



CP 4.1 | Neighbourhood Place Planning and Engagement

Objective

To enable the City of Perth (City) to respond to the unique characteristics, needs and opportunities within each neighbourhood, ensuring close collaboration with the community when making decisions, undertaking planning and delivering services, infrastructure, activation, and other projects.

Scope

This policy applies to all employees involved in developing or implementing any aspect of the Neighbourhood Place Planning and Engagement Framework.

Policy statement

1. There are six distinct neighbourhoods within the City's boundaries. Within these neighbourhoods there will be certain areas of focus, or 'precincts.' The neighbourhood approach responds to the diverse communities and urban fabric that create the character, heritage, and liveability of each distinct neighbourhood place.
2. These neighbourhoods sit together within the broader city-wide context to form a cohesive whole and meet the City's aspiration of a well-planned and functional built form environment, promoting world class architecture, appreciation of heritage, diversity of land use and a sustainable, affordable, and accessible integrated transport system.
3. Intrinsic to the neighbourhood approach is collaborative, ongoing, meaningful and sincere engagement between the City and the community; the community being everyone who is invested in a place, whether they are residents, business owners, landowners, workers, visitors, or others both local and further afield.
4. The City will work with the community to identify opportunities to enhance the city neighbourhoods' unique sense of place, encourage economic activity, social wellbeing, cultural identity, and ongoing development. The overarching goal is to put the community at the centre of creating a world class city that contributes to people's health, happiness, prosperity, and wellbeing; to build a vibrant, connected, and progressive city.



Neighbourhood Place Planning and Engagement Framework

- 5. The approach is governed and implemented through the Neighbourhood Place Planning and Engagement Framework, comprising a four-part structure:

	Key Mechanism
1. Strategic Context	Strategic Community Plan, Neighbourhood Place Plans, Long Term Financial Plan
2. Philosophy and Principles	Neighbourhood Place Planning and Engagement Policy
3. Delivery	Neighbourhood Place Plans Implementation Framework, Corporate Business Plan, and Community initiatives
4. Outcomes	Achievement of measurable deliverables and key performance indicators, community satisfaction

- 6. The Neighbourhood Place Planning and Engagement Framework is informed by the City’s Strategic Community Plan, Neighbourhood Place Plans, and Long-Term Financial Plan. The framework is built on a collaborative process of development and implementation with the community.

Neighbourhood Place Planning and Engagement Principles:

- 7. The City’s Neighbourhood Place Planning and Engagement Policy and Framework are grounded in the following key principles:
- 8. That projects and objectives reflect the distinctive characteristics of local neighbourhood places in alignment with the Strategic Community Planning Process.
- 9. That good citizenship, community commitment, pride and capacity building are crucial to the development and implementation of Neighbourhood Place Plans.
- 10. That working relationships are diverse, inclusive, and representative of the overall neighbourhood community, rather than with just one group.
- 11. That planning and delivery will occur in a multi-disciplinary manner, co-designed with the community, rather than through the lens of one discipline, theme, or user group, realising the “greater good” for a neighbourhood.
- 12. That information will be shared frequently, openly, and transparently within the City of Perth and with the community to engender shared understanding.

Definitions

Neighbourhood Place Plans

- 13. Neighbourhood Place Plans are developed and co-designed with each neighbourhood community and then reviewed on an annual basis Neighbourhood Place Plans are unique to each neighbourhood but are developed on a standard set of criteria and contain basic standard elements. Neighbourhood Place Plans capture the assets, issues, and priorities in a neighbourhood across a range of factors. Each Neighbourhood Place Plan will detail the governance and financial arrangements in place to guide the expenditure of City funding in the neighbourhoods. While the Neighbourhood Place Plans respond to the uniqueness of each neighbourhood, they must fit together under the cohesive whole of city-wide planning and corporate budgeting process.



Document control

Policy context

Legislation, standards & external guidelines	<i>City of Perth Act 2016</i>
Policies and procedures	
Strategies, plans and frameworks	

Document custodian

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