment (a)**.

#### Comment

The City has an annual tree planting program that supports and maintains the City's green spaces across reserves and streetscapes. When planting trees the City considers relevant strategies, plans and policies, immediate and surrounding use of the space along with safety and practical constraints.

The area around Lake Douglas is identified in the South Perth Foreshore Strategy and Management Plan as Node 7 – The Lakes. The Node 7 strategies are:

- N7.1 - Enhance and Encourage the flora/fauna of the lakes;
- N7.2 - Ecological rehabilitation of the lakes and open drain;
- N7.3 - Improve storm water management and water harvesting capabilities of the lakes and drain;
- N7.4 - Nature play space;
- N7.5 - Environmental education and information; and
- N7.6 - Interpretive centre with café.

The six trees planted during the winter 2024 planting season, referenced in the Notice of Motion are identified below:



The trees from left to right are:

- Agonis flexouosa (height: 4-10m)
- Melaleuca pressiana (height: 5m)
- Melaleuca raphiophylla (height: 6m – has been vandalised)
- Melaleuca raphiophylla (height: 6m)
- Melaleuca raphiophylla (height: 6m)
- Corymbia calophylla (height: 15-30m)

The Corymbia was planted to replace a nearby tree of the same species that had been vandalised. The vandalised tree was removed. One of the Melaleuca raphiophylla's has also been vandalised but it remains in place.

Planting of these trees is consistent with the strategy for Node 7. The location of the trees was selected to be on the lake side of the footpath being between 35m and 50m from the nearest private property boundary. They are also broadly aligned with the dividing property boundaries and are therefore not positioned directly in front of the properties. They are also planted within the vicinity of tree plantings along the lakeside.

The species selection was based on the local ground conditions including that the area is waterlogged for extended periods during the winter. This makes the grass difficult to maintain and the trees will be beneficial in this regard. The type and location of existing vegetation were also considered. The Agonis and Corymbia are also well suited to being uplifted as they grow and will therefore provide shade and views underneath once they are established.



The photos below show the perspective of the trees from the footpath looking towards the lake:





The following photos are taken from a variety of angles few metres from the private property boundary.

















Planting in other locations within the City are considered below:

#### Planting on verges

The majority of planting on verges are to replace trees that are at the end of their life. With the constraints on planting, locations for new trees are limited, as highlighted through the 2024 Urban Greening Grants Program project.

#### Planting around active reserves

Planting around Bill Grayden Reserve is an example of successful planting around active reserves. Projects such as this require careful design and modification to existing infrastructure especially reticulation to ensure that ongoing watering can be managed appropriately. The additional infrastructure required to complement these projects adds to the overall cost. These projects provide positive impact for the community.

#### Planting in Kensington drainage sumps

Planting in sumps needs to be balanced with ensuring their primary purpose of drainage is not compromised. Godwin Avenue sump was planted out 18 months ago. It was identified as the most suitable sump within the City. The City is progressing through a review of which sumps may be suitable without compromising their drainage function.

#### Planting trees and encouraging more planter boxes and green walls

This type of urban greening was considered through development of the Urban Greening Strategy.

#### Planting within enclosed dog parks

The Comer Reserve dog park has established mature trees. Further trees could compromise the ability to maintain a grassed area. Olives Reserve has the capacity to accommodate tree planting to complement the existing shrubs and low level planting.



Planting low height shrub around the existing wetlands and lakes

The City's current planting programs combine multilevel plantings. A variety of plantings are optimal to create a sustainable habitat. An example of the types of plantings that can be used in wetland areas can be found in the Hurlingham living stream project.

Landscaping the area between the Narrows Bridge and Mindeerup

Planting between Millers Pool and Mindeerup could be undertaken with careful planning to complement the existing uses of the area. Replacement of the riverbank protection in this location is lower priority along the South Perth foreshore.

Planting around Node 2 – Coode Street

The first phase of the project to replace the river wall and stabilise the foreshore from the existing beaches to Djirda Miya is included within the 2025/26 Annual Budget. This project includes extensive planting and habitat creation integrated into broader community uses.

Planting at Ellam Street

This area is used and dedicated as a dog off lead exercise area. Planting of this area is feasible; however it is noted that low to mid story plantings are ground cover and whilst providing habitat and a lower heat environment than grass, they do not contribute shade for users of the space.

Sinking Kwinana Freeway and creating foreshore

As the City is not aware of any plans by the State Government relating to this project, it is unlikely to happen in the foreseeable future.

**Consultation**

Consultation was undertaken for the development of the South Perth Foreshore Strategy and Management Plan which sets the direction for Node 7 – The Lakes.

