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CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 23 JUNE AT 5.30PM CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE

AGENDA

DISCLAIMER:

The Chairman advises that the purpose of this Council Meeting is to discuss and, where possible, make resolutions about items appearing on the agenda. Whilst Council has the power to resolve such items and may in fact, appear to have done so at the meeting, no person should rely on or act on the basis of such decision or on any advice or information provided by a Member or Officer, or on the content of any discussion occurring, during the course of the meeting. Persons should be aware that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 (Section 5.25(e)) and Council's Standing Orders Local Laws establish procedures for revocation or recision of a Council decision. No person should rely on the decisions made by Council until formal advice of the Council decision is received by that person. The City of Greater Geraldton expressly disclaims liability for any loss or damage suffered by any person as a result of relying on or acting on the basis of any resolution of Council, or any advice or information provided by a Member or Officer, or the content of any discussion occurring, during the course of the Council meeting.

1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamaji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of the Yamaji people'.

2 DECLARATION OF OPENING

3 ATTENDANCE

Present:

Officers:

<u>Others:</u> Members of Public: Members of Press:

Apologies:

Leave of Absence: Mayor I Carpenter

4 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions provided in writing prior to the meeting or at the meeting will receive a formal response. Please note that you cannot make statements in Public Question Time and such statements will not be recorded in the Minutes.

Our Local Laws and the Local Government Act require questions to be put to the presiding member and answered by the Council. No questions can be put to individual Councillors.

Max Correy, PO Box 202, Geraldton

<u>Question</u>

In the Council's advertising/information to ratepayers in the 3/6/2015 edition of Geraldton Guardian there appears to be a number of anomalies and inaccuracies and in fact false statements such as

Emergency Service Levy (ESL) rise of 10.6% as a cost to Council.

Am I correct in my understanding that the ESL is actually paid by ratepayers as an over and above rate payment and has no bearing on rates at all?

<u>Question</u>

Re Borrowing Costs up \$950,000 due to the increased State Government Guarantee Fee from .1% to .7% i.e. .6%. My calculations on .6% comes out at \$258,000.00 on borrowings of \$43M (up from less than \$20M last June 30), Are my figures correct?

<u>Question</u>

It appears that the claim that the utilities budget is up 4.5% and the street lighting costs up 7.6% is a double dipping statement eg. The total utilities budget is \$3,300,700 of which the electricity component is included and I'm of the understanding that lighting requires electricity so therefore to say that there has been a 4.5% utilities budget increase and a 7.6% street lighting increase of 7.6% is in fact at best an inadvertent mistake.

<u>Question</u>

Was the Verita Road Bridge significantly redesigned which resulted in a cost saving and if so why wasn't the lowest conforming tenderer (and indeed other tenderers) afforded the same opportunity to reprice their bid?

<u>Questions</u>

Was a price reduction received from any tenderers when the council asked for an extension to the tender validity period, and if so, was this saving factored into the tender assessment?

Responses will be provided at the Meeting

6 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Existing Approved Leave

| Councillor | From | To (inclusive) |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Mayor I Carpenter | 27 May 2015 | 24 June 2015 |
| Cr N McIlwaine | 02 July 2015 | 10 July 2015 |
| Cr S Douglas | 19 August 2015 | 21 September 2015 |
| Cr S Van Styn | 16 November 2015 | 02 December 2015 |

7 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS OR PRESENTATIONS

8 DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING – as circulated

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 May 2015, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR (WITHOUT DISCUSSION) Events attended by the Mayor or his representative

| 27 May 2015 | ABC Interview – Outcomes from Council Meeting | Ken Diehm, Chief Executive Officer |
|--------------|---|--|
| 28 May 2015 | Official Opening of the Gunna Do Dance Festival | Councillor Des Brick |
| 29 May 2015 | Official Opening of the Reconciliation Week Concert | Andrea Selvey, Director Community Services |
| 31 May 2015 | Mullewa Muster | Mayor lan Carpenter |
| 31 May 2015 | BMX State Series – Certificate Presentation | Deputy Mayor Neil McIlwaine |
| 02 June 2015 | Concept Forum | Deputy Mayor Neil McIlwaine |
| 03 June 2015 | Beresford Foreshore Coastal Protection Working Group Meeting | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 04 June 2015 | Batavia Coast Maritime Heritage Association – Annual Dinner | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 5 June 2015 | Grants Commission Meeting | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 05 June 2015 | Catholic Education Department - | Councillor Peter |
| | Community Breakfast | Fiorenza |
| 6 June 2015 | Councillors Budget Workshop Part 1 | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 8 June 2015 | Meeting with Ross Halsall – Mid West Ports | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 8 June 2015 | Lunch with Peter Sweeney – Geraldton Guardian | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 10 June 2015 | Leap Students Tour of CGG | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 10 June 2015 | Meeting with Police Superintendent of Midwest Gascoyne District – Synergies in the Social Media issues in Geraldton | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 11 June 2015 | Festival of Surfing Geraldton – Promotion Photo Shoot | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 11 June 2015 | Local Emergency Management Committee – Airport Exercise | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 12 June 2015 | WA Regional Capitals Alliance Meeting | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 13 June 2015 | Business Excellence Awards | Deputy Mayor Neil McIlwaine |
| 14 June 2015 | National General Assembly of Local Government 2015 | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 16 June 2015 | Regional Capitals Australia Board Meeting | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 16 June 2015 | Agenda Forum | Deputy Mayor Neil McIlwaine |

| 18 June 2015 | Citizenship Ceremony – Individual | Deputy Mayor Neil McIlwaine |
|--------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 19 June 2015 | Mid West Development Commission Board Meeting | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 20 June 2015 | Councillor Budget Workshop Part 2 | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 20 June 2015 | Rotary Club – Board of Directors Dinner | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 22 June 2015 | Australia China Business Council Committee Planning Session | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 23 June 2015 | Australia China Business Council Committee Meeting | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 23 June 2015 | Spirit FM Radio Interview – Council Meeting Outcomes | Mayor Ian Carpenter |
| 23 June 2015 | Ordinary Meeting of Council | Mayor Ian Carpenter |

