

MINUTES

Ordinary Council Meeting

22 July 2025

Mayor and Councillors

Here within are the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of the City of South Perth Council held Tuesday 22 July 2025 in the City of South Perth Council Chamber, corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth.



MATTHEW SCOTT
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

25 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.

Our Guiding Values



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Ordinary Council Meeting - Minutes

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held in the City of South Perth Council Chamber, corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth at 6.00pm on Tuesday 22 July 2025.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.01pm.

2. DISCLAIMER

The Presiding Member read aloud the City's Disclaimer.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

The Presiding Member read aloud the following statement:

'On Friday 11 July, we said goodbye to Mr Garry Adams. I am sorry to farewell Garry, he first commenced at the City of South Perth as the Director Corporate Services in September 2021. During his time at the City, Garry was involved in many very important transactions and changes at the City of South Perth. He oversaw the transition of Collier Park Retirement Village to Amana Living, the Collier Park Golf Course Redevelopment and the Dome Cafe that has been established at the former Manning Library site.

Thanks to Garry and the team that he led - the City's financial position has demonstrably improved over the last four years, with the City transitioning from consecutive operating losses to consecutive operating surpluses. This, in turn, has allowed for the replenishment of the City's financial reserves necessary for making responsible provision for the replacement and renewal of vital community infrastructure and assets in the future. The City has also adopted a consistent practice of limiting Council rates movements equal to (or below) corresponding movements in Perth CPI.

Garry was appointed to the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the City of South Perth - commencing 3 April 2025 until 30 June 2025. We have all been grateful for Garry's knowledge, experience, leadership, wisdom. We wish him the very best in his new role.

Councillors, will you please join me in showing your appreciation for former Director Corporate Services, Garry Adams.'

The Mayor presented the following report of the Mayoral engagements and meetings attended in the Mayor's capacity since the last Council Meeting. The Mayor read out the following:

"On Wednesday 25 July, I helped host the City's Speak with Confidence Awards where students from five local primary schools impressed audiences and judges alike with their exceptionally eloquent and entertaining public speaking skills.

On Friday 27 June, I attended the Rotary Club of Mill Point's annual changeover lunch to help welcome the incoming committee and thank the outgoing committee for their service to our community.

On Monday 30 June, I met with Councillor Jennifer Nevard to discuss Council affairs. We met at local business Krankin Cafe in Como and later that same day, I met with Acting CEO Garry Adams (as he then was) and the City's communications team. As you all know I meet with the City's CEO and the City's communication team once per week to discuss current and upcoming communications by the City, potential third-party media that's relevant to the City and my duties as spokesperson for the City. In an effort to try and cut down the length of this report, I will note that I also met with the City's communications team on 7 July, 14 July, and 21 July for the same purpose.

On Tuesday 1st July, I met with Colin Napier, the President of the Hensman Park Tennis Club. And again, as many of you already know, I try and make myself available to the various sporting clubs and community organisations in our City to better understand their needs and get a perspective on what the City might be able to do to help keep our district a nice place for people to live, work, and play.

Same day, 1 July, I met with Acting CEO Matthew Scott. As you all know, I meet with the CEO or Acting CEO at least once a week to discuss the local government's affairs and the performance of its functions in line with section 2.8 of the Local Government Act. In an effort to try and reduce the length of this report, I will note that I also met with Mr Scott on the 8 July, 15 July, and today for the same purposes. Still on Tuesday 1 July, I met with the committee of the Manning Memorial Bowling Club before attending the Urban Greening Strategy update and Sir James Mitchell Park Foreshore Project Councillor workshop (that is mentioned on page six of the Agenda).

On Wednesday 2 July, I met with Ryan Van Beek, the President of the Trinity Aquinas Football Club for an update on how the club's been going and what their upcoming priorities are. Later that day, I represented the City of South Perth at the grand opening of the brand new Soklich and Co. Showrooms at Mill Point Road, South Perth. That evening, I attended Como Secondary College to help judge the finals of the 'Just Start It' program. Just Start It is a brilliant 18-week educational program run in high schools that teaches students the value of the partnership of technology and business. Teams are formed of hackers, hawkers, and hipsters and are led through the process of creating their own startup from idea creation; to app development; to business plan development; to budgeting; to monetization; and market strategy. I have been involved with the program for three years now and it never ceases to amaze me just how creative and dedicated those student teams are.

Thursday 3 July, I met with Phil Carney, the new President of Como Bowling Club, for an update as to how the club has been going and what their priorities are.

Friday 4 July, I dropped in to catch up with the members of the Manning Menshed. As with our sporting clubs, I like to make myself available to our community clubs and associations to keep abreast of what is happening and understand how the City might be of service.

Saturday 5 July, I attended the Manning Rippers Football Club to catch up with President Callum Rogers and Vice President Scott Greer once again for an update on how the club has been going and what their priorities are.

Monday 7 July, I represented the City along with Councillors Jennifer Nevard and Hayley Prendiville at the City's NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony at the South Perth Community Hall. It just so happened that it was the school holidays, so I had my two young children with me. We very much enjoyed participating in the community activities following the formal ceremony.

Wednesday 9 July and Thursday 10 July, I attended and participated in both of the CEO Selection Committee meetings on those dates. I also met with our local State Member of Parliament Mr Geoff Baker MLA on Thursday 10 July. We met at local business Mecca Gourmet in Village Green in Karawara. As the Councillors know, Mr Baker and I meet up approximately once a month to discuss issues of importance to our local community and consider what options are available at both a Local Government and a State Government level to make this district an ever better place to live, work, and play.

Saturday 12 July, I was delighted to attend and offer a toast at the Hensman Park Tennis Club centenary dinner at Royal Perth Golf Club. Once again, I was reminded of how important clubs like the Hensman Park Tennis Club are for a strong and vibrant community. Places where people come together, stay active, and share good times and build lifelong friendships. Congratulations once again to Hensman Park Tennis Club on 100 years of fun, sportsmanship, and camaraderie. I'm very proud to be your patron.

Sunday 13 July, I drove out to Dwellingup to serve as a volunteer chef for the day at a Thrive WA camp. That was a great opportunity to see firsthand the great work being done for some of WA's most vulnerable children. Some of you might know Thrive WA by their former name which was Edmund Rice Camp for Kids. They have got their base of operations right here in the City of South Perth. That was a real privilege to meet with and engage with these amazing young people, both campers and camp leaders alike, and gain an appreciation as to why these camps matter so much.

Thursday 15 July, I served as Presiding Member at the July Council Agenda Briefing.

Monday 21 July, I met with Councillor Hayley Prendiville to discuss Council affairs. We met up at local business Bread Espresso in Como and that brings us up to tonight's Ordinary Council Meeting.

