



City of **Perth**

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

29 July 2025

Michelle Reynolds
Chief Executive Officer
1 August 2025

Minutes to be confirmed at the next Ordinary Council Meeting

These minutes are hereby certified as confirmed.

Presiding member's signature _____

Date _____

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1. Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the Ordinary Council Meeting for the City of Perth open at 5:00pm.

2. Acknowledgement of Country/Prayer

The Presiding Member gave an Acknowledgement of Country:

I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Whadjuk Nyoongar people of Western Australia, and pay my respects to Elders past and present. It is a privilege to be standing on Whadjuk Nyoongar country.

The Chief Executive Officer recited a prayer:

Almighty God, under whose providence we hold responsibility for this City grant us wisdom to understand its present needs, foresight to anticipate its future growth, and grace to serve our fellow citizens with integrity and selfless devotion. And to Thee, be all blessing and glory forever. Amen.

3. Attendance

Members in Attendance

Deputy Lord Mayor

Councillors

Bruce Reynolds

Clyde Bevan

Raj Doshi

Liam Gobbert

David Goncalves

Viktor Ko

Catherine Lezer

Steven Wellard

Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive Officer

General Manager Infrastructure and Operations

General Manager Corporate Services

General Manager Commercial Services

General Manager Community Development

Executive Director Governance and Strategy

Chief Financial Officer

General Manager Engagement and Activation

General Manager Planning and Sustainability

Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy

Council Governance and Policy Coordinator

Michelle Reynolds

Allan Mason

Michael Kent

Steve Holden

Wendy Attenborough

Peta Mabbs

Roan Barrett

Andrew Lane

Maria Cooke

Charlie Clarke

Ebony Mackey

Public Gallery

There were approximately 8 members of the public in the gallery.

3.1 Apologies

Nil.

3.2 Leave of Absence

Councillor Viktor Ko (28 May 2025 to 1 September 2025, inclusive)

3.3 Applications for Leave of Absence

Nil.

4. Announcements by the Lord Mayor

Nil.

5. Disclosures of Interests

Nil.

6. Public Participation

6.1 Responses to Public Questions Previously Taken on Notice

Nil.

6.2 Public Questions

Adam Pacan – East Perth 6004	
Q1	Use of Mayoral Vehicle by Acting Lord Mayor Can the City confirm whether the official Lord Mayoral vehicle is currently being utilised by Acting Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds? If so, on how many occasions has it been utilised by Mr Reynolds to date?
Provided by the Chief Executive Officer	
A1	The Deputy Lord Mayor has utilised the Mayoral vehicle on 17 occasions between 6 February 2025 and 23 July 2025.
Provided by the Deputy Lord Mayor	
A1	So of those 17 occasions on some occasions there'll be days where there'll be multiple uses. So Anzac Days there was two uses. There was another day where we had five consecutive events. So obviously it was pertinent to use it. So there is a gravitas in regards to the City being represented and sometimes it is appropriate to arrive in the in the

Mayoral car. And the other thing that is interesting for the public to know is that we don't have a paid chauffeur per se. The car is driven by our assistant, a personal assistant who is already employed by the city. So if it's not used, the car sits in the garage.

Q2 Remuneration of Acting Lord Mayor
Can the City confirm whether Bruce Reynolds is receiving a higher level of remuneration while serving in an acting capacity? If so, what is the difference compared to his usual role, and who authorised this arrangement?

Provided by the Chief Executive Officer

A2 Yes.
The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal under Section 7B(2) of the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 ('the SA Act'), determines the amount of fees, and allowances to be paid to elected members under the Local Government Act 1995 (the LG Act).
The Salaries and Allowances Determination states that if the office of lord mayor is vacant under section 5.34(a) of the LG Act, and the deputy performs the functions of lord mayor for a period of no less than four months, the deputy will be entitled to receive the lord mayor allowance. Therefore, once the position of lord mayor is vacant and the deputy has been performing the duties of lord mayor for 4 continuous months, they are entitled to the allowance.

The difference between the lord mayor and deputy remuneration is shown below:

Allowance Attendance Fee	Lord Mayor	Deputy Lord Mayor
Annual Allowance	\$149,971	\$37,492.75
Annual Meeting Attendance	\$53,215	\$26,020
Annual ICT Allowance	\$3,500*	\$3,500*

Provided by the Deputy Lord Mayor

A2 So the determination, this information is handy and like a lot of things that we have in regards to the Act is certainly available via a quick Google search. But the Salaries and Allowances Determination states that if the Office of Lord Mayor is vacant under section 5.34 of the Local Government Act that if the Deputy performs the functions of Lord Mayor for a period of no less than 4 months, the Deputy is entitled to receive the Lord Mayoral Allowance. Therefore once the position of Lord Mayor is vacant and the Deputy has performed the duties of Lord Mayor for a continuous four months, they are entitled to the allowance. just for a bit more information.

Q3 Use of City Resources for Flyer Distribution
Several City of Perth residents recently received an A4 flyer in their letterboxes from Bruce Reynolds, which included a City of Perth email address. Can the CEO confirm whether the City produced, authorised, or distributed this material? If so, what was the total cost to the City, and under whose authority was this approved?

Provided by the Chief Executive Officer

A3 "Bruce's News" newsletter is not an authorised City publication.

Provided by the Deputy Lord Mayor

A3 just to add a bit of clarity to that. Obviously, as elected members we're able to put community information out there. So that's something that I've put through my design

	<p>team and to print out 500,000 or however many and put them out there. That is borne at our own cost.</p>
<p>Sandy Anghie – Perth 6000</p>	
<p>Q1</p>	<p>Due to the fact that Cr Reynolds provided an in-kind contribution to postage to Cr Lezer for a mailout in the 2023 election, Cr Lezer has at various times in the past year declared an interest at Council Meetings when Cr Reynolds declared an interest, stating: "I [Councillor Lezer] have been given differing advice regarding disclosures. It seems prudent to adhere to the most conservative of these and disclose the same interest as Councillor Reynolds." In the interests of transparency, particularly with the upcoming election, what is this "differing advice"? Specifically, what is the "conservative" and the alternative or differing view referred to in various minutes of meetings."</p> <p>Put another way, the in-kind donation made by City of Perth council candidate Bruce Reynolds to candidate Catherine Lezer had the effect of creating a "close association" between Reynolds and Lezer under the rules that govern local government. Does this mean that any time Reynolds declares a direct or indirect financial interest or proximity interest on an issue being considered by council, those same declared interests extend to Lezer. Or is there another interpretation - as suggested by the notes in the minutes.</p> <p>Did the City provide advice on this matter? If so, what was that advice?</p>
<p>Provided by the Executive Director Governance and Strategy</p>	
<p>A1</p>	<p>The decision to disclose an interest is always at the sole discretion of the individual elected member.</p> <p>Deputy Lord Mayor Reynolds is closely associated with Cr Lezer because of the electoral gift he gave to Cr Lezer.</p> <p>The City sought independent advice, and a summary of the information provided to Cr Lezer and DLM Reynolds is included below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DLM Reynolds (as the donor of an electoral gift) is considered to be closely associated to Cr Lezer (relevant Council member) for the purposes of interest's disclosures and provisions relating to disclosures apply. • If DLM Reynolds has a (direct or indirect) financial interest in the matter or a proximity interest in a matter, then that interest also applies to Cr Lezer. • These provisions do not apply in reverse - Cr Lezer (as the recipient of an electoral gift) is NOT considered to be closely associated to DLM Reynolds, meaning that Cr Lezer's financial and proximity interests do not apply to DLM Reynolds.
<p>Dave Lee – West Perth 6005</p>	
<p>Q1</p>	<p>Regarding my question on 15 July 2025 regarding item 6.1 Adoption of long-term financial plan, I asked if there is a plan or budget to include Street Lighting on Hay Street between Outram - Ventnor- Thomas Street, in West Perth</p> <p>Can you help me?</p> <p>a) Could the city speak with Western Power to find out if there is a plan for streetlights from their budget and plans, I see they are doing a lot of work in their power station on</p>

Cook Street right now, they have taken away some footpath and seem to be creating extra space there or upgrading their power station

b) Would you work with Western Power to include Street Lighting on Hay Street between Outram - Ventnor- Thomas Street, in West Perth, in a future budget or could I apply for a sustainable grant for lights and cameras for our neighbourhood on the outskirts, which often gets overlooked.

c) If you cannot, who is best to speak to at Western Power on this issue?

Provided by the General Manager Infrastructure and Operations

A1

The City has a Five-Year Lighting Upgrade Program in place, which prioritises areas across the municipality for improvement based on a range of factors including safety, levels of pedestrian activity, night time economy and existing infrastructure. A lighting upgrade along Hay Street, between Outram, Ventnor and Thomas Street in West Perth is currently not included.

The City has regular dialogue with Western Power in relation to street lighting upgrades. Western Power has indicated that a 10 year program of proactive LED lighting upgrades is scheduled to commence mid 2025. The initial works program does not include any City of Perth locations.

The City will raise the request to include Hay Steet as part of the Western Power proactive LED lighting upgrades at its next scheduled meeting in October 2025.

Responsibility for public realm lighting lies with either the State or Local Government. Any available grants would be aimed at enhancing lighting on private property, not within the public realm

David Lim – Daghish 6008

Q1

On Saturday 26th July 2025, the State government announced, as part of its METRONET on Swan Ferry Service Expansion Project, that the location of the ferry terminal servicing the University of Western Australia (UWA) will be centrally located on Hackett Drive at Matilda Bay in the City of Perth's Crawley Nedlands neighbourhood. It also stated that as part of construction of the terminal there will be a new roundabout, pedestrian crossing and bus bays on Hackett Drive. The Schedule of Accounts Paid shows that \$578.45 was paid to Water Corporation for an invoice for Hackett Dr Crawley Lot 10020, RE34322.

(a) What advanced planning meeting(s) have taken place between the City of Perth, the Department of Transport, Public Transport Authority and UWA, individually and collectively, regarding the Project, the realignment of the road reserve, traffic modelling and re-routing of buses?

(b) How will these changes affect management and maintenance of Hackett Drive?

(c) Which Alliances would be involved in ensuring that these changed traffic conditions are adopted smoothly in the area?

(d) How is the Ferry Service Expansion Project factored into the City's formulation of its new Transport Strategy and how would have northern and southern locations of the terminal have been considered?

	<p>(e) What discussions have been made regarding the A Class Reserve and whether a Management Order would be put in place to build and maintain infrastructure for providing a public transport service to the area?</p> <p>(f) With two payments to MMM (WA) Pty Ltd for 2024/25 MtsBay Rd Riverwall Repairs of \$20,602.53 and \$78,138,26, what impact will the introduction of ferries have in effective maintenance of the riverwall?</p>
<p>Provided by the General Manager Planning and Sustainability</p>	
<p>A1</p>	<p>a) Early discussions have taken place regarding the Public Transport Authority's (PTA) preferred location for a new ferry terminus at Matilda Bay, primarily focused on the Development Application process. The design changes proposed for Hackett Drive are at a very early stage, and the City has not yet received any traffic modelling data.</p> <p>b) Hackett Drive is a City of Perth managed road. There is no plan for this to change.</p> <p>c) The City will be involved in working with the PTA in relation to any changes to the traffic conditions.</p> <p>d) The formulation of the City's new Transport Strategy will consider the potential role of future ferry services and help shape the City's position on preferred locations. However, as public transport is ultimately the responsibility of the State Government, any final decisions on ferry services and locations will rest with the Public Transport Authority (PTA).</p> <p>e) This would be a matter for State Government.</p> <p>f) The impact on individual parts of the river's edge varies across the Swan River. The City's ongoing management and maintenance of river walls is done in consultation with the state government. The City expects that part of any ferry expansion project will include consideration of the impact on adjacent infrastructure and river edge.</p>
<p>Q2</p>	<p>Sunrun Services Pty Ltd was paid \$197,139.14 for Nedlands Lighting Renewal Stage 1. The Corporate Business Plan 2023/24-2027/28 Quarterly Progress Report 4 from the Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting on 30 July 2024 indicates that the design of lighting upgrades for Park Road, Tareena Street, Kanimbla Road, Megalong Street, Karella Street and Hardy Road have been completed.</p> <p>(a) What does the Nedlands Lighting Renewal program involve, how many stages are there and what is the planned renewal timetable? Referencing Item 15.1 Monthly Financial Statements - May 2025</p> <p>(b) Having revisited the site and consulted Western Power's report a faulty streetlight website, there are Western Power poles in close proximity / next to newly installed City of Perth poles. What is the status of Capital Project 10968 - Lighting - Park Road - when is it anticipated that Western Power lights will be turned off and City of Perth lights turned on?</p> <p>(c) Regarding Capital Project 10423 - Lighting - Crawley Lighting Upgrade, why are extra decorative poles being moved to stock when they provide character to the neighbourhood and may be preferred by residents?</p>
<p>Provided by the General Manager Infrastructure and Operations</p>	