11 REPORTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

| IS096 MULTI USER FACIL | ITY & YOUTH PRECINCT |
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| AGENDA REFERENCE: | D-15-35274 |
| AUTHOR: | G Sherlock, Manager Project Design & |
| | Delivery |
| EXECUTIVE: | N Arbuthnot, Director Infrastructure |
| | Services |
| DATE OF REPORT: | 10 June 2015 |
| FILE REFERENCE: | PM/4/0030 |
| APPLICANT / PROPONENT: | City of Greater Geraldton |
| ATTACHMENTS: | Yes (x1 Confidential) |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of an error with the GST component in IS094 AWARD RFT 20 1415 Construction of the Multi User Facility & Youth Precinct to the preferred tenderer FIRM Construction in accordance with the approved design and to seek approval to change the executive recommendation.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

<u>PART A</u>

That Council by 1/3rd Majority pursuant to Section 5.25(1)(e) of the Local Government Act RESOLVES to CONSIDER to CHANGE the Council Decision made at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 May 2015 being:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

- 1. AWARD RFT 20 1415 Construction of the Multi User Facility & Youth Precinct to the preferred tenderer FIRM Construction in accordance with the approved design;
- 2. RECORD the tender amount for RFT 20 1415 Construction of the Multi User Facility & Youth Precinct as \$6,868,446.08 plus GST.
- 3. COMMIT to providing an additional \$1,696,742 in funding to undertake all separable portions of the proposed works.

<u>PART B</u>

Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 5.25(1)(e) of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to CHANGE the Council Decision made at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 May 2015 being:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the Local

- 1. Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:
- 2. AWARD RFT 20 1415 Construction of the Multi User Facility & Youth Precinct to the preferred tenderer FIRM Construction in accordance with the approved design;

- RECORD the tender amount for RFT 20 1415 Construction of the Multi User Facility & Youth Precinct as \$6,868,446.08 plus GST; and
- 4. COMMIT to providing an additional \$1,696,742 in funding to undertake all separable portions of the proposed works.

PART C

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

- 1. AWARD RFT 20 1415 Construction of the Multi User Facility & Youth Precinct to the preferred tenderer;
- RECORD the tender amount of \$8,310,819 Including GST for RFT 20 1415 Construction of the Multi User Facility & Youth Precinct in the minutes; and
- 3. COMMIT to providing an additional \$2,417,928 in funding to undertake all separable portions of the proposed works.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is The City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

In essence:

- In its written tender submission, FIRM Construction tendered a Lump Sum Tender Price for portions 1 to 5 of \$7,555,290 Including GST.
- That equates to a price of \$6,868,446 Excluding GST.
- The lump sum price of \$6,868,446 Excluding GST was used as the basis for tender evaluation and the evaluation report, and submitted to Council as the price for recommended award of the tender to FIRM Construction.
- After provision of the draft contracts Deed of Agreement to FIRM Construction and subsequent to the Council decision, on 8th June FIRM Construction advised the City that they considered the draft deed to be in error, informing the City that their confirmed tender price was \$7,555,290 Excluding GST, and referencing their advice to the City dated 23rd March 2015.

The Error appears to have occurred as follows:

- On 23rd March, all Tenderers were asked to respond (by 24 March) to a series of points of clarification, one of which (associated with specific items in separable portions 3 and 4) sought confirmation of tendered price, incorporating any changes associated with the specified items, and requiring submission of corrected price schedules if required.
- FIRM Construction responded by letter dated 23 March and emailed 24 March, with full price schedules attached, with lump sum of \$7,555,290 excluding GST.

- The price schedules provided by FIRM Constructions letter of 23 March included the same dollar amounts as their tender submission – however the column headings for confirmed prices had changed from "(Including GST)" to "(Excluding GST)".
- With focus obviously on the dollar figures, the change in column headings in the confirmation of tender prices was inadvertently not detected.
- Subsequently, all reports and associated internal correspondence presumed that the FIRM Constructions price of \$7,555,290 included GST as per the contractor's original tender submission.

The error was discovered when the contract documents were issued to the contractor with the lump sum price of \$7,555,290 including GST listed as the contract sum.

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL ISSUES:

Economic:

The project will create a new Multi User Facility & Youth precinct to house various stakeholders together with an open stage area and public open space for small to large events. There will be provisions for retail opportunities and outlets for the community. The proposed facilities will also help to promote local tourism.

Social:

This project will be the connection of the West End Projects and will be purpose built to cater for the needs and requirement of the current stakeholders occupying the immediate area. The stage area will be the main event space for small and large gatherings.

The Youth Precinct will have various items of play equipment and social gathering spaces to cater for young people between the ages of 10-17.

Environmental:

There are no environmental impacts.

Cultural & Heritage:

There will be no cultural or heritage impacts as the Railway Building Project including The Merry Go Round refurbishment have been completed. The Merry Go Round now occupies its original location as a fixed structure.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

CI074 AWARD the contract for RFT 33 1314: Architectural Services for the Design and Documentation of the Multi User Facility and the Youth Precinct to the Christou Design Group Pty Ltd; and

IS094 AWARD RFT 20 1415 Construction of the Multi User Facility & Youth Precinct to the preferred tenderer FIRM Construction in accordance with the approved design;

RECORD the tender amount of \$\$6,868,446.08 plus GST for RFT 20 1415 Construction of the Multi User Facility & Youth Precinct in the minutes; and COMMIT to providing an additional \$1,696,742 in funding to undertake all separable portions of the proposed works.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been considerable community engagement on this project. All primary stakeholders (TS Morrow, Geraldton & Districts Offshore Fishing Club, and the youth of Geraldton) have been engaged on 3 separate occasions and all primary stakeholders fully support the project.