The City spoke with residents of Jubilee Street during and after the 2024 planting season and confirmed that the trees would be uplifted as they grow to enhance the amenity the trees provide.

**Policy and Legislative Implications**

P206 – Urban Forest is applicable and states “The City recognises and values the significance of an urban forest in terms of creating functional and aesthetic streetscapes, reserves and in the provision of natural habitat.” The policy statement also includes “The City will plan for the provision, retention, and maintenance of suitable trees in accordance with the strategies established in the Urban Forest Strategy.”

P207 – Natural Areas is applicable and states “The City recognises the importance of natural areas for their aesthetic appeal, biodiversity, habitat, educational, intrinsic, and recreational values.”

**Financial Implications**

The City has incurred costs in planting the trees and will incur further costs if Council resolve to remove the trees. An assessment of the trees will be made to see if there is any viable cost effective option to utilise the trees elsewhere in the City although survival expectations are considered low. The costs to remove the trees will be dependant on if relocating the trees are an option.

**Key Risks and Considerations**

<b>Risk Event Outcome</b>	<b>Reputational Damage</b> Deals with adverse impact upon the professional reputation and integrity of the City and its representatives whether those persons be appointed or elected to represent the City. The outcome can range from a letter of complaint through to a sustained and co-ordinated representation against the City and or sustained adverse comment in the media.
<b>Risk rating</b>	Medium
<b>Mitigation and actions</b>	That Council supports the Suggested Officer Recommendation.

**Strategic Implications**

This matter relates to the following Strategic Direction identified within Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031](#):

Strategic Direction:	Leadership
Aspiration:	A local government that is receptive and proactive in meeting the needs of our community
Outcome:	4.3 Good governance
Strategy:	4.3.1 Foster effective governance with honesty and integrity and quality decision making to deliver community priorities

**Suggested Officer Recommendation**

That Council:

1. Acknowledges the feedback from residents relating to the tree planting around Lake Douglas.
2. Recognises the benefits of urban greening for the community and the environment.
3. Supports retention of the trees planted during the 2024 winter planting season around Lake Douglas.

**Reason for Alternative Recommendation**

The trees planted around Lake Douglas were located taking account of proximity to neighbouring properties, Lake Douglas and existing plantings. Whilst the City acknowledges the concerns of residents, given the other planting in the vicinity and the fact that the trees will be uplifted as they grow, the balance between the broader community interest and that of nearby residents has been considered appropriately.

**Attachments**

12.1 (a): Annexure A

## 12.2 NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR NIC COVENEY - TRANSPORT ADVOCACY

File Ref: D-25-17994

Reporting Officer(s): Anita Amprimo, Director Infrastructure Services

### Summary

Councillor Nic Coveney submitted the following Notice of Motion prior to the Council Agenda Briefing held 15 July 2025.

### Notice of Motion Recommendation

That Council:

1. Recognises managing additional travel demand associated with land use change and population growth will be a challenge for the City of South Perth.
2. Requests the CEO write to the Minister for Transport, Rita Saffioti MLA, the Shadow Minister for Transport, Steve Martin MLC, and to the State Member for South Perth, Geoff Baker MLA, to:
  - (a) provide the State Government with information relating to additional travel demand associated with land use change and population growth in the City of South Perth; and
  - (b) signal Council's support for:
    - i. the construction of a South Perth train station along Kwinana Freeway at the end of Richardson Street;
    - ii. the Mends Street Jetty to form part of the expanded ferry route; and
    - iii. investigation into the Como Jetty and Coode Street Jetty as potential sites for ferry stops.
  - (c) query whether the State Government intends to investigate and/or construct the train station and ferry stops described herein, and if so, when.

### Background

Councillor Nic Coveney submitted a Notice of Motion regarding advocacy for transportation. The reasons for the Notice of Motion are as follows:

1. *71% of our residents are employed outside the City of South Perth, with the largest number employed within the City of Perth. 65% of residents commute to work by car.*
2. *It is not uncommon during peak hour in the mornings and afternoons for traffic to be banked up for 2km on Mill Point Road and Labouchere Road towards the South Perth freeway exit/entry. This is unacceptable for residents.*