<p>A2</p>	<p>a) The Nedlands Lighting Renewal Program involves the upgrade of streetlighting infrastructure across multiple streets within the Nedlands area. The construction schedule for the program is outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Park Road (between Monash Avenue and Winthrop Avenue) – Construction completed in FY 2024/25 - Hardy Road (between Monash Avenue and Winthrop Avenue) – scheduled for FY 2026/27 - Megalong Street (between Hardy Street and Park Road) – scheduled for FY 2027/28 - Kanimbla Road (between Monash Avenue and Park Road) – scheduled for FY 2027/28 - Karella Street (between Monash Avenue and Kanimbla Road) – scheduled for FY 2028/29 - Tareena Street (between Hardy Road and Park Road) – scheduled for FY 2028/29 <p>b) The City’s installation of new streetlights on Park Road is completed. Western Power’s scope of works includes establishing a new point of supply for a new switchboard to enable energization of the new streetlights and removal of existing Western Power poles. Western Power has advised that these works are scheduled to be completed in October 2025.</p> <p>c) 10423 - Lighting - Crawley Lighting Upgrade was completed in 23/24. This item addresses some spare poles that are kept in storage in case of damage to the City lighting infrastructure.</p>
<p>Q3</p>	<p>\$23,475.03 was paid to GHD Pty Ltd for Slope Stability for Jacobs Ladder. How stable is the area, how durable is the current infrastructure and how often is the area used?</p>
<p>Provided by the General Manager Infrastructure and Operations</p>	
<p>A3</p>	<p>The City engaged GHD to analyse the stability of the slope adjacent to Jacobs Ladder following a bush fire in 2023. The analysis confirms that the slope is stable. The City is also undertaking revegetation of the area to further improve the stability and appearance of the slope which is inaccessible to the public.</p>
<p>Q4</p>	<p>Terrestrial Ecosystem Services was paid \$10,120.00 for Kangaroo Care at Heirisson Island. One ad hoc payment relates to the Italian Festival. What is the City's advice to the public on interaction with the kangaroos on the island?</p>
<p>Provided by the General Manager Infrastructure and Operations</p>	
<p>A4</p>	<p>Payments relate to weekly welfare assessments (October 2024 to April 2025) and ad hoc monitoring during fireworks events that are within close proximity to the Heirisson Island Kangaroo enclosure.</p> <p>To protect the wellbeing of these animals, the City of Perth strongly encourages visitors to respect the kangaroos by observing them from a distance and refraining from any interaction that could cause disturbance.</p>
<p>Q5</p>	<p>Jason Signmakers was paid \$30,758.20 on 8th May 2025 and \$94,989.76 on 30th May 2025 for the City of Perth Parking Rebranding Project. What does the rebranding specifically involve and how is it being rolled out across the City?</p>

Provided by the General Manager Commercial Services	
A5	All of the City’s car parking signage has now been updated from CPP to City of Perth as part of the rebranding exercise, which has been successfully rolled out over the 2024/25 financial year as one of the City’s Corporate Business Plan targets.
Q6	There were two payments to Omnicom Media Group for advertisements in the West Australian for a Public Notice on the Waste Local Law (\$620.42) and Amendment Local Law 2025 (\$653.92). When were these advertisements published?
Provided by the Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy	
A6	Both advertisements were published in the West Australian on 28 March 2025, Page No. 56. As required by 3.12(6) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .
Q7	What does the Resource Recovery Group payment of \$2,064.48 regarding Change of Owner 15.10.24 relate to?
Provided by the General Manager Infrastructure and Operations	
A7	This payment relates to the processing of Food Organics collected as a part of the City’s waste services.
Vicki Raniszewski – East Perth 6004	
Q1	regarding Agenda Item 19.3, being Cr Clyde Bevan’s motion concerning the International Campaign to Abolish nuclear weapons. Do governance have the power to dismiss such politically motivated motions being put forth in future council meeting agendas?
Provided by the Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy	
A1	The City of Perth Standing Orders Local Law 2009 provides, at Clause 4.12(4), that a notice of motion can be excluded from the agenda if the CEO and Presiding Member agree that it is out order. Clause 4.12(6) of the Standing Orders Local Law 2009 provides that a notice of motion is not out of order because the proposal involved is considered to be objectionable. Given this Notice of Motion does not breach any written law or use offensive or objectionable language, it cannot be ruled ‘out of order’.
Jason Bo – East Perth 6004	
Q1	Under item 15.3, discussion point 7, it is stated that the Review of community safety services and systems completed and outcomes provided to Elected Members. Can the council provide a brief summary of the review to the community, given the community’s interest in the topic since the Wellington Square saga earlier in the year.
Provided by the General Manager Community Development	
A1	A summary is available on the City’s website at https://perth.wa.gov.au/safecityreview .
Q2	I had previously asked if a parks and reserves safety advisory group will be established, and the answer to that at the time was pending this review, now that the review has been completed, will the council commit to establishing a parks and reserves safety advisory group?
Provided by the General Manager Community Development	
A2	The 2024/25 Safe City review did not propose the establishment of a safety advisory group, rather it recognised that the City has key partnerships with relevant community

	<p>groups (and with a range of government and non-government agencies). These partnerships, with groups such as the East Perth Community Group, City of Perth Western Residents Association, West Perth Local, Northbridge Common, and Activate Perth, were highlighted as important in providing local engagement on community safety matters. Particularly, these partnerships provide opportunities to improve safety by addressing specific concerns, building community ties and supporting residents and businesses.</p>
<p>Stuart Chapman – West Perth 6005</p>	
<p>Q1</p>	<p>Clarification on Government House Footpath and Restrictions on Public Use</p> <p>I have provided a copy of page three of the “Government House Entrance Footpath EMES” dated 16 January 2024. Could this document please be displayed for the benefit of Councillors?</p> <p>The document states: “To remove the implied licence of people to stand on the footpath in front of Government House.”</p> <p>If the Council was considering removing the implied licence to stand on the footpath outside Government House, wouldn’t this effectively prohibit people from stopping on the footpath—potentially preventing the public from taking photos or admiring Government House?</p> <p>How is this consistent with the Administration’s previous claim that there has been no investigation into banning people from admiring or photographing Government House?</p> <p>If the investigation proposed banning people from standing, how could anyone pause to take a photo or enjoy the building without being told to move on?</p> <p>Did the Council consider what would happen if someone standing on the footpath refused to move?</p> <p>If the proposal had gone ahead, would rangers call the police, as they did when I peacefully protested outside Council House last year?</p> <p>Was the investigation about banning protestors exercising their right to protest and exercising their right to assembly and free speech?</p>
<p>Provided by the General Manager Community Development</p>	
<p>A1</p>	<p>Elected Members have previously received the document referred to in this question.</p> <p>As previously advised, there has been no consideration of preventing the public from taking photos or admiring Government House.</p>
<p>Provided by the Deputy Lord Mayor</p>	
<p>A1</p>	<p>The information given back to you was we wouldn't be putting it up on any screens, but if you wanted to provide printed out copies for the Councillors, they could receive those.</p>

	That's because that's how we've always gone with anything that's been presented. We don't put things up on screens. It's not the way we work.
Q2	Were Councillors advised of possible Supreme Court Action Were elected members advised that if they proceeded in removing the implied licence to stand outside Government House, that the City could end up in a Supreme Court or High Court action where the city of perth ratepayers would be up for legal costs, and if so what was the response from the councillors?
	Provided by the General Manager Community Development
A2	This question is more appropriately managed through the Freedom of Information process.
Q3	Question regarding whether the City of Perth has authority to set conditions for a public meeting I have submitted an email from Acting Superintendent Trovarello from WAPOL dated 8 November to Governance and also to the Councillors individually regarding a permit for an application to hold a public meeting. In point two of this email, it is stated Quote: The CoP have stipulated in their approval conditions that the use of Amplified Sound is not allowed so this would appear to be in contravention of the condition imposed by them." End of quote. Does the City of Perth have the authority to set conditions for a protest rally? If not, does the City of Perth believe that WAPOL may be confused on this matter? And if so, will the City be taking action, to advise WAPOL that the City is not able to set conditions for a protest rally?
	Provided by the General Manager Engagement and Activation
A3	The WA Police decision to issue a permit will be in accordance with Section 7 of the Public Order in Streets Act 1984. On request by WA Police, the City provides advice / recommendation on the availability and venue functionality of the City's public space. The use of equipment and structures are to be approved by WA Police, otherwise their use may contravene the City's local laws.
Q4	Clarification Regarding Public Disagreement by Elected Members At the last Council meeting, I asked: When was the last time an elected member publicly disagreed with the response from the City administration to a public question at a Council meeting? The Administration replied that such instances occur rarely. It seems my question may have been interpreted as: How often do councillors publicly disagree with the administration's responses? I would like to clarify that I am not asking about frequency. I accept that the Council has stated it happens rarely. My question is specifically: When did it last happen?

	<p>To be clear, I am not referring to instances where a Councillor merely sought clarification. I am referring to a Councillor explicitly stating disagreement, for example: “That is not my position. My position is...” Please provide the date of the most recent occurrence, the nature of the disagreement, and the outcome.</p>
<p>Provided by the Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy</p>	
<p>A4</p>	<p>The city is unable to establish if an elected member has ever ‘disagreed’ with a public question response by the administration in its long history.</p> <p>As previously advised on 29 April 2025 and 27 May 2025:</p> <p><i>“Individual Elected Members do not answer public questions; Council relies on the administration to provide a response through the Lord Mayor.</i></p> <p><i>Elected Members may offer a contribution to the response in the Chamber or request clarification or amendment to any responses provided in the Minutes of a meeting when they are adopted (confirmed) by Council.</i></p> <p><i>If an elected member disagrees with an answer provided by the administration, they can seek clarification or offer additional responses in the chamber.”</i></p> <p>It is common for elected members to contribute to responses, as can be viewed in the minutes of the 1 July 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.</p> <p>Council Minutes are publicly available on the City’s website and more historic records of minutes are available for public viewing upon request to the City’s administration by contacting (08)94613333 or by emailing: info@cityofperth.wa.gov.au</p>
<p>Q5</p>	<p>Clarification Regarding Legal Fees and FOI Requests</p> <p>At the last meeting, I asked why my recent question regarding the legal costs associated with the investigation into the implied licence to protest and restrictions on standing on a footpath was subject to an FOI process—especially when other financial questions of a similar nature are answered directly in Council meetings.</p> <p>Council responded: “Questions regarding any provision of legal advice to the City are most appropriately managed through the FOI process.”</p> <p>To clarify: I am not requesting legal advice, only the cost of obtaining it. I draw your attention to a previous question I asked on 10 December 2024: “How much did Council spend on legal fees for SAT matter DR 123/2024 (Chapman vs City of Perth)?” That question was answered without requiring FOI, and Council disclosed approximately \$15,000 in legal expenses.</p> <p>What is the substantive difference between these two questions about legal costs? Why is one subject to FOI and the other not?</p>
<p>Provided by the General Manager Community Development</p>	

A5	As advised in response to questions asked at the OCM of 1 July 2025 questions regarding this matter are most appropriately managed through the Freedom of Information process. This includes the cost of provision of legal advice.
Q6	<p>Recourse for Inadequate Public Question Responses</p> <p>At the last Council meeting, I asked: What recourse do I have if I believe Council is not adequately answering or is deflecting my public questions?</p> <p>The response did not mention key options such as making a complaint to the Ombudsman</p> <p>or escalating the matter to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC), which oversees council governance.</p> <p>Do you agree that a fuller and more complete and transparent response should have included these avenues of recourse, which are available to any member of the public?</p>
Provided by the Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy	
A6	<p>In the first instance, a complaint should be attempted to be resolved with the City directly.</p> <p>Should the city be unable to resolve a complaint, or request for clarification, of this nature the complainant, you may refer to the following bodies:</p> <p>The Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (DLGIRS).</p> <p>The Ombudsman.</p> <p>The State Administrative Tribunal</p>
Q7	<p>Clarification on Council’s Claim of Finality in Public Question Responses</p> <p>During the last meeting, it was stated: “Responses provided during Public Question Time are final.”</p> <p>Does this imply that the Council considers its responses infallible—even if evidence later demonstrates that an answer was incorrect? Is there any formal process for correcting inaccurate public responses?</p>
Provided by the Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy	
A7	<p>No.</p> <p>Corrections and clarifications to final responses (those adopted when the Minutes of a meeting are confirmed) may be made by Council by requesting to amend the Minutes of a previous meeting.</p>
Q8	<p>Allegation of Blocking Access During Protests</p> <p>Does the Council believe that I, as an individual protester has ever obstructed public access to</p> <p>Council House? If so, how is that possible when the entrance is approximately eight metres</p> <p>wide?</p>

Provided by the General Manager Community Development	
A8	The City has not issued you with an infringement notice related to obstruction of public access to Council House.
Q9	<p>The Playing of Soundbites of a Dying Teenager: Council’s Rationale</p> <p>On 10 January 2024, the City wrote: “The City does not support amplified sound from protest groups, unless it is reasonable amplified sound required for all participants at the rally to hear rally speakers.”</p> <p>At that time, I requested permission to play a soundbite from a terminally ill teenage girl using a small public address system. The City did not support this request.</p> <p>Could the Council explain its rationale for determining that playing this soundbite of a terminally ill teenage girl through a small public address system would have been disruptive to the community?</p> <p>Following the State Administrative Tribunal matter CC 921/2024, WAPOL has since changed its position and now permits the use of a small public address system at rallies when there is a relatively small number of protestors.</p> <p>Given this ruling, has the City of Perth also reconsidered its position? Does the Council now support the respectful playing of soundbites from deceased or dying individuals at rallies, provided they are broadcast using modest amplification, or is the Council still unsupportive of playing the soundbite of the now dead teenage girl Dazelle Peters?</p>
Provided by the General Manager Community Development	
A9	<p>As previously advised on 10 December 2024 and 1 July 2025:</p> <p><i>“The City does not support the use of amplified sound where it is considered to cause disruption to the community. Any reconsideration of this position is based on assessment of full details provided either by an applicant to the City of Perth or WA police and on a case by case basis.”</i></p> <p>The City has responded to this matter on multiple occasions. Going forward, the City will direct back to previously answered questions.</p>

7. Confirmation of Minutes

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-001)

Mover: Councillor Raj Doshi

Seconded: Councillor Liam Gobbert

That Council CONFIRMS the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 1 July 2025 and Special Council Meeting held on 15 July 2025 as true and correct records.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil

8. Questions by Members which due Notice has been Given

Nil.