Secondary stakeholders (Geraldton Angling Club, Geraldton Senior College, Geraldton Yacht Club and Events Committees & Groups) have been engaged on 1-2 separate occasions (depending on availability). All groups again fully support the project.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no legislative or policy implications.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Additional funding will need to be provided over and above the existing budget to complete all separable portions of the project.

The respective funding contributions associated with the original budget estimate are as follows:

Multi User Facility

| Funding Provider | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Regional Development Australia (RDAF) | \$3,170,000 |
| City of Greater Geraldton | \$1,080,000 |
| Total | \$4,250,000 |

Event Space

| Funding Provider | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Lotterywest | \$500,000 |
| Total | \$500,000 |
| Youth Precinct | |
| Funding Provider | Amount |
| Lotterywest | \$500,000 |
| Regional Development Australia (RDAF) | \$1,000,000 |
| City of Greater Geraldton | \$440,000 |
| Total | \$1,940,000 |

Original Project Budget

\$6,690,000

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

| Title: Economy | Lifestyle and Vibrancy |
|----------------|---|
| Strategy 4.1.3 | Revitalising the CBD through economic, social and |
| | culture vibrancy |

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

The completion of the project in its current form would see a positive impact on the region with additional attractions and facilities being provided for tourists, sporting groups and the youth.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- 1. Should the tender not be awarded at this time there is a risk of not meeting funding milestones and losing all or a portion of the allocated funding.
- 2. There is a risk of the tender period expiring
- 3. There is a risk that in trying to accommodate the project within the current budget it would compromise on the need and requirements of the stakeholders and the community and would not provide a facility that is commensurate with the high quality of other elements constructed on the Foreshore.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS

- 1. AWARD RFT 20 1415 separable portions 1, 2, part of 3 and 5, with the Skywalk Frame being the only element of the Youth Precinct, to the preferred tenderer.
- 2. RECORD the tender amount for RFT 20 1415 Construction of the Multi User Facility & Youth Precinct separable portions 1, 2, part of 3 and 5 in the minutes.
- 3. COMMIT to providing an additional \$1,615,379.15 in funding.

Whilst this recommendation reduces the additional budget required by \$802,548.85, it was discounted by the Project Leadership Team as it did not meet the original objectives of the design brief provided by Council and the expectations of the stakeholders who represented the Youth of Geraldton.

12 REPORTS OF CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL SERVICES

| CCS118 COUNCIL POL ACCOMMODATION | |
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| AGENDA REFERENCE: AUTHOR: EXECUTIVE: | D-15-31576 R Bailey , Tenders and Contracts Officer B Davis, Director Corporate & Commercial Services |
| DATE OF REPORT: FILE REFERENCE: APPLICANT / PROPONENT: ATTACHMENTS: | 28 May 2015 GO/14/0001 City of Greater Geraldton Yes (x1) |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks adoption by Council of a revised version of Council Policy CP028 Councillor Travel and Accommodation.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION;

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Local Government Act RESOLVES to:

1. ADOPT the revised version of CP028 Councillor Travel and Accommodation.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

The purpose of policy CP028 Councillor Travel and Accommodation is to provide guidelines for travel and accommodation arrangements for councillors who are required to travel for City business. The Policy was previously adopted by Council on 24 July 2012(OP0002). A review was undertaken and the following amendments are recommended:

- Remove the exclusion of travel within the final three months of a Councillor's term of office.
- Replace the exclusion with a requirement that a Councillor's remaining term of office be considered when deciding whether travel should be approved.
- Combine the sections "Travel to other States in Australia" and "Overseas Travel" into one section titled "Travel outside of Western Australia" (both sections "mirrored" each other and were an unnecessary double up).
- Remove the mandatory requirement for Councillors attending Local Government Week to submit a report to Council.

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL ISSUES:

Economic:

There are no economic impacts.

Social:

There are no social impacts.

Environmental:

There are no environmental impacts.

Cultural & Heritage:

There are no cultural or heritage impacts.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

This report proposes renewal of Council's previous policy with suggested amendments.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This Policy conforms to the Local Government Act 1995.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial or resource implications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

| Title: Governance | Planning and Policy |
|-------------------|--|
| Strategy 5.2.7 | Ensuring efficient and effective delivery of service |

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT

There are no specific risks associated with these policies.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS

Leave policy unchanged. Accept some of the proposed changes.

| CCS119 STATEMENT OF FIN | NANCIAL ACTIVITY TO 31 MAY 2015 |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| AGENDA REFERENCE: | D-15-32378 |
| AUTHOR: | T Machukera, Management Accountant |
| EXECUTIVE: | B Davis, Director of Corporate and |
| | Commercial Services |
| DATE OF REPORT: | 03 June 2015 |
| FILE REFERENCE: | FM/17/0001 |
| APPLICANT / PROPONENT: | City of Greater Geraldton |
| ATTACHMENTS: | Yes (x1) |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The attached financial reports provide a comprehensive report on the City's finances to 31 May 2015. The statements include no matters of variance considered to be of concern.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION;

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the May 2015 monthly financial activity statements as attached.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

The financial position at the end of May 2015 is detailed in the attached report and summarised as follows relative to year-to-date budget expectations:

| Operating Income Operating Expenditure | \$ 213,287 \$3,196,034 | Positive Variance Positive Variance |
|--|------------------------------|--|
| Net Operating | \$3,409,321 | |
| Capital Expenditure Capital Revenue | \$18,792,944 \$67,905 | Positive Variance Negative Variance |
| Cash at Bank - Municipal Cash at Bank – Reserve | \$10,128,385 \$11,334,534 | |
| Total Funds Invested Net Rates Collected | \$5,995,153 98.31% | |
| Receivables Outstanding | \$2,014,269 | |

The attached report provides explanatory notes for items greater than 10% or \$50,000. This commentary provides Council with an overall understanding of how the finances are progressing in relation to the adopted budget.

