ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

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CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 25 AUGUST 2026 AT 5.00PM
CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE

M I N U T E S

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member, Mayor J Clune, declared the meeting open at 5pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji 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 Yamatji people.

3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:
Mayor J Clune
Cr N Colliver
Cr J Denton
Cr S Giudice
Cr S Keemink
Cr T Milnes
Cr K Parker
Cr S Van Styn

Officers:
R McKim, Chief Executive Officer
P Radalj, Director of Corporate Services
C Lee, Director of Infrastructure Services

F Norling, Director of Community and Culture
T Free, Director of Development Services
S Moulds, PA to the Chief Executive Officer – Minute Secretary
L Pegler, Executive Support Secretary
L Maldea, Manager Corporate Compliance
N Jane, Chief Financial Officer
M Adams, Manager Sport and Leisure
M Dufour, Manager Climate, Environment & Waste
P Kingdon, Manager Communications and Vibrancy
S Bishop, Manager ICT Services
D Melling, Network and System Administrator

Others:
Members of Public: 14
Members of Press: 2

Apologies:
Nil

Leave of Absence:
Cr P Fiorenza

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

CEO R McKim declared an Impartiality interest in DS107 – Trial Review – Dogs Off-Leash – Recreation Ground Oval as he lives in Beachlands and walks his dog on-leash in this area.

Cr S Giudice declared an Impartiality interest in Item No. IS337 as she is a community member on the Community Consultation Committee for the Mid West Ports Authority (MWPA).

Note: Due to the confidentiality requirements of section 8A.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 relating to behaviour complaints, the following impartiality interests were disclosed after the meeting was closed to the public and are now recorded in these Minutes for the public record.

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer, declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO154 Confidential - Behaviour Matter, as the CEO and manager of the complainant. R McKim does not believe his role as Complaints Officer gives rise to an impartiality interest and remained in Chambers.

Mayor J Clune declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO154 Confidential – Behaviour Matter, as he currently has a Division 3 Behavioural Complaint against him for previous Item No. CEO151 and remained in Chambers.

Deputy Mayor Cr N Colliver declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO154 Confidential – Behaviour Matter, as she is the subject to two Division 3 Behavioural Complaints stemming from Item No. CEO151 and remained in Chambers.

Cr T Milnes declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO154 Confidential – Behaviour Matter, as he is a party associated with the complaint.

5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

The following questions were Taken on Notice at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 July 2026:

Question
The preamble to Mr Hickey's question is summarised below:

The question relates to coastal sustainability and future development planning in the context of CURMAP (CHRMAP) coastal hazard projections. Mr Hickey highlighted concerns about erosion along the coastline, including areas near Greys Beach and the former Marine Rescue site, and noted the relationship between coastal hazards, existing infrastructure and residential development. The question also referred to current and planned residential growth in the Mahomets Flats/Back Beach area, including areas around Whimps Beach, and sought consideration of these factors in long-term coastal management and development planning.

What are the new CURMAP recommendations for this area that is essentially part of the same Sandplain?

Response
The City's Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Planning (CHRMAP) Report, available on the City website, provides recommendations for all twelve Coastal Management Units (CMUs) across the City of Greater Geraldton coastline. The Back Beach and Wimps Beach area fall within the Mahomet's Flats and Beach lands CMUs and any future planning for new developments in these coastal localities would need to align with the CMU recommendations.

Question
The preamble to Mr Hickey's question is summarised below:

Mr Hickey's question raised concerns about increasing damage to local beaches and dunes, particularly at Cape Burney, Back Beach, Tarcoola Beach, Whimps, the Surf Club area and Southgates, allegedly caused by 4WDs and motorbikes. Mr Hickey expressed concern that these activities are reducing opportunities for passive family recreation, impacting the natural coastal environment, and diminishing the amenity valued by residents and visitors. Mr Hickey also questioned whether Council's focus on foreshore youth precincts adequately reflects the community's broader appreciation of natural beach and dune areas for recreation and environmental benefit.

When and how will Council deal with the increasing degradation along all our beaches?

Response
The City has a Coastal Strategy and Foreshore Management Plan that is a strategic document providing a set of contemporary strategic directions and site-specific considerations to guide the ongoing management of the City's coastal foreshore reserves. The document has been produced in

accordance with State Government requirements and responsibilities under Part 3 of the Planning and Development Act, which is further outlines in the State Planning Policy 2.6.

In addition, and when reported to the City, the City's Ranger Services Team can attend coastal sites to monitor, inform, and enforce the City's local laws and regulatory signage. Given the recent activity along Tarcoola Beach reported by yourself and others, the City will be placing a mobile CCTV camera at this location.

The responses have been provided to Mr Hickey.

6 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 1995 require questions to be put to the presiding member and answered by the Council. No questions can be put to individual Councillors.

If you would like to ask a question, please complete the Public Question Time form on the City's website, linked below, which also provides the procedures for Public Question Time. Questions From the Public » City of Greater Geraldton. Submit up to 3 questions by 12 noon the day prior to the meeting.

Public question commenced at 5.02pm.

Mark Gray, 153 Glendinning Road, Geraldton
Questions relate to Item No. CC038 Replacement Sports Lighting Options at La Fiamma Sporting Club.

Question
Given that Council previously supported, approved, and co-funded the installation of a 200-lux lighting system at La Fiamma, and the facility currently operates at that standard, on what basis has the replacement project been limited to 100 lux, and how does the City justify requiring the Club to contribute additional funding simply to maintain the existing lighting standard and level of service, rather than providing a like-for-like replacement that ensures equitable treatment, future-proofs the facility, and maintains its ability to host competition standard rectangular sport?

Response
Council supported a Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) grant application in 2019 for the replacement of sports lighting at Eighth Street West (La Fiamma Sporting Club). The project involved the replacement of the luminaries with the City, La Fiamma Sporting Club and the State Government each contributing one-third of the project cost. The project was subsequently delivered in February 2021 with 200 lux lighting.

Following completion of that project, the City adopted Operational Policy 058 – Sports Tower Lighting Infrastructure at City Managed Sportsgrounds. This policy establishes a consistent and equitable framework for the provision, renewal and funding of sports lighting infrastructure across all City-managed sporting facilities and requires lighting to be provided in accordance with the relevant Australian Standards for various sporting codes.

Under Operational Policy 058, the City's adopted service level for soccer facilities, based on the applicable Australian Standard, is 100 lux, which is the lighting level identified for amateur-level soccer competition and consistent with Football West advice. When sports lighting assets are renewed or replaced, the City's funding responsibility is limited to providing the adopted service standard applicable to that facility rather than a historic like-for-like approach. In accordance with Operational Policy 058, delivery of lighting renewal projects includes advising clubs of the option to contribute to the cost associated with delivering and maintaining an enhanced standard of lighting.

Accordingly, replacement projects funded solely by the City are planned on the basis of the adopted 100-lux standard.

The City's position is that this approach promotes equitable treatment across the sporting network by applying the same funding principles to all clubs and facilities, regardless of historical lighting levels or previous funding arrangements. While the City recognises the benefits that 200-lux lighting may provide for higher levels of competition and future flexibility, any proposal to retain or renew lighting above the adopted 100-lux standard would need to be considered in accordance with the policy's cost-sharing and funding provisions.

<u>Question</u>
What service levels, maintenance response times, and contingency arrangements will the City have in place to ensure the prompt repair or replacement of failed luminaires and minimise the risk of fixture cancellations, disruptions to competition, or unsafe playing conditions, and can the City demonstrate that a 100-lux lighting system will continue to provide a safe and compliant playing environment in the event of a luminaire failure?

<u>Response</u>
While the approved lighting level for La Fiamma Sporting Club is 100 lux, lighting designs are typically prepared to achieve lighting outcomes that meet or exceed the required average illumination level at the time of commissioning. Consistent with industry practice, actual measured lighting levels following installation can often be higher than the minimum design requirement.

The City acknowledges that any sports lighting system, regardless of its design standard, may experience occasional luminaire or component failures over its operational life. To manage this risk, the City undertakes regular inspections and condition assessments of sports lighting infrastructure, including an annual lighting inspection program, to identify maintenance requirements and ensure continued compliance with operational and safety standards.

The City also allocates annual funding for the maintenance, repair and replacement of sports lighting infrastructure across its managed sporting facilities. Where faults are identified or reported, works are assessed and prioritised having regard to safety considerations, operational impacts and the extent to which the fault affects the facility's ability to meet its intended service level. Repairs are programmed accordingly, with priority given to lighting faults that have the potential to impact safe use of a facility or disrupt scheduled sporting activities.

Question
Recognising the importance of the Night Series as the club's primary annual fundraising event, how does the City intend to ensure that a suitable venue is available to accommodate the competition during the lighting replacement project, and what commitments can the City provide to ensure the event can proceed without disruption and allow the club to raise the funds necessary to support its operations for the 2027 season?

Response
The City recognises the Night Series as a significant annual fundraising event for the Club and appreciates the importance of ensuring that the competition can continue during the lighting replacement project.