Second part of the report

The main issues I have been working on since the last Council Meeting and for a number of months now are:

- 1. How Elected Members can work better with each other and the City administration to best deliver on our community's priorities.*
- 2. Given that we are in the process of recruiting for a new CEO, ensuring that the process for recruiting and appointing the City's new CEO is managed properly.'*

4. ATTENDANCE

Mayor Greg Milner (Presiding Member)

Councillors

Como Ward
Manning Ward
Manning Ward
Moresby Ward
Moresby Ward
Mill Point Ward

Councillor Bronwyn Waugh
Councillor Blake D'Souza
Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis
Councillor Jennifer Nevard
Councillor Hayley Prendiville
Councillor Nic Coveney

Officers

A/ Chief Executive Officer	Mr Matthew Scott
A/ Director Corporate Services	Mr Abrie Lacock
Director Development and Community Services	Ms Donna Shaw
Director Infrastructure Services	Ms Anita Amprimo
Manager Assets and Infrastructure Support	Ms Kim Owen
Manager Customer, Communications & Engagement	Ms Danielle Cattalini
Manager Governance	Ms Toni Fry
Governance Coordinator	Ms Christine Lovett
Communications Officer	Ms Raquel de Brito
Governance Officer	Ms Jane Robinson
Governance Administration Officer	Ms Kira Digwood

Gallery

There were approximately 24 members of the public present.

4.1 APOLOGIES

Nil.

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.

4.3 PARENTAL LEAVE

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

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor Nic Coveney – Impartiality Interest in Item 10.3.1 as ‘I have spoken and met with several residents from both sides of this debate.’
- Councillor Nic Coveney – Impartiality Interest in Item 12.1 as ‘I have spoken and met with several residents from both sides of this debate.’
- Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis – Impartiality Interest in Item 12.1 as ‘Mr David Coldham, a resident of Jubilee Street, South Perth contacted me on 21 July 2025 regarding this item. The views from Mr Coldham’s property may or may not be affected in the future regarding the six juvenile trees proposed for removal. My decision making on this agenda item will be unaffected as it will be based on merit.’
- Councillor Jennifer Nevard – Impartiality Interest in Item 12.1 as ‘I live in proximity to public lands with many trees. My interests are impartial as these relate to planting on, or removing trees from public lands, the topic of Agenda Item 12.1.’
- Councillor Bronwyn Waugh – Impartiality Interest in Item 12.1 as ‘I have over the last week been contacted by quite a number of people on both sides of the debate. I have engaged with them, but I do not know any of them personally.’

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6.1 RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

6.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: 22 JULY 2025

The Presiding Member opened Public Question Time at 6.15pm.

Written questions were received prior to the meeting from:

- Mr Mark Kendle of Winthrop.
- Ms K Poh of Como.
- Ms Cecilia Brooke of South Perth.
- Ms Cristy Lowe of Como.
- Mr Michael Nind of Cloverdale.

At 6.30pm, in accordance with Clause 6.7 of the City of South Perth Standing Orders Local Law 2007, the Presiding Member extended Public Question Time by an additional 15 minutes to hear those questions not yet heard.

- Ms Theodora Papadimatos of Waterford.
- Ms Georgina Wilson of Como.
- Ms Bronwyn David of South Perth.
- Ms Kathy Lees of South Perth.

At 6.45pm the Presiding Member called for a Motion to extend Public Question Time to hear those questions not yet heard.

COUNCIL DECISION

0725/124

Moved: Mayor Greg Milner
Seconded: Councillor Nic Coveney

That in accordance with Clause 6.7 of the City of South Perth Standing Orders Local Law 2007, Public Question Time be extended to hear those questions not yet heard.

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

- Ms Heidi Schmidt of South Perth.
- Mr Lou di Virgilio of South Perth.

The questions and responses can be found in the **Appendix** of these Minutes.

There being no further questions, the Presiding Member closed Public Question Time at 6.51pm.

7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND TABLING OF NOTES OF BRIEFINGS

7.1 MINUTES

7.1.1 Ordinary Council Meeting Held: 24 June 2025

Officer Recommendation AND COUNCIL DECISION

0725/125

Moved: Councillor Nic Coveney
Seconded: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 24 June 2025 be taken as read and confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

7.2 CONCEPT BRIEFINGS

7.2.1 Concept Briefings and Workshops

Officers of the City/Consultants and invited third party guests provided Council with an overview of the following matter at Concept Briefings and Workshops:

Date	Subject	Attendees
1 July 2025	Urban Greening Strategy Update and Sir James Mitchell Park Foreshore Project Workshop	Mayor Greg Milner and Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Glenn Cridland, Hayley Prendiville.

Attachments

Nil.

7.2.2 Council Agenda Briefing - 15 July 2025

Officers of the City presented background information and answered questions on Items to be considered at the July Ordinary Council Meeting at the Council Agenda Briefing held 15 July 2025.

Attachments

7.2.2 (a): Briefing Notes

Officer Recommendation AND COUNCIL DECISION

0725/126

Moved: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

Seconded: Councillor Nic Coveney

That Council notes the following Council Briefings/Workshops were held:

- 7.2.1 Concept Briefings and Workshops
- 7.2.2 Council Agenda Briefing - 15 July 2025

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1 PETITIONS

Nil.

8.2 PRESENTATIONS

Nil.

8.3 DEPUTATIONS

Deputations were heard at the Council Agenda Briefing held 15 July 2025.

9. METHOD OF DEALING WITH AGENDA BUSINESS

The Presiding Member advised that with the exception of the items identified to be withdrawn for discussion that the remaining reports, including the Officer Recommendations, will be adopted by exception resolution (i.e. all together) as per Clause 5.5 Exception Resolution of the Standing Orders Local Law 2007.

The Acting Chief Executive Officer confirmed all the report items were discussed at the Council Agenda Briefing held 15 July 2025.

ITEMS WITHDRAWN FOR DISCUSSION

- 10.1.1 RFT 1/2025 - Provision of Coode St New Public Toilets & Changing Places Building
- 10.3.1 Urban Greening Strategy
- 10.4.3 Asset Management Strategy

The Presiding Member called for a motion to move the balance of reports by Exception Resolution.

Officer Recommendation AND COUNCIL DECISION

0725/127

Moved: Councillor Nic Coveney

Seconded: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

10.3.2 eQuote 07/2025 - Provision of Traffic Management Services

10.4.1 Listing of Payments June 2025

10.4.2 Monthly Financial Statements June 2025 (Interim)

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

10. 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-25-21711

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 AND COUNCIL DECISION

0725/128

Moved: Councillor Nic Coveney

Seconded: Councillor Bronwyn Waugh

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 of \$951,360 (excluding GST) included in **Confidential Attachment (a)**;
3. 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;
4. 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
5. 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.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

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

Tender Submissions
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

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

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

Risk Event Outcome	Reputational Damage 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.
	Business Interruption 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.
	Risk rating Medium
Mitigation and actions	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 (*Confidential*)

10.3 STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3: ENVIRONMENT (BUILT AND NATURAL)

Councillor Nic Coveney disclosed an Impartiality Interest in Item 10.3.1

10.3.1 Urban Greening Strategy

File Ref: D-25-21712

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

Moved: Councillor Nic Coveney

Seconded: Councillor Bronwyn Waugh

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

Following the Item being moved and seconded, Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis moved a motion to adjourn debate on the Item.

Moved: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

Seconded: Councillor Jennifer Nevard

That Council, in accordance with Clause 11.6 of the City of South Perth Standing Orders Local Law 2007, adjourn debate on Item 10.3.1 Urban Greening Strategy to the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held 26 August 2025.

Reasons

The Urban Greening Strategy is a very important Strategy that we need to make a decision on tonight. We have heard from a lot of the community members with regard to their concerns about the Strategy not achieving the targets. This evening before us tonight, we also have an amendment to Councillor Coveney's motion, which looks at considering a workshop to develop a policy for planting trees on public open land for January 2026. This should be included as part of the overall Strategy with regard to Councillor Coveney's motion as well for January 2026.

