

NOTES

Council Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date & Time: 6.00pm, Tuesday 17 June 2025
Meeting Location Council Chamber

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member opened the Briefing at 6.00pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

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 24 June 2025.

4. ATTENDANCE

Presiding Member

Mayor Greg Milner

Councillors

Como Ward
Manning Ward
Manning Ward
Moresby Ward
Moresby Ward

Councillor Glenn Cridland (Arrived at 6.25pm)
Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis
Councillor Blake D'Souza
Councillor Jennifer Nevard
Councillor Hayley Prendiville

Officers

A/Chief Executive Officer
A/Director Corporate Services
Director Development and Community Services
Director Infrastructure Services
Manager Development Services
Manager Finance
Manager Governance
Manager People and Performance
Governance Coordinator
Governance Officer
Governance Administration Officer

Mr Garry Adams
Ms Danielle Cattalini
Ms Donna Shaw
Ms Anita Amprimo
Ms Fiona Mullen
Mr Abrie Lacock
Ms Toni Fry
Ms Pele McDonald
Ms Christine Lovett
Ms Jane Robinson
Ms Kira Digwood

Gallery

There were approximately 11 members of the public present.

4.1 Apologies

- Councillor Bronwyn Waugh

4.2 Approved Leave of Absence

- Councillor Glenn Cridland for the period 15 June 2025 to 17 June 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 Jennifer Nevard – Impartiality Interest in Item 10.1.1 as ‘I live within sight and sound of the proposed location for this event. I share this interest with many hundreds of residents who also live in the vicinity of the proposed venue site (flagpole area) on Sir James Mitchell Park.’
- Mayor Greg Milner – Financial and Proximity Interest in Item 10.3.1 as ‘some of the proposed listings either include, or are adjacent to, or are across the road from, properties that are owned or indirectly owned by persons who contributed to my re-election campaign in 2023.’
- Councillor André Brender-A-Brandis – Impartiality Interest in Item 10.3.1 as ‘I know of someone who is not a closely associated person to me, and their property is on the Draft Local Heritage Survey for adoption. I have had a conversation with Ms Logue last week, an owner of 2 Parker Street, South Perth with a proposed category 2 in the Draft Local Heritage Survey (for adoption. The impartiality interests will not impair my decision making, which will be based on merit.’
- Councillor Jennifer Nevard – Impartiality Interest in Item 10.3.1 as ‘I had an extended conversation with concerned residents, regarding their property which is recommended for inclusion on the Heritage Survey which is being considered for Adoption at Council this month. The conversation will not directly influence my decision in Council.’
- Councillor Hayley Prendiville – Impartiality Interest in Item 10.3.1 as ‘some of the homeowners on the survey are known to me through the community.’
- Mayor Greg Milner – Impartiality Interest in Item 10.4.1 as ‘this item potentially affects a number of community organisations that I:
 - currently serve as patron;
 - have previously served on the board of;
 - am a member of;
 - am an honorary member of; and/or
 - have otherwise developed relationships with during my time on Council.’

8. PRESENTATIONS

Councillor Glenn Cridland arrived at 6.25pm during consideration of Item 8.3.

8.3 Deputations

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| 1. | Mr Brendan Glynn of South Perth who spoke AGAINST the Officer Recommendation at Item 10.3.1. | 10.3.1 |
| 2. | Mr Graham Gallop and Ms Helen Logue of South Perth who spoke AGAINST the Officer Recommendation at Item 10.3.1. | 10.3.1 |
| 3. | Mr Aaron Pearce of Kensington who spoke AGAINST the Officer Recommendation at Item 10.3.1. | 10.3.1 |
| 4. | Mr David Leigh of Kensington who spoke AGAINST the Officer Recommendation at Item 10.3.1. | 10.3.1 |

10. DRAFT JUNE 2025 REPORTS

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

Councillor Jennifer Nevard declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 10.1.1.

10.1.1 Large Scale Commercial Event Proposal on Sir James Mitchell Park - Nokturnl Food and Beverage Village in November 2025

The City has received an Expression of Interest from a commercial organisation (Nokturnl Events Pty Ltd) to hire a portion of Sir James Mitchell Park in South Perth to facilitate a three-day 'Food and Beverage Village Festival' from 28-30 November 2025.

This item is referred to Council as City of South Perth Policy (P106) 'Use of City Reserves and Facilities' requires large scale events and activations facilitated by commercial organisations to be referred to Council for approval.

For the reasons outlined in this report, it is recommended that the Expression of Interest for the Food and Beverage Village Festival be approved subject to Nokturnl Events Pty Ltd complying with the stated event terms and conditions.

10.1.2 RFT 6/2025 - Operation and Management of Re-use Shop and Recycling Centre Customer Interface

This report considers the submission received from the advertising of Tender 6/2025 for the Operation and Management of Re-use Shop and Recycling Centre Customer Interface.

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

Mayor Greg Milner declared a Financial and Proximity Interest in Item 10.3.1 and accordingly left the meeting at 6.53pm. Councillor Glenn Cridland assumed the Chair.

Councillors André Brender-A-Brandis, Jennifer Nevard and Hayley Prendiville declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 10.3.1.