While there may be some temporary impacts on access to the usual venue, the City is committed to work closely with the Club to identify and secure a suitable alternative arrangement that enables the Night Series to proceed. One identified option to achieve this is to facilitate access at the adjoining Little Athletics Oval which has suitable lighting infrastructure, with an understanding that some flexibility around fixture scheduling or playing nights may be required due to athletics competitions. Alternatively, Officers will assist the Club in exploring other nearby suitable facilities that could accommodate the competition.

To support this process, the City will actively engage with neighbouring clubs and user groups to identify available capacity and coordinate access arrangements where possible. While the City cannot guarantee that all aspects of the event will operate exactly as they do under normal circumstances, it is committed to helping secure a practical and workable solution that enables the Night Series to continue and supports the Club's ability to generate revenue.

Donelle Bleakley *on behalf of* Sin City Rollers Geraldton, 2 Sutcliffe Road, Moresby
Questions relate to Item No CC040 Expression of Interest Activation of Spalding Park Clubrooms and Sports Courts.

Question
Will Council consider making the Spalding Park Clubrooms and Sports Courts a multi-purpose sports venue, allowing local sporting and

community groups, including the Geraldton Roller Derby Club, to hire the facility for training sessions and activities?

Question
What is the current status of the Spalding Park Master Plan, and can Council provide an update on its progress?

Question
Is the Master Plan still proceeding as originally proposed? If not, what changes have been made and what is Council's long-term vision for the site?

Response
Thank you for your questions which will be Taken on Notice. Responses will be provided in due course and published in the next Council Agenda.

Sean Hickey, Eastcott Way, Tarcoola Beach

Question
Please outline and identify this years allocation of monies for the upkeep, maintenance and procurement of land that is deemed 'recreational land'. And contrast that allocation with what will go to Clubs and Infrastructure maintenance and development?

Question
Maitland Park and Apex Parks are two areas close to the CBD that may fit the description as suitable passive recreation areas- other than the fenced off and locked School Recreation Ovals/Recreation Spaces.

What is in the planning for this basic needs of Passive Shaded Parkland in our growing Community or are we ditching the idea and reality altogether?

The availability of land for passive recreation is questioned given the 'City's 'proposal to annex much of Maitland Park for a large car parking allotment and Bus Terminal Development, along with the construction of large water tanks to water a number of displays of 'Wildflowers and Shrubs' - perhaps these latter displays, are better suited to Port Way and Main Road Entries to the City - instead of the present roadside approaches, overgrown with weeds and Dongara Daisys.

Beaches and undeveloped Coastal land offer a natural passive location but much is lost to the roaring 4WD's and Motor Bikes which are doing a great job of wrecking nature. Not all that dissimilar to infrastructure development wrecking.

How is the City planning to provide passive Parkland for all ages when contrastingly in fact it has plans afoot to turn this unique location of Maitland Park into another Multi Use area, as mentioned above - to repeat - to convert and diminish the Parkland area with large scale Parking and Busport Development - one of the last likely Passive Recreation Parkland Areas possible. An area adjacent the CBD and to the renown Cathedral precincts.?

Question
How is the City meeting the State directive to provide a 10% land allocation for recreation and why is some of this allocation seemingly met by allocating Coastal Land (Beaches and Dunes) - in many of the areas mapped for land use - perhaps the City Can confirm the actual allocations in the suburbs as well - besides the 2 conflicting shades of green with the percentages as well.

Response
Thank you for your questions which will be Taken on Notice and responses will be provided in due course and published in the next Council Agenda.

Extension of Public Question Time at 5.17pm.
In accordance with the City's Meeting Procedures, at 5.17pm Mayor Clune extended Public Question Time beyond the prescribed 15-minute period to allow persons who had submitted questions in advance of the meeting, to present their questions and be provided with responses.

Robert Dines, Drummond Cove

Question
In the City's response to the petition to improve the northern beaches suburbs, it states:

> *"that any change to the existing 80km/h speed limit would require another formal speed zone review in accordance with MRWA policy. In addition, initial advice provided by MRWA is that, without the construction/installation of additional safety treatments for the protection of users of the shared path, it is considered that such a review would not support an increase to the posted speed limit."*

Given that the shared path between Corallina Quays and Glenfield Beach Drive was both designed and constructed by the City of Greater Geraldton at a time when the vehicle speed limit along that section of Chapman Rd was 90km/h, how does the City explain the lack of protection for users of the shared path that is just 1 metre off the road shoulder (see attached for reference)?

Was a risk assessment conducted at the design stage or at any time subsequent and is the City satisfied with the safety of shared path users now that the speed limit has been reduced from 90km/h to 80km/h?

Response
The Chapman Road Shared Path between Corallina Quays and Glenfield Beach Drive was designed by professional engineering consultancy Stantec. Road safety risk was considered by the consultant throughout the design process, and the City is satisfied that the path was designed and constructed in accordance with the applicable standards and guidelines and the Safe System approach. The design process takes into account a range of factors including vehicle speed, traffic volume, and the available corridor width.

Prior to construction of the path, pedestrians, cyclists, and other active transport users had no dedicated facility and were required to travel on the road shoulder or the carriageway itself, immediately adjacent to vehicles then travelling at 90km/h. The shared path significantly improved safety for active transport users by providing a formalised, separated off road facility and the reduction of vehicle speeds along Chapman Road to 80km/hr further improves the safety of both road and shared path users.

Question
Will the City please update the community on the status of the petition request to install a turning lane for northbound traffic on Chapman Rd turning into Sail Boulevard in Sunset Beach?

Has the detailed investigations, engineering design development and preparation of a cost estimate begun and where are they up to?

Response
Council resolved to direct the CEO to commence the necessary investigations in the 2027-28 financial year and this project will be included in next financial years works program accordingly.

Question
Will the City please update the community on the status of the petition request to extend the shared path along Chapman Rd from Glenfield Beach Dr to Bayside Bvd (note: the petition called for Glenfield Beach Dr to Bayside Bvd with a connection to the existing path on Reef Bvd, that is to say not just from Glenfield Beach Dr to Reef Bvd as stated in the City's response)?

Has the capital nomination been prepared by City officers and has this been included in capital works programs?

Response
Concept design and cost estimation is currently underway for the full length of footpath from Glenfield Drive to Bayside Boulevard that will be used to generate a capital nomination for Council consideration in future Capital Works Programmes. Reef Boulevard was also mentioned in the report as a logical staging opportunity for the project should the full project construction be cost prohibitive in one financial year.

Public question time concluded at 5.21pm.

7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Existing Approved Leave

Councillor	From	To (inclusive)	Date Approved
Cr P Fiorenza	25 August 2026	25 September 2026	30/06/2026
Any new leave requests will be published in the final agenda.			

**Note: If Elected Members' application for leave of absence is for the meeting that the request is submitted, they will be noted as an apology until Council consider the request. The granting of the leave, or refusal to grant the leave and reasons for that refusal, will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*
If an Elected Member on Approved Leave subsequently attends the meeting, this will be noted in the Minutes at 'Record of Attendance'.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION**:**
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.25 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Leave of Absence for:
   a. Cr K Parker for the period 28 September to 5 October 2026.

MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR KEEMINK
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.25 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE Leave of Absence for:**
   a. **Cr K Parker for the period 28 September to 5 October 2026.**

CARRIED 8/0
In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS

There are none.

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 July 2026, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR GIUDICE, SECONDED CR DENTON
RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 July 2026, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 8/0
In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR AND PRESENTATIONS

Events attended by the Mayor or designated representative

DATE	FUNCTION	REPRESENTATIVE
29 July 2026	ABC Interview - Outcomes of Council Meeting 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 July 2026	Triple M Interview - Outcomes of Council Meeting 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 July 2026	Buranymarda Marugundi Program (Good Strong Tomorrow) – Launch Event	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 July 2026	Maitland Park - Maitland Park Green Connect Community Engagement and Communications Programme	Mayor Jerry Clune
30 July 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview – Outcomes of Council Meeting 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
30 July 2026	Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association (GABA) - Fire Management System & Changerooms	Mayor Jerry Clune
30 July 2026	Mid West Development Commission (MWDC) Audit and Risk Committee	Mayor Jerry Clune
30 July 2026	Geraldton Health Campus - Redevelopment Tour	Mayor Jerry Clune
31 July 2026	Monthly Mullewa Catch Up - July	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 August 2026	Mayor/ CEO/ Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 August 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 August 2026	Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
4 August 2026	National Bowel Cancer Screening Program (NBCSP) Community Event	Mayor Jerry Clune
4 August 2026	East Fremantle Football Game - Geraldton 2027	Mayor Jerry Clune
4 August 2026	ABC Radio Interview – Sister City Relations	Mayor Jerry Clune
4 August 2026	WA Museum Strategic Plan Regional Stakeholder Workshop	Mayor Jerry Clune
4 August 2026	Concept Forum 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
5 August 2026	ABC Interview - Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)	Mayor Jerry Clune
5 August 2026	Geraldton Guardian Interview - State Government Funding – Feasibility Study for Potential Oil Refinery	Mayor Jerry Clune
5 August 2026	Filming for Outcomes of Council Meeting 2026 - Coffee with a Councillor - with Cr Tim Milnes	Mayor Jerry Clune
6 August 2026	Mayor's Prayer Breakfast 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 August 2026	Geraldton Bike Fest's Captains Ride	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 August 2026	Backroad's Gravel Media Interview	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 August 2026	Regional Sounds – Small Election Grant Completion	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 August 2026	Channel 7 Interview – Maitland Park	Mayor Jerry Clune
9 August 2026	Helen Ansell Gallery Exhibition Opening	Mayor Jerry Clune
10 August 2026	Mayor/ CEO/ Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
10 August 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
10 August 2026	Photo for Media Release - Appointment of The HMAS Sydney II Memorial Warden and Deputy Warden	Mayor Jerry Clune
11 August 2026	Meeting with Resident of Point Moore	Mayor Jerry Clune
12 August 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview - Statistics on Dwellings and Population	Mayor Jerry Clune