The Urban Greening Strategy contains no targets. The establishing of targets is required for the greater retention, to ensure that we have priorities in providing direction and a greater likelihood of achievement. The community have raised concern with targets. We need to defer this item to ensure that we give it due time and consideration and take into account some of those initiatives that were raised as priorities as part of the Urban Greening strategic collaboration process.

This includes monitoring, assessing, maintaining, improving vegetation, tree health, tracking canopy cover, trees planted, success rates, and implementing tree replacement strategies and programs. These are all items that are in the Strategy before us tonight. These priorities cannot be achieved without establishing measurable targets. Failing to establish targets diminishes the emphasis required to be achieved. The Urban Greening Strategy priority approaches were identified where there was at least 80% panel members supporting some of the initiatives. Some of those really important initiatives that have been included in this report include prioritising funding for the urban greening, maximising community involvement, collaboration, conserving green zones, creating linkages to ensure habitat for wildlife, increase canopy and understory planting, create shaded connection for people using active transport, staggering tree replacement and appropriate diverse climate and disease resilient species into planting and maintenance. These are important initiatives that have been raised by the community and should be taken into consideration. Without targets, we are unable to measure the Urban Greening Strategy performance. This item does need to be deferred to give it due care and consideration and to ensure that the critical priorities are included and the accountabilities have been defined. The community has gone through an extensive consultation process and for this reason tonight, I would like to adjourn this item.

LOST (3/4)

For: Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Jennifer Nevard and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza and Hayley Prendiville.

Moved: Councillor Nic Coveney

Seconded: Councillor Bronwyn Waugh

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

COUNCIL DECISION

0725/129

Moved: Mayor Greg Milner

Seconded: Councillor Nic Coveney

In accordance with Clause 8.10 of the City of South Perth Standing Orders Local Law 2007 Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis be granted an additional five minutes to speak.

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

Officer Recommendation AND COUNCIL DECISION**0725/130****Moved:** Councillor Nic Coveney**Seconded:** Councillor Bronwyn Waugh

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

CARRIED (6/1)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis.

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.

10.3.1 Urban Greening Strategy

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

10.3.1 Urban Greening Strategy

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">• Online at Your Say South Perth.• Available at several City facilities, drop in sessions and by request.	153 responses
2. Drop in sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10 May 2025: City's Tree Giveaway at the Operations Centre.• 18 May 2025: at the Civic Centre.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discussions with over 50 community members.• 7 attendees.
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
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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

Risk Event Outcome	Reputational Damage 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.
Risk rating	High
Mitigation and actions	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-25-21713
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 AND COUNCIL DECISION

0725/131

Moved: Councillor Nic Coveney
Seconded: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

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 of \$1,300,000 (excluding GST) included in **Confidential Attachment (a)**; and
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute the contract with The Trustee for TMSW Unit Trust for Provision of Traffic Management Services.

CARRIED BY EXCEPTION RESOLUTION (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

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%
Total	100%

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

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.*
- (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

Risk Event Outcome	<p>Health / Injury</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>Reputational Damage</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>Business Interruption</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>
Risk rating	Medium
Mitigation and actions	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-25-21714
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
Total Monthly Payments to Creditors	(521)	\$6,292,865.65
EFT Payments to Non-Creditors	(46)	\$73,883.84
Cheque Payments to Non-Creditors	(17)	\$10,000.32
Total EFT & Cheque Payments	(584)	\$6,376,749.81
Credit Card Payments	(107)	\$23,417.45
Fleet Card Payments	(35)	\$2,293.16
Total Payments	(726)	\$6,400,167.26

Officer Recommendation AND COUNCIL DECISION

0725/132

Moved: Councillor Nic Coveney

Seconded: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

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

CARRIED BY EXCEPTION RESOLUTION (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

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

Risk Event Outcome	Legislative Breach 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.
Risk rating	Low
Mitigation and actions	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

10.4.2 Monthly Financial Statements June 2025 (Interim)

File Ref: D-25-21715
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 AND COUNCIL DECISION

0725/133

Moved: Councillor Nic Coveney
Seconded: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

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

CARRIED BY EXCEPTION RESOLUTION (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

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 as 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

10.4.2 Monthly Financial Statements June 2025 (Interim)

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

Risk Event Outcome	Legislative Breach 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.
Risk rating	Low
Mitigation and actions	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-25-21716
Reporting Officer(s): Anita Amprimo, Director Infrastructure Services

Summary

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

COUNCIL DECISION

0725/134

Moved: Councillor Nic Coveney
Seconded: Councillor Blake D'Souza

That Council, adopts the draft Asset Management Strategy 2025–2035 as contained within **Attachment (a)**, subject to the following on page 13 of the Strategy under the heading “supply and access”, sub-heading “strategic priorities” (page 49 of 96 of the Attachments – Part 2):

1. amend dot point two to include the words “and investment in” between the words “investigating” and “the provision”; and
2. amend dot point four to include the words “including a regional playground” between the words “spaces” and “that.”

Reasons for Change

Indoor sports courts

1. In relation to the first change:
 - a. With the proposed change, the sentence reads: “Investigating and investment in the provision and/or development of indoor multi-sports courts and outdoor recreational spaces”.
 - b. The City does not have indoor sports courts. Indoor sports courts are a key recommendation in the Community Recreation Facilities Plan 2019-2023.
 - c. Council’s support for indoor sports courts has been made clear in prior Notices of Motion and workshops. The administration has signalled support.
 - d. Whilst external funding is sought, the City ought to be prepared to make some contribution itself towards the development, as distinct from just investigating it as the strategy reads without the proposed amendment.

Play spaces

2. In relation to the second change:
 - a. With the proposed change, the sentence reads as follows:
“Investment in larger play spaces, including a regional playground, that service higher demand above small play spaces with lower usage”.
 - b. The City does not have a regional playground. A new major regional playground at Coode Street Foreshore is a high priority in the Play Spaces Plan 2022.

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

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.

10.4.3 Asset Management Strategy

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

Risk Event Outcome	Reputational Damage 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.
	Financial Loss 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.
	Risk rating Medium
Mitigation and actions	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

11. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Councillor Hayley Prendiville for the period 16 August 2025 to 20 August 2025, inclusive.
- Mayor Greg Milner for the period 24 July 2025 to 17 October 2025, inclusive.

The Presiding Member called for a Motion to approve the Leave of Absence application.

COUNCIL DECISION

0725/135

Moved: Councillor Nic Coveney

Seconded: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

That Council approve the Leave of Absence applications received from:

1. Councillor Hayley Prendiville for the period 16 August 2025 to 20 August 2025, inclusive.
2. Mayor Greg Milner for the period 24 July 2025 to 17 October 2025, inclusive.

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

12. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Councillor Nic Coveney provided an updated recommendation and reasons prior to the Council Agenda Briefing. Those changes are reflected in this report and officers have provided further comment to address the changes.

Councillors Nic Coveney, André Brender-A-Brandis, Jennifer Nevard and Bronwyn Waugh disclosed an Impartiality Interest in Item 12.1.

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-25-21717

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.