10.3.1 Draft Local Heritage Survey (Adoption)

This Item was the subject of four Deputations.

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adopting the draft Local Heritage Survey following advertising.

Mayor Greg Milner returned to the meeting at 7.20pm prior to consideration of Item 10.3.2 and resumed the Chair

10.3.2 Amendments to Local Planning Policies

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adopting amendments to Local Planning Policy 6.3 - Developer Contributions for Public Art and Public Art Spaces, Local Planning Policy 2.4 - Child Care Premises and Local Planning Policy 1.1 - Residential Development for the purpose of advertising.

10.3.3 Revocation of Local Planning Policies

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider revoking two Local Planning Policies which are now no longer required following gazettal of Local Planning Scheme No.7 and amendments to the National Construction Code.

10.3.4 Draft Local Planning Policy 7.2 - Significant Views (Advertising)

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider adopting draft Local Planning Policy 7.2 –Significant Views for the purpose of advertising.

10.3.5 Response to Notice of Motion - Community Consultation For Tree Planting/Tree Removals

This report provides information in response to the Notice of Motion passed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held 23 July 2024 titled ‘Community Consultation for Tree Planting/Tree Removals’ and presents for Council’s consideration a report as required on completion of the Urban Greening Grant.

10.4.1 Adoption of the Annual Budget 2025/26 and Long Term Financial Plan

This report presents the Draft Annual Budget 2025/26, as attached, for adoption by Council. It also requests Council to adopt a 10-year long-term financial plan, which will be updated on an annual basis in line with each budget cycle.

Global trade tensions, protectionism and increasing tariffs along with wars in Ukraine and Israel are creating uncertainty for businesses and households, potentially impacting global growth. These factors fuel significant uncertainty surrounding inflation, interest rates and supply chains worldwide including Australia. As an open economy, Australia, particularly Western Australia’s export sector, may be significantly affected by a slowing global economy. There is considerable uncertainty caused by the United States’ approach to tariffs, targeting particular sectors and commodities, and this acts as a disincentive for business to invest. The impact of ongoing trade tensions on global economic growth could result in commodity prices falling faster than forecast, impacting State and Federal budget bottom-lines.

Despite these challenges, the City is continuing to prudently manage its finances through challenging times whilst remaining conscious of the need to provide quality services to its community and keep cost increases to a minimum.

To fund the services provided to the community, the City is recommending a Rate increase of 2.8% for the 2025/26 Draft Budget, which is in line with the Perth CPI for March 2025. Last year Council adopted a rates revenue increase of 3.4% which was also in line with the March CPI figure. This is the seventh consecutive year, where the City has kept rate rises at or below the Perth CPI figure without impacting significantly on the level of service being provided to its ratepayers.

Over the past three months, Council has had three budget workshops with City officers to discuss and understand the financial position of the City and develop a budget that achieves a break-even financial position (i.e. no significant operating loss or surplus). This budget has been aligned to the principles developed and maintained in the past three budgets which aimed at enabling the City to return to a sustainable operating surplus position over the short to medium term.

In the short to medium term, returning the City to a sustainable net operating surplus position is essential for the long-term financial sustainability of the City. It enables funds to be directed into renewing ageing community infrastructure such as roads, recreation facilities, playgrounds, drainage and other infrastructure that allow for the provision of services and amenities to residents. Continued operating deficits would see the City unable to undertake all the required asset renewals and upgrades in the future, which in turn inhibits the City's ability to deliver services to its community.

This year's budget has total operating revenue at \$86.15m with total operating expenditure of \$86.15m thus forecasting a net operating breakeven position. The operating budget includes just over \$10m revenue and expenditure for the Kensington Project Area Underground Power scheme, the final project to see substantially the whole of the City undergrounded, a significant milestone. This also includes a significant capital works plan with expenditure of \$31.62m being earmarked for projects. The majority, 83% of these funds are directed towards renewal and replacement of ageing assets, however some new assets are also planned.

This budget proposes to increase the City's waste charge by \$35 to \$430 to cover the costs of transitioning from set-dates bulk verge collections to a pre-booked, year-round verge collection service and its waste charge remains reasonably low compared to others in the metropolitan area.

10.4.2 Listing of Payments May 2025

This report presents to Council a list of accounts paid under delegated authority between 1 May 2025 to 31 May 2025 for information. It also includes purchase card transactions between 1 April 2025 to 30 April 2025 in line with new legislative requirements.

10.4.3 Monthly Financial Statements May 2025

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

10.5.1 Audit Register Progress Report - 3rd Quarter Update

This report provides an update on the progress of actions included in the Audit Register. The Audit Register includes all open audit findings that have previously been accepted by the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee and Council.

10.5.2 Corporate Business Plan 2025/26 to 2028/29

This report presents the draft Corporate Business Plan 2025/26 – 2028/29 for consideration by Council.

10.5.3 Policy Review

The Terms of Reference of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee include responsibility for reviewing the City's policies. A number of policies are now presented for the consideration of the Committee and referral to Council for adoption.

12. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

15. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil.

16. CLOSURE

At 7.38pm the Presiding Member closed the Council Agenda Briefing and thanked everyone for their attendance.