The financial position represented in the May financials shows a positive variance of \$3,409,321 in the net operating result.

The closing funding surplus is due to year to date expenditure being less than YTD budget, as a result of timing of works for buildings, roads, plant & equipment

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL ISSUES:

Economic:

There are no economic impacts.

Social:

There are no social impacts.

Environmental:

There are no environmental impacts.

Cultural & Heritage:

There are no cultural or heritage impacts.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council is provided with financial reports each month.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 6.4 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 require that as a minimum Council is to receive a Statement of Financial Activity.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Any issues in relation to expenditure and revenue allocations or variance trends are identified and addressed each month.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

| Title: Governance | Planning and Policy |
|-------------------|--|
| Strategy 5.2.7 | Ensuring efficient and effective delivery of service |

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT

There are no risks to be considered.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS

There are no alternative options to consider.

13 REPORTS OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

Nil.

14 REPORTS OF OFFICE OF THE CEO

Nil.

15 REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

| DRS216 P | ROPOSED DEVI | ELOI | PMENT - C | ROWN | I RESER | VE 30043 - |
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| AGENDA REFI | ERENCE: | D-1 | 5-32481 | | | |
| AUTHOR: | | В | Robartson | n, Ma | anager | Economic, |
| | | Tou | rism & Prop | perty | | |
| EXECUTIVE: | | | Melling, D | | r Deve | lopment & |
| | | Reg | julatory Serv | vices | | |
| DATE OF REP | ORT: | 29 N | May 2015 | | | |
| FILE REFEREN | NCE: | R30 | 043 | | | |
| APPLICANT / I | PROPONENT: | City | of Greater | Gerald | lton | |
| ATTACHMENT | 'S: | No | | | | |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report is seeking Council's support to not proceed with the residential subdivision of Crown Reserve 30043, Olive Street, Mahomets Flats, due to the extensive contamination over the site and the costs to remediate and develop the site. In lieu of, the report recommends site remediation and creating public open space.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

<u>PART A</u>

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 as referred to in Section 5.25 of the Local Government Act 1995 CONSIDER to RESCIND the Council Decision made at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 13 April 2010 being:

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR GABELISH, SECONDED CR MARTIN That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) RESOLVES to:

- 1. ADOPT the concept plan as presented by Greg Rowe and Associates for development of Reserve 30043 Olive Street, Mahomets Flats; and
- 2. COMMITS to directly link and undertake the rehabilitation and development of the Olive Street development and the proposed East Verita District Sports Precinct.
- 3. NOTE that any rezoning (scheme amendment) proposal will require to come before Council and be subject to further public consultation and ultimate consideration and approval by the Minister for Planning.
- 4. DELEGATE authority to the Chief Executive Officer to;
 - a. commence planning, rezoning and necessary subdivision applications; and
 - b. progress freehold sales following site development rezoning and subdivision approvals subject to the concurrent development of East Verita District Sports Precincts.
- 5. SUBJECT to the project progressing commits to naming the:

- a. Olive Street public open space wetland in honour of fallen soldiers in accordance with the Deed of Grant by Leonard T Green;
- b. East Verita sports precinct as the Leonard T Green District Sports Reserve;
- c. Erect an appropriate memorial plaque to the late Leonard T Green, at Reserve 30043, once the wetlands reserve has been developed; and
- 6. REQUIRE a review of the proposed road access to the development from McAleer Drive and Willcock Drive to ensure appropriate open space and vistas through to the central wetland.

<u>PART B</u>

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 as referred to in Section 5.25 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to RESCIND the Council Decision made at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 13 April 2010 being:

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR GABELISH, SECONDED CR MARTIN

That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) RESOLVES to:

- 1. ADOPT the concept plan as presented by Greg Rowe and Associates for development of Reserve 30043 Olive Street, Mahomets Flats; and
- 2. COMMITS to directly link and undertake the rehabilitation and development of the Olive Street development and the proposed East Verita District Sports Precinct.
- 3. NOTE that any rezoning (scheme amendment) proposal will require to come before Council and be subject to further public consultation and ultimate consideration and approval by the Minister for Planning.
- 4. DELEGATE authority to the Chief Executive Officer to;
 - a. commence planning, rezoning and necessary subdivision applications; and
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 - a. Olive Street public open space wetland in honour of fallen soldiers in accordance with the Deed of Grant by Leonard T Green;
 - b. East Verita sports precinct as the Leonard T Green District Sports Reserve;
 - c. Erect an appropriate memorial plaque to the late Leonard T Green, at Reserve 30043, once the wetlands reserve has been developed; and
- 6. REQUIRE a review of the proposed road access to the development from McAleer Drive and Willcock Drive to ensure appropriate open space and vistas through to the central wetland.

<u>PART C</u>

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 3.54 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

- 1. NOT proceed with the residential subdivision of Crown Reserve 30043, Olive Street, Mahomets Flats;
- 2. AGREE to commit loan funds to the remediation works of the site to create public open space;
- 3. COMMENCE the process of removing the 'Residential' zone over the Reserve;
- 4. COMMITS to naming the Olive Street public open space in accordance with the Deed of Gift by Leonard T Green; and
- 5. ERECT an appropriate memorial plaque to the late Leonard T Green at the Olive Street public open space once reserve has been fully developed.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

Council at its meeting on the 13 April 2010 resolved the following:

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR GABELISH, SECONDED CR MARTIN

That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 (as amended) RESOLVES to:

- 1. ADOPT the concept plan as presented by Greg Rowe and Associates for development of Reserve 30043 Olive Street, Mahomets Flats; and
- 2. COMMITS to directly link and undertake the rehabilitation and development of the Olive Street development and the proposed East Verita District Sports Precinct.
- 3. NOTE that any rezoning (scheme amendment) proposal will require to come before Council and be subject to further public consultation and ultimate consideration and approval by the Minister for Planning.
- 4. DELEGATE authority to the Chief Executive Officer to;
 - a. commence planning, rezoning and necessary subdivision applications; and
 - b. progress freehold sales following site development rezoning and subdivision approvals subject to the concurrent development of East Verita District Sports Precincts.
- 5. SUBJECT to the project progressing commits to naming the:
 - a. Olive Street public open space wetland in honour of fallen soldiers in accordance with the Deed of Grant by Leonard T Green;

- b. East Verita sports precinct as the Leonard T Green District Sports Reserve;
- c. Erect an appropriate memorial plaque to the late Leonard T Green, at Reserve 30043, once the wetlands reserve has been developed; and
- 6. REQUIRE a review of the proposed road access to the development from McAleer Drive and Willcock Drive to ensure appropriate open space and vistas through to the central wetland.

CARRIED 8/0

The resolution facilitated the progression of a detailed evaluation of the site given that the Department of Environment Regulation (DER; formerly the Department of Environment and Conservation, or DEC) had recommended that conditions be imposed on the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) approval (Application No. 145840) for the proposed development. These conditions are imposed as the land is listed as a former landfill site "awaiting classification" within DER's system. The conditions imposed are as follows:

- An investigation for soil and groundwater contamination is to be carried out to the specifications of the DER;
- Remediation, including validation of remediation, of any contamination identified to ensure lots created are suitable for the proposed use shall be completed prior to the issuing of titles; and
- The DER advises that a Mandatory Auditor's Report, as prepared by an accredited Contaminated Sites Auditor, will be required as evidence of compliance with the above conditions.

During the contaminated site investigation, asbestos-containing material (ACM) was identified in surficial wastes within the basin portion of the Site and also at depth beneath a number of proposed residential lots.

ACM-impacted soil within the POS has been delineated and is currently held in stockpiles onsite. The stockpiled volume is estimated to be 3,400 cubic metres (7,400 tonnes).

Asbestos impacts, both ACM and fibre, have been identified within some of the proposed residential subdivision in the south of the Site. This asbestos is associated with buried waste, generally inert rubble and glass mixed with soil. These wastes have been identified as deep as four metres below the ground surface and are overlain by (disturbed) local sands.

Council is advised that following the extensive site investigations and as a result of the subsequent findings, it is recommended that the Olive Street development not proceed as a residential subdivision due to the extensive contamination over the site. The detailed costs estimates to remediate site and construct the residential subdivision have been found to be prohibitive

and have substantially reduced the estimate profit on lot sales and decreased the viability and increased financial risk of the project.

This decision not to undertake the residential subdivision does not allow the City to do nothing as the land is listed as a former landfill site "awaiting classification" within DER's system, the City would be obligated to remove the stock piles and appropriately remediate the site.

Following the remediation, it is proposed that the site is developed as public open space. This project is planned to commence at the end of March 2016 (winter months) and take approximately four months to complete.

Since 2012/13 the City has expended \$1.24m on the Olive St Project, a significant amount of this cost was incurred due to the contamination on site caused by illegal dumping over the last 20-30 years and remediation must follow the strict DER requirements. The City is not alone when it comes to legacy contamination issues and many individuals and companies are dealing with similar issues as the Contaminated Sites Act and supporting Regulations place a significant onus on land owners / Managers of such sites.

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL ISSUES:

Economic:

An enhanced neighbourhood public open space development would add increased value and appeal to the coastal suburb of Mahomets Flats, in particular the tourist drive of Willcock Drive and the nearby surf club precinct that in itself attracts many visitors.

Social:

Remediation of the site would enhance the social quality of life by providing useable public open space for people, particularly those with young children living within the vicinity.

Environmental:

As the Reserve is listed as a contaminated site on the Department of Environment & Regulation (DER) contamination sites register pending remediation, the City is required to initiate the remediation of the site in accordance with the recommendations of the environmental auditor.

Cultural & Heritage:

There is no known cultural, heritage or indigenous impacts relating to this proposal.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

There are no relevant precedents known to the author of like for like projects dealing with a contaminated site and turning the existing Crown recreation reserve into its designated purpose with the City of Greater Geraldton.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

This item has been presented at various Council Concept Forums providing updates on the proposed subdivision and site investigations for information and discussion.

Council is informed that staff met recently met with the Green family to provide an overview of the proposed development and to present the issues and constraints facing such a proposed residential development. The family whilst disappointed, fully understood the position the City is faced with and appreciated the one on one presentation made to them. The family also indicated that the new proposed action to turn the site into developed public open space is what the site was intended for in the first place in any event.

The family was also advised that the City would still commit to naming the Olive Street public open space in honour of fallen soldiers in accordance with the Deed of Grant by Leonard T Green and erect an appropriate memorial plaque to the late Leonard T Green at the Olive Street public open space once reserve has been fully developed.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 3.54 of the Local Government Act 1995. Reserves under the control State Government. Section 13 of the Contaminated Sites Act 2003 – Classification of Sites.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The current expenditure of \$1.24 million has been funded from general revenue. The expenditure is made up of costs associated with detailed contamination investigations that fed into remediation options, planning and design, scheme amendment, engineering and hydrological services, survey, environmental and fauna assessments, preliminary marketing and geotechnical site investigations.

Preliminary costs estimates have indicated a further cost of \$4.5 million to \$5.5 million required to undertake the remediation of the site in accordance with the auditor's specifications and requirements to achieve a site that is then suitable for public open space use.