9. Correspondence

Nil.

10. Petitions

Nil.

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-002)

Mover: Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds

Seconded: Councillor Clyde Bevan

That the officer recommendation for items 15.1, 15.2, 15.3 and 20.1 be adopted en bloc, and the remaining items be dealt with separately.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil

11. Planning and Sustainability Alliance Reports

Nil.

12. Community Development Alliance Reports

Nil.

13. Infrastructure and Operations Alliance Reports

13.1 Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre Early Works

Responsible Officer	Allan Mason – General Manager Infrastructure and Operations
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Attachments	Nil.

Purpose

To provide Elected Members with an update on State Government proposed road and associated works (Early Works) to prepare for redevelopment of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC). This report seeks Council endorsement of the City's position in relation to the proposed Early Works.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. ACKNOWLEDGES while the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC) redevelopment is recognised as a significant State priority, there is currently limited information available to the City to enable proper consideration of the Early Works proposal.
2. ACKNOWLEDGES that additional traffic impact and mitigation assessments are required, and that sufficient time must be provided to the City to review these assessments prior to any design approval being granted.
3. ENDORSES the following City of Perth Position on the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC) Redevelopment Early Works:
 - a. The City recognises the State Government intends to redevelop the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre precinct, and that this redevelopment should deliver significant economic, cultural, and public realm benefits to the City and broader community.
 - b. The City notes the State's intention to conduct comprehensive Early Works, ahead of the main redevelopment of the PCEC precinct including:
 - i. The closure of Birdiya Drive to facilitate construction of a tunnel structure and reconfiguration of the southern road network; and
 - ii. Temporary intersection upgrades at Spring Street and William Street along Mounts Bay Road, to manage traffic flow and enable safe and effective site access during construction.
 - c. The City acknowledges the Early Works will lead to considerable disruption of traffic flow within the CBD.
 - d. Prior to providing support for the current 50% design of the Early Works, the City seeks written assurances from the State Government regarding the following:
 - i. The State Government to complete holistic road network impact modelling of proposed road closures, across the whole of the CBD
 - ii. Appropriate planning and mitigation measures regarding the road closures are to be agreed between the City and the State Government

- iii. Appropriate traffic management measures will be in place in circumstances where road standard compliance issues arise as a consequence of the Early Works
 - e. That the work detailed above will be completed ahead of the finalisation of 100% design, and in sufficient time to allow the City to consider its response.
 - 4. SUPPORTS continued engagement with the State Government to address outstanding concerns on traffic congestion and traffic mitigation, as well as the need for communication strategies to assist community and business awareness of (and strategies to manage) the impact of this State Government led initiative.
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Background

1. The Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre (PCEC) Redevelopment Project is a State Government-led initiative to transform the existing PCEC site. The Project Team is comprised of a number of relevant State Government agencies, in conjunction with developers, Brookfield Wyllie Joint Venture.
2. In October 2024 the State Government announced a \$16.6 million commitment to progress a Project Definition Plan for the redevelopment. In May 2025 the WA Planning Commission sought public comment on a Draft Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre Precinct Improvement Scheme No.1. Consultation on the latter closes on 6 October 2025.
3. In late May 2025 the PCEC State Government led Project Team briefed City Administration on works proposed to occur ahead of the main redevelopment of the PCEC site. Those Early Works are designed to enable site access and manage traffic in the area. At this stage the City understands that whilst Early Works design is progressing at pace (and is intended to begin in October/November 2025) funding is still subject to Government approval processes.
4. The importance of the PCEC redevelopment to the City is well understood and, in principle, it is supported by the City as a project of economic and social significance.
5. The PCEC Project Team has now sought City support for its 50% design of the Early Works. However, City Administration has advised the PCEC Project Team regarding concerns in relation to design development, traffic modelling, and operational impact, with a view to ensuring Early Works align with City standards and minimise impacts to road users and road network.

Discussion

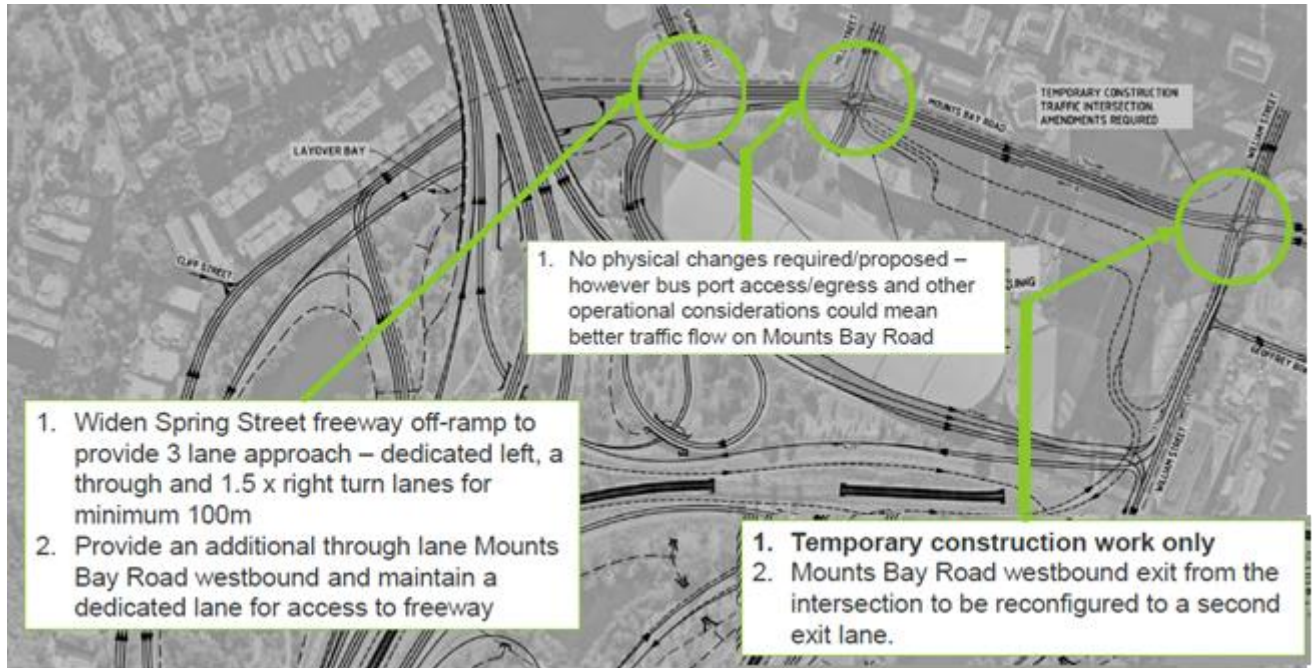
Early Works Overview

6. As part of the PCEC redevelopment, the State proposes significant changes to the road network, south of the development site. These changes will include:
 - Construction of an at-ground level tunnel structure along Birdiya Drive, to allow the convention centre to expand over the road towards the river foreshore; and
 - Reconfiguration of the southern end of the road network to integrate with the redeveloped precinct.
7. To facilitate these changes the State advises it intends to temporarily (starting Oct-Nov 2025) **modify intersections at Spring Street and William Street** along Mounts Bay Road (to increase capacity and traffic flow) and **close, for at least eight months, Birdiya Drive**. Overall impact of the temporary modifications is anticipated to extend over 12 months.

Early Works Overview

8. State Government advice to the City is that it intends to make the following temporary modifications:
 - a. *Spring Street – Mounts Bay Road:*
 - Widen intersection by creating additional lanes and modifying geometry to increase capacity and improve traffic flow from freeway off-ramp.
 - b. *Mill Street – Mounts Bay Road:*
 - c. No physical changes proposed at this stage, though busport access and egress are under review.
 - d. *William Street – Mounts Bay Road:*

- Changes to signalling and lane configurations to accommodate Birdiya Drive closure south of William Street and increase throughput on Mounts Bay Road.



Source: City of Perth summary illustration of proposed temporary works

Early Works traffic management impacts

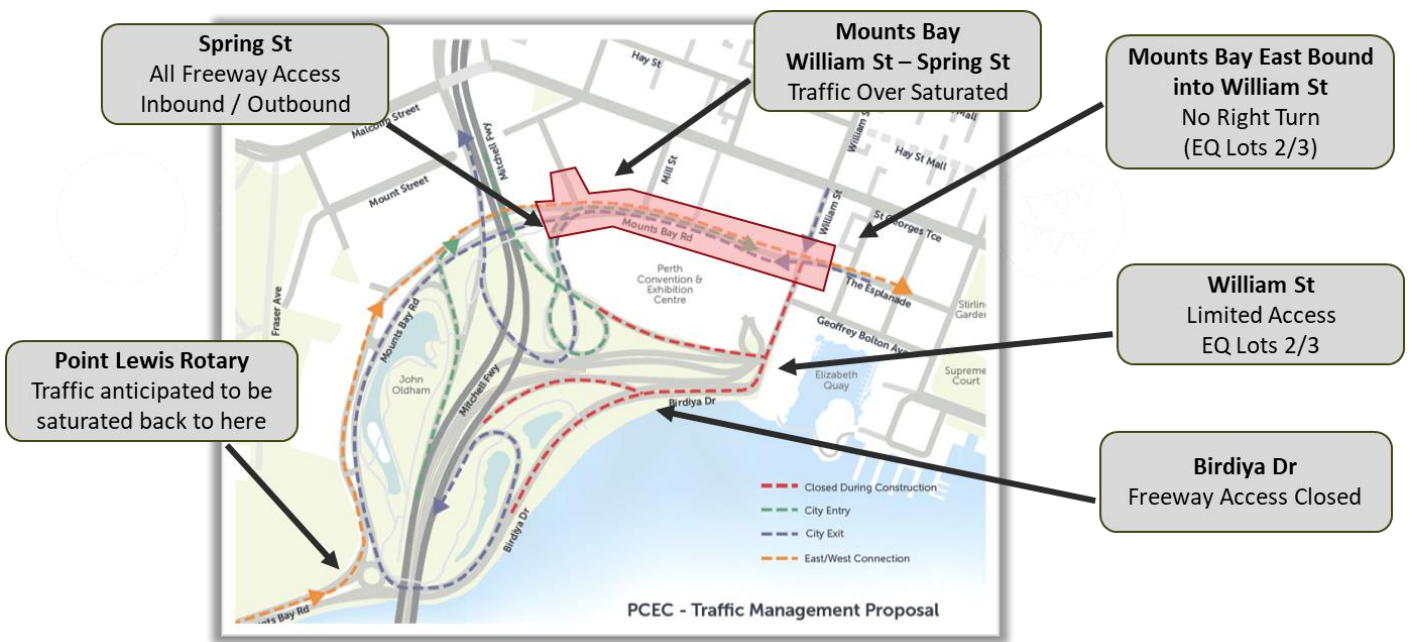
9. The closure of Birdiya Drive will have a **significant road network impact**. The table below is an extract from the LinSig traffic modelling undertaken by the PCEC traffic consultant showing the likely traffic impacts during the morning and evening peak hour.