Moved: Councillor Jennifer Nevard

That Item 12.1 Notice of Motion – Councillor Nic Coveney – Removal of the Six Trees Planted on the South Side of Lake Douglas During Winter 2024 be deferred and Council request the Chief Executive Officer to schedule a workshop, so that the Elected Members may consider a consistent decision-making path for addressing requests for tree removal from public land, with the matter returning to the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held 23 September 2025 for Council’s consideration.

Reasons:

1. Use of private property and use of public land held for public good are separate issues and how they might successfully coexist is part of this problem. Planning Policy 7.2 Access to Views of Significance does not apply in this context because it only relates to contentions that may arise with private properties.
2. The Council recently voted in favour of a motion to remove recently planted trees from some public verges in Cygnet Cove where some residents and/or their neighbours were able to have recently planted trees removed, at cost to the City.
3. Foliage cover is variable and predicted growth may be hampered by periods of extreme heat, increasingly low rainfall, and pest attack. Vigilante attacks on public trees are relatively common and represent a recognisable annual loss to the City tree planting initiatives. The foliage cover on public land has not increased above 16% for some years, however the tree scape adjusts continuously with growth and also natural attrition.

4. Predicting how high a tree in a park may grow and whether a view will be substantially impacted is likely to be a bit of a lottery. However, should a view be substantially impacted, then Councillors would not like to see the City take a financial hit relating to a resident taking legal action where they had incurred a substantial financial loss at sale of their dwelling.
5. Removing planted trees from public land creates cost and potential wastage should relocated trees not survive. Replacing trees with lower growth foliage will not offer canopy cover but may contribute to biodiversity.
6. In the stakeholder engagement process comprising 38 identified participants who considered the City of South Perth Urban Greening Strategy in detail, a majority of the respondents preferred maximising urban greening on the foreshore over preserving views. No measure was taken for other locations.
7. Foreshore borders three sides to our city and therefore potentially may impact residents along some kilometres of private land with access to views of significance. Where these issues intersect and may result in the detriment of a substantial sized group of residents then this can prompt community disharmony.
8. Reflecting its predominantly residential and commercial character, City of South Perth comprises mainly private land. There is a certain irony in the rigour with which canopy cover is defended in the public space yet lack of foliage cover and lack of biodiversity in the private space lags much further behind.
9. It is therefore a complex issue and Council needs time and informed input to resolve the matter longer term.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

Moved: Councillor Nic Coveney
Seconded: Councillor Bronwyn Waugh

That Council requests the CEO to:

1. Remove the six juvenile trees planted on the south side of Lake Douglas during winter 2024;
2. Investigate the appropriate location within the vicinity of Lake Douglas to plant approximately 135m² of low-level planting, not higher than two metres at maturity, as a comparative replacement for the removed trees canopy cover at maturity at paragraph 1;
3. Include the adjustment of an additional \$30,000 expenditure within the operational budget in the mid-year budget review, to cover the costs associated with removal of the trees and preparation and planting of the low-level replacement planting; and
4. No earlier than 1 January 2026, host a Councillor workshop to develop a policy on planting trees on public land.

COUNCIL DECISION**0725/136****Moved:** Mayor Greg Milner**Seconded:** Councillor Hayley Prendiville

In accordance with Clause 8.10 of the City of South Perth Standing Orders Local Law 2007 Councillor Nic Coveney be granted an additional five minutes to speak.

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

COUNCIL DECISION**0725/137****Moved:** Mayor Greg Milner**Seconded:** Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

In accordance with Clause 8.10 of the City of South Perth Standing Orders Local Law 2007 Councillor Bronwyn Waugh be granted an additional five minutes to speak.

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

COUNCIL DECISION**0725/138****Moved:** Mayor Greg Milner**Seconded:** Councillor Nic Coveney

In accordance with Clause 8.10 of the City of South Perth Standing Orders Local Law 2007 Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis be granted an additional five minutes to speak.

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

During debate on the Notice of Motion, Mayor Greg Milner foreshadowed the Suggested Officer Recommendation.

COUNCIL DECISION**0725/139****Moved:** Councillor Nic Coveney**Seconded:** Councillor Hayley Prendiville

In accordance with Clause 8.10 of the City of South Perth Standing Orders Local Law 2007 Mayor Greg Milner be granted an additional five minutes to speak.

CARRIED (7/0)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Jennifer Nevard, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Nil.

COUNCIL DECISION**0725/140****Moved:** Councillor Nic Coveney**Seconded:** Councillor Bronwyn Waugh

That Council requests the CEO to:

1. Remove the six juvenile trees planted on the south side of Lake Douglas during winter 2024;
2. Investigate the appropriate location within the vicinity of Lake Douglas to plant approximately 135m² of low-level planting, not higher than two metres at maturity, as a comparative replacement for the removed trees canopy cover at maturity at paragraph 1;
3. Include the adjustment of an additional \$30,000 expenditure within the operational budget in the mid-year budget review, to cover the costs associated with removal of the trees and preparation and planting of the low-level replacement planting; and
4. No earlier than 1 January 2026, host a Councillor workshop to develop a policy on planting trees on public land.

Reasons for Change

1. The reason for my amendment regarding location, is there may be more suitable spots around the Lake for this sort of low-level flora. It allows, if more suitable, for new plantings to be spread across different areas proximate to the Lake.
2. The reason for my amendment regarding enforcing a height limit, is to ensure we aren't moving trees, in part to preserve a view, only to replace them with shrubs which may not do the same thing. We were told last week is this type of low-level planting will likely only be up to one metre anyway.

3. The reason for my amendment regarding a workshop/policy, is to ensure the City follows a consistent planting and consultation process, and Council follows a consistent decision-making process when dealing with objections.
4. Following consultation with the administration, I understand they are agreeable to the amendments as currently worded.

CARRIED (4/3)

For: Councillors Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza, Hayley Prendiville and Bronwyn Waugh.

Against: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis and Jennifer Nevard.

Notice of Motion Recommendation (Suggested Officer Recommendation page 56)

That Council requests the CEO to:

1. Remove the six juvenile trees planted on the south side of Lake Douglas during winter 2024;
2. Plant approximately 135m² of low-level planting as a comparative replacement for the removed trees canopy cover at maturity on the south side of Lake Douglas; and
3. Include the adjustment of an additional \$30,000 expenditure within the operational budget in the mid-year budget review, to cover the costs associated with removal of the trees and preparation and planting of the low-level replacement planting.