Surrounding the reserve the City has 15 existing freehold titled lots that can be released, subject to approval from Council at a subsequent meeting, for sale at the completion of the site remediation and public open space project that will assist in the recoup of some costs on the project. Lots that front Willcock Drive need significant fill at the rear as the lots drop away into the rear basin area. The estimated average value of these 800m² lots (based on valuations at the time of the original report) is \$360,000 giving a return of circa \$5.4 million. It is noted that at this time land values have decreased and this figure would be unlikely to be achieved, however it is intended that the lots will only be released after the works are undertaken and at a time when the market has improved.

| INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS: | | | | |
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| Title: Environment | A sustainable built form and natural environment | | | |
| Strategy 2.1.2 | Sustainably maintaining public open spaces and | | | |
| | recreational areas | | | |
| Title: Social | A strong healthy community which is equitable, | | | |
| | connected and cohesive | | | |
| Strategy 3.1.2 | Encouraging informal recreation though well planned | | | |
| | and developed public open spaces, cycle/walk paths | | | |
| | and green streetscapes | | | |
| Title: Governance | Inclusive civic and community engagement and | | | |
| | leadership | | | |
| Strategy: 5.2.1 | Responding to community aspirations by providing | | | |
| | creative yet effective planning and zoning for future | | | |
| | development | | | |
| Strategy 5.2.8 | Continuously improving business and governance | | | |
| | frameworks to support a growing community | | | |

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Regional Outcomes:

There are no potential impacts, either positive or negative to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

It is considered that the risks associated with proceeding with the residential subdivision is extremely high with a significant reduced profit margin from residential sales as a direct result of the compounded issue of dealing with the remediation of the site and excessive quantities of fill as a result.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Alternate options were considered.

Council could choose to defer its consideration of the remediation of the site but risks community angst and concerns due to the continual presence of the contaminated material. Even if the site remained fenced, it does not prevent access to the site especially to children as the site is an "attraction" adventure playground.

Alternatively, Council could consider and resolve to continue both the remediation and subdivide the land for residential development and take on the risks associated with getting sufficient return on the sale of residential lots to recoup the costs expended.

Doing nothing is considered not an option for the site as the contamination on site needs to be remediated to make the area safe for the community and also to meet the requirements of the Contaminated Sites Act 2003. It is also noted that the treatment of contaminated sites and compliance with the Contaminated Sites Act 2003 is incrementally becoming more onerous to proponents and the measures to remediate a site require more analysis and treatment(s) than those considered acceptable 5 - 10 years ago.

| DRS217 FINAL APPROVAL | OF THE CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON |
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| LOCAL PLANNING | G STRATEGY AND LOCAL PLANNING |
| SCHEME NO. 1 | |
| AGENDA REFERENCE: | D-15-32417 |
| AUTHOR: | M Connell, Manager Urban & Regional |
| | Development |
| EXECUTIVE: | P Melling, Director Development & |
| | Regulatory Services |
| DATE OF REPORT: | 5 June 2015 |
| FILE REFERENCE: | LP/9/0037 |
| APPLICANT / PROPONENT: | City of Greater Geraldton |
| ATTACHMENTS: | Yes (x 5) |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The advertising period has concluded for draft Local Planning Strategy (the Strategy) and draft Local Planning Scheme No. 1 (the Scheme).

This report recommends final approval of the Strategy and Scheme (subject to modifications) and that they be forwarded to the WA Planning Commission and Minister for Planning for final endorsement.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

Part A:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 12B of the Town Planning Regulations 1967 RESOLVES to:

- 1. DETERMINE the submissions as outlined in the 'Schedule of Submissions';
- 2. ADOPT the City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Strategy (subject to modifications); and
- 3. FORWARD the Strategy to the WA Planning Commission for final endorsement.

Part B:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 87 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 RESOLVES to:

- 1. DETERMINE the submissions as outlined in the 'Schedule of Submissions';
- ADOPT the City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Scheme No. 1 (subject to modifications); and
- 3. FORWARD the Scheme to the Minister for Planning for final approval.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

Currently the City operates under 4 separate Town or Local Planning Schemes of differing ages as follows:

- 1. Town Planning Scheme No. 1A (Greenough River Resort) Gazetted 30 May 1986;
- 2. Local Planning Scheme No. 2 (Mullewa) Gazetted 22 June 2012;
- Town Planning Scheme No. 3 (Geraldton) Gazetted 17 April 1998; and
- 4. Local Planning Scheme No. 5 (Greenough) Gazetted 14 April 2010.

Also the City has 2 Local Planning Strategies (one for Greenough and one for Mullewa). The former City of Geraldton area does not have a Local Planning Strategy. Since amalgamation it was always intended to consolidate all the Schemes into a single Scheme for the City of Greater Geraldton and also have one Strategy.

During discussions with the Department of Planning officers an adjustment to the extent of the Scheme area was made (at the request of the WA Planning Commission) to exclude the Southgates area that is currently subject to an Environmental Review by the EPA. This remaining area will still be governed by the existing Town Planning Scheme No. 1A (Greenough River Resort).

A significant amount of background work has already been undertaken (by the City and other government Agencies) on the information required for the preparation of a Strategy. This includes:

- Greater Geraldton Structure Plan Update (2011);
- 2029 & Beyond Project (including the Designing our City Forum);
- Residential Development Strategy;
- Commercial Activity Centres Strategy;
- Public Open Space Strategy;
- Identification of High Quality Agricultural Land;
- Water Planning and Management Strategy; and
- Local Biodiversity Strategy.

Local Planning Strategy:

A local planning strategy is the framework for local planning and the strategic basis for local planning schemes. It provides the interface between regional and local planning. The Strategy sets out the local government's objectives for future planning and development and includes a broad framework by which to pursue those objectives.

The Local Planning Strategy is a statutory requirement under the *Planning and Development Act 2005* and forms the basis for preparing the draft Scheme.

The Strategy consists of two parts, which is consistent with the WA Planning Commission's *Local Planning Manual*:

Part One – The Strategy (prepared in conjunction with Taylor Burrell Barnett) incorporates the strategic plan and actions required to implement the Strategy.