Intersection	Criteria	Existing AM	Realistic AM (EWX)	Existing PM	Realistic PM (EWX)
Spring Street – Mounts Bay Rd	Level of Service	D	F	E	F
	Degree of Saturation	86%	108%	99%	108%
	MM Queue Length	161m	833m	212m	546m
Mill Street – Mounts Bay Rd	Level of Service	D	E	D	F
	Degree of Saturation	80%	102%	88%	107%
	MM Queue Length	95m	196m	126m	420m
William Street – Mounts Bay Rd	Level of Service	D	C	E	D
	Degree of Saturation	84%	103%	101%	89%
	MM Queue Length	165m	96m	143m	173m
Level of Service	Description	Level of Service	Description		
A	Free Flow	D	Approaching Unstable Flow		
B	Reasonable Free Flow	E	Unstable Flow/At Capacity		
C	Stable Flow	F	Forced Flow/Breakdown		

Source: Flyt TSAP Scenario Test, July 2025

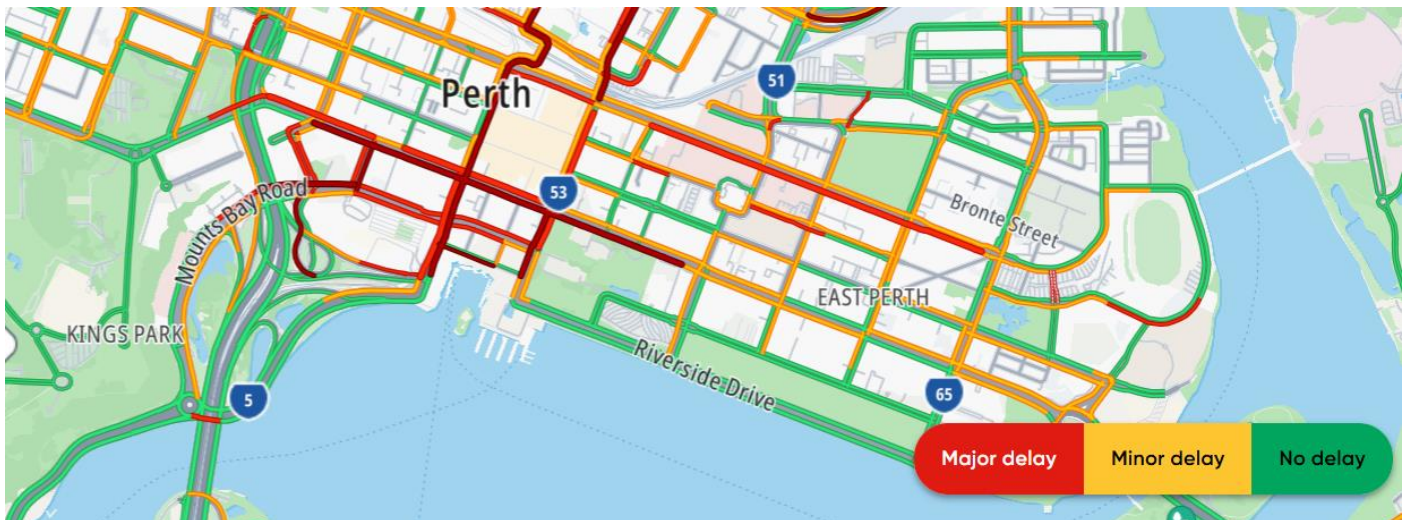
10. Assessment of the modelling (as illustrated in the below diagrams) suggests:

- Spring Street will become the primary inbound/outbound route for traffic displaced by Birdiya Drive closure, causing **severe congestion** with **queue lengths increasing fivefold (up to 833 metres in AM peak)** when compared to the current situation.
- Mill Street intersection will approach **operational failure in PM peak** without physical changes.
- William Street will see some reduction in PM peak congestion (due to closure of Birdiya Drive) but remain constrained due to traffic rerouting.
- However, the modelling assumes traffic will take alternative routes to avoid the area so **impacts may be more significant and widespread across the entire CBD road network**.



Existing morning peak hour traffic

11. Current city-wide traffic congestion is evidenced by the below snapshot in time.
12. This reinforces the City’s request for the Project to undertake area wide traffic micro-simulation modelling to fully understand the impacts of the Birdiya Drive temporary road closure.



9am traffic delays 24 July 2025 (source: tomtom live traffic)

Roles and Responsibilities

13. Early Works require both Main Roads WA (MRWA) and City of Perth approval.
 - MRWA is responsible for approval of any changes to traffic signals under their care and control.
 - The City is responsible for approval of any changes to road network assets which are under its care and control (which is done under the City's Contributed Asset Policy).
 - Both Main Roads and the City are responsible for approval of traffic management plans associated with temporary road restrictions.

Key Concerns and Risks:

14. **Significant traffic congestion impacts are anticipated** across Mounts Bay Road, Spring Street, and surrounding networks, with broader implications for the freeway off-ramps and Point Lewis Rotary. These impacts are likely to be felt for at least 12 months, adding to existing strains on the City's road network.
15. The Project Team has **not undertaken broader network microsimulation modelling**, meaning that the City cannot fully understand network-wide impacts, or appropriate mitigation strategies. The City has requested the Project Team to undertake effective and wholistic traffic modelling.
16. The analysis appears **not to consider the wider network impacts of other significant State Government Projects and possible road closures** (Causeway Bridge alterations for ferry services, WaterCorp major pipeline replacement at Point Fraser and Ozone Reserve)
17. The Project Team **timeframes (ie work commencing Oct-Nov 2025) are challenging** the City's capacity to undertake thorough review within the deadlines proposed by the project, particularly given the lack of whole of network traffic modelling.
18. **Design standard compliance issues in road geometry** are apparent in the proposed temporary works, particularly at Spring Street. The City will need assurance regarding appropriate traffic management to mitigate the compliance issues.

Current status

19. Timeframes for the Early Works engagement are shown below, however the City understands progress is subject to Government funding approval processes. It is noted that the timeframes are indicative targets and subject to milestones being met.

Milestone	Date	Status
PCEC Issue Road Design (50% Design)	13 June 2025	Complete
Base Traffic Model Approval	13 June 2025	Complete by MRWA
Traffic Signal Approval - Gate 2 (50% Design)	25 July 2025	
Submit Traffic Signal Approval - Gate 3 (100% Design)	07 Aug 2025	
Traffic Signal Approval - Gate 3 (100% Design)	28 Aug 2025	
Early Works Agreement Executed	04 Sep 2025	
Works Commence on Site	01 Oct 2025	

← City Support Required

← City Approval Required

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20. The City received the formalised 50% Design package for Early Works on 23 June 2025 and provided comments in response noting concerns with intersection designs, traffic impacts, and modelling limitations.

21. MRWA and the PCEC project team has asked the City to support the 50% design gate, thus allowing the project to progress to 100% design. No written assurance has been provided to the City that the Project Team will conduct the necessary wholistic traffic impact assessment and other design mitigation measures.

Consultation

22. In a project of this nature the City would ordinarily expect sufficient information to be available to enable appropriate **consultation with the community**. At this stage this is not possible. The City has raised with the PCEC Project Team the need to provide advice to the community and businesses regarding the likely impact of the proposed Early Works.

23. This view, and the concerns of the City regarding the proposal, has been provided to the relevant State Government agencies and project Joint Venture partners through project technical working groups.

24. While a report of this nature would ordinarily go through an Agenda Briefing Session before presentation to Council, this report is being presented directly to Council to support timely decision making on this important matter. However, Elected Members were consulted on the theme of this report at the Elected Member Engagement Session held on the **15 July 2025**.

Decision Implications

25. The Early Works enables progression of a major State redevelopment project. However, these Early Works will also result in significant traffic congestion and changed travel pattern. This will affect commuters, visitors, residents, and businesses across the CBD and the freeway network. The City's decision seeks to mitigate negative impacts on community amenity and the broader network.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Strategy	
Strategic Pillar (Objective)	A Well-Governed City
Related Documents (Issue Specific Strategies and Plans):	Nil.

Legislation, Delegation of Authority and Policy	
Legislation:	Nil.
Authority of Council/CEO:	Council.
Policy:	Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Further Information

Nil.

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-003)

Mover: Councillor Raj Doshi

Seconded: Councillor Liam Gobbert

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CARRIED UNOPPOSED (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil

14. Commercial Services Alliance Reports

Nil.

15. Corporate Services Reports

15.1 Monthly Financial Statements - May 2025

Responsible Officer	Michael Kent – General Manager Corporate Services
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Attachments	<p>Attachment 15.1A – Statement of Financial Activity P11-25</p> <p>Attachment 15.1B – Notes on Significant Variances P11-25</p> <p>Attachment 15.1C – Supplementary Notes to SFA P11-25</p> <p>Attachment 15.1D – Monthly Financial Statistics P11-25</p> <p>Attachment 15.1E – Statement of Financial Position P11-25</p> <p>Attachment 15.1F – Alliance Variances P11-25</p> <p>Attachment 15.1G – Capital Variances P11-25</p> <p>Attachment 15.1H – Investment Report P11-25</p> <p>Attachment 15.1I – Rates Monthly Report P11-25</p>

Purpose

This suite of reports provides Council with timely, meaningful financial insights regarding the City’s operating activities, financial performance, and financial position.

Recommendation

That Council RECEIVES the following financial reports for the period ended 31 May 2025:

- a. Statement of Financial Activity (SFA) - **Attachment 15.1A.**
- b. Notes on Significant Variances - **Attachment 15.1B.**
- c. Supplementary Notes to the Statement of Financial Activity - **Attachment 15.1C.**
- d. Monthly Financial Statistics - **Attachment 15.1D.**
- e. Statement of Financial Position - **Attachment 15.1E.**
- f. Alliance Operating Variances - **Attachment 15.1F**
- g. Capital Variances - **Attachment 15.1G**
- h. Investment Report - **Attachment 15.1H.**
- i. Rates Monthly Debtors Report - **Attachment 15.1I.**

Background

1. Presentation of a monthly financial report to Council is both a statutory obligation and good financial management practice that:
 - a. Demonstrates the City's commitment to managing its operations in a financially responsible and sustainable manner.
 - b. Provides timely identification of variances from budget expectations for revenues and expenditures and identification of emerging opportunities or changes in economic conditions.
 - c. Ensures proper accountability to the community for the use of financial resources.
2. Preparation of a monthly Statement of Financial Activity (SFA) is the minimal statutory requirement of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*. It is also a responsible financial management practice to allow Council to effectively execute their financial management responsibilities.
3. Financial information that is required to be reported directly to Council monthly includes:
 - a. Operational financial performance against budget expectations.
 - b. Explanations for identified variances from expectations.
 - c. Financial position of the City at each given month end.
4. This statutory financial information is supported by additional supplementary information including investments performance and reports on rates and general debtors.

Understanding the Financials

5. When reading the financial information provided in this report, 'variances' (deviations from budget expectations) are classified as being either:
 - a. Favourable variance.
 - b. Unfavourable variance.
 - c. Timing variance.
6. A timing variance relates to a budgeted revenue or expense that has not occurred at the time it was expected, but which is still expected to occur within the budget year. That is, the financial transaction will still occur - but just in a different month. There should be no impact on the projected budget surplus by year end.
7. A realised favourable or unfavourable variance is different to a timing variance. It represents a genuine difference between the actual and budgeted revenue or expenditure item.
8. A realised favourable year to date variance on a revenue item is a positive outcome for the City as it increases the projected budget surplus. An unfavourable variance on a revenue item has the opposite effect, resulting a decrease to the projected budget surplus.
9. A realised favourable variance on an expenditure item may have either of two causes - one being a saving because the outcome was achieved for a lesser cost, which has the effect of increasing the projected budget surplus. The other cause may be that the proposed expenditure may not have been undertaken and is not expected to be incurred in that financial year. Whilst this may seem positive from the financial position perspective, it may not be a positive outcome for the community if the service or project is not delivered.

10. A realised unfavourable year to date variance on an expenditure item, (over-expenditure) results in a decrease to the projected budget surplus.
11. The Schedule of Significant Variances (**Attachment 15.1B**) provides commentary on whether the nature of the variance is savings related, timing related or otherwise.
12. If a realised favourable or unfavourable variance is material in value (of significant size), it will be amended through a formal budget review process.

Discussion

13. It is a statutory requirement to present a set of Monthly Management Accounts within two months of the end of the month to which they refer.
14. The SFA by Nature & Type - **Attachment 15.1A** presents a whole of organisation perspective on the attainment of revenue and expenditure targets overall - classified by nature and type.
15. The headline data from the SFA at month end is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1:

Item Details	Annual Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual 24/25	Variance	F/ U
Operating Revenue	\$124.47 M	\$114.58 M	\$120.16 M	\$5.58 M	F
Rates Revenue	\$107.29 M	\$107.29 M	\$107.88 M	\$0.59M	F
Cash Operating Exp	\$189.83 M	\$167.67 M	\$162.99 M	\$4.68 M	F
Non-Operating Revenue	\$7.13 M	\$2.04 M	\$4.60 M	\$2.56 M	F
Property, Plant & Equip	\$31.27 M	\$18.61 M	\$16.80 M	\$1.81 M	F
Capital - Infrastructure	\$35.74 M	\$31.07M	\$28.42 M	\$2.64 M	F
Capital Contributions	\$17.75 M	\$0.00 M	\$0.00 M	\$0.00 M	-

16. Material operating revenue and expenditure variances from **Attachment 15.1A** are detailed (with explanatory comments) in the Notes on Significant Variances (**Attachment 15.1B**).
17. Each line item listed in the SFA by Nature & Type **Attachment 15.1A** can be cross referenced (using the Note reference) back to the relevant note.
18. Examining the SFA (**Attachment 15.1A**) in more detail; the aggregation of operating revenues and operating expenses reflects a year-to-date Net Cash Position from Operations of \$65.06M compared to a year-to-date budget of \$54.21M. This is a favourable variance of \$10.85M at the end of the month.
19. Investing activities reflect a result of (\$41.97M) compared to a year-to-date budget of (\$47.64M). This is a favourable variance of (\$5.67M).
20. Construction of infrastructure to month end is \$2.64M behind budget expectations.
21. Acquisition of non-infrastructure to month end is \$1.81M behind budget expectation.
22. Adjusting for opening funds (Net Current Position), generates the Budget Deficiency before Rates. This then indicates the Amount Required to be Raised from Rates. The difference between the Rates amount, and the Deficiency before Rates, is the Closing Position.