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. *The trees versus views debate has long been an issue of contention in our community. Unfortunately, that debate has not yet been resolved, putting Councillors in the unpleasant middle of competing interests.*
2. *On one hand, we have residents who have paid a premium for their views and the very real prospect that their amenity and the price of their properties will decline if that view is taken away.*
3. *On the other hand, we have residents who are passionate about tree canopy, and have a right to shade and a say in the treatments to the community asset that is the foreshore.*
4. *I do not accept that residents with a view from their homes are the only residents who are protective about where trees are planted on the foreshore. I also do not accept that urban greening and significant views are mutually exclusive.*
5. *I do however remain hopeful that a compromised middle can be achieved by giving consideration to how a particular area is intended to be enjoyed, the distance between trees and homes, the height and width of trees at maturity, the distance between trees, and shade alternatives.*

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6. *In this particular motion, we are dealing with six juvenile trees, which have been planted behind Lake Douglas in front of residents views, which while insignificant in height now, will grow to between 4m and 30m.*
7. *I accept that the area in front of Lake Douglas is a much-loved picnic spot for families, where there is a genuine need for shade in some form.*
8. *However, the area behind Lake Douglas where these juvenile trees have been planted, is not used by the community for anything other than for walking/jogging on the footpath, with said footpath not in proximity to these trees.*
9. *I do accept that the fauna and flora of the Lake Douglas wetlands ought to be promoted and expanded.*
10. *This motion proposes that in exchange for removing the six juvenile trees, the city plant about 135m² of low level planting in the same location, which is a comparative replacement for the removed trees canopy cover at maturity.*
11. *This, in my view, achieves a compromised position where urban greening is encouraged and residents views are largely maintained.*
12. *I had proposed that the juvenile trees be replaced with trees which will grow to a smaller height, but I was advised the smaller trees would be inappropriate in this location.*
13. *I had also proposed that for every one tree removed, a further three trees be planted elsewhere, however, I was advised tree planting needs to be part of a broader specifically designed project.*
14. *I do hope that in the not too distant future, there can be a settled policy position in dealing with this issue, so as to avoid angst to those on either side of this debate.*

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.

Comment on Updated Notice of Motion Recommendation and Reasons

The comments provided above were relating to the Notice of Motion as presented to the Agenda Briefing and have not been amended. In addition to the above comment to the extent it is relevant to the updated Notice of Motion, the City provides the additional comment below.

With respect to planting trees of a smaller height or replacing with three trees for each tree removed in an alternative location, the City provides the following comment.

"The foreshore reserves are where the majority of capacity is to plant trees. 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."

"Something of a height of less than 2m would be a relatively small shrub. Given the site conditions and the limited height, a type of grevillea would most likely meet the requirements. They grow broadly in a ball shape and would be 2m x 2m. These would contribute to habitat and a cooler environment but wouldn't provide shade for people during the hotter months."

"Whilst it is possible to plant a shrub of up to two metres, the planting of this type of species as effectively individual standalone shrubs, would be inconsistent with the types of planting found anywhere on SJMP. Small shrub are usually planted as part of a larger landscaping area that includes plants of varying heights."

"Planting as part of a larger landscaped area also makes sense from an ongoing maintenance perspective as managing grass growth around a shrub is far more challenging than around trees that are uplifted as they grow."

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 some of the 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

Risk Event Outcome	Reputational Damage 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.
Risk rating	Medium
Mitigation and actions	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-25-21718

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.

COUNCIL DECISION

0725/141

Moved: Councillor Jennifer Nevard

Seconded: Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis

That consideration of this item be deferred to the month following the month our new CEO steps into their role so that our newly appointed CEO would take carriage of the matter moving forward, should Council approve the item at that time.

Reasons:

1. The City's Executive group is presently down in numbers by two members and this means City staff will be under some pressure in dealing with the City's usual administrative calendar of requirements.
2. There is no reason to treat this Motion 12.2 Transport Advocacy as of immediate importance. It can be held off for a short period of time without any increased inconvenience being placed on our community and its stakeholder groups.
3. Councillor Nic Coveney is proposing a lobbying strategy for drawing attention to and seeking some clarification and commitment from the State government regarding the increasing traffic in the City of South Perth and particularly as this relates to Mill Point Ward, by reviewing the public transport options that might be added to the City's current options, in the foreseeable future.
4. Should Council agree to this delayed arrangement, this would be a role most suitable for our new CEO to undertake.
5. It would be a cleaner and more professional approach to the matter, to allocate this task to the new role, shortly after their arrival. It would provide an opportunity for them to have their leadership associated with the City of South Perth as well as promptly build some valuable positive public relations.

CARRIED (4/3)

For: Mayor Greg Milner, Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Jennifer Nevard and Hayley Prendiville.

Against: Councillors Nic Coveney, Blake D'Souza and Bronwyn Waugh.

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

Risk Event Outcome	Reputational Damage 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.
Risk rating	Low
Mitigation and actions	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

13.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

Councillor Blake D'Souza left the meeting at 8.46pm and returned at 8.49pm during consideration of Item 13.2.

Councillor Hayley Prendiville left the meeting at 8.49pm and returned at 8.52pm during consideration of Item 13.2.

13.2 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

- Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis
- Councillor Jennifer Nevard

The questions and responses can be found in the **Appendix** of these Minutes.

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

Nil.

15. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil.

16. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.52pm.

APPENDIX

6.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME: 22 July 2025

<p>1 Mr Mark Kendle, Winthrop</p> <p>Received: 21 July 2025</p>	<p>Responses provided by: Anita Amprimo– Director Infrastructure Services</p>
<p><i>[Preamble]</i></p> <p><i>On behalf of 85 golfing patrons, who recently signed a Petition to the Council and presented it to the office on 25 May but it did not align with the requirements and so it was not tabled.</i></p>	
<p>1. Requesting that the City of South Perth, in its own right or in conjunction with the lessee of the facility at Collier Park Golf Course to please provide the patrons with some protection from the bitter winter elements, when using the portico that is provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by installing cafe blinds or temporary fencing with adequate sheeting to provide shelter to an area protecting at least 50% of the total area of the portico at the western end. That the heaters that are installed be operative (as it is near on impossible to sit out there in winter)? <p>We spend around \$500 a week at that complex (six of us) and we have been golfing for the last 40 years. We would appreciate it and understand that it is under redevelopment, but the proposal that I put up to the Council is very simple, cheap and portable.</p>	<p>The City is aware of suggestions that low-cost temporary sides could be installed to the existing structure. Any kind of sides on the structure would need to be assessed for potential wind loading impacts and the ability of the structure to withstand these loads. This is especially a risk in winter. There are also other operational risks that need to be considered before installing sides to the area that you are mentioning. Therefore, the City does not support using funds to make modifications to the facility, given the new development is imminent. The City intends to maintain the facility as is and looks forward to the new facility being in place.</p>

<p>2. Ms K Poh, Como</p> <p>Received: 21 July 2025</p>	<p>Responses provided by: Anita Amprimo – Director Infrastructure Services</p>
<p><i>[Preamble]</i></p> <p><i>My questions relate to Agenda Item 12.1 – Councillor Nic Coveney’s Notice of Motion, which seeks to remove six trees from Lake Douglas and replace them with low-level planting at a cost of \$30,000 to ratepayers. Some Elected Members have publicly claimed to support tree protection, yet their actions have contradicted those claims, contributing to the Council’s poor track record on the issue. As such, there is concern, that this motion could set a precedent that would enable Councillors to submit further tree removal requests without regard for expert advice or strategic policies – ultimately diminishing community value and placing an unnecessary financial burden on ratepayers.</i></p>	
<p>1. Can the City clarify if there are any policies or mechanisms to prevent Councillors from pushing tree removal motions that are not supported by the broader community, or is the decision entirely at the discretion of the Elected Members?</p>	<p>The City is not aware of any mechanisms to prevent Council from making this decision.</p>
<p>2. Councillor Nic Coveney is essentially asking ratepayers to fund landscaping of the foreshore, which is public land, to suit the aesthetic preferences of a few private residents – as if it were their own backyard. If this motion is supported, other residents living opposite the foreshore may have similar expectations. Can the City confirm how many homes are located opposite the foreshore, and explain the potential financial impact on ratepayers if similar motions are submitted and approved?</p>	<p>The City has not collated data on the number of residences that overlook the City’s foreshores. Given the number of variables it is hard to estimate potential financial impact. The City is bound on three sides by the Swan and Canning Rivers, the number of properties with views over foreshore reserves would be high.</p> <p>The cost would depend on the number of approved requests, number and size of trees to be removed and if Council resolved to instruct the CEO to undertake planting or any other treatment as an offset.</p>