12 August 2026	Geraldton Guardian Interview - Sister City Relations and Withdrawal of EV Proposal at Mahomets Flats	Mayor Jerry Clune
12 August 2026	Ray White Sales Symposium - Presentation	Mayor Jerry Clune
14 August 2026	Mid West Development Commission (MWDC) Board Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
15 August 2026	Midwest Indian Cultural Society (MICS) Geraldton - India's Independence Day Celebration	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 August 2026	Mayor/ CEO/ Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 August 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 August 2026	Northern Country Zone Meeting - Geraldton	Mayor Jerry Clune
18 August 2026	Agenda Forum 2026 - Mullewa	Mayor Jerry Clune
18 August 2026	Australian Veterans Day Commemorative Service	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 August 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview - Mullewa Developments	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 August 2026	Work Power Open Day	Mayor Jerry Clune
20 August 2026	Batavia Local Emergency Management Committee (BLEMC) Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 August 2026	Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge - Seniors Participation	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 August 2026	ABC Radio Interview – Fraser Gregory Park Playground Closure	
22 August 2026	Photo for Media Release – Local Legend – Equestrian Athletes	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 August 2026	Geraldton Guardian Interview – Fraser Gregory Park Playground Closure	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 August 2026	Mayor/ CEO/ Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 August 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 August 2026	Seniors Week Committee Morning Tea	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 August 2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune

Note: Whilst it is noted that Council Members may have also been in attendance at the above events, this is a record of attendance by the Mayor, or where a Council Member has been asked to represent the Mayor.

11 UNRESOLVED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There was none.

12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

12.1 REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

DS103 LOCAL PLANNING POLICY REVIEW – POLICY FINALISATION

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-093073**
AUTHOR:	**H Martin, Manager City Growth**
EXECUTIVE:	**T Free, Director Development Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**14 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes(x1)** **Final Amended Local Planning Policies**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to amend nine (9) existing Local Planning Policies (LPPs).

At its meetings on 24 February 2026 (Item No. DS089), 31 March 2026 (Item No. DS093) and 26 May 2026 (Item No. DS095), Council resolved to advertise proposed amendments to eleven existing LPPs:

- City Centre Planning Policy.
- Consultation for Town Planning Proposals.
- Design Guidelines - Geraldton Airport Technology Park.
- Extractive Industry.
- Industrial Development.
- R-Codes - Ancillary Dwellings.
- R-Codes - Setback Variations.
- Repurposed Dwellings.
- Revegetation in the Rural Residential Zone.
- Advertising Signage.
- Workforce Accommodation.

The proposed amendments have been publicly advertised with no submissions received.

It is recommended that Council proceed with finalising nine (9) of the eleven (11) amended Local Planning Policies. The Ancillary Dwellings and Setback Variations Local Planning Policies are excluded from the following recommendation as they require Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) approval prior to Council consideration, which had not been received at the time of writing this report.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* Schedule 2, Part 2 cl.3(1) and cl.3(4) RESOLVES to:

1. PROCEED with the amendment of the following local planning policies so as to take the form as identified in Attachment No. DS103 - Final Amended Local Planning Policies:

   a. City Centre Planning Policy;
   b. Consultation for Town Planning Proposals;
   c. Design Guidelines - Geraldton Airport Technology Park;
   d. Extractive Industry;
   e. Industrial Development;
   f. Repurposed Dwellings;
   g. Revegetation in the Rural Residential Zone;
   h. Advertising Signage; and
   i. Workforce Accommodation.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:
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- Consultation for Town Planning Proposals.
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- Industrial Development.
- R-Codes - Ancillary Dwellings.
- R-Codes - Setback Variations.
- Repurposed Dwellings.
- Revegetation in the Rural Residential Zone.
- Advertising Signage.
- Workforce Accommodation.

These policies have been publicly advertised, inviting submissions from interested parties. No submissions were received during the consultation period.

The policies relating to Ancillary Dwellings and Setback Variations seek to modify deemed-to-comply provisions within the Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) and require WAPC approval before being further considered by Council. That approval had not been received at the time of writing this report. They will therefore be addressed separately to the other nine (9) LPPs.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
LPPs form part of the City's broader planning framework, guiding development decisions from a local perspective. The 'Connected' theme within the Strategic

Community Plan supports a local community that is inclusive and safe. LPPs identify the risks associated with development and the ways those risks should be addressed to ensure the community is safe.

Liveable:
The planning framework shapes how we live, work and move through our city, with a focus on supporting community health and wellbeing. The 'Liveable' theme of the Strategic Community Plan focuses on creating healthy, inclusive places to live. Each of the proposed LPPs contains requirements to ensure future development does not have a detrimental impact on community health and wellbeing.

Thriving:
Six (6) of the LPPs being considered, seek to support business activities within the City of Greater Geraldton. Those policies are:

- City Centre Planning Policy
- Design Guidelines - Geraldton Airport Technology Park
- Extractive Industry
- Industrial Development
- Advertising Signage
- Workforce Accommodation

Leading:
The City is demonstrating leadership by providing clear guidance through the proposed LPPs on how development should address planning matters. The process for modifying existing and creating new LPPs includes stakeholder consultation, ensuring that Council Members are fully informed when deciding whether they should be adopted.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Council has previously made decisions in relation to the creation, amendment and revocation of LPPs, the most recent being the amendment of three LPPs on 26 May 2026 (Item No. DS095).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
The proposed amendments to these LPPs were advertised between 29 May and 13 June 2026 in the following manner:

- Public notice published in the Geraldton Guardian 29 May 2026
- Public notice published on the City of Greater Geraldton website
- Copies of the local planning policies available from the Civic Centre in Geraldton, the District Office in Mullewa and on the City's website.

No submissions were received during the consultation period.

During the consultation period, Officers identified an element of the Repurposed Dwelling Local Planning Policy that requires amendment to the draft policy.

The policy is intended to guide the conversion of buildings that were not originally designed or previously used as dwellings into residential accommodation. Its purpose is to ensure that repurposed buildings make a positive contribution to the amenity, character, and streetscape of the surrounding area.

Officers noted that the policy's introduction refers to ‘*transportable and modular dwellings’* in a way that suggests these development types are covered by the policy. This is not the intended application of the policy. Transportable and modular dwellings are specifically designed for residential use and, as such, are not considered repurposed dwellings. The introductory text has therefore been amended to remove this reference and better reflect the policy's scope.

A Council Member sought clarification at the Agenda Forum on 18 August 2026, on the meaning of the reference to “P&D Uses” in table 1 of LPP - 3.1 Consultation on Town Planning Proposals. The City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Scheme No.1 includes a zone table that classifies land uses as P, I, D, A or X. These classifications determine whether a use requires development approval and whether public consultation must be carried out or is at the City’s discretion. The City has discretion on whether to consult on P and D uses so the table in the local planning policy refers to them as applicable uses. The following note has been added to table 1 in the LPP to make this clear to the reader:

* NOTE: Uses classified as P and D by the zone table within the City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Scheme No.1.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
The process for amending and making LPPs is set down in the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015.* The review process ensures that all legislative requirements will be met. LPPs identify Council’s policy position on planning related matters to ensure that related decisions are consistent with Council’s intent.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The Planning Policy Review aims to improve efficiency within the planning system and optimise the use of Council resources in its administration. Those efficiencies will translate into improved application assessment timeframes and cost savings to anyone seeking to undertake development.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Thriving	**An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.**
Goal 1	Support existing businesses and attract new investment, contributing to a vibrant CBD and other key activity centres.
Goal 3	Plan for the sustainable growth of the City, balancing the needs of current and future populations.

Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 1	Engage with the community to enhance decision-making.
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
LPPs guide decision-making in relation to development matters. If these policies are not amended, the planning system may remain unnecessarily complex and inefficient, raising development and administration costs and potentially discouraging investment.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
Retaining the policies in their existing form was considered as an alternative however, doing so would be inconsistent with the intent of the review to:

- Reduce the number of LPPs so that they are manageable to maintain and administer;
- Ensure the content is current, clear and provides certainty;
- Ensure consistency with best practice;
- Reflect the City of Greater Geraldton's values and strategic direction; and
- Reduce 'red tape' and the cost of doing development.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* Schedule 2, Part 2 cl.3(1) and cl.3(4) RESOLVES to:

1. **PROCEED with the amendment of the following local planning policies so as to take the form as identified in Attachment No. DS103 - Final Amended Local Planning Policies:**

    a. **City Centre Planning Policy;**
    b. **Consultation for Town Planning Proposals;**
    c. **Design Guidelines - Geraldton Airport Technology Park;**
    d. **Extractive Industry;**
    e. **Industrial Development;**
    f. **Repurposed Dwellings;**
    g. **Revegetation in the Rural Residential Zone;**
    h. **Advertising Signage; and**
    i. **Workforce Accommodation.**

CARRIED 8/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

DS104 LOCAL PLANNING POLICY REVIEW – PROPOSED NEW AND AMENDED POLICIES

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-093078**
AUTHOR:	**H Martin, Manager City Growth**
EXECUTIVE:	**T Free, Director Development Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**16 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x4)** **A. Local Planning Policy Review Status** **B. Existing Local Planning Policies Proposed to be Amended** **C. Exempt Development Local Planning Policy** **D. Local Planning Policy Comparison Table**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to commence the statutory process to make a new Local Planning Policy (LPP) and amend two (2) current LPPs.

