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Mr George Giudice  
President  
Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club  
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Dear Mr Giudice

#### **REVIEW OF SERVICE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that as part of the Council's measures to reduce operational costs, the City of Greater Geraldton will not be renewing its financial support to the Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club through the existing service partnership agreement.

The Council has made it clear to the Executive that large rate rises are unacceptable and continuing to run the City in a deficit position is also not acceptable. As a result, the City has taken measures to reduce its annual operating expenses by over \$3 million. These reductions in expenditure will give the City the ability to return to surplus and consider the reintroduction of community service partnership agreements, once a stronger financial position is achieved.

Some of the measures taken to find these savings include reducing staff numbers by over twenty positions, reviewing sporting facilities levels of service and support, ceasing to deliver many services and reducing service levels of other services.

The City recognises the great service provided by the Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club and extends its Officer's resources to assist with the club writing grant applications and educating key club stakeholders on sponsorship and revenue raising strategies.

Should you have any further enquiries relating to this letter please contact Jack Little, Club Development Officer on 08 9956 6600 or email [council@cgg.wa.gov.au](mailto:council@cgg.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**