<p>3. City officers recommend retaining the six trees, noting they were planted as part of a strategic ecological plan, and have indicated that replacing them with low-level planting would offer fewer benefits. If Councillors ignore this professional, evidence-based advice and open the door to similar decisions that undermine the City's environmental efforts, how could this impact completed urban greening projects and the planning of future initiatives?</p>	<p>A resolution on one specific matter would not result in the City removing other existing plantings.</p>
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<p>3. Ms Cecilia Brooke, South Perth Received: 21 July 2025</p>	<p>Responses provided by: Anita Amprimo– Director Infrastructure Services</p>
<p><i>[Preamble]</i></p> <p><i>I speak as a ratepayer of the City of South Perth, however over the weekend I discovered there was a nationwide interest in the press over Councillor Nic Coveney’s Notice of Motion. I think this demonstrates how close to the heart this matter is to people and the value they put on our dwindling tree canopy. Personally, I feel very strongly that Councillor Nic Coveney’s motion would set a very strong precedence as others have said in their deputations last week. I also live in a group of units and town houses between Mill Point Road and Garden Street with immediate views of Sir James Mitchell Park. I have not counted the trees but there would be a hundred or more in front of my residence and to the side within eye view. There were trees on Sir James Mitchell Park when we purchased our place but a lot more trees have been planted since then. My husband and I have welcomed the aesthetic and shade that this has provided to park users.</i></p>	
<p>1. Should Councillor Nic Coveney’s motion be approved, would it in effect provide the City to on an ad-hoc basis step outside approved open space plans to remove trees at the request of property owners who believe the trees will at some future time or now impact their view?</p>	<p>The City works within the adopted direction set by Council in adopted strategies and plans. One decision in a specific circumstance does not negate the direction set by the adopted plans and strategies.</p>
<p>2. Besides providing shade and amenity to Sir James Mitchell Park, will the planting in this area of the park also have some functional role in ground water control and soil stabilisation?</p>	<p>Trees provide habitat, shade for people and assist in managing ground water. The plants around the lake edge strip nutrient from the water, improving water quality in the lake and subsequently into the river.</p>

4. Ms Cristy Lowe, Como Received: 21 July 2025	Responses provided by: Anita Amprimo – Director Infrastructure Services
<p><i>[Preamble]</i></p> <p><i>My questions relate to the draft Urban Greening Strategy, specifically the anticipated Implementation Plan. The City’s report states: “Implementation plans will guide on-ground delivery, with measurable targets and performance indicators to ensure accountability and track progress over time.”</i></p>	
1. Could the City please clarify what specific measurable targets and performance indicators will be included in the Implementation Plan?	The City will commence developing the Implementation Plan if, and when Council adopts the Strategy. The measures and targets have not been established yet as no work has commenced, however the Plan will be developed using the extensive stakeholder feedback from the community through the Urban Greening Strategy stakeholder engagement.
2. Given that the Urban Greening Strategy lacks local context or analysis, can the City outline what analysis is planned for the Implementation Plan, and confirm whether ecologically significant areas – such as the Collier area, where endangered black cockatoos forage and roost – will be identified and prioritised for protection and enhancement?	Noting the response to your previous question (the Implementation Plan has not commenced yet). We do not have a contents list, however I would anticipate that some of the things that you have mentioned would be included in it, as they did strongly feature in the stakeholder engagement. The City is also aware that they are very important for our community going forward.
3. Can the City confirm whether the Implementation Plan will be made available for public consultation, and if so, when this is expected to occur?	As noted above the Implementation Plan will be developed based on the extensive and relevant stakeholder feedback provided through the Urban Greening Strategy development. The draft will be made available for public comment. As the Strategy is not yet adopted, a consultant has not been engaged to develop the Implementation Plan, but it is intended that work will commence soon after adoption of the Strategy. Until a consultant is engaged and timelines are agreed with them for delivery, the City cannot confirm when the document will be available for public feedback.

<p>5. Mr Michael Nind, Cloverdale</p> <p>Received: 21 July 2025</p>	<p>Responses provided by: Anita Amprimo – Director Infrastructure Services</p>
<p><i>[Preamble]</i></p> <p><i>The Urban Greening Strategy is a critical step in making the City of South Perth an environment that life can thrive into the future. Greener not just mean cooler but a lifeline for birds, animals, plants and humans.</i></p>	
<p>1. More than 150 people took the time to participate in the Stage Three consultation and would have likely had the reasonable expectation that their comments would elicit a response from the City or be taken into account in the Strategy. Can the City provide the community and the Council with a detailed breakdown of these comments and the City's responses?</p>	<p>All feedback comments are included in the Stage Three Stakeholder Engagement Outcomes Report, which is also provided as Attachment (d) in the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda and available on the City's website.</p> <p>The City has responded to these comments through appropriate revisions to the draft Urban Greening Strategy. These include clarifying the content, simplifying the language used for the four pillars, adding performance measures for each pillar, and addressing concerns related to habitat for black cockatoos and other fauna.</p> <p>Some aspects of the feedback are relevant to the development of the Implementation Plan and will be considered during the drafting of the plan.</p>
<p>2. Given the Urban Greening Strategy does not contain local context or analysis can you please explain the likely analysis that will be undertaken and provided for public consultation as part of the Urban Greening Implementation Plan? For example, will it contain analysis on tree planting opportunities and capacity on street verges and in parks, neighbourhood hot spots, wildlife and pedestrian corridor gaps, aging trees and tree health?</p>	<p>The City will commence developing the Implementation Plan if, and when Council adopts the Strategy. No work has commenced on the plan, however the plan will be developed using the extensive stakeholder feedback from the community through the Urban Greening Strategy stakeholder engagement. It will also include details of areas where there is capacity for further planting and also constraints on planting.</p>