The City has been undertaking a review of its 52 LPPs. The following summarises the status of those policies:

- Review completed – Policy revoked 32
- Review completed – Policy amended 7
- Review completed – New policy created 1
- Statutory Consultation Completed 11
- Reviewed but not yet considered by Council 3

(Note: The above numbers total 54 as two new policies have either been created or are proposed).

This report deals with the final three (3) policies that have been reviewed but not yet considered by Council. Two (2) of those are existing policies proposed to be amended, and one (1) is a proposed new policy.

The nine (9) of the eleven (11) policies that have completed statutory consultation are considered under a separate item on this agenda (Item No. DS103 - Local Planning Policy Review – Policy Finalisation).

The proposed changes will improve clarity, consistency and usability, while retaining the existing policy intent, ensuring development outcomes that reflect best practice and meet the needs of the local community.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* Schedule 2, Part 2 cl. 4 and 5 RESOLVES to:

1. AMEND the following Local Planning Policies so as to take the form as identified in Attachment No. DS104B:
   a. Mobile Trading;
   b. Outbuildings;
2. MAKE a new Local Planning Policy, titled Exempt Development Local Planning Policy, in the form identified in Attachment No. DS104C;
3. MAKE the draft policies available for community and stakeholder review and comment; and
4. REFER the matter back to Council for final consideration following the completion of community and stakeholder consultation.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:
The *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* provide Council with the ability to prepare a LPP to provide guidance on matters relevant to the assessment of development applications.

The City has a suite of LPPs, the majority of which were prepared between 2007 and 2014. As previously reported to Council (27 August 2024 - Item No. DS045, 17 December 2024 - Item No. DS052, 29 April 2025 - Item No. DS062, 28 October 2025 – Item No. DS082, 24 February 2026 – Item No. DS089, 31 March 2026 – Item No. DS092 and DS093 and 26 May 2026 – Item No. DS094 and DS095) the review of the policies is progressing and near completion.

The intent of the review is to:

- Reduce the number of LPPs so that they are manageable to maintain and administer;
- Ensure the content is current, clear and provides certainty;
- Ensure consistency with best practice;
- Reflect the City of Greater Geraldton's values and strategic direction; and
- Reduce 'red tape' and the cost of doing development.

Once a policy is reviewed, Council has three (3) options under the relevant legislation:

1. Retain the policy without change;
2. Retain the policy with modifications; or
3. Revoke the policy.

The *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* identifies the steps that must be taken to implement those decision options. Those steps include undertaking community consultation where a new policy is proposed or an existing policy modified.

All of the original 52 policies have now been reviewed with 32 having already been revoked and seven (7) retained with modification. The remaining 13 are in the final stages of review with 13 recommended for retention with modifications, and one (1) new policy proposed. The full list of policies and recommended treatment is included as Attachment No. DS104A - Local Planning Policy Review Status.

This report considers the following two (2) policies that are proposed to be retained with modifications and one (1) proposed new policy:

1. Mobile Trading (to be retained and modified).
2. Outbuildings (to be retained and modified).
3. Exempt Development (proposed new policy).

Attachment No. DS104B – Existing Local Planning Policies Proposed to be Amended, includes copies of the two modified policies. Attachment No. DS104C – Exempt Development Local Planning Policy, contains the proposed new LPP.

Policies Proposed to be Retained and Amended
Attachment No. DS104D – Local Planning Policy Comparison Table outlines the intent of each existing policy proposed to be retained and modified, along with a description of the changes being recommended. The proposed amendments are largely administrative and refinements in nature aimed at improving clarity, usability and consistency with the City's planning framework.

Collectively, the changes:

- simplify and condense policy content;
- clarify policy scope and application; and
- provide more explicit guidance on assessment criteria and supporting information requirements for development applications.

The proposed policies seek to achieve the same or improved planning outcomes as the existing policies, while being more accessible, efficient to administer, and more transparent for applicants, decision-makers and the community.

It is recommended that Council resolve to commence the statutory process to amend the two existing policies. The first step will be to invite community feedback on the proposed changes. All submissions will be presented to Council, along with recommendations on whether to adopt the policies as proposed or make further modifications based on the feedback received.

<u>Proposed New Policy</u>
Attachment No. DS104D – Local Planning Policy Comparison Table outlines the intent of the proposed new Exempt Development Local Planning Policy.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

<u>Connected:</u>
LPPs form part of the City's broader planning framework, guiding development decisions from a local perspective. The 'Connected' theme within the Strategic Community Plan supports a local community that is inclusive and safe. LPPs identify the risks associated with development and the ways those risks should be addressed to ensure the community is safe.

<u>Liveable:</u>
The planning framework shapes how we live, work and move through our City, with a focus on supporting community health and wellbeing. The 'Liveable' theme of the Strategic Community Plan focuses on creating healthy, inclusive places to live. Each of the proposed LPPs contains requirements to ensure future development does not have a detrimental impact on community health and wellbeing.

<u>Thriving:</u>
The Mobile Trading Local Planning Policy supports the local economy by encouraging mobile trading in appropriate locations, enhancing the visitor and resident experience and creating opportunities for business growth and activation across the City.

<u>Leading:</u>
The City is demonstrating leadership by providing clear guidance through the proposed LPPs on how development should address planning matters. The process for modifying existing LPPs will include stakeholder consultation, ensuring that Council Members are fully informed when deciding whether they should be adopted.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Council has previously made decisions in relation to the creation and amendment of LPPs, the most recent being the amendment of three LPPs on 26 May 2026 (Item No. DS095 - Local Planning Policy Review – Proposed Policy Amendments).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
Council Members have been kept informed about the progress of the LPP Review via briefings and reports throughout the process. The next step in reviewing the policies proposed to be retained and modified is to seek community feedback, with all comments to be reported to Council at the end of the consultation period.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
The process for amending and making LPPs is set down in the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015*. The review process ensures that all legislative requirements will be met. LPPs identify Council's policy position on planning related matters to ensure that related decisions are consistent with Council's intent.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The Planning Policy Review aims to improve efficiency within the planning system and optimise the use of Council resources in its administration. Those efficiencies will translate into improved application assessment timeframes and cost savings to anyone seeking to undertake development.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Thriving	**An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.**
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Goal 1	Engage with the community to enhance decision-making.
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
LPPs guide decision-making in relation to development matters. If these policies are not amended, the planning system may remain unnecessarily complex and inefficient, raising development and administration costs and potentially discouraging investment.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
Retaining the policies in their existing form was considered as an alternative however, doing so would be inconsistent with the intent of the review to:

- Reduce the number of LPPs so that they are manageable to maintain and administer;
- Ensure the content is current, clear and provides certainty;
- Ensure consistency with best practice;
- Reflect the City of Greater Geraldton's values and strategic direction; and
- Reduce 'red tape' and the cost of doing development.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* Schedule 2, Part 2 cl. 4 and 5 RESOLVES to:

1. **AMEND the following Local Planning Policies so as to take the form as identified in Attachment No. DS104B:**
   a. **Mobile Trading;**
   b. **Outbuildings;**
2. **MAKE a new Local Planning Policy, titled Exempt Development Local Planning Policy, in the form identified in Attachment No. DS104C;**
3. **MAKE the draft policies available for community and stakeholder review and comment; and**
4. **REFER the matter back to Council for final consideration following the completion of community and stakeholder consultation.**

CARRIED 8/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

DS105 PROPOSED LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME AMENDMENT – PUBLIC PURPOSES, WOORREE

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-093089**
AUTHOR:	**P Wilks, Planning Officer**
EXECUTIVE:	**T Free, Director Development Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**24 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**LP/14/0020**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x2)** **A. Scheme Amendment Report** **B. Schedule of Submissions**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to support Local Planning Scheme Amendment No. 20, which proposes the rezoning of Lot 277 (No. 351) Eighth Street, Woorree from Rural Residential to Public Purposes reserve.