3. *By 2041, the City of South Perth's population is forecast to rise from about 48,000 to about 66,000 (i.e. more than one third), and visitor numbers to the Perth Zoo and the South Perth Foreshore around events of significance are already booming.*
4. *Congestion on roads of significance in the City of South Perth are anticipated to be at 200% capacity within a few years. The State Government must urgently provide the infrastructure to support increasing demand.*
5. *The Perth-Mandurah rail line includes land reserved near the end of Richardson Street to construct a future South Perth station. The future development of a train station has been incorporated into strategic planning for the area since the rail line was constructed in 2007.*
6. *The State Government's Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million land use planning and infrastructure frameworks was developed to provide certainty to the state government agencies, local government and the development sector. According to the consolidated framework land use plan as at August 2023, a South Perth train station along Kwinana Freeway at Richardson Park was meant to be part of stage 1 of Metronet (see **Annexure A**).*
7. *For reasons unclear to me, that has not progressed, with other stations which require significantly greater capital expenditure (i.e. additional tracks etc) taking precedent.*
8. *The City's Integrated Transport Plan 2021-2031 ("ITP") has been designed to align with and support the transport related strategies identified in the City's Strategic Community Plan. The ITP identifies the City's position on State Government transport infrastructure and provides advocacy actions for regional improvements, namely a South Perth train station and ferry services.*
9. *The highest priority of the ITP is to "advocate for immediate elevation of a fully accessible South Perth train station delivery into the next stage of Metronet delivery". Another high priority of the ITP is to "advocate for an increase to the frequency of the Mends Street ferry service" [Note: the ITP was released prior to the State Government's announcement of Metronet on Swan].*
10. *In December 2023, I raised advocacy of the South Perth train station and expanded ferry routes with the former CEO. He was supportive of advocating for both but suggested delaying advocacy for the station until after the State Government election and the State Government finishing other Metronet projects.*
11. *The State election has now occurred, many Metronet projects have recently been completed, and the State Government announced earlier this year that it is looking at possible ferry stops.*
12. *In relation to the latter, Transperth currently operates ferries between Elizabeth Quay and Mends Street Jetty. While exact locations for the new ferry stops are still being investigated, stage one will include new stops in Applecross and UWA.*
13. *The State Government is also assessing a number of other potential sites including Point Fraser, Burswood Park, Optus Stadium and Claisebrook Cove, which are being considered as part of stage two of the project. Other stops that are being considered as part of future expansions include Belmont, Belmont Park, Rivervale and Maylands (see **Annexure B**).*

14. *Como Jetty and Coode Street Jetty ought to be considered as potential sites for ferry stops. In relation to the merits of a ferry stop at Como Jetty – it is nearby to the Preston Street activity centre; not-significant high rise development is planned around the area; it is located in between the Applecross and UWA stops; and a jetty already exists.*
15. *In relation to the merits of a ferry stop at Coode Street Jetty – it is nearby to the Angelo Street activity centre and Wesley College; it is located between the Mends Street and Optus Stadium stops; a jetty already exists (and the ferry previously operated from here); and there is not insignificant activation of the Coode Street Foreshore (i.e. StrEATS six months of the year, annual fireworks displays, and strategic plans for a regional playground).*
16. *The time is right to act on advocacy of the South Perth train station and expanded ferry routes is now.*
17. *Council has from time to time passed these sorts of motions. At the July 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council unanimously resolved to write a letter about indoor sports courts, and at the October 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council unanimously resolved to write a letter about cleaning up parts of Canning Highway.*

The Annexures are combined within **Attachment (a)**.

### Comment

The City advocates on behalf of its residents and other stakeholders to seek to influence decision makers on strategic issues of importance to the community. These issues cover a broad range of topics such as infrastructure provision, policy setting and funding.

Items for advocacy are linked to long term strategic direction set through the Council adopted Strategic Community Plan, Corporate Business Plan and other City strategies. Advocacy for the South Perth train station is consistent with the City's strategic documents.

The City is in the process of formalising the approach to advocacy through an Advocacy Strategy. An Elected Member Briefing was recently held for the draft strategy and the strategy will be presented to Council for consideration this financial year.

### Consultation

Stakeholder consultation was undertaken for the City's strategic documents that relate to advocacy for the South Perth train station.

### Policy and Legislative Implications

Nil.

### Financial Implications

Nil.

### Key Risks and Considerations

<b>Risk Event Outcome</b>	<b>Reputational Damage</b> Deals with adverse impact upon the professional reputation and integrity of the City and its representatives whether those persons be appointed or elected to represent the City. The outcome can range from a letter of complaint through to a sustained and co-ordinated representation against the City and or sustained adverse comment in the media.
<b>Risk rating</b>	Low
<b>Mitigation and actions</b>	If Council supports the Notice of Motion, the City will ensure that the letters are drafted appropriately.

### Strategic Implications

This matter relates to the following Strategic Direction identified within Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031](#):

Strategic Direction:	Leadership
Aspiration:	A local government that is receptive and proactive in meeting the needs of our community
Outcome:	4.2 Advocacy
Strategy:	4.2.1 Advocate for State and Federal Government investment to improve public infrastructure and to address community issues

### Attachments

12.2 (a): Annexure A and B



**13. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

**14. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING**

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

**15. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Nil.

**16. CLOSURE**