23. The SFA for the period to 31 May shows that a rate yield of \$107.84M has been levied compared to the budget of \$107.29M - noting that heritage rates concessions may reduce that amount in future.
24. The disclosed SFA Closing Position of \$67.20M compares favourably to the projected year to date budget closing position of \$50.14M - due to the revised (higher) opening position and other improved operating revenue items which were approved in mid-year budget review.
25. Key financial statistics at each month end are presented graphically in **Attachment 15.1D** as an alternative representation of the data.
26. The Net Current Position Note (**Attachment 15.1C**) at month end reflects an indicative adjusted Net Current Position value of \$67.20M compared the year to date value of \$50.14M and a year-end budget projection of \$7.95M.
27. Headline data from this month's Net Current Position report is shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2:

Item Details	June 24 Actual	June 25 Annual Budget	May 25 Actual
Current Assets	\$ 243.55 M	\$ 209.82 M	\$ 267.51M
Current Liabilities	(\$ 40.98 M)	(\$ 42.93 M)	(\$ 41.93 M)
Unadjusted Net Assets	\$ 202.57 M	\$ 166.89 M	\$ 225.56 M
Less Restricted Items & Adjustments	(\$ 175.05 M)	(\$ 158.94 M)	(\$ 158.37 M)
Adjusted Net Current Position	\$ 27.52 M	\$ 7.95 M	\$ 67.20 M

28. The Net Current Position at year end is impacted by the factors noted at paragraph 24 above.
29. A Statement of Financial Position as at month end (showing 2023/24 Actual balances, the Revised 2024/25 Budget and the 2024/25 Year to Date Actual balances) is presented as **Attachment 15.1E**.
30. In line with recent local government financial management reporting changes, **Attachments 15.1A** to **Attachment 15.1C** form the portion of monthly management accounts that is a statutory obligation.
31. The remaining **attachments 15.1D through to 15.1I** are supplementary information provided to give Council additional transparency of the City's financial management performance.
32. **Attachment 15.1H** - Investment Report for May 2025 presents detail of the City's cash investment portfolio in terms of performance, percentage exposure of total portfolio by credit risk, counterparty exposure and maturity profile.
33. The report indicates the City has adequate cash flow to meet its financial obligations as and when they will fall due; and it has achieved compliance with the various Investment Policy limits.
34. **Attachment 15.1I** - Rates Debtors provides a monthly update and analysis of rates collections by differential property rating category and overall. The 2024/25 rates notices were issued on 26 July and all four instalment dates out of four have passed. Collections currently represent 99% of total rates collectable.

Consultation

35. Nil.

Decision Implications

36. Council’s acknowledgement of receiving the Statement of Financial Activity and supporting documents will meet its statutory obligation in respect of overseeing the City’s financial resources.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Strategy	
Strategic Pillar (Objective)	A Well-Governed City
Related Documents (Issue Specific Strategies and Plans):	Nil.

Legislation, Delegation of Authority and Policy	
Legislation:	<p>Section 6.4(1) and (2) of the Local Government Act 1995 Regulation 34(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</p> <p>This section of the Act and the related regulation prescribe the requirement to prepare and present to Council a Monthly Financial Report including a Statement of Financial Activity (SFA). That Statement of Financial Activity (SFA) should contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Budget estimates, and approved revisions to these for comparison purposes. • Actual amounts of income and expenditure to the end of the month of the SFA. • Material variances between the comparable amounts and commentary on reasons for these variances. <p>The Monthly Financial Report should also contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Statement of Financial Position at the end of the month. • An explanation of the composition of the Net Current Position at the end of the month to which the SFA relates. <p>Any other information which the local government deems relevant.</p>
Authority of Council/CEO:	The above legislation prescribes that this report be presented to Council on a monthly basis.
Policy:	CP 2.1 Management of Investments.

Financial Implications

37. There are no direct financial implications of receiving this report as it reflects a historical accounting of financial transactions. When material variances are noted, appropriate remedial action will be initiated by the administration in a timely and prudent manner.

Further Information

38. Nil.

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-004)

Mover: Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds

Seconded: Councillor Clyde Bevan

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CARRIED EN BLOC (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil



City of Perth Statement of Financial Activity

May - 2025

Attachment A

Detail	Note	Revised Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	YTD Budget Variance \$	YTD Budget Variance %	Budget Impact
Operating Activities							
Revenue from Operating Activities							
Rates	1	107,294,833	107,294,833	107,884,348	589,515	0.5%	✓
Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	2	4,401,051	3,290,420	3,399,102	108,681	3.3%	✓
Fees & Charges - Parking	3A	70,981,653	65,089,374	66,544,071	1,454,697	2.2%	✓
Fees & Charges - Waste	3B	11,273,400	11,144,998	11,325,421	180,422	1.6%	✓
Fees & Charges - Other	3C	3,396,331	3,219,171	3,645,235	426,065	13.2%	✓
Interest Revenue	4A	14,261,720	13,037,093	13,273,214	236,121	1.8%	✓
Distribution from Investments	4B	300,000	220,434	220,892	459	0.2%	✓
Fines & Associated Costs	5	8,357,742	7,645,238	7,543,445	(101,793)	(1.3%)	✗
Rental and Hire Revenue	6	5,390,193	5,001,696	5,083,964	82,268	1.6%	✓
Other Revenue	7	6,040,136	5,879,150	6,882,052	1,002,902	17.1%	✓
Change in Valuation of Investment	8	0	0	1,485,711	1,485,711	0.0%	!
Profit on Asset Disposals	9	75,303	55,927	760,833	704,906	1260.4%	✓
Sub Total		231,772,362	221,878,334	228,048,287	6,169,953	2.8%	✓
Expenditure from Operating Activities							
Employee Costs	10	(90,715,695)	(83,197,635)	(81,746,019)	1,451,617	(1.7%)	✓
Materials and Contracts	11	(66,004,807)	(55,194,988)	(52,500,171)	2,694,817	(4.9%)	✓
Utility Charges	12	(4,024,789)	(3,732,834)	(3,695,324)	37,509	(1.0%)	✓
Finance Costs	13	(112,639)	(103,252)	(104,376)	(1,123)	1.1%	✗
Insurance	14	(1,709,243)	(1,562,283)	(1,466,862)	95,421	(6.1%)	✓
Parking Levy	15	(17,821,585)	(16,368,466)	(16,376,282)	(7,816)	0.0%	✗
Other Expenditure	16	(9,367,784)	(7,452,796)	(7,121,923)	330,872	(4.4%)	✓
Change in Valuation of Investment	17	0	0	(951,315)	(951,315)	0.0%	!
Depreciation & Amortisation	18	(37,921,063)	(34,783,291)	(36,057,762)	(1,274,471)	3.7%	✗
Loss on Asset Disposals	19	(1,129,694)	(1,110,797)	(58,089,964)	(56,979,167)	5129.6%	✗
Sub Total		(228,807,299)	(203,506,343)	(258,109,998)	(54,603,656)	26.8%	✗
Non Cash Amounts excluded from Operating Activities		38,975,454	35,838,161	95,120,539	59,282,377	165.4%	✓
Amount attributable to Operating Activities		41,940,517	54,210,153	65,058,827	10,848,675	20.0%	✓
Investing Activities							
Inflows from Investing Activities							
Capital Grants, Subsidies and Contributions (Cash)	20	2,813,654	1,263,050	1,751,933	488,883	38.7%	✓
Contributed, Recognised and Right of Use Assets	21	0	0	1,343,355	1,343,355	0.0%	!
Distribution from Investments in Associates	22	3,541,700	0	0	0	0.0%	!
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	23	775,516	775,516	1,506,261	730,745	94.2%	✓
Sub Total		7,130,870	2,038,566	4,601,550	2,562,984	125.7%	✓
Outflows from Investing Activities							
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	24	(31,269,221)	(18,614,613)	(16,800,442)	1,814,171	(9.7%)	✓
Construction of Infrastructure	25	(35,736,430)	(31,067,352)	(28,423,743)	2,643,609	(8.5%)	✓
Contributed, Recognised and Right of Use Assets	26	0	0	(1,343,355)	(1,343,355)	0.0%	!
WACA Aquatic Centre Contribution	27	(13,750,000)	0	0	0	0.0%	!
Perth Concert Hall Contribution	27	(4,000,000)	0	0	0	0.0%	!
Sub Total		(84,755,651)	(49,681,965)	(46,567,540)	3,114,425	(6.3%)	✓
Amount attributable to Investing Activities		(77,624,781)	(47,643,399)	(41,965,991)	5,677,408	11.9%	✓
Financing Activities							
Inflows from Financing Activities							
Transfer from Reserves	28	57,111,862	54,702,662	55,608,268	905,606	1.7%	✓
Redemption of Mortgage Backed Securities	29	0	0	92,076	92,076	0.0%	!
Proceeds from New Borrowings	30	0	0	0	0	0.0%	!
Sub Total		57,111,862	54,702,662	55,700,343	997,681	1.8%	✓
Outflows from Financing Activities							
Transfer to Reserves	31	(40,700,886)	(38,632,443)	(38,917,612)	(285,169)	0.7%	✗
Repayment of Borrowings	32	0	0	0	0	0.0%	!
Payments for Principal Portion of Leases	33	(291,743)	(11,086)	(11,086)	0	0.0%	!
Sub Total		(40,992,629)	(38,643,529)	(38,928,698)	(285,169)	0.7%	✗
Amount attributable to Financing Activities		16,119,233	16,059,133	16,771,645	712,512	(4.4%)	✗
Movement in Surplus or (Deficit)							
Surplus / (Deficit) at Start of Financial Year	34	27,517,798	27,517,798	27,344,532	(173,266)	(0.6%)	✗
Amount attributable to Operating Activities		41,940,517	54,210,153	65,058,827	10,848,675	20.0%	✓
Amount attributable to Investing Activities		(77,624,781)	(47,643,399)	(41,965,991)	5,677,408	11.9%	✓
Amount attributable to Financing Activities		16,119,233	16,059,133	16,771,645	712,512	(4.4%)	✗
Surplus / (Deficit) after Imposition of Rates		7,952,767	50,143,684	67,209,014	17,065,329	34.0%	✓
Favourable Impact on Budget Surplus	✓						
Unfavourable Impact on Budget Surplus							✗



Notes to Statement of Financial Activity

May - 2025

Attachment C

Detail	Prior Year Actual \$	Revised Annual Budget \$	YTD Actual \$
Note 2 (a) Net Current Assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity			
Current Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted	49,063,412	36,278,917	90,671,431
Cash & Cash Equivalents - Restricted	174,505,238	158,094,260	157,814,582
Receivables - Rates	1,454,524	1,256,637	1,630,114
Receivables - Other	13,018,459	8,562,664	10,496,176
Inventories	1,074,304	1,127,147	1,053,462
Inventories - Land Held for Sale	835,982	1,143,517	835,982
Deposits & Prepayments	3,599,637	3,359,830	3,549,588
Prepaid Parking Levy	(0)	0	1,461,546
Subtotal	243,551,557	209,822,972	267,512,880
Current Liabilities			
Payables	(23,458,452)	(25,187,646)	(16,445,783)
Payables ESL	0	0	(106,064)
Accrued Expenses	(2,355,648)	(2,991,875)	(10,068,377)
Income in Advance	(2,258,587)	(2,227,023)	(1,962,844)
Lease Liabilities	(292,045)	(299,059)	(280,959)
Borrowings	0	0	0
Employee Provisions	(12,619,849)	(12,225,885)	(13,070,234)
Subtotal	(40,984,581)	(42,931,488)	(41,934,261)
Unadjusted Net Assets	202,566,975	166,891,484	225,578,619
Adjustments to Net Current Assets			
Less - Reserve Funds	(174,505,238)	(158,094,260)	(157,814,582)
Add - Current Borrowings	0	0	0
Add - Current Lease Liabilities	292,045	299,059	280,959
Less - Assets Not Expected to be Received this Year	(835,982)	(1,143,517)	(835,982)
Add - Funds Quarantined for Carry Forward Works	0	0	0
Total Adjustments to Net Current Assets	(175,049,176)	(158,938,718)	(158,369,605)
Net Current Position	27,517,800	7,952,766	67,209,013

Note 2 (b) - Non Cash Items excluded from Operating Activities

Details	Revised Annual Budget \$	YTD Budget \$	YTD Actual \$
Less - Profit on Disposal of Assets	(75,303)	(55,927)	(760,833)
Add - Loss on Disposals	1,129,694	1,110,797	58,089,964
Add - Depreciation & Amortisation	37,921,063	34,783,291	36,057,762
Add - Revaluation Expense	0	0	951,315
Less Revaluation Income	0	0	(1,485,711)
Movement in Pensioner Deferred Rates	0	0	7,527
Movement in Current Employee Provisions	0	0	231,315
Catalina Council Clearing Account	0	0	2,029,200
Total Non Cash Items excluded from Operating Activities	38,975,454	35,838,161	95,120,539



The Note reference and descriptor in each summary box below link back to the relevant line item on the Financial Activity Statement. The variance is then expressed as both a dollar value and a percentage. Letter F or U refers to the impact of the variance on the budget surplus (favourable / unfavourable).