Council at its meeting held on 27 January 2026 (Item No. DS088) resolved to initiate this Local Planning Scheme Amendment No. 20 (the Amendment) for the purpose of public advertising. The advertising period has now concluded with eight (8) submissions being received.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Part 5, Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* RESOLVES to:

1. DETERMINE the submissions as outlined in the 'Schedule of Submissions';
2. SUPPORT Local Planning Scheme Amendment No. 20 to Local Planning Scheme No. 1, without modification; and
3. SEEK approval of Local Planning Scheme Amendment No. 20 from the Minister for Planning.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is Hille, Thompson & Delfos Surveyors & Planners acting on behalf of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

BACKGROUND:
Local Planning Scheme No. 1 (the Scheme) was gazetted on 11 December 2015. Since that time, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) has acquired Lot 277 (No. 351) Eighth Street, Woorree and established the site as its primary works depot for the Geraldton area. The property has a long standing history of depot related activities, having been used by both public and private power providers since the 1980s, most recently by Oracle Energy.

The current Rural Residential zoning does not accurately reflect either the existing or historical use of the site and may constrain the ongoing operation and future rationalisation of the DBCA facilities. The Amendment seeks to rezone the land from Rural Residential to Public Purposes reserve and update the Scheme Maps to better reflect the established use of the property. A copy of the Scheme Amendment Report is included as Attachment No. DS105A.

The proposed rezoning is consistent with both the established use of the site and surrounding land uses, with the Water Corporation's Wonthella Wastewater Treatment Plant and a Western Power depot located nearby on land reserved for Public Purposes. While the site adjoins Rural Residential properties to the north and east, no complaints or concerns regarding the DBCA operations have been identified by City Officers. Furthermore, the DBCA is able to undertake development on the site under public works exemptions irrespective of the zoning applied under the Scheme. The Amendment therefore formalises the established use of the land without increasing development potential or impacts on surrounding properties.

Following Council's initiation of the amendment, the statutory advertising process has been completed, with eight (8) submissions received; all were from government agencies or utility providers, and all were in support of the proposal.

**CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

Connected:
The Amendment has undergone public advertising, enabling community input and consideration of stakeholder feedback in the decision-making process.

Liveable:
The Amendment is intended to support the ongoing delivery of services to the community by the DBCA.

Thriving:
The Amendment will ensure that the zoning of the site will not limit the rationalisation and ongoing use of the site as the DBCA works depot.

Leading:
The proponent has provided information that enables Council to make an informed decision on the matter.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
There have been 18 previous amendments to the Scheme since it was commenced.

Council at its meeting held on 27 January 2026 (Item No. DS088) resolved to initiate this Local Planning Scheme Amendment No. 20 for the purpose of public advertising.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
The Amendment was publicly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*. The advertising period was for 61

days (commencing on 8 May 2026 and concluding 8 July 2026) and involved the following:

- A public notice appeared in the Geraldton Guardian on 8 May 2026;
- The Amendment details were made available on the City website;
- The Amendment details were made available for public inspection at the City's office at Cathedral Avenue;
- The Amendment was referred to the following:
  - ATCO Gas;
  - Main Roads WA;
  - Water Corporation;
  - Western Power;
  - Yamatji Southern Regional Corporation;
  - Mid West Development Commission;
  - Department of Water and Environmental Regulation;
  - Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety;
  - Department of Primary Industry and Regional Development;
  - Department of Fire and Emergency Services;
  - Department of Health; and
  - Department of Energy and Economic Diversification.

<u>Submissions</u>
As a result of the advertising a total of eight (8) submissions were received (all 8 are in support of the Amendment).

For a full list of submissions received and comments made, please see Attachment No. DS105B.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
<u>Planning and Development Act 2005</u>
Part 5, Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* provides for a local government to amend a local planning scheme.

<u>Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015</u>
Part 5, Division 2, Regulation 41 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* requires that the local government consider all submissions and must pass a resolution to either support the Amendment (with or without modification) or not support the Amendment.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The proponent has paid the required fee, which is expected to cover the costs incurred in processing the Amendment.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Thriving	**An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.**
Goal 2	Support and champion our diverse mix of industries, encouraging innovation and local employment opportunities.

Goal 3	Plan for the sustainable growth of the City, balancing the needs of current and future populations.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
While the Amendment relates to a single property, it will support the ongoing use of the site by the DBCA and ensure the City's planning framework accurately reflects land use within the region.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
If Council does not support the Amendment, the City's statutory planning framework will not be up-to-date, limiting its ability to effectively guide future planning and decision-making.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
The Amendment is considered to be consistent with the local planning framework and reflects both the current and historic use of the property. Initiating the amendment will ensure the scheme maps accurately represent the existing development and use of the site. For these reasons, the option to not support the Amendment is not recommended.

The option to defer the matter is also not recommended, as sufficient information has been provided to enable Council to make an informed decision.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Part 5, Section 75 of the *Planning and Development Act 2005* RESOLVES to:

1. **DETERMINE the submissions as outlined in the 'Schedule of Submissions';**
2. **SUPPORT Local Planning Scheme Amendment No. 20 to Local Planning Scheme No. 1, without modification; and**
3. **SEEK approval of Local Planning Scheme Amendment No. 20 from the Minister for Planning.**

CARRIED 8/0
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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	8
No	0
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes

Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Milnes	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

DS106 REPORT OF REVIEW OF LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY AND LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 1

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-093096**
AUTHOR:	**K Elder, Coordinator Strategic Planning**
EXECUTIVE:	**T Free, Director Development Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**4 August 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**LP/9/0037**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x1)** **Report of Review of Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No. 1**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the Report of Review of the City's Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No. 1, and to approve the report so that it can be presented to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) for final approval.

The approval of the Report of Review supports the future preparation of a new Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No.1 in accordance with the recommendations highlighted in the Report of Review.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

PART A
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 66(1)(b) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE the Report of Review of the Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No.1.

PART B
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 66(3) (a) and (b) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations* RESOLVES to:

1. RECOMMEND to the Western Australian Planning Commission that:
   a. The City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Scheme No. 1 should be repealed and a new scheme prepared in its place; and
   b. The City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Strategy should be revoked and a new strategy prepared in its place.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:
Local Planning Strategy & Local Planning Scheme No. 1
The City's current Local Planning Strategy (the Strategy) was approved in November 2015, with Local Planning Scheme No. 1 (the Scheme) being gazetted in December 2015. They were the first Strategy and Scheme following Council amalgamations and focused on establishing a single integrated

planning framework and shared strategic direction for the consolidated local government area.

To inform the preparation of the Strategy and Scheme, a suite of supporting investigations and strategies were prepared, including:

- Public Open Space Strategy;
- Residential Development Strategy;
- Commercial Activity Centres Strategy;
- Local Biodiversity Strategy; and
- South Greenough to Cape Burney Coastal Planning Strategy.

Report of Review
Under the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015* local governments are required to review their Strategy and Scheme every five (5) years. It should be noted that there are currently amendments to the Regulations underway to extend the review period to 10 years.

The review is undertaken via a Report of Review which assesses whether the City's planning framework remains effective, contemporary and aligned with State planning legislation, policy and local strategic priorities.

The Report of Review must be prepared in a manner and form approved by the WAPC including the collection and assessment of demographic and development approval data. The Report of Review must also recommend whether the Strategy and Scheme:

- are satisfactory in their existing form;
- should be amended; or
- should be repealed and a new strategy/scheme prepared in its place.

Summary of Findings and Recommendations
The Report of Review key findings include:

- The existing Strategy was primarily focused on consolidation following amalgamation and no longer provides sufficient direction to respond to current and emerging planning challenges.
- Significant changes have occurred within the State planning framework, including planning reform, updated State Planning Policies and new planning codes which need to be reflected within the local planning framework.
- Population growth, housing pressures, changing household composition and an ageing population require a renewed strategic response to housing supply and diversity.
- Emerging industries, including renewable energy, advanced manufacturing and industrial development, are creating new opportunities and land use planning considerations for the City.
- Changes in retail trends, consumer behaviour and commercial development patterns support a review of the City's commercial planning framework, activity centres hierarchy and Regional Centre vision.

- Infrastructure constraints, servicing capacity and transport planning require greater consideration within the planning framework to support coordinated, efficient and sustainable growth.
- Environmental considerations, including coastal hazards, biodiversity protection, urban greening and flood risk management require stronger integration into the planning framework.
- The current planning framework has become increasingly complex, relying on numerous subsidiary planning instruments, which can create administrative complexity and reduce transparency for landowners, applicants and decision-makers.

Having regard to these findings, the Report of Review has determined that the existing Strategy and Scheme are no longer satisfactory in their current form and require substantial revision to respond to contemporary planning requirements, strategic priorities and emerging opportunities.

Given the extent of changes required, the Report of Review recommends that:

1. the Local Planning Strategy be revoked and a new Local Planning Strategy prepared in its place; and
2. that Local Planning Scheme No. 1 be repealed and a new Local Planning Scheme prepared.

This is considered the most effective and efficient approach to establishing a contemporary strategic vision, aligning the local planning framework with current State planning requirements and creating a simpler and more integrated planning framework to guide future growth and development across Greater Geraldton.

A copy of the Report of Review for the City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No. 1 is included as Attachment No. DS106A.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
The Report of Review identifies opportunities to better incorporate community safety considerations, public open space planning and connectivity outcomes within the City's planning framework.

Liveable:
The Report of Review supports the development of a planning framework that better responds to biodiversity, greening and environmental outcomes, while strengthening the relationship between land use, infrastructure and transport planning.

Thriving:
The Report of Review identifies opportunities to strengthen the planning framework's ability to support existing and emerging industries and innovation while responding to future housing needs and sustainable growth opportunities.