<p>3. As much of the Stage 3 community consultation feedback relates to the lack of clear direction in the draft Urban Greening Strategy and the City has indicated that this will be provided in an Urban Greening Implementation Plan, including clear priorities, timelines, responsibilities and targets, when is it anticipated, if at all, that a draft of this critical plan will be available for ongoing community consultation?</p>	<p>The Implementation Plan will be available to the public. As the Strategy is not yet adopted, a consultant has not been engaged to develop the implementation plan. It is intended that work will commence soon after adoption of the Strategy. Until a consultant is engaged and timelines are agreed, the City cannot confirm when the document will be available for public feedback.</p>
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<p>6. Ms Theodora Papadimatos, Waterford</p> <p>Received: 21 July 2025</p>	<p>Responses provided by: Anita Amprimo– Director Infrastructure Services</p>
<p><i>[Preamble]</i></p> <p><i>My questions relate to Agenda Item 12.1, Councillor Nic Coveney’s Notice of Motion to Remove Six Trees on the South Perth Foreshore. At a time when our canopy cover is flatlining and Council are telling us that our public parks and spaces are where this will be addressed the motion to remove trees is a decision between the best interests of the community versus a small minority of adjacent residents that if successful will set a very troubling precedent.</i></p>	
<p>1. Can the City explain how allowing tree removals and planting locations driven by ad-hoc motions or individual preferences align with the objectives of the draft Urban Greening Strategy, which aims to increase vegetation cover and protect existing green infrastructure?</p>	<p>It is a matter for Council to consider the City’s advice that is contained in the officer’s comment in the report.</p>
<p>2. In the absence of clear criteria, which perhaps could be set out in the Urban Greening Strategy, how does the City intend to manage conflicting community preferences—such as when one resident wants a tree planted and another objects to it; whose view takes precedence, and how will the City ensure consistency and fairness in these cases?</p>	<p>The City seeks to balance varying community perspectives when managing public land for public good, whilst working within relevant adopted strategies, plans and policies with respect to operational matters.</p> <p>Council has the responsibility for setting the direction through strategy and policy.</p>
<p>3. Will the passing of this motion weaken the City’s ability to implement long-term urban greening and biodiversity planning—particularly if future motions seek to override operational plans or redirect limited planting resources based on case-by-case community demands?</p>	<p>The City will implement any resolution of Council on this matter, as relating to the specific circumstances in this instance. The City will continue to work within the relevant adopted strategies, plans and policies that relate to urban greening.</p>

<p>7. Ms Georgina Wilson, Como</p> <p>Received: 21 July 2025</p>	<p>Responses provided by: Anita Amprimo– Director Infrastructure Services</p>
<p><i>[Preamble]</i></p> <p><i>My questions relate to Agenda Item 12.1 about the removal of the young trees on the Foreshore between Lake Douglas and residential properties. At a time when our vital canopy cover is not increasing (or is flatlining). The Council's plans to address this by planting more trees in public places such as parks and reserves, any motion to remove trees and going against this strategy is rather surprising. If the motion is carried it will set a worrying precedent.</i></p>	
<p>1. Can the City confirm whether the proposed rehabilitation of 135m² of vegetation near Lake Douglas, as referenced in Councillor Nic Coveney's amended motion, offers any additional or enhanced environmental benefit to our City, given that it is understood this type of rehabilitation is already undertaken annually as part of the City's normal operational works program?</p>	<p>If the additional budget is approved in the mid-year review, the 135m² will be in addition to any other planting programmes the City undertakes.</p>
<p>2. Can the City provide an assessment of the comparative environmental and community value of the six trees proposed for removal versus the proposed planting of low-level vegetation of an area around Lake Douglas?</p>	<p>Low-level planting supports increased biodiversity, creates habitat and supports cooling of the local area. Trees also provide shade for people. The City has not undertaken any quantified benefit of one versus the other. The 135m² of low-level planting is the equivalent area of the estimated mature canopy of the trees that are proposed to be removed.</p>
<p>3. Can the City tell me whether the proposed additional rehabilitation/revegetation of the area at a quoted cost of \$30,000 is within the City's current resource capacity, or will this motion result in re-allocation of staff time and resources away from other planned or potential planting sites?</p>	<p>The Notice of Motion includes for consideration of additional budget allocation at the mid-year review which if approved by Council, would be in addition to the existing operational budget. The majority of that work would be undertaken by contractors.</p>

<p>8. Ms Bronwyn David, South Perth</p> <p>Received: 21 July 2025</p>	<p>Responses provided by: Anita Amprimo– Director Infrastructure Services</p>
<p><i>[Preamble]</i></p> <p><i>There has been much media attention on the proposed tree removal over the last week. To sum up the reactions to that media, the vast majority of people I have heard from express incredulity that in a warming, drying climate - and in the presence of the shot-hole borer, anyone would contemplate removing already planted trees. Especially where there is clear evidence from research undertaken on behalf of the City that the majority of residents would prefer more trees over the preservation of the views of a few.</i></p>	
<p>1. ABC Perth published an article on Instagram on Friday about the six saplings. By Saturday, the post had over 200 comments. Three comments supported the removal of the trees. Most comments railed against the idea of removing the trees. Has the Council or City considered the reputational risk to which it may be subject if Councillor Nic Coveney's motion is passed?</p>	<p>Notices of Motion are provided by an Elected Member, and where the City suggests a more appropriate recommendation, it will provide a 'Suggested Officer Recommendation' that Council can resolve during the Item. The officer comment in the report also includes a section on risk.</p>
<p>2. Can the City explain what methodology or framework the City uses to determine whether the removal of established trees can be reasonably offset by landscape works that do not result in a net gain in tree canopy, tree habitat, or tree biodiversity?</p>	<p>Low-level planting supports increase biodiversity, creates habitat and supports cooling of the local area. Trees also provide shade for people. The City has not undertaken any quantified benefit of one versus the other. The 135m² of low-level planting is the equivalent area of the estimated mature canopy of the trees that are proposed to be removed.</p>

<p>3. In the minutes of the June 2025 Council Meeting, referencing the previous Council decision in July 2024 to allow residents to request not to have a verge tree that was to be planted as a result of a greening grant, it was noted that ‘the internal and external costs associated with managing and responding to requests ...was estimated at \$25,000.’ I imagine there have been costs incurred already by the City in responding to Councillor Nic Coveney's motion that would not have been expended without the motion and resultant reactions - such as time needed to respond to media enquiries - and if it were to be passed, the City would need to devote time and effort to respond to other requests from residents to remove or relocate vegetation or residents specifying what vegetation should go where. In that event, can the City tell me where the budget for those responses would be taken from and would it be funds otherwise used for greening activities?</p>	<p>The resources to respond to any such queries would come from officer time which is within existing salary allocation included in the annual operational budget allocation. Any material impact on other work would depend on the number and nature of requests.</p>
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<p>9. Ms Kathy Lees, South Perth</p> <p>Received: 21 July 2025</p>	<p>Responses provided by: Anita Amprimo– Director Infrastructure Services</p>
<p><i>[Preamble]</i></p> <p><i>The content and quality of the City's Urban Greening Strategy is critical to our community given it is a 25 year document and our valuable green spaces face more and more challenges than ever. Targets and measurables are critical in Strategies because they provide clarity, direction, and accountability for stakeholders, and in this case the community. They ensure that goals are specific and achievable, allowing for progress tracking and performance evaluation, ultimately leading to more effective strategy implementation and improved outcomes. My questions are in relation to the absence of targets and measurables in the draft Strategy.</i></p>	
<p>1. Can the City please explain how it has responded to the Community Deliberative Panel's 7th highest priority (out of 15) and which reached 80% agreement? That priority was to include targets and other measurables in the Strategy with the Panel stating that "while no greening initiative will be flawless, it is critical to measure progress and to learn from any mistakes to continuously improve."</p>	<p>The Urban Greening Strategy includes performance measures, with targets to be included in the Implementation Plan.</p> <p>The priorities identified by the Deliberative Panel were incorporated into the Josh Byrne & Associates draft Urban Greening Strategy and informed the performance measures in the draft Strategy being presented to Council tonight. The Panel's priorities and broader community feedback will also help shape the targets in the Implementation Plan.</p>
<p>2. Can the City confirm how many of the more than 150 participants in the Stage Three consultation asked for targets and measurables to be included in the Urban Greening Strategy?</p>	<p>The total number of participants in the Stage Three engagement that asked for targets and measurables to be included in the Urban Greening Strategy is 42 out of 153 (which is 27%). Noting that some of these responses did talk about measures/targets to be included in Implementation Plan.</p>