Notes to Accompany Statement of Financial Activity - Operating Revenues

Comments on the 2.8% favourable variances in Operating Revenues are provided below.

Note 1	Rates	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$590K	0.5%	F

Rates levied are in line with revenue estimates, timing variance mainly relates \$393K interim rates raised in November.

Note 2	Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$109K	3.3%	F

Timing variance mainly related to contributions for Boorloo Heritage Festival \$46K, Leveraging and Activation \$21K and State Government grants \$41K.

Note 3A	Fees & Charges - Parking	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$1,455K	2.2%	F

Favourable variance mainly due to increase of parking fees.

Note 3B	Fees & Charges - Waste	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$180K	1.6%	F

Favourable variance arose mainly from higher than estimated fees for general waste and comingled recycling collection services.

Note 3C	Fees & Charges - Other	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$426K	13.2%	F

Favourable variances for fees and charges arose across several areas mainly from higher than anticipated development approvals \$165K, building approvals \$113K, activity approvals \$45K and settlement enquiries \$41K.

Note 4A	Interest Revenue	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$236K	1.8%	F

Interest earned on investments is ahead of budget due to higher investment rates and higher investment balances.

Note 4B	Distribution from Investments	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$0K	0.2%	F

Distribution from investments is largely in line with revenue estimates.

Note 5	Fines & Costs	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▼	Decrease Actual Surplus	(\$102K)	(1.3%)	U

Unfavourable variance mainly from reduced parking fines.

Note 6	Rental & Hire	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$82K	1.6%	F

Income from rental and hire activities is in line with revenue estimates.

Note 7	Other Revenue	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$1,003K	17.1%	F

Favourable variances arose from insurance reimbursements and adjustments \$373K, parking levy for Albert Facey House \$174K, container deposit scheme \$116K, recoverable works \$76K, street cleaning \$74K and recycling \$64K. The balance of variances is spread across a number of areas.

Note 8	Change in Investment Valuation	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$1,486K	0.0%	F

Positive change in the City's Colonial First State Investment which is marked to the ASX share index.

Note 9	Profit on Disposal of Assets (Non-Cash)	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
Nil	No Cash Impact on Surplus	\$705K	1,260.4%	F

Favourable variance predominantly arises from the sale of land - Altona Laneway \$605K and disposal of replaced fleet and plant assets \$97K.

Notes to Accompany Statement of Financial Activity - Operating Expenses

Comments on the 26.8% unfavourable variance in Operating Expenses are provided below.

Note 10	Employee Costs	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$1,452K	1.7%	F

The employee costs are under budget due to vacancies (some in recruitment) in most alliances. The consistency in vacancies across all alliances reflects the very competitive labour market in the wider community.

Note 11	Materials & Contracts	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$2,695K	4.9%	F

Overall, timing variance across materials and contracts expenditure arose from several service areas including:

- Events Management (hire expenses for events) \$ 490K
- Asset Maintenance (contractor services, traffic management) \$ 437K
- Parks and Environment Operations (contractor services, consultancy services) \$ 401K
- ICT Services (contractor services, consultancy services and hosted services) \$ 351K
- Waste and Cleaning (tipping fees, contractor services) \$ 342K
- Economic Development (contractor services, subscriptions and memberships) \$ 276K
- Culture and Arts Management (hire expenses for events) \$ 207K
- Infrastructure and Operations (contractor services, consultancy services) \$ 163K
- Marketing (advertising costs) \$ 158K

Note 12	Utilities	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$38K	1.0%	F

This favourable variance is mainly attributed to telecommunication charges \$116K, partially offset by an unfavourable variance for electricity charges (\$75K).

Note 13	Finance Costs	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▼	Decrease Actual Surplus	(\$1K)	(1.1%)	U

Lease interest expenses are in line with budgeted expenditure.

Note 14	Insurance	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$95K	6.1%	F

This favourable variance is mainly attributed to general insurance costs.

Note	Description	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
Note 15	Parking Levy			
▼	Decrease Actual Surplus	(\$8K)	0.0%	U

Parking Levy expense is in line with budgeted expenditure.

Note	Description	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
Note 16	Other Expenses			
▲	Increase Actual Surplus	\$331K	4.4%	F

This favourable variance mainly relates to the timing of donations, sponsorships and contributions.

Note	Description	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
Note 17	Change in Investment Valuation			
⌚	No Impact on Surplus	(\$951K)	0.0%	U

This variance is offset at year end against the positive variance noted above at Note 8.

Note	Description	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
Note 18	Depreciation & Amortisation (Non-Cash)			
Nil	No Cash Impact on Surplus	(\$1,274K)	(3.7%)	U


This unfavourable variance is spread across several areas including plant and vehicles, computers, paths and kerbs, and lighting.

Note	Description	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
Note 19	Loss on Asset Disposals (Non-Cash)			
Nil	No Cash Impact on Surplus	(\$56,979K)	(5,129.6%)	U

This unfavourable variance mainly relates to the disposal of land at Queens Gardens Car Park (\$52.7M) and the disposal of other infrastructure assets, street lighting, street furniture and parks furniture, gardens and landscape.

Notes to Accompany Statement of Financial Activity - Investing Activities

Investing Activities include grants for capital projects, sale of assets, acquisition and construction of assets. Comments on the 11.9% overall favourable variance are made below.

Note 20	Non-Operating Grants, Contributions & Subsidies	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
	No Impact on Surplus	\$489K	38.7%	F

Timing variance mainly relates to the receipt of capital contributions for road projects Bennett Street \$149K, Royal Street \$107K, Mounts Bay Road \$137K, Plain Street \$89K, Saint Georges Terrace \$85K and Loftus Street (\$102K). \$500K for CBD Transport projects have been identified to be carried forward to next financial year.

Note 21	Contributed & Right to Use Assets (Non Cash)	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
Nil	No Cash Impact on Surplus	\$ 1,343K	0.0%	F

Actual contributed assets or right to use assets recognised to date.

Note 22	Distribution from Investments in Associates	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
Nil	No Cash Impact on Surplus	\$ 0K	0.0%	-


No distribution from investment in associates recognised to date.

Note 23	Proceeds from Disposal of Asset	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
Nil	No cash impact on Actual Surplus	\$ 731K	94.2%	-

Accounting (Rate Setting entry only) - no impact on Actual Surplus.

Note 24	Purchase of Property Plant & Equipment	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
	Timing Difference	\$ 1,814K	9.7%	F

Refer to the separate Capital Projects Schedule for details of all capital projects and commentary on material variances identified therein.

Note 25	Construction of Infrastructure	Variance \$	Variance %	Type
	Timing Difference	\$ 2,644K	8.5%	F

Refer to the separate Capital Projects Schedule for details of all capital projects and commentary on material variances identified therein.

15.2 Schedule of Accounts Paid - May 2025

Responsible Officer	Michael Kent – General Manager Corporate Services
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Attachments	Attachment 15.2A – Schedule of Accounts Paid - May 2025

Purpose

For Council to note details of payments made under delegated authority for the month of May 2025.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. RECEIVES the Schedule of Accounts Paid for the period ended 31 May 2025 as attached as **Appendix 15.2A**.
2. RECORDS in the Ordinary Council Meeting minutes the summary of accounts paid being:

Total Accounts Paid	
Municipal Fund	\$18,104,175.52
Trust Fund	0
Total - All Funds	\$18,104,175.52

Background

1. In accordance with Regulation 13(2) and 13(3) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, where this power has been delegated, a list of payments for each month is to be compiled and presented to the Council. The Chief Executive Officer is delegated this authority under Delegation 2.14.
2. This authority has then been subdelegated by the Chief Executive Officer.
3. The listing of payments with full disclosure of all required information, is presented as an attachment to this report.
4. The listing of payments was made available to the Elected Members via the Council Hub, ahead of the agenda distribution, to provide additional time for review.
5. This summary report then facilitates the acknowledgement of the listing having been received.

Discussion

6. The Schedule of Accounts Paid (**Attachment 15.2A**) contains the following payments made under Delegated Authority 2.14 - Payments from the Municipal & Trust Fund:

Schedule of Accounts Paid – May 2025		
Municipal Fund		
EFT & Cheque Payments	Direct Creditor Payments	13,915,867.47
Sub Total - EFT & Cheques		13,915,867.47
Direct Debits	Bank Charges and Merchant Fees	15,260.30
Sub Total - Direct Debits		15,260.30
Payroll	06/05/2025	2,109,763.28
	16/05/2025	2,036,042.22
Sub Total - Payroll		4,143,677.93
Corporate Cards		29,369.82
Sub Total - Cards		29,369.82
Total per Attachment 15.2A		18,104,175.52
Total Payments from Municipal Fund		
Investments in Term Deposits		0
Trust Fund		
Trust EFT & Cheques		0
Total - Trust Funds		0

Consultation

7. Nil.

Decision Implications

8. Council’s acknowledgement of receiving the Schedule of Accounts Paid will meet its statutory obligation under Regulation 13(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Strategy	
Strategic Pillar (Objective)	Prosperous
Related Documents (Issue Specific Strategies and Plans):	Annual Budget

Legislation, Delegation of Authority and Policy	
Legislation:	<p>Section 6.10 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>. Regulation 13(1) of the <i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>.</p> <p>This section of the Act and the related regulation prescribes the requirement to prepare a list of all payments made for each month and to present them to Council. The Schedule of Accounts Paid (the ‘list’) should contain, for each payment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payee Name. • Amount of the Payment. • Date of the Payment. • Sufficient information to identify the transaction.
Authority of Council/CEO:	In accordance with Regulation 13(2) and 13(3) of the <i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i> , where this power has been delegated, a list of payments for each month is to be compiled and presented to the Council.
Policy:	Nil.

Financial Implications

9. There are no direct financial implications of receiving this report as it reflects a historical accounting of financial transactions that were provided for in the adopted budget (as amended).

Further Information

10. Nil.

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-005)

Mover: Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds

Seconded: Councillor Clyde Bevan

That Council:

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CARRIED EN BLOC (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil

15.3 Corporate Business Plan 2024/25-2027/28 Quarterly Progress Report 4

Responsible Officer	Michael Kent – General Manager Corporate Services
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Attachments	Attachment 15.3A – Corporate Business Plan 2023/24-2027/28 Quarterly Progress Report 4

Purpose

The report provides Council with a progress update for the deliverables set out in the Corporate Business Plan 2024/25-2027/28. It covers activities during the fourth and final quarter of the 2024/25 financial year, covering the period 1 April to 30 June 2025.

Recommendation

That Council ENDORSES the Corporate Business Plan 2024/25-2027/28 Quarterly Progress Report 4 for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025, as contained in **Attachment A**.

Background

1. Council adopted the Corporate Business Plan 2024/25-2027/28 (the CBP) at its Special Meeting held on 16 July 2024 (Council Resolution SCM-24/07-003).
2. The CBP establishes the City’s priorities for the next four years, guided by the Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032 (Revised 2024). The first year of the plan contained 54 deliverables.
3. The City reports to Council quarterly on the implementation of the CBP. To date, Council has endorsed three quarterly reports for 2024/25, as detailed below.

Quarter	Period	Council Meeting	Council Resolution
1	1 July to 30 September 2024	OCM 29 October 2024	OCM-24/10-015
2	1 October to 31 December 2024	OCM 10 February 2024	OCM-25/02-012
3	1 January to 31 March 2025	OCM 29 April 2025	OCM-25/04-010

4. Council approved an amendment to the CBP at its Ordinary Meeting held on 29 April 2025 (Council Resolution OCM-25/04-010). The amendment removed the following three deliverables, which have been significantly delayed due to factors outside the City’s control:
 - a. Local Planning Scheme No. 3 – Formal consultation completed.
 - b. Local Planning Scheme No. 3 – Consideration of submissions commenced.
 - c. Proactive Tree Borer Management – Research project commenced and treatments applied, where viable.

The amendment changed the total number of deliverables from 54 to 51.

Discussion

5. The quarterly progress report is contained in **Attachment A** and a summary is provided below.
6. The City has achieved 96% (n=49) of the deliverables for 2024/25. This represents a significant achievement by the City and continues an upward trend since 2021/22, as outlined below.

Year	Deliverables achieved
2024/25	96% (▲)
2023/24	90% (▲)
2022/23	89% (▲)
2021/22	87% (▬)

7. The following table identifies key achievements during quarter 4.

Project/program	Deliverable for 2024/25	Progress comments
Safer City	Review of community safety services and systems completed and outcomes provided to Elected Members	The review is complete and outcomes were presented to Elected Members at the Engagement Session held on 30 June 2025.

Project/program	Deliverable for 2024/25	Progress comments
Supreme Court Gardens upgrade	Detailed design completed	Detailed design is complete and procurement activities have commenced. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2025/26.
Main Street Enhancement Program	Draft concept plan for James Street upgrade provided to Elected Members	The draft concept plan was presented to Elected Members at the Engagement Session held on 1 April 2025. Council then approved a refined draft at its Ordinary Meeting held on 27 May 2025, for the purposes of community consultation.
Pier Street Retail Enhancement	Construction commenced	Detailed design was completed during quarter 2. A contract has since been awarded and construction commenced in June.
Contemporary Information Management	City Historic Records Review program completed (Year 3 of 3)	The final year of the Historic Records Review program is complete, with 860 boxes reviewed in 2024/25 and a total of 5,155 reviewed over the three-year program.

