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City of Greater Geraldton

## 4.18 LIVE STREAMING OF MEETINGS

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### SUSTAINABILITY THEME

Governance

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### OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this policy is to enhance Council's commitment to engage with its community through the live streaming of its meetings through the internet.

### POLICY STATEMENT

This policy applies to all Ordinary Council Meetings, special meetings, agenda briefing forums and electors meetings. This policy does not apply to any part of the meeting which is closed under Section 5.23 of the Local Government Act.

### POLICY DETAILS

1. The City is committed to engaging with its community and recognises that providing opportunities for the community to attend council meetings will result in more informed and engaged residents.
2. The City will therefore provide access for the public to attend Council meetings through the live streaming of meetings through the internet.
3. The live streaming will commence at the times that the meetings are due to commence and finish when the presiding member closes or adjourns the meeting for any reason.
4. Meetings closed for consideration of matters under Section 5.23 of the Local Government Act or by resolution of Council will not be streamed.
5. Meetings shall be live streamed in accordance with this policy unless a motion to the contrary is passed by simple majority at the beginning or at any other time during the meeting.
6. Meetings live streamed will be recorded and lodged in the City's information management system and are accessible upon request.
7. No protection will be afforded to Councillors, staff or the public for comments and statements made during the live streaming of meetings which are subsequently challenged in a court of law and determined to be slanderous.

### KEY TERM DEFINITIONS

**Meetings** mean Ordinary Council Meetings, special meetings, agenda briefing forums and electors meetings.

### ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Manager ICT Services is responsible for implementing this Policy.

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## WORKPLACE INFORMATION

Local Government Act 1995  
Freedom of Information Act 1992  
Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011

## POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Directorate		Officer	Review Cycle	Next Due
Corporate and Commercial Services		Manager ICT Services	Biennial	2020
Version	Decision Reference	Synopsis		
2.	CCSXXX – Date	Policy review		