Leading:
The Report of Review supports the preparation of a simpler and more accessible planning framework that supports informed decision-making, transparency and accountability. It also identifies opportunities to strengthen coordination and support future advocacy, funding and strategic initiatives.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
There are no relevant precedents.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
There has been no community/Council Member consultation as part of the preparation of this Report of Review.

Officers have been guided by the extensive consultation undertaken as part of the Strategic Community Plan engagement, with the Report of Review reflecting the community's vision and aspirations as endorsed by Council.

Any future work associated with the preparation of a new Scheme and Strategy would provide opportunities for extensive community and stakeholder engagement, as well as additional consultation with Council.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
Part 6 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* sets out the requirements for the review of strategies and schemes and requires local governments to undertake a review every five (5) years in the form of a Report of Review.

The Report of Review must be prepared in a manner and form approved by the WAPC and recommend whether the Scheme and Strategy:

- are satisfactory in their existing form;
- should be amended; or
- should be repealed/revoked and replaced with new planning documents.

Under Regulation 66(1)(b), Council is required to resolve to approve the Report of Review. Following Council endorsement, the report must be forwarded to the WAPC for determination.

In accordance with Regulation 67, the WAPC must determine within 90 days whether it agrees or disagrees with the recommendations of the Report of Review and notify the City of its decision.

Following receipt of the WAPC determination, the City is required to publish notice of the Report of Review and the WAPC decision in accordance with the Regulation 76A.

Should the WAPC support the recommendations of the Report of Review, the City will then proceed with the preparation of a new Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme in accordance with the endorsed recommendations.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
There are no direct budget implications as part of making this determination. All further work and investigations as part of the preparation of a new strategy and scheme will be subject to the standard budget process.

The budget commitment will only commence following the endorsement of the Report of Review by the Western Australian Planning Commission.

Officers have compiled a draft work program indicating a potential budget and implementation timeline. This table is for guidance only and will require further scoping and analysis.

		2026/27		**2027/28**		**2028/29**		**2029/30**	
Work Item	**Cost**	**Q1-2**	**Q3-4**	**Q1-2**	**Q3-4**	**Q1-2**	**Q3-4**	**Q1-2**	**Q3-4**
Strategic Investigations	$635K								
Preparation of New Strategy	$100K								
Preparation of New Scheme	$100K								
Statutory Process	$50K								
TOTAL	**$885K**								

26/27 Budget	**27/28 Budget**	**28/29 Budget**	**29/30 Budget**
$325K	$460K	$75K	$25K

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Thriving	**An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.**
Goal 3	Plan for the sustainable growth of the City, balancing the needs of current and future populations.
Goal 4	Advocate for and support the development of diverse housing options to meet current needs and future demand.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
While the Report of Review focuses on the City's local planning framework, its recommendations support broader regional outcomes by establishing a contemporary and integrated planning framework capable of responding to future growth, infrastructure needs, economic development opportunities and regional priorities.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
There are no inherent risks associated with Council approving the Report of Review and recommending that a new Strategy and Scheme should be prepared.

The Report of Review highlights opportunities to enhance the City's planning framework and support more informed decision-making in response to current and emerging opportunities, constraints and development trends.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
Officers considered whether the updates and changes identified in the Report of Review could be implemented through a series of amendments to the existing Strategy and Scheme rather than the preparation of new planning documents.

Officers did not support this option because the review found that the Strategy’s vision, strategic directions and supporting information require significant redevelopment, and that a series of amendments would be unlikely to produce a clear, cohesive and fit-for-purpose strategic document. While the Scheme’s underlying spatial framework remains generally appropriate, substantial amendments would also be needed to reflect legislative changes, planning reforms and the City’s updated strategic direction. Although this approach is technically feasible, it was not considered the most efficient or effective solution, as preparing a new Scheme would provide a clearer, more integrated planning framework that is easier for the community and stakeholders to understand and engage with.

Officers did not consider the option of recommending that the Strategy and Scheme were satisfactory in its existing form, as the review identified a range of areas where the framework no longer aligns with the State framework and strategic priorities. As such, the existing documents could not be reasonably considered satisfactory in their current form.

For these reasons, Officers consider that preparing a new Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme represents the most effective means of implementing the Report of Review findings and recommendations.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED CR GIUDICE
<u>PART A</u>
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 66(1)(b) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations* RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE the Report of Review of the Local Planning Strategy and Local Planning Scheme No.1.**

<u>PART B</u>
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 66(3) (a) and (b) of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations* RESOLVES to:

1. **RECOMMEND to the Western Australian Planning Commission that:**

a. The City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Scheme No. 1 should be repealed and a new scheme prepared in its place; and
b. The City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Strategy should be revoked and a new strategy prepared in its place.

CARRIED 8/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

DS107 TRIAL REVIEW - DOGS OFF-LEASH - RECREATION GROUND OVAL

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-093100**
AUTHOR:	**A Gaze, Manager Regulatory Services**
EXECUTIVE:	**T Free, Director Development Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**29 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x4)** **A. Summary of Evidence** **B. Ranger Observation Data Summary** **C. Feedback from Towns Cricket Club** **D. Feedback from Mighty Blues**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to extend the dog exercise area trial at the Recreation Ground Oval for a further 24 months following completion of the current trial period.

The current trial permits off-leash dog exercise between 5:30am and 10:00am daily, except during organised sporting or community activities.

The review has identified strong community demand for dog exercise opportunities at the reserve but has also highlighted ongoing concerns regarding compliance with trial conditions, including off-leash activity outside approved times, dog waste, access to cricket pitch preparation areas and effective dog control.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 31(3A) and (3C) of the *Dog Act 1976* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE the extension of the dog exercise area at the Recreation Ground Oval for a further two (2) year period;
2. DIRECT the CEO to give local public notice of Council's intention to specify the Recreation Ground Oval as a dog exercise area at the times mentioned below in accordance with section 31(3C) of the *Dog Act 1976*; and
3. SPECIFY that the Recreation Ground Oval is a dog exercise area from 5.30am to 10am daily except when the Recreation Ground Oval is being used for organised sport or a community event.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

A report responding to a petition submitted through an online signature platform, requesting that the Recreation Ground be designated as a dog exercise area, was considered by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 29 July 2025.

At that meeting, Council resolved to establish the Recreation Ground as an off-leash dog exercise area on a 12-month trial basis. The trial commenced in September 2025.

Under the trial arrangements, dogs may be exercised off-leash between 5:30am and 10:00am daily, provided organised sporting or community activities are not taking place. During organised activities, orange/red flags are displayed, and dogs are not permitted to be off-leash on the oval.

Ranger observations confirm that the reserve is being regularly used for dog exercise during approved hours. The observations also identified occasions where dogs were being exercised off-leash outside of the approved times. A summary of these observations is provided in Attachment No. DS107A and DS107B. The key findings common to both summaries were:

- Repeated dog activity occurring after 10:00am;
- Multiple instances where dogs were observed without a lead outside approved off-leash periods; and
- Continued usage during times where dogs were required to be on-leash.

As part of the trial review, feedback was sought from sporting user groups and considered alongside Ranger observations, incident reports and operational data. Towns Cricket Club raised concerns regarding dog waste, access to the protected cricket pitch area and instances of non-compliance with the trial conditions (Attachment No. DS107C). Mighty Blues AFL Masters advised that it had received no negative feedback from Committee Members regarding the trial (Attachment No. DS107D).

While non-compliance has been observed at the Recreation Ground, the City is aware that similar issues occur across other designated off-leash areas. As comparative data is not currently available, it is not possible to determine whether the frequency of non-compliance at the Recreation Ground is greater than, similar to, or less than that experienced elsewhere in the City.

The Recreation Ground trial was established in response to a community request rather than through a broader strategic assessment of dog exercise and dog-prohibited areas across the local government area. To ensure the City's network of dog exercise areas continues to meet current and future community needs, a comprehensive review of dog exercise and dog-prohibited areas is proposed. Such a review would evaluate the location, distribution and capacity of existing facilities, assess whether they provide equitable access across the City, and identify any gaps or opportunities for future provision.

Pending completion of this broader review and the development of a city-wide strategy, Officers consider it appropriate that the Recreation Ground continue as a dog exercise area for a further fixed term of two (2) years rather than be made permanent at this stage. This approach would allow Council to consider the Recreation Ground's long-term role within the context of the wider network of dog exercise areas and make an informed decision once the strategic review has been completed.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
Continued access to off-leash dog exercise opportunities encourages social interaction, community participation and connection, while supporting the shared use of public open space by a range of user groups.

Liveable:
Opportunities for dog exercise and recreation contribute to community wellbeing, while the ongoing management of the Recreation Ground helps maintain the amenity, functionality and presentation of the reserve for all users.

Thriving:
Provision of accessible dog exercise areas contributes to a diverse and inclusive recreation network that meets the needs and expectations of current and future generations.

Leading:
Ongoing monitoring, stakeholder engagement and consideration of strategic planning outcomes ensure that future decisions regarding dog exercise areas are informed, evidence-based and responsive to community needs.