Part Two – Local Profile and Context Report (prepared in conjunction with Aurecon) provides the relevant background to the strategy, including analysis of information and the rationale for the strategy. Supplementary to the *Local Profile and Context Report* are the following:

- Environmental Profile
- Transport Planning Report
- Economic Research Paper

The Strategy (Part One) is included as Attachment No. DRS217A and the Local Profile and Context Report (Part Two) is included as Attachment No. DRS217B.

Local Planning Scheme No. 1:

Local planning schemes are made under Part 5 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, which sets out the general objects of schemes, the matters which may be addressed in schemes and the requirements for review of schemes. The Scheme sets out the planning framework having regard to the strategies and actions of the Strategy.

The draft Scheme has been prepared having regard to the WA Planning Commission's *Model Scheme Text* and model provisions relating to structure plans, bushfire hazard planning and heritage provision.

The reserves and zones of the draft Scheme have been sourced from the WA Planning Commission's model framework. The development provisions have been prepared having regard to the City's particular requirements, the existing four schemes and employing best practice wherever possible.

The Scheme Text is included as Attachment No. DRS217C and the Scheme Maps are included as Attachment No. DRS217D.

ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL ISSUES:

Economic:

The economic base for the City and the Mid West region will be supported by a contemporary urban and regional planning framework in the format of the Scheme.

The consolidation of the operational planning schemes into the new Scheme and the direction provided by the Strategy will ensure responsive planning outcomes can be achieved, to deliver outcomes that will benefit the general community, local business, regional industries and investment into Geraldton.

Social:

Engagement with the community, business and industry are key components to the process for delivering the new Strategy and Scheme. This project builds upon the work undertaken through the 2029 and Beyond strategic planning, and will provide a link for delivering the vision of the City.

Environmental:

The new Scheme will incorporate all relevant environmental legislation and planning requirements to ensure the natural ecosystem and habitat is adequately identified and protected. Council will have a more robust planning framework to adequately consider the environmental and sustainability impacts of developments and land use planning.

The Environmental Protection Authority considered that the Scheme should not be assessed under Part IV of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986.*

Cultural & Heritage:

Cultural and heritage aspects of Greater Geraldton, both Aboriginal and European, will be identified and preservation provisions introduced through the Scheme. The Strategy will provide opportunities for the planning framework to identify and strengthen development outcomes with due regard to the cultural and heritage identity of the region.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council at its meeting held on 27 August 2013 awarded the tender for the preparation of the new Strategy and Scheme.

Council at its meetings held on 26 November 2013 and 26 August 2014 resolved to prepare a new Local Planning Scheme.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Community Consultation in Preparation of the Strategy and Scheme

Stakeholders were notified and invited to participate in the preparation of the draft Scheme as follows:

- Publication in the *Government Gazette* on 14 March 2014 advising of the City's resolution to prepare a new Scheme.
- A media release was distributed on 3 December 2013 advising of Council's resolution to prepare a new Scheme.
- Correspondence distributed to government agencies, adjoining local governments and community groups.

The City received responses as part of the above-mentioned consultation of the draft Scheme from:

- Department of Fire and Emergency Services;
- Department of Mines and Petroleum;
- Department of Training and Workforce Development;
- Department of Health;
- Department of Education; and
- State Heritage Office.

The City's project consultant team made contact with the following agencies and stakeholders as part of preparing the Strategy:

- Department of Water;
- Water Corporation;
- Department of Agriculture and Food;
- Department of Planning;
- Main Roads WA;
- Shire of Chapman Valley;
- LandCorp;
- Tourism WA;
- Department of State Development
- Durack Institute of Technology;
- Department of Mines and Petroleum;
- Geraldton Port Authority;
- Mid West Development Commission;
- Department of Fisheries;
- Office of Science;
- Geraldton Universities Centre;
- Geraldton Iron Ore Alliance; and
- Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Community Consultation during Advertising of the Strategy and Scheme

The Strategy and Scheme were publically advertised in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*.

The advertising period was undertaken for 3 consecutive months, commencing on 03 February 2015 and concluding on 04 May 2015 and involved the following:

- 1. A notification was published in the *Government Gazette* on 03 February 2015.
- 2. A notice appeared in the *Geraldton Guardian* on 04 February 2015 and in the *Midwest Times* on 12 February 2015.
- 3. A media release was distributed on 2 February 2015 advising that the City had prepared a new Strategy and Scheme and that they were now available for public comment.

- 4. A news article was published in the *Geraldton Guardian* on 04 February 2015 which contained information supplied from the City's media release.
- 5. Copies of the Strategy and Scheme documents and associated mapping were made available for viewing at the Civic Centre Office, Mullewa Office and the Geraldton Regional Library. Copies were also available for viewing at the Department of Planning's Perth Office.
- 6. Details of the Strategy and Scheme were published on the City's website and copies of the documents and associated mapping were available for download.
- 7. Public GIS mapping was made available on the City's website via Intramaps Public and enabled the current and proposed zoning and residential density codes to be viewed to allow a direct comparison of the proposed changes.
- 8. The Strategy and Scheme were specifically referred to the following agencies and groups:
 - Major land developers;
 - Major business and industry;
 - All Progress Associations;
 - Planning consultancies;
 - Architects and draftspersons;
 - Property valuers;
 - Building companies;
 - Real estate agents;
 - Planning Institute of Australia (WA Branch);
 - REIWA (WA Branch);
 - Urban Design Institute of Australia (WA Branch);
 - Shire of Chapman Valley;
 - Shire of Irwin;
 - Shire of Mingenew;
 - Shire of Morawa;
 - Shire of Murchison;
 - Shire of Northampton;
 - Shire of Yalgoo;
 - ATCO Gas;
 - Australia Post;
 - Civil Aviation Safety Authority;
 - Department of Aboriginal Affairs;
 - Department of Agriculture and Food WA;
 - Department of Education;
 - Department of Environment and Regulation;
 - Department of Fire and Emergency Services;
 - Department of Health;
 - Department of Housing;