8. Two deliverables could not be fully achieved in 2024/25 but the City will continue to progress them into 2025/26.

Project/program	Deliverable for 2024/25	Progress comments
Core Technology Systems Transformation	Cloud-based human resources information system upgrade completed	The human resources information system is delayed because a system upgrade is now required before going live to ensure compliance with current legislation. Data validation is continuing. These issues have caused a delay to the planned go-live. A revised schedule is currently being finalised.
	Cloud-based financial and procurement systems upgrade completed	The financial and procurement systems upgrade is nearing completion, but data migration to the cloud cannot occur until the new HRIS is live. Finalisation of this project will be delayed until early FY2025/26.

9. A draft of the report was presented to the CEO Performance Review Committee at its meeting held on 14 July 2025.
10. This is the final quarterly progress report for 2024/25 and the Corporate Business Plan 2024/25-27/28. Future reports will focus on the updated Corporate Business Plan 2025/26-2028/29, which Council considered at its Special Meeting held on 15 July 2025.

Consultation

11. Nil.

Decision Implications

12. Nil.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Strategy	
Strategic Pillar (Objective)	A Well-Governed City
Related Documents (Issue Specific Strategies and Plans):	Strategic Community Plan – Articulates the community’s vision for Perth. Corporate Business Plan – Sets out how the City will deliver the vision in the Strategic Community Plan.

Legislation, Delegation of Authority and Policy	
Legislation:	Section 2.7 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> provides that Council is responsible for the performance of the local government’s functions. Section 5.56 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> requires a local government to plan for the future of the district. Regulation 19DA of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996</i> establishes the requirements for a Corporate Business Plan, including adoption and modification.
Authority of Council/CEO:	Under the Act and Regulations, the Council is responsible for the performance of the City’s functions and setting the Corporate Business Plan. Accordingly, it is appropriate for Council to receive regular updates on the progress of this plan. Regulation 19DA(6) of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996</i> requires that a Corporate Business Plan, or modifications of such a plan, be considered and adopted by an absolute majority of Council.
Policy:	Nil.

Financial Implications

13. Nil.

Further Information

14. Nil.

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-006)

Mover: Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds

Seconded: Councillor Clyde Bevan

That Council ENDORSES the Corporate Business Plan 2024/25-2027/28 Quarterly Progress Report 4 for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 June 2025, as contained in **Attachment A**.

CARRIED EN BLOC (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil

16. Engagement and Activations Alliance Reports

Nil.

17. Chief Executive Officer Reports

Nil.

18. Committee Reports

Nil.

19. Motions of which Previous Notice has been Given

19.1 Notice of Motion - Enhancing our Culture through Music

The following Notice of Motion was submitted in accordance with clause 4.12 of the *Standing Orders Local Law 2009*.

Councillor	Councillor Clyde Bevan
Date Received	26 June 2025
Motion	<p>That Council <u>REQUESTS</u> the CEO:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate ways to increase music events in the City of Perth, including consideration of the use of key City assets. 2. Explore incentives for event organisers, City grants and sponsorship opportunities. 3. Present findings to an Elected Member Engagement Session for feedback in November 2025.
Reasons Provided	<p>There is the capacity to use our city's assets to a fuller extent.</p> <p>2/ Other Local Governments are embracing music for the betterment of their community.</p> <p>3/ Music events not only embellish our culture but add to the fabric of our city by energizing business within our city. Food and beverage facilities, accommodation, retail, transport, parking are the obvious beneficiaries. This supports the economic wellbeing of rate-paying city properties and businesses.</p> <p>4/ These events bring a lot of enjoyment to the attendees.</p> <p>5/ Activation of our city has always been a priority and musical events provide what has been proven as popular for our residents as well as visitors to our city.</p> <p>6/ It is important to provide support to the entertainment industry to invigorate employment and sustainable employment.</p> <p>7/ We have a university soon to open in our city which will provide many entertainers. We need to invigorate this industry to provide careers not just for performers, but all who surround this industry ie lighting and sound technicians, staging crew etc.</p> <p>8/ Probably the most important factor is the sense of pure enjoyment that music brings to our lifestyle.</p> <p>9/ These events strengthen the city's attractiveness as a vibrant destination to live, work, study, invest and visit – driving population growth, commercial activity and cultural vitality.</p>

10/ The City of Perth has been acknowledged as one of the “most livable cities in the world”. The criticism of our city was that it LACKED culture. It is incumbent on us, the local government, to take action and make culture a shining light of our lifestyle.

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Responsible Officer	Andrew Lane – General Manager Engagement and Activation
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Attachments	Nil.

Discussion

1. Administration supports the intent of this Notice of Motion as is closely aligned with work already underway - particularly through the City's annual Events Plan and Neighbourhood Events Program - which together deliver a diverse calendar of activations where live music features as a key programming element.
2. Music events of varying scopes and scales are facilitated and promoted through a combination of City-led initiatives and partnerships with external organisers, making use of key City assets such as Forrest Place, Wellington Square, Langley Park, Supreme Court Gardens and Ozone Reserve. These events play an important role in driving visitation, enhancing the city's vibrancy, and contributing to Perth's cultural and economic life.
3. The Neighbourhood Events Program further supports localised, community-driven music activations. Events such as Fairlanes, Brass on the Grass, Sunset Sounds, and Musos in the Mall create platforms for emerging and grassroots musicians while fostering community connection and activating precincts in a meaningful way.
4. Through its Events Sponsorship and Grants program, the City currently provides financial support to a range of external event organisers, including those delivering live music events for a range of audiences. This ensures a balanced approach to supporting large-scale events alongside smaller, community-driven initiatives.
5. The upcoming opening of the ECU City Campus in 2026, incorporating the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA), presents a significant opportunity to further enhance the city's music and performing arts scene. The City recognises the value of supporting activation opportunities for the next generation of creative talent who will soon be studying, performing, and working in the heart of Perth.
6. To build on this momentum, Administration will explore options for low-value grants to encourage additional emerging or pop-up music initiatives. These activations will play a role in energising the city and supporting a thriving cultural economy, particularly as new talent and audiences are drawn to the city centre.
7. While the City's current framework addresses many of the objectives outlined in the motion. The Administration welcomes the opportunity to increase the focus to strengthen the City's role in this space - particularly as Perth continues to evolve as a dynamic and creative capital city.

Decision Implications

8. If Council supports the recommendation, there is a risk of duplication of effort and potential misallocation of resources in investigating activities already embedded within existing strategic and operational frameworks.

9. If Council does not support the recommendation, the City will continue to build on its successful event and cultural delivery mechanisms already in place, ensuring strategic alignment with broader goals around city vibrancy, economic activation, and cultural development.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Strategic Community Plan	
Strategic Pillar (Objective)	Prosperous
Related Documents (Issue Specific Strategies and Plans):	<i>Strategic Community Plan 2023 – 2033, Events Strategy, 2025/26 Events Plan</i> This approach supports the objective of creating a vibrant and activated city by leveraging partnerships and supporting diverse cultural programming that enhances Perth’s reputation as a dynamic capital city.

Legislation, Delegation of Authority and Policy	
Legislation:	Nil.
Authority of Council/CEO:	Council approval required to progress Notice of Motion.
Policy:	Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil. Activities referenced in the Notice of Motion are accommodated within existing budgets and program frameworks.

Further Information

10. Questions and Responses forming part of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 July 2025 are as follows:

	Question	Response
1.	I note that we're halfway through the city's cultural development plan, which was implemented in 2019 and runs through to 2029. Considering that we're midway through that, how does this notice of motion help support and elevate that?	Almost all of the elements contained within the Cultural Development Plan have been realised, or are being progressed through complementary strategic documents such as the City Planning Strategy, the Annual Events Plan, the Heritage Strategy and the Economic Development Strategy. This approach is supported by the outcomes anticipated in this Notice of Motion.

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-007)

Mover: Councillor Clyde Bevan

Seconded: Councillor Steven Wellard

That Council REQUESTS the CEO:

1. Investigate ways to increase music events in the City of Perth, including consideration of the use of key City assets.
2. Explore incentives for event organisers, City grants and sponsorship opportunities.
3. Present findings to an Elected Member Engagement Session for feedback in November 2025.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil

19.2 Notice of Motion - Active, Happy and Healthy in the City of Perth

The following Notice of Motion was submitted in accordance with clause 4.12 of the *Standing Orders Local Law 2009*.

Councillor	Councillor Clyde Bevan
Date Received	27 June 2025
Motion	That Council <u>REQUESTS</u> the CEO provide dedicated information on the City of Perth's website by the end of September 2025 promoting community programs operating within the City of Perth that specifically involve community physical activation and promote an active happy and healthy lifestyle.
Reasons Provided	<p>1/ This information is to encourage residents to have an active, happy and healthy lifestyle. The medical fraternity tell us and encourage us to stay active regularly as it is essential for good physical and mental health and wellbeing.</p> <p>2/ Activities to be promoted include groups that promote walking, jogging, swimming, sailing, cycling, yoga, tai chi, bridge card games, etc.</p> <p>3/ I have included bridge card games as they are good mental exercise for all and are especially valuable for seniors in our community. Not only is the mental exercise good, but also just the effort of going to the event and engaging with others is good physically as well as mentally.</p> <p>4/ The community companionship in these clubs brings a lot of support and friendship to those people involved, and needless to say, enjoyment as well.</p> <p>5/ This list of information makes it easy to find for those interested in participating. It is like a 'one stop shop'.</p> <p>6/ I would like this section of the website to be an obvious and easy resource centre for people wanting to join activities in the City of Perth.</p>

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Responsible Officer	Wendy Attenborough – General Manager Community Development
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Attachments	Nil.

Discussion

1. It is widely acknowledged that physical and social activities promote a happy and healthy lifestyle. The WA Department of Health’s report on the health and wellbeing of residents in the metropolitan area (2015–2019) highlights that 67% of the population is overweight or obese, 15.9% have high blood pressure, and 9.1% experience high or very high levels of psychological distress. Individuals with these conditions are at increased risk of developing non-communicable diseases.
2. The proposed action aligns with the City’s Social, Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023 – 2033 which aims to support the mental and physical health of the community. As a local government authority, the City of Perth is one of many stakeholders supporting community health and wellbeing and can adopt several roles—service provider, partner, advocate/facilitator, or regulator—to achieve this. The suggested action would position the City as a facilitator, promoting relevant community programs.
3. It is understood that the proposed action refers to not-for-profit and/or community programs that are open to the public rather than for-profit organisations (e.g., commercial gymnasiums).
4. It is also noted that individual events (e.g., HBF Run for a Reason) are already promoted to the public through the City’s Visit Perth website (visitperth.com).

Decision Implications

5. Work has already commenced on gathering information about potential community programs to promote on the City’s website. However, due to the administrative burden of maintaining detailed and up-to-date information on program dates and times, it is proposed that the new webpage(s) provide a listing of community programs, along with details on how readers can access current information (e.g., links to the groups’ websites or contact details).

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

Strategic Community Plan	
Strategic Pillar (Objective)	Liveable
Related Documents (Issue Specific Strategies and Plans):	Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2032 <i>Goal L1: A safe, active, vibrant and connected community.</i> Social, Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2023 – 2033 <i>Objective: Promote a social environment that supports mental and physical health while balancing the needs of our diverse community.</i>

Legislation, Delegation of Authority and Policy	
Legislation:	Nil.
Authority of Council/CEO:	Council approval required to progress Notice of Motion.
Policy:	Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

The financial implications of the recommendation(s) are accommodated within the existing budget.