Disclosure of Interest:
The CEO has declared that he walks his dog on-lead in Beachlands and at the Recreation Ground.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Council has previously considered Dog Exercise and Prohibited Areas at the Ordinary Meeting on 24 November 2020 (Item No. DCS477).

Council endorsed the commencement of the 12-month dog exercise area trial at the Recreation Ground at the Ordinary Meeting on 29 July 2025 (Item No. DS070).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
Consultation was undertaken with the Recreation Ground's sporting user groups. Submissions were received from Towns Cricket Club and Mighty Blues AFL Masters. At the time this report was prepared, responses had not been received from Railways Junior Football Club and Railways Senior Football Club.

The review also considered Ranger observations and incident reports received throughout the trial period.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
The *Dog Act 1976* provides local governments with authority to designate dog exercise areas and regulate dog access within public places.

Under section 31(3A) of the *Dog Act 1976*, Council may, by absolute majority, designate a public place as a dog exercise area. Before making or continuing such a designation, Council must give at least 28 days' public notice of its intention in accordance with section 31(3C) of the *Dog Act 1976* and section 1.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Persons exercising dogs within a designated dog exercise area must remain capable of controlling the dog, remain in reasonable proximity to the dog and carry a leash or other suitable means of restraint.

Additionally, dangerous dogs must be restrained and muzzled while in a public place in accordance with the requirements of the *Dog Act 1976*.

If Council resolves to retain the Recreation Ground Oval as either a time-limited or permanent dog exercise area, the statutory advertising and consultation requirements of the *Dog Act 1976* and *Local Government Act 1995* must be undertaken before the designation can take effect.

There are no identified conflicts with existing City policies.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Compliance activities associated with the dog exercise area will require Ranger resources to undertake periodic patrols at varying times to monitor and enforce compliance requirements. Current staffing and resourcing levels dictate that patrols cannot be undertaken daily.

Community education regarding the appropriate use of dog exercise areas will be incorporated into the Ranger team's existing responsible dog ownership education program and managed within existing operational resources.

To ensure the City's dog exercise and dog prohibited area network continues to meet current and future community needs, a comprehensive review and strategic plan is proposed to be undertaken during 2027/28.

The review would assess the location, distribution, accessibility, capacity and condition of existing dog exercise facilities across the City. It would also examine current usage patterns, community needs and projected population growth, and identify service gaps, opportunities for improvement and priorities for future investment.

The findings would provide an evidence-based framework to guide future decision-making regarding the provision, planning, funding and staged delivery of dog exercise areas, ensuring facilities are appropriately located, accessible and equitable for the community.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Connected	**An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.**
Goal 1	Provide safe and inviting public spaces for people to enjoy.
Strategic Theme: Liveable	**A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.**
Goal 5	Invest in community and recreation infrastructure, to support current and future needs.
Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.
Goal 5	Provide the community with clear and accessible information about the City's programs, services and decisions.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
There are no significant impacts on regional outcomes.

The proposal supports ongoing access to recreational opportunities for the community while maintaining the Recreation Ground's primary function as an important sporting and community facility. A continued trial and monitoring of the area will assist in verifying and balancing the needs of dog owners, sporting clubs and other reserve users.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Key risks identified through the trial include:

- Dog waste impacting sporting activities and public amenity.
- Damage to protected cricket pitch preparation areas.
- Continued non-compliance with approved access conditions.
- Potential conflict between dog owners and other reserve users.
- Reputational impacts if the reserve is perceived as unsuitable for organised sport.

The proposed compliance and education programs seek to mitigate these risks through monitoring, education and enforcement.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
The following options were considered by City Officers:

<u>Make the Current Arrangement Permanent</u>
Retains existing community benefit but does not directly address identified compliance concerns or the wider issue of overall City wide provision of dog exercise areas.

Amend Access Conditions
Introduce revised hours, seasonal restrictions or additional controls around cricket pitch preparation periods. This may reduce impacts but could create more complex compliance requirements.

Return to On-Leash Access at All Times
Provides a clear management approach and responds to concerns raised by sporting users however, community off-leash exercise opportunities would be reduced whilst the long term review is undertaken, and compliance issues may still occur at the Recreation Ground.

CEO R McKim declared an Impartiality interest in DS107 – Trial Review – Dogs Off-Leash – Recreation Ground Oval as he lives in Beachlands and walks his dog on-leash in this area and remained in Chambers during the debate.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR KEEMINK, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 31(3A) and (3C) of the *Dog Act 1976* RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE the extension of the dog exercise area at the Recreation Ground Oval for a further two (2) year period;**
2. **DIRECT the CEO to give local public notice of Council's intention to specify the Recreation Ground Oval as a dog exercise area at the times mentioned below in accordance with section 31(3C) of the *Dog Act 1976*; and**
3. **SPECIFY that the Recreation Ground Oval is a dog exercise area from 5.30am to 10am daily except when the Recreation Ground Oval is being used for organised sport or a community event.**

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	8
No	0
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Milnes	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

DS108 KEY WORKER ACCOMMODATION PROJECT

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-094109**
AUTHOR:	**S McCaughey, Manager Customer and Business Engagement**
EXECUTIVE:	**T Free, Director Development Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**5 August 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0013-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**No**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to further explore the potential development of Key Worker Accommodation at Lot 3142 (No. 165) Willcock Drive, Mahomets Flats, and to progress discussions with Celsius Property Group as the preferred proponent to develop a proposed delivery model.

No budget allocation or financial commitment is sought from Council through this report. Council is not being asked to approve a delivery model, accept State Government funding or enter into any binding agreements at this stage. The proposed delivery model, outcomes of negotiations and any associated financial, resource and risk implications will be presented to Council in a future report for consideration and approval.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

PART A
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE the Chief Executive Officer to explore the potential of Lot 3142 (No. 165) Willcock Drive, Mahomets Flats being developed for Key Worker Accommodation.

PART B
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE the Chief Executive Officer progressing discussions and developing a delivery model with Celsius Property Group Pty Ltd as the preferred proponent for the delivery of a Key Worker Accommodation Project at Lot 3142 (No. 165) Willcock Drive, Mahomets Flats; and
2. NOTE that a further report will be presented to Council seeking approval of the proposed delivery model for the Key Worker Accommodation project, together with the outcomes of negotiations relating to the Financial Assistance Agreement, land transfer arrangements and any other matters requiring Council approval.

PROPONENT:
The proponents are the City of Greater Geraldton (the City) and Celsius Property Group Pty Ltd.

BACKGROUND:
The City has been investigating opportunities to address workforce housing shortages within Greater Geraldton through the development of Key Worker Accommodation at Lot 3142 (No. 165) Willcock Drive, Mahomets Flats. The project seeks to increase housing supply, support workforce attraction and retention.

The project has recently received significant support from the State Government, including an offer of $8.71M in Infrastructure Development Fund (IDF) Stream 3 funding to deliver essential site infrastructure and a proposed transfer of the land into the City's freehold ownership for nominal consideration. These outcomes substantially improve the viability of developing the site for key worker accommodation.

The City previously undertook an Expression of Interest process in January 2025 to identify potential delivery partners, with Celsius Property Group subsequently undertaking further work to develop a housing concept for the site. This report seeks Council endorsement to further investigate the opportunity and progress discussions regarding a potential delivery model, with a future report to be presented to Council for consideration of any proposed project, associated costs and delivery arrangements.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
By supporting housing supply for key workers, this project contributes to a connected community by creating opportunities for people from a range of backgrounds to live, work and thrive in Greater Geraldton, enriching the community's diversity and social connections.

Liveable:
This project seeks to facilitate potential investment in housing infrastructure that helps meet the current and future needs of the Greater Geraldton community.

Thriving:
Access to housing for key workers will help address a significant barrier to workforce attraction and retention across the region. Supporting workers in sectors including childcare, education, emergency services, healthcare, hospitality, retail, tourism, trades and manufacturing will strengthen local industry, encourage investment and contribute to sustainable economic growth.

Leading:
This project demonstrates leadership through the proactive exploration of solutions to a significant regional housing challenge. It also provides an opportunity for the City to work in partnership with the State Government and private sector to deliver long-term economic and community benefits for Greater Geraldton.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Council previously endorsed the Olive Street Reserve Housing Project in October 2024, which included State Government funding support of approximately $1.6M.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
The proposed Key Worker Accommodation project and potential delivery options have been presented to Council Members on several occasions since 2024 through Concept Forums and Council briefing sessions. These discussions have provided opportunities for Council Members to receive updates, consider project feasibility, discuss funding opportunities and explore options for advancing housing outcomes within the Greater Geraldton region.

Celsius Property Group presented its initial development concept to Council Members at a Council Workshop held on 22 July 2025. More recently, Celsius Property Group presented an updated proposal and responded to Council Member questions at the Concept Forum held on 4 August 2026.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
There are no legislative or policy implications arising from this report.

Any future land, funding or development arrangements associated with the project will be subject to the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*, associated regulations and relevant City policies.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
There are no financial implications arising from this report.

As no delivery model has been determined, the financial implications of the proposed Key Worker Accommodation project are currently unknown and will be subject to further investigation and negotiation. Should Council endorse this recommendation, City Officers will work with Celsius Property Group and the State Government to assess project feasibility, negotiate potential terms and further develop an appropriate delivery model.

The only resource implication arising from this recommendation is the allocation of existing Officer time to undertake the investigations, negotiations and project development activities required to determine project feasibility and prepare a future report to Council.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Thriving	**An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.**
Goal 1	Support existing businesses and attract new investment, contributing to a vibrant CBD and other key activity centres.
Goal 3	Plan for the sustainable growth of the City, balancing the needs of current and future populations.

Goal 4	Advocate for and support the development of diverse housing options to meet current needs and future demand.
Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 3	Financial sustainability, actively seeking and leveraging external funding to deliver for the community.
Goal 4	Continued focus on strong advocacy to ensure that Federal and State projects, programs and funding are aligned with our community's priorities.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
The project is expected to deliver positive regional outcomes by supporting workforce attraction and retention, increasing housing supply and contributing to the long-term economic prosperity of Greater Geraldton and the wider Midwest region.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Should Council choose not to proceed with further investigation of this opportunity, there is a potential reputational risk to the City, noting the proposed funding and land transfer arrangements have been publicly announced as a potential initiative to address regional workforce housing shortages.

This report does not commit the City to a specific delivery model, the acceptance of State Government funding, or the execution of any binding agreements. Any risks associated with a preferred delivery model, financial commitments, project delivery, funding arrangements or land transfer would be assessed and presented to Council as part of a future report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
The following alternative options were considered by City Officers:

1. Council may choose not to proceed with this Key Worker Accommodation project.
2. Council may choose to continue exploring the potential of Key Worker Accommodation at Lot 3142 (No. 165) Willcock Drive, Mahomets Flats, but not proceed with Celsius Property Group as the preferred proponent and instead direct the Chief Executive Officer to undertake a new Expression of Interest process to identify an alternative development partner and delivery model.

These options were considered and are not recommended. Not proceeding with the project would represent a missed opportunity to address a significant constraint on workforce attraction and retention within the Greater Geraldton region.

While a new Expression of Interest process may identify alternative proponents, it would extend project timeframes and delay the delivery of much-needed key worker accommodation. This would occur despite a development concept already having been prepared and a preferred proponent having been identified through a previous Expression of Interest process.

Should Council wish to pursue the second option, an alternative resolution has been provided below:

PART B
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE the Chief Executive Officer undertaking an Expression of Interest process to identify potential proponents and delivery models for a Key Worker Accommodation Project at Lot 3142 (No. 165) Willcock Drive, Mahomets Flats, with the outcome of the process to be presented to Council for consideration.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR KEEMINK, SECONDED CR DENTON

PART A
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE the Chief Executive Officer to explore the potential of Lot 3142 (No. 165) Willcock Drive, Mahomets Flats being developed for Key Worker Accommodation.**

PART B
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE the Chief Executive Officer progressing discussions and developing a delivery model with Celsius Property Group Pty Ltd as the preferred proponent for the delivery of a Key Worker Accommodation Project at Lot 3142 (No. 165) Willcock Drive, Mahomets Flats; and**
2. **NOTE that a further report will be presented to Council seeking approval of the proposed delivery model for the Key Worker Accommodation project, together with the outcomes of negotiations relating to the Financial Assistance Agreement, land transfer arrangements and any other matters requiring Council approval.**

CARRIED 8/0
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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	8

No	0
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Milnes	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

12.2 REPORTS OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

CC038 REPLACEMENT SPORTS LIGHTING OPTIONS AT LA FIAMMA SPORTING CLUB

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-091190**
AUTHOR:	**M Adams, Manager Sport and Leisure**
EXECUTIVE:	**F Norling, Director Community and Culture**
DATE OF REPORT:	**28 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x1)** **A. La Fiamma Sporting Club Inc. Lighting Proposal to the City** **B. Flow Consulting Engineers Light Pole Inspection**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council's consideration for endorsement of a preferred option for the replacement of the sports lighting at La Fiamma Sporting Club Inc. (LFSC).

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

1. ENDORSE option five (5) that the City of Greater Geraldton seek external grant funding to partially fund four new (4) lighting poles and 100-lux level luminaires as the preferred option for replacement of sports lighting at La Fiamma Sporting Club Inc.;
2. NOTE the requirement of option five (5) may have a potential contribution by the City of Greater Geraldton estimated at $200,000 subject to future consideration by Council;
3. DIRECT the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and submit an application through the next available State Government Club Night Lights Program or a suitable alternative State or Federal Government funding program; and
4. NOTE in the interim, La Fiamma Sporting Club Inc. will continue to have access to alternative training and competition lighting facilities at the Little Athletics Ground, subject to availability and operational requirements.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:
La Fiamma Sporting Club Inc. (LFSC), located on Eighth Street, Wonthella, leases the clubrooms from the City. The City manages and maintains the playing fields and sports lighting infrastructure.

The existing lighting poles were installed by LFSC in 1998. A 2018 audit found the towers were non-compliant with current standards, after which LFSC transferred responsibility for the lighting infrastructure to the City through a lease amendment. The City then completed remedial works at its expense.

On 26 March 2019, Council endorsed Item No. IS193 to support a Community Sporting and Recreation Facility Fund (CSRFF) application for new 200-lux luminaires. Funding was secured and new luminaires were installed on the existing poles by March 2021, jointly funded by the State Government, the City and LFSC, each contributing $25,300. Whilst the City's sports lighting policy aligns with Australian standards for sports lighting to provide 100-lux level lighting at soccer facilities, the LFSC contribution funded a higher level of 200-lux, in accordance with provision in the policy.

The City's annual asset review in 2022 identified that the poles were nearing the end of their serviceable life for replacement to maintain safety and reliability. Council approved funding in the 2023-24 Capital Works Program for planning and design of replacement lighting towers, with 100-lux level luminaires which was completed that financial year.

The City intended to seek State Government Club Night Lights Program (CNLP) funding, consistent with other City sports lighting projects. However, the program has been on hold following the State election while under review. Recent advice indicates the review may be completed in early 2027, with program guidelines still unavailable.

Severe weather over the June 2026 long weekend caused one LFSC sports lighting pole to fail. As an immediate safety measure, the remaining three poles were removed for detailed engineering assessment and inspection.

Investigations found the three remaining poles could be reinstalled and recommissioned with remediation works, however the failed pole was unsuitable for reuse. Recommissioning would therefore provide only a reduced three-pole system. To date, the City has incurred $18,890 for pole removal, sandblasting and specialist engineering inspections.

Officers have assessed various options to identify a safe, compliant and financially responsible solution. A specialist lighting assessment confirmed a four-pole configuration is required to meet Australian Standard AS 2560 – Sports Lighting and provide 100-lux competition-standard lighting consistent with the City's sports ground lighting policy.

The City has worked with LFSC to minimise disruption by providing short-term access to a full-sized pitch at the Little Athletics Ground approximately 40m away for training and matches, including use of its 200-lux luminaire system.

Option 1 - Reinstate the three (3) existing sports lighting poles and 100-lux level luminaires.

Pro Lighting Solutions undertook lighting modelling for the soccer pitch and determined that a three-pole configuration would not achieve the illumination levels required under the relevant Australian Standard, AS 2560 – Sports Lighting. As a result, this option would not provide a compliant lighting outcome for training or competition and is therefore not recommended.

Option 2 - Reinstate three (3) existing sports lighting poles and 100-lux level lighting and install a temporary fourth pole at the site.

Officers investigated temporary lighting solutions, including the hire of portable lighting towers, to supplement the three (3) existing poles. This option is not recommended due to the limited availability of suitable temporary lighting units locally, insufficient mounting heights and the inability of available equipment to achieve the illumination levels required to provide a compliant lighting outcome for training or matches.

Option 3 - Reinstate the three (3) existing sports lighting poles and 100-lux level luminaires and install a new fourth pole.

The existing three light poles and associated infrastructure can be reinstalled at an estimated cost of $75,970 (ex GST), including sandblasting, remediation, crane hire and installation.

A new fourth pole and luminaires would cost an estimated $42,975 (ex GST), plus approximately $10,000 for footing works.

The total estimated project cost is $128,945 (ex GST).

This option would provide compliant lighting levels for both training (50 lux) and competition (100 lux) in accordance with Australian Standard AS 2560 – Sports Lighting however the Flow Consulting Engineers inspection report Attachment No. CC038B advised that the three existing lighting poles should be replaced within the next two to four (4) years as they are nearing end of life. As a result, the $75,970 reinstatement cost would represent only a short-term solution, with additional capital expenditure likely required in the near future.

It would also create a hybrid system, with the three existing poles retaining metal halide luminaires and the new pole using LED luminaires.

Funding could be drawn from the City’s 2026-27 Emergent Lighting Renewals Program ($200,000), Sporting Lease Facility Emergent Sum ($50,000), or both, however this would reduce capacity to address other urgent lighting and facility renewal needs.

While the three existing poles could be reinstalled in the short term, manufacturing and delivery of the new pole and luminaires is expected to take up to six months.

Although this is the quickest compliant reinstatement option, it is not recommended due to the significant cost, limited remaining serviceable life of the existing poles and availability of a nearby compliant alternative at the Little Athletics Ground, until a long term solution is achieved.

Option 4 – Install