- Department of Lands;
- Department of Mine and Petroleum;
- Department of Parks and Wildlife;
- Department of Regional Development;
- Department of State Development;
- Department of Training and Workforce development;
- Department of Transport;
- Department of Water;
- Main Roads Western Australia;
- Midwest Aboriginal Organisations Alliance;
- Midwest Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
- Midwest Development Commission;
- Midwest Ports Authority;
- NACC;
- National Trust of Australia;
- Public Transport Authority;
- State Heritage Office;
- Telstra;
- Water Corporation;
- Western Australia Police;
- Western Power; and
- Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation.
- 9. The 2029 and Beyond contact group were emailed to and provided with access to a copy of the Strategy and Scheme.
- 10. A presentation was made to members of the Master Builders Association on 04 March 2015.
- 11. A community workshop was held on 26 February 2015 for all members of the local progress associations located in the Geraldton urban area.
- 12. A community workshop was held on 25 February 2015 for all members of the Mullewa Progress Association and business owners.
- A business forum was held in conjunction with the Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MWCCI) on 05 March 2015. All members of the MWCCI were invited to attend the forum.
- 14. A Car Parking Forum was held on 4 May 2015 for MWCCI members where the Scheme provisions of car parking were discussed.

Councillor Consultation:

Updates on the process have been provided to Council via:

- The Concept Forum meeting held on 4 June 2013.
- A Briefing Note circulated on 23 October 2013.

- The Concept Forum meeting held on 01 April 2014.
- The Concept Forum meeting held on 06 May 2014.

Submissions

As a result of the advertising, a total of 38 submissions were received (inclusive of 1 internal submission from City staff).

A 'Schedule of Submissions' is included as Attachment No. DRS217E and copies of the actual submissions have been circulated to Councillors.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The City of Greater Geraldton may prepare a Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme to any land within its district pursuant to Section 72 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*. The content of a Scheme shall have regard to the WA Planning Commission's Model Scheme Text and the *Town Planning Regulations 1967*.

A review of the City's local planning policies has also commenced with the objective of ensuring consistency between the new Scheme and the local planning policies.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The City has been fortunate to receive funding via the WA Planning Commission's Northern Planning Program to complete both the Strategy and Scheme.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

The Strategy and Scheme, either directly or indirectly, will assist in delivering all of the Community Aspirations as identified in the Community Strategic Plan 2013 – 2023.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

The City will benefit from the consolidation of the four operational town planning schemes into one. Consistency of zoning, land use and development requirements will simplify the local planning framework, enabling landowners, developers and the community to understand and comply with the planning system requirements. A simplified town planning framework will be advantageous in terms of creating more appeal for business and investment in the district and the region generally.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

It is considered necessary to review and comprehensively update the local planning framework to ensure the City's obligations under the *Planning and Development Act 2005* are met. Should Council not adopt the Strategy and Scheme it would be in contrary to the *Act* which requires local governments to review their local planning schemes every 5 years.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

It is imperative that the City has a simple and effective local planning framework. Due to the legacies of the amalgamation processes, the City is

functioning under 4 Local Planning Schemes and 2 Local Planning Strategies, yet some of the local government area is still not covered by a Strategy at all. Due to the age and the inconsistencies of all documents the City's local planning framework is considerably out of date and not reflective of the opportunity to progress rapid urban development and to create major urban centres to assist in the diversification and development of WA.

The option to refuse is not supported as since amalgamation it was always intended to consolidate all the Schemes into a single Scheme for the City of Greater Geraldton and also have one Local Planning Strategy.

The option to defer is not supported as there is considered sufficient information for Council to determine the matter.

16 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

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| AGENDA REFERENCE: | D-15-32706 |
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| AUTHOR: | K Diehm, Chief Executive Officer |
| EXECUTIVE: | K Diehm, Chief Executive Officer |
| DATE OF REPORT: | 5 June 2015 |
| FILE REFERENCE: | GO/6/0012-04 |
| APPLICANT / PROPONENT: | City of Greater Geraldton |
| ATTACHMENTS: | Yes |
| AUTHOR: EXECUTIVE: DATE OF REPORT: FILE REFERENCE: APPLICANT / PROPONENT: | K Diehm, Chief Executive Officer K Diehm, Chief Executive Officer 5 June 2015 GO/6/0012-04 City of Greater Geraldton |

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To receive the Reports of the City of Greater Geraldton.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

<u>PART A</u>

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 22.(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to

- 1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
 - a. Reports Community Services
 - i. CS213 HMAS Sydney II Memorial Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 13 May 2015
 - ii. CS214 QEII Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 20 May 2015
 - iii. CS215 Public Arts Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – 21 May 2015
 - b. Reports Development and Regulatory Services
 - i. DRS218 Local Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes – 21 May 2015
 - ii. SCD099 Delegated Determinations

<u>PART B</u>

That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Sections 5.13 and 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 RESOLVES to:

- 1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
 - a. Reports Corporate and Commercial Services;
 - i. CCS120 Confidential Report List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation May 2015

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton

BACKGROUND:

Information and items for noting or receiving (i.e. periodic reports, minutes of other meetings) are to be included in an appendix attached to the Council agenda.

Any reports received under this Agenda are considered received only. Any recommendations or proposals contained within the "Reports (including Minutes) to be Received" are not approved or endorsed by Council in any way. Any outcomes or recommendations requiring Council approval must be presented separately to Council as a Report for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Not applicable.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Not applicable.

17 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

- 18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
- 19 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY PRESIDING MEMBER OR BY DECISION OF THE MEETING
- 20 CLOSURE

APPENDIX 1 – ATTACHMENTS AND REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

Attachments and Reports to be Received are available on the City of Greater Geraldton website at: <u>http://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/council-meetings/</u>