Further Information

6. Questions and Responses forming part of the Agenda Briefing Session held on 22 July 2025 are as follows:

	Question	Response
1.	The response mentions duplication of effort if this item was approved. Can I please get an estimate of the Administrations time if it was approved?	<p>Visit Perth allows external users to submit event listings, so if ParkRun would like to promote their specific Claisebrook Cove event each Sunday, this can be listed and appear in the Visit Perth search results.</p> <p>The content supplied for City of Perth is evergreen information, it is a directory of the clubs and organisations that exist within the City's boundaries for users to then seek further information directly from that organisation's website.</p> <p>This is a standard practice across local government websites, for example: City of Stirling.</p> <p>There is no duplication of effort.</p>
2.	Can I please understand the content difference at a high level between Visit Perth website and City of Perth website?	<p>The City of Perth website is aimed primarily at residents and ratepayers, sharing municipal / Council specific information, enabling access to services such as waste, rates payment, and facilitating communication on local projects and initiatives. The website is also a communications tool used to promote City news, initiatives and events.</p> <p>Visit Perth is the City's consumer focused, destination marketing website aimed at promoting the City as an attractive and</p>

		exciting city to visit, thus focusing on increasing visitation to the Local Government Area (LGA) through the promotion of what's on in the City. The audience for Visit Perth extends well beyond the LGA boundaries.
3.	Visit Perth allows the community to post events including ongoing events; isn't this website run by the City? And can be used for the purpose laid out in this motion?	<p>That is correct. Visit Perth is run and controlled by the City. Events running within the LGA can be listed on the website.</p> <p>Content that has been supplied for the the Active, Happy and Healthy motion is directory style information that is relevant to the City website and will live under the heading Community Groups. For example, listing of Running Clubs or Cycling groups. As they aren't specific events, the listing will be supplied with links to the organisation for users to seek out more information.</p> <p>This approach ensures we rely on the organisation hosting events or activities to ensure their information is up to date on their own website, however the City monitors this information to ensure suitability to the site.</p> <p>Any organisation who would like to list an LGA specific event on Visit Perth has been encouraged to do so. The digital team has planned to showcase the Business Portal to the community development team so they can then onboard and support organisations to access this service.</p> <p>The Business Portal is where users can submit their events to the Visit Perth website.</p>

7. Questions and Responses forming part of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 29 July 2025 are as follows:

	Question	Response
1.	What existing programs, fitness or health activation programs does the city run or support and do we have any measures or feedback around the history there?	<p>Citiplace Community Centre <i>History: Commenced in 1989</i></p> <p>-----</p>

		<p>The City delivers the following public health activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tai Chi• Chair Yoga <p>Through community hire rates, the City supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carpet Bowls• Personal Training• Perth CBD Bridge Club• Various casual bookings <p>Rod Evans Community Centre <i>History: Recommended as a Community Centre in February 2024</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Through community hire rates, the City supports the following health/dance activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agua Dance• Fun Fun Dance• Dreamy Dream Dance• Danza Andina• Various casual dance provider bookings <p>Langley Park Pavilion <i>History: Available for hire since January 2025.</i></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Through community hire rates for room hire, the City supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wayra Peruvian Rhythms <p><i>Note: This venue is primarily hired for workshops and tutoring groups as major events on Langley Park have priority use of the Pavilion for staging.</i></p> <p>City of Perth Library History: Opened on current site in 2016</p> <p>-----</p> <p>In 2024/25, the library hosted the following educational talks and events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Luma Women’s Health Talk Series• Royal Perth Hospital Research Foundation Talk Series• SHESPeaks Project with Edith Cowan University, School of Education• Breast Cancer Awareness (Breast Cancer Care WA), Community Information Session• Diabetes WA Community Information Session• Strokesafe - Stroke Foundation, Community Information Session
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Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-008)

Mover: Councillor Clyde Bevan

Seconded: Councillor David Goncalves

That Council REQUESTS the CEO provide dedicated information on the City of Perth's website by the end of September 2025 promoting community programs operating within the City of Perth that specifically involve community physical activation and promote an active happy and healthy lifestyle.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil

19.3 Notice of Motion - International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal

The following Notice of Motion was submitted in accordance with clause 4.12 of the *Standing Orders Local Law 2009*.

Councillor	Councillor Clyde Bevan
Date Received	7 July 2025
Motion	<p>That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>ACKNOWLEDGES</u> the 80th anniversaries of the US atomic bombings of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th, 1945. We honour the 210,000+ victims of these attacks, and the Hibakusha and Hibakunesei who continue to live with the legacy of nuclear weapons. b) <u>NOTES</u> that our city is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat. c) <u>NOTES</u> that any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment. d) <u>ENDORSES</u> the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal, a global call from cities and towns in support of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and calls on our national government to sign and ratify it without delay.
Reasons Provided	<p>Nuclear weapons are the most destructive, inhumane weapons ever created. They are designed not to target armies, but entire cities and civilian populations. One nuclear weapon can wipe out a city in seconds, killing most of its people and leaving environmental devastation for generations. Multiple nuclear detonations could end life as we know it.</p> <p>The anti-nuclear movement has existed for decades, driven by the simple belief that these weapons are instruments of mass murder. Even some of the scientists who helped create nuclear weapons, like Albert Einstein and J. Robert Oppenheimer, later spoke out against them, recognising the catastrophic consequences.</p> <p>Today, that movement is led by organisations like the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons, or ICAN. Founded in Australia in 2007, ICAN played a key role in bringing about the 2017 United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons — the first global agreement to completely ban nuclear weapons, just like we’ve banned chemical and biological weapons.</p> <p>ICAN was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for its work, and nearly half the world’s nations have already signed the treaty. But despite strong public support, Australia has not yet signed, even though both major parties have committed to doing so in principle.</p>

Australia has a proud history of supporting treaties that ban indiscriminate, inhumane weapons. We've stood against landmines, cluster bombs, and chemical weapons — it's time we do the same for nuclear weapons, the most dangerous of all.

The reality is that nine world leaders control over 12,000 nuclear weapons, enough to destroy our planet many times over. The only thing preventing disaster is luck — and luck is not a security strategy.

Joining the treaty isn't just about banning weapons; it's about showing leadership, protecting future generations, and standing on the right side of history. Cities and communities around the world, including here in Australia, are already rejecting the threat of nuclear weapons through the ICAN Cities Appeal.

Local governments have a crucial role to play. Nuclear weapons threaten cities directly — they are the targets. Local councils represent the communities who would suffer the most, and they can use their voice to call for change. By signing up to the ICAN Cities Appeal, councils send a powerful message to our national leaders that we reject these weapons of mass destruction.

Dozens of Australian councils have already taken this stand, including the City of Sydney, Melbourne, Hobart, Fremantle, and the ACT Government. These councils recognise that nuclear disarmament is not just a global issue — it's a local one. It's about protecting our cities, our people, and our future.

When cities speak up, they show the human cost, they demand action, and they help push Australia towards joining this global movement for peace and disarmament.

This year marks 80 years since the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki — a sobering reminder of the horror nuclear weapons cause, and of our responsibility to make sure it never happens again.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is our best chance to break the dangerous status quo and build a safer future. Australia must stop sitting on the sidelines. It's time to step up, sign the treaty, and for local governments across the country to stand with their communities in saying: No more nuclear weapons.

And to those who say this isn't a council's responsibility, I ask: If protecting our cities and our people from weapons designed to destroy them isn't a local responsibility — then what is? Local governments are the voice of their communities, and when they stand together, they send a message that cannot be ignored. Our cities are the targets — we should be leading the call for their protection.

Administration Response to Notice of Motion

Responsible Officer	Charlie Clarke – Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Attachments	Nil.

Discussion

1. Local governments in Australia have supported the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) and calling on the Australian government to sign and ratify it. This support is often expressed through the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) Cities Appeal.
2. The TPNW is a United Nations treaty that prohibits the development, testing, production, acquisition, possession, stockpiling, use, or threat of use of nuclear weapons. It also obligates states to provide assistance to victims of nuclear weapon use and testing, and to remediate affected environments.
3. The treaty entered into force in January 2021, but Australia is not a party to it.
4. Australia joined the Nuclear Non Proliferation Treaty in 1973 and is a member of the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone.
5. Australia has not yet signed or ratified the 2017 UN Treaty on the Prohibition of nuclear weapons; however, the Australian Labor Party has committed to sign and ratify it in government.
6. The Australian Labor Party committed to sign and ratify the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in 2018. This policy was reaffirmed in 2021 and 2023.
7. Many Australian local councils have joined the ICAN Cities Appeal, and are making public statements, like declaring themselves nuclear-free zones, to express their opposition to nuclear weapons and urging the Australian government to sign and ratify the TPNW.
8. These local governments believe that they have a role to play in raising awareness and building support for nuclear disarmament and some councils state that they are also motivated by a desire to protect their communities from the potential dangers associated with nuclear weapons, such as storage or transportation of related materials.
9. The following local governments have endorsed the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal:
 - Adelaide, SA
 - Augusta Margaret River, WA
 - Ballina, NSW
 - Banyule, VIC
 - Bassendean, WA
 - Bayside, NSW
 - Bayside, VIC
 - Benalla, VIC
 - Blue Mountains, NSW
 - Brimbank, VIC
 - Brisbane, QLD
 - Byron Shire, NSW
 - Canberra, ACT
 - Cockburn, WA
 - Darebin, VIC
 - Fremantle, WA
 - Georges River, NSW
 - Hobart, TAS
 - Hume, VIC
 - Inner West, NSW
 - Ipswich, QLD
 - Kiama, NSW
 - Lane Cove, NSW
 - Lismore, NSW
 - Macedon Ranges, VIC
 - Maribyrnong, VIC
 - Melbourne, VIC
 - Merri-bek, VIC
 - Mount Barker, SA
 - Mount Isa, QLD
 - Newcastle, NSW
 - Port Augusta, SA
 - Port Phillip, VIC
 - Prospect, SA
 - Randwick, NSW
 - Ryde, NSW
 - Shellharbour, NSW
 - Shoalhaven, NSW
 - Sydney, NSW
 - Victor Harbor, SA
 - Wollongong, NSW
 - West Torrens, SA

- Waverley, NSW
- Whyalla, SA
- West Arnhem Regional Council, NT
- Wyndham, VIC
- Yarra, VIC
- Port Adelaide Enfield, SA
- Yarra Ranges, VIC
- Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council

Decision Implications

10. Endorsing the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal has little legal significance; however, if endorsed it will become a public statement of the views of the Council.

Strategic, Legislative and Policy Implications

11. Nil

Financial Implications

12. Nil

Further Information

13. Nil.

6:12pm During debate, Councillor Liam Gobbert raised a Point of Order in accordance with Clause 5.3 of the City's Standing Orders Local Law 2009 in that Councillor Clyde Bevan was breaching Clause 7.11(2)(b) of the City's Standing Orders Local Law 2009 by not confining his right of reply to previous speakers' comments.

The Deputy Lord Mayor ruled the ruled the behaviour out of order and debate resumed.

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-009)

Mover: Councillor Clyde Bevan

Seconded: Councillor Steven Wellard

That Council:

- a) ACKNOWLEDGES the 80th anniversaries of the US atomic bombings of the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6th and 9th, 1945. We honour the 210,000+ victims of these attacks, and the Hibakusha and Hibakunesei who continue to live with the legacy of nuclear weapons.
- b) NOTES that our city is deeply concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world. We firmly believe that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat.
- c) NOTES that any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment.
- d) ENDORSES the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons Cities Appeal, a global call from cities and towns in support of the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, and calls on our national government to sign and ratify it without delay.

CARRIED (5/3)

For: Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko and Steven Wellard

Against: Councillors Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert and Catherine Lezer

20. Matters for which the meeting may be closed

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-010)

Mover: Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds

Seconder: Councillor Viktor Ko

That Council CLOSE the meeting to the public.

20.1 CEO Key Performance Indicators Update Report - Q4 2024/25 (1 April - 30 June 2025)

20.2 2024/25 CEO Annual Performance Review

CARRIED UNOPPOSED (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil

6:15pm *The Meeting was closed to the public and the livestream paused.*

In accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Item 20.3 and its attachments are confidential.

20.3 CEO Key Performance Indicators Update Report - Q4 2024/25 (1 April - 30 June 2025)

Responsible Officer	Peta Mabbs – Executive Director Governance and Strategy
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Attachments	Attachment 20.3A – CEO Key Performance Indicators for 2024/2025 Attachment 20.3B – CEO KPIs quarterly update - Q4 - 1 April 2025 - 30 June 2025

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-011)

Mover: Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds

Seconded: Councillor Clyde Bevan

That Council ENDORSES the Q4 2024/25 (1 April – 30 June 2025) CEO KPI update report on the progress of the CEO’s key performance indicators, as shown in **Attachment B**.

CARRIED BY EN BLOC (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil

CEO Performance Review Committee meeting held on 23 July 2025

In accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a) and Section 5.23(2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Item 20.2 and its attachments are confidential.

20.2 2024/25 CEO Annual Performance Review

Responsible Officer	Michelle Reynolds – Chief Executive Officer
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Attachments	Attachment 20.2A – CEO Performance Review Process 2025/26 Attachment 20.2B – City of Perth - CEO Performance Review 2024-25 - Civic Legal - FINAL REPORT

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-012)

Mover: Councillor Catherine Lezer

Seconded: Councillor Clyde Bevan

That Council:

1. ENDORSES the performance of the CEO for the 2024/25 period, in accordance with results identified in the *Annual Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Report 2024/25 (Attachment B)*.
2. APPROVES in accordance with the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Determination No 1 of 2025, effective 1 July 2025, a 4 % increase of the total reward package of the CEO. This would bring the total rewards package to \$439,682 effective 1 July 2025.
3. ENDORSES the Chief Executive Officer’s continuing professional development.
4. ENDORSES the Draft, CEO’s Performance Criteria for the 2025/26 Financial Year as set out in Attachment 2 of the *Annual CEO Performance Review Report 2024/25 (Attachment B)*.
5. APPROVES the CEO performance review process for 2025/26 (**Attachment A**).

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil

Council Resolution (OCM-25/07-013)

Mover: Councillor Catherine Lezer

Seconded: Councillor Viktor Ko

That Council OPEN the meeting to the public.

CARRIED UNOPPOSED (8/0)

For : Deputy Lord Mayor Bruce Reynolds; Councillors Clyde Bevan, Raj Doshi, Liam Gobbert, David Goncalves, Viktor Ko, Catherine Lezer and Steven Wellard

Against : Nil

6:20pm *The Meeting was reopened to the public and the livestream resumed.*

21. Urgent Business

Nil.

22. Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6:20pm.