<p>3. Given that the Deliberative Panel and many Stage Three community consultation participants called for measurable targets in the Urban Greening Strategy, and they have not been included, and given at least 20 of Perth's local government authorities have canopy cover targets in their Urban Greening or Urban Forest Strategies (including all of our neighbours - Town of Victoria Park, City of Canning and City of Melville). Can the City confirm for the community that it will do the required analysis as part of the development of the draft Urban Greening Implementation Plan and include a canopy cover target - or is the City going to fail to meet community expectations and industry standards?</p>	<p>A range of targets will be contained within the Implementation Plan, identifying actions and how much they would contribute to increases in canopy at maturity.</p>
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10. Ms Heidi Schmidt, South Perth Received: 21 July 2025	Responses provided by: Anita Amprimo– Director Infrastructure Services
<p><i>[Preamble]</i></p> <p><i>I have been a ratepayer in the City of South Perth for 34 years and have watched many Councillors come and go over that time. Trees have always been a hot topic in the community with the vast majority of the community in support of more trees, not less - for 34 years.</i></p>	
1. How does the City intend to manage future expectations if this Motion passes — particularly if other residents begin to expect that Ratepayer-funded and environmentally sound projects can be undone post-implementation, based solely on private aesthetic concerns?	The City will implement any resolution of Council on this matter tonight, as it relates to the specific circumstances in this instance. The City will continue to work within the relevant adopted strategies, plans and policies that relate to urban greening.
2. Can the City please clarify the legal and governance basis for using public funds — contributed by all City of South Perth ratepayers — to remove existing trees and potentially fund a \$30,000 new project — solely to satisfy the personal preferences of a small number of residents — particularly when the existing plantings were part of an endorsed, Node 7 strategy?	The legislation provides the overarching framework that allows Council to allocate resources, including funding. The financial resources allocated is subject to the budget approvals by Council. Council approves that budget allocation through resolution adopted by an absolute majority of Council.
3. Please explain how our Council can justify the potential waste of ratepayer funds — both in removing already established trees and in proposing an uncosted, last-minute amended project — when these existing trees serve broader ecological, aesthetic, and community value, and pose no substantial obstruction to views as confirmed by the City’s own photographic evidence? With only one tree is likely to grow beyond 8m in its lifetime; that is a Marri that will take at least 25 years to grow to a likely height of 30m and will be a food source for the endangered Black Cockatoos?	This is a matter is for Council to consider during the deliberation of the item.

11. Mr Lou di Virgilio, South Perth Received: 21 July 2025	Responses provided by: Anita Amprimo – Director Infrastructure Services
<p>1. My questions are relating to Item 12.1 for six tree removals. There is a large number of 40 odd trees around nearby Lake Douglas that are well established, so why has there been additional six trees planted between our homes and Lake Douglas?</p>	<p>The six trees have been planted to develop and enhance existing parkland, flora and fauna. The City plants to protect and enhance existing vegetation, improve water quality, and to develop and maintain sustainable habitats for fauna and provide shade for users of the park.</p>
<p>2. Was there any advertising, consultation, communication with the community and residents advising of the Council's planting of these trees in this location?</p>	<p>The City undertook significant community consultation when developing the South Perth Foreshore Masterplan and Strategy. Enhancing and encouraging the flora/fauna is a strategy for this node in the plan.</p>
<p>3. Who has decided on behalf of the Council members where these trees are to be planted?</p>	<p>The City's operational staff planted the trees in line with the boundary between each dwelling to reduce the impact on views from the dwellings.</p>

13.2 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OCM 22 July 2025

Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis	Response provided by: Donna Shaw – Director Development and Community Services
<p><i>[Preamble]</i></p> <p><i>I have some questions which I have previously provided through to the administration with regards to the removal of a significant tree on the corner of Clydesdale and Davilak Street. The tree appears to be on the verge but it might very well straddle the boundary. The development for the site was part of a JDAP consideration in November 2022. The application considered including the updated landscaping and identified in a variety of plans that were submitted the trees that were to be included in that plan. Only recently in this last month, the tree has now been removed. Now that the tree was noted as being required to be retained as a significant eucalyptus tree on that site.</i></p>	
<p>1. Could I understand what sort of communication was undertaken with the property owner or the developer for that site and subsequently following the trees removal?</p>	<p>You are correct, it was a 2022 JDAP decision for a development over the site. That approval did include retention of the lemon scented gum tree near the Clydesdale Street frontage. After the building permit was issued, and once the works had commenced on the site, the builder had raised concerns with the structural integrity of the tree and they sought advice from an independent arborist before they continued to carry out works on the site.</p> <p>That arborist advised the builder that that it was likely that the structural roots of the tree had been compromised. As such, the builder sought further advice from the City in that respect.</p> <p>The City then requested the arborist to provide further advice in respect to the tree, as to whether or not it could be retained or not, and whether there were any measures that could be undertaken to protect the tree (despite the works that had already commenced on the site). The arborist advised that, unfortunately, the tree had been compromised and was a risk that would likely fail and cause safety risks to the public.</p>

	<p>The City then undertook its own independent assessment of that tree to determine whether or not the findings of the arborist report were correct. They did agree with those findings; that the health of the tree had declined to the point that it required removal. As a result of that advice and given the fact that it was a previous JDAP approval with the landscape plan requiring that tree be retained, it was not just a matter of the tree being able to be removed as it would otherwise occur on private property.</p> <p>The City requested that the developer submit an amended Development Application to modify that condition. As a result of that, they were required to provide an updated landscaping plan that showed the tree removed and to provide additional plantings over that site to otherwise 'offset' (for lack of a better word) removal of that tree. The City understands that you cannot otherwise 'offset' the removal of such a significant tree, however, given that the tree would otherwise be removed – it was an opportunity for the City to condition additional plantings on that site. The conditions of that landscaping plan required planting of new mature trees, which was a 1000L replacement trees which is greater than what would otherwise be required for a standard landscaping plan, but was considered warranted in this respect, on the back of the significant tree being removed.</p>
2. Just to clarify, the proposal in regards to the loss of that tree – what species were identified and what sort of height of the lemon scented gum?	Yes, it was the lemon scented gum that was removed. The replacement trees were flooded gums.

Councillor Jennifer Nevard	Responses to questions provided by: Anita Amprimo – Director Infrastructure Services
<p>1. Reflecting its predominantly residential and commercial character, the City of South Perth comprises of mainly private land. There is a certain irony in the rigor with which canopy cover is defended in the public space, yet lack of foliage cover and lack of biodiversity in the private space lags much further behind. I was just wondering if there was some way that we could put those comparative data measures into some of our measurement strategies, so that the community will become more attuned to the silent problem of private land?</p>	<p>One of the streams in this Strategy that has been adopted is around that education piece which will help support communities understanding of what they can do on private land.</p>

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These Minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held: Tuesday 26 August 2025

Signed _____

Presiding Member at the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed