

NOTES

Council Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date & Time: 6.00pm, Tuesday 15 July 2025
Meeting Location Council Chamber

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member opened the Briefing at 6.01pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

The Presiding Member welcomed Mr Matthew Scott as the Acting Chief Executive Officer, and read out the following:

'Matthew has been appointed as the Acting Chief Executive Officer, pending the appointment and commencement of a new Chief Executive Officer. Tonight is Matthew's first Council Agenda Briefing since commencing at the City of South Perth on 1 July 2025, and we look forward to working with him.'

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL

The Presiding Member informed the meeting that Agenda Items 2, 3, 6, 7, 8.1, 8.2, 9, 11, 13 and 14 will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting to be held 22 July 2025.

4. ATTENDANCE

Presiding Member

Mayor Greg Milner

Councillors

Manning Ward
Manning Ward
Moresby Ward

Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis
Councillor Blake D'Souza (Arrived at 6.19pm)
Councillor Jennifer Nevard

Officers

A/Chief Executive Officer
A/Director Corporate Services
Director Development and Community Services
Director Infrastructure Services
Manager Assets and Infrastructure Support
Manager Customer, Communications and Engagement
Manager Governance
Governance Coordinator
Governance Officer
Governance Administration Officer

Mr Matthew Scott
Mr Abrie Lacock
Ms Donna Shaw
Ms Anita Amprimo
Ms Kim Owen
Ms Danielle Cattalini
Ms Toni Fry
Ms Christine Lovett
Ms Jane Robinson
Ms Kira Digwood

Gallery

There were approximately 19 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.
- Councillor Hayley Prendiville for the period 10 July 2025 to 21 July 2025, inclusive.

4.3 Parental Leave

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

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 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.’

8. PRESENTATIONS

Councillor Blake D’Souza arrived at 6.19pm during consideration of Item 8.3.

Councillor Blake D’Souza left the meeting at 6.52pm and returned at 6.56pm during consideration of Item 8.3.

8.3 Deputations

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| 1. Mr Warwick Boardman of Salter Point who spoke FOR the Officer Recommendation at Item 10.3.1. | Item
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| 2. Ms K Poh of Como who spoke FOR the Officer Recommendation at Item 10.3.1 and AGAINST the Notice of Motion at Item 12.1 | Item
10.3.1
and
12.1 |
| 3. Ms Bronwyn David of South Perth who spoke AGAINST the Officer Recommendation at Item 10.3.1 and AGAINST the Notice of Motion at Item 12.1. | Item
10.3.1
and |
| 4. Dr Sue Gillieatt of Salter Point who spoke FOR the Officer Recommendation at Item 10.3.1. | Item
10.3.1 |
| 5. Ms Heidi Schmidt of South Perth who spoke FOR the Officer Recommendation at Item 10.3.1 and AGAINST the Notice of Motion at Item 12.1. | Item
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| 6. | Ms Kathy Lees of South Perth who spoke AGAINST the Officer Recommendation at Item 10.3.1 and AGAINST the Notice of Motion at Item 12.1. | Item
10.3.1
and
12.1 |
| 7. | Mr Stephen Russell of Como who spoke FOR the Officer Recommendation at Item 10.3.4 and AGAINST the Notice of Motion at Item 12.1. | Item
10.3.4
and
12.1 |
| 8. | Ms Calogera Terribile of South Perth who spoke FOR the Notice of Motion at Item 12.1. | Item
12.1 |
| 9. | Mr Luke Terri of South Perth who spoke FOR the Notice of Motion at Item 12.1. | Item
12.1 |
| 10. | Mr Lou Di Virgilio of South Perth who spoke FOR the Notice of Motion at Item 12.1. | Item
12.1 |

10. DRAFT JULY 2025 REPORTS

The A/Chief Executive Officer, Mr Matthew Scott gave a brief summary of the July 2025 Agenda Items to be considered by Council, as follows.

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

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.

Councillor Nic Coveney declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 10.3.1.

Councillor Blake D'Souza left the meeting at 8.08pm and returned at 8.12pm during consideration of Item 10.3.1.

10.3.1 Urban Greening Strategy

This Item was the subject of six Deputations.

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.

10.3.2 eQuote 07/2025 - Provision of Traffic Management Services

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.

10.4.1 Listing of Payments June 2025

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.

10.4.2 Monthly Financial Statements June 2025 (Interim)

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

10.4.3 Asset Management Strategy

This Item was the subject of a Deputation.

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

12. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Councillor Nic Coveney declared 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

This Item was the subject of eight Deputations.

12.2 Notice of Motion – Councillor Nic Coveney - Transport Advocacy

15. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil.

16. CLOSURE

At 8.38pm the Presiding Member closed the Council Agenda Briefing and thanked everyone for their attendance.

COUNCIL AGENDA BRIEFING

Responses to questions taken on notice

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REPORTS:

ITEM 10.3.1 Urban Greening Strategy

Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis had a question taken on notice at the Agenda Briefing as follows:

1. *This evening we heard a Deputation from Ms David. She noted that the funding for the urban greening was considered a priority but in the Strategy it is only given consideration. Can a comment be provided as to the discrepancy between what was identified as a real priority to make sure that we fund the Urban Greening Strategy going forward, versus it only being considered?*

I'm wondering is that because we do not have a long-term strategy and on an annual basis we may come up with a plan to plant or maintain the canopy cover - Is that the reason?

Response provided at the meeting by Anita Amprimo – Director Infrastructure Services:

I think that what has been referred to is two different pieces of information, because that wording was what came out of the panel discussion. I can look into that and get back to you.

Response provided by Anita Amprimo – Director Infrastructure Services:

The Deliberative Panel Final Report states “Prioritise funding for urban greening given the social, health, and environmental benefit” the detail under this heading is noted below.

“Establishing funding sources, upfront and recurrent, is crucial to the long-term successful implementation of all priority approaches outlined within the report. Funding resources (human, financial, and capital) is required.

“CoSP is encouraged to consider revenue-positive streams, e.g., volunteers, sponsorship and grants, ratepayers, external partners, and government funding. Further, there is an opportunity for developers to contribute to funding for urban greening.

“A strong financial commitment not urban greening will reduce urban heat, create ecological corridors, enhance biodiversity, and ultimately make the CoSP more attractive and liveable. It will encourage community member to connect with one another and the environment in which they live, as well as be more active, thereby improving mental and physical health and wellbeing.”

In response to this the draft strategy includes the following:

- Page 2 - Executive Summary

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.

- Page 3 - Purpose of the Strategy

The strategy will be used to guide the following:

- **Delivery** – by setting clear priorities to inform future decisions, implementation plans and on ground projects.
- **Investment** – by guiding budget allocation and external funding, opportunities, Challenges.
- **Limited Resources** - Competing priorities for funding and finite availability of land restricts the City's ability to address identified gaps.

- Page 7 - What we considered priority approaches for the Strategy

Priority approaches for the strategy were identified and included:

- Prioritise funding for urban greening.
- Maximise community involvement and shared ownership.
- Conserve existing green areas first.
- Create linkages and habitat for wildlife.
- Increase canopy and understorey planting.
- Create shaded active transport connections.
- Replace trees with diverse, climate and disease resistant species.
- Set targets for urban canopy and other outcomes measures.

- Page 8 - Funding Approach

The Strategy has been developed to balance the benefits of urban greening with the City's limited resources and competing priorities. Implementation plans will be developed from the Urban Greening Strategy.

Approved initiatives from the implementation plans will be included in the City's Annual Budget and built into service and project delivery planning.

The Strategy has been designed to align with the City's current funding levels.

- Page 11 - What do we need to deliver the UGS?

We are committed to balancing our community's needs and aspirations with what is affordable. Making decisions about funding urban greening initiatives requires ongoing balancing of affordability, impact and urgency.

What investment is required?

Urban greening is a long-term investment. While grants can help with the initial costs – like planting trees or building green infrastructure – they don't usually cover ongoing maintenance. This means the City must fund regular upkeep, which can put pressure on its budget. Like other public assets, trees provide value but also come with costs that vary depending on their type, location and care needs.

The community also plays an important role in greening – by looking after private gardens and trees, volunteering, or supporting local projects. To meet long-term greening goals, sustainable funding is essential. The City's Long Term Financial Plan guides future spending, while the Annual Budget outlines what will be funded each year. Each year, priority initiatives from the Urban Greening Implementation Plan will be considered for funding. Any new investment will need to be balanced with other budget needs and competing pressures on rates.

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Goals

- Long term greening outcomes are achieved by investing in resourcing and management of right people, right funding and right practices.

Objectives

- Balance affordability, impact and urgency.

Strategic Priorities

- Understanding the affordability of different urban greening initiatives.
- Funding (own source and seeking external) for urban greening initiatives.