



CP 4.5 | National and International Engagement

Objective

This policy seeks to reinforce specific objects of the *City of Perth Act 2016* (the COP Act) (s4), namely:

'To recognise, promote and enhance:

- the special social, economic, cultural, environmental and civic role that the City of Perth plays because Perth is the capital of Western Australia; and*
- the important role that the City of Perth plays in representing the broader Perth area and the State of Western Australia on both a national and international level'.*

The policy also recognises the 'special role of Lord Mayor' within the COP Act (s10):

- 'to act as an ambassador for the City of Perth in hosting international delegations and attending local, regional, State, national and international civic functions and events;*
- to carry out civic and ceremonial duties associated with the office of Lord Mayor; and*
- to develop and maintain inter-governmental relationships at regional, State, national and international levels, and as part of that to develop and implement strategies and policies that seek to ensure consistency in policies and strategic direction at all levels of government.'*

The City of Perth will undertake national and international engagement that is purposeful and consistent with the COP Act; the City's Strategic Community Plan; and Economic Development Strategy.

Scope

This policy applies to the City's current, and future national and international city relationships, global and national networks (including, but not limited to; the World Energy Cities Partnership and Council of Capital Cities Lord Mayors) and associated activities.

Policy statement

1. National and international engagement seeks to deliver benefit to the community, ratepayers, key stakeholders and businesses by providing the opportunity to participate in cultural, educational, trade, investment and knowledge sharing activities between partnering cities and networks. Such engagement promotes the facilitation of new markets, economic growth and inter-governmental collaboration.
2. The City will support activities, delegations and exchange programs that seek to strengthen connections between Perth and its national and international counterparts and networks. Funding will be considered in the City's annual budget for national and international engagement-related activities and programs.
3. The Lord Mayor, in conjunction with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), are to agree upon any outbound delegations and the level of participation warranted, following consideration of a business case provided



by the administration. The business case is to outline the visit's purpose, assessment criteria for elected member involvement and proposed outcomes of the delegation.

4. Agreement to facilitate any outbound delegations are subject to applicable Council and Operational Policies and appropriate funding being available.
5. The Lord Mayor, in their capacity as the spokesperson for the City of Perth, will lead all outbound delegations, in conjunction with the CEO.
6. The Lord Mayor, in consultation with the CEO, may determine a maximum of two (2) additional elected members to accompany the Lord Mayor on outbound delegations.
7. The determination of additional elected member attendance will be subject to an Expression of Interest process. Elected Members will be assessed against the criteria for elected member involvement outlined in the relevant business case.
8. The CEO may include Officer attendance at their discretion to support the functions of the delegation. The administration will make all arrangements related to the facilitation of approved outbound delegations in accordance with the relevant business case.
9. Costs for non-City individuals participating in an outbound delegation are to be borne by the individual or organisation, unless otherwise approved by Council.
10. A summary report with input from delegates on their key learnings and opportunities for the City resulting from any outbound delegation will be made available to the Executive Leadership Team and Elected Members at an Elected Member Engagement session within 6 weeks upon return of the delegation.
11. Where assessed as appropriate by the CEO in conjunction with the Lord Mayor, the City will extend, hospitality to visiting representatives from national and international cities and networks, particularly those with which the City has an existing formal relationship.

Document control

Policy context

Legislation, standards & external guidelines	<i>City of Perth Act 2016</i> <i>Australia's Foreign Relations (State and Territory Arrangements) Act 2020 (Commonwealth)</i>
Policies and procedures	CP 1.6 Council Member Allowances, Fees and Entitlements CP 2.2 Purchasing
Strategies, plans and frameworks	Strategic Community Plan Economic Development Strategy

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Document management

Version	Adopted by	Adoption date	Synopsis of changes
1.0	Ordinary Council Meeting	10 December 2024	Council Policy amended – name change from ‘International Relationships’ to ‘National and International Engagement’. Major review undertaken and amendments made to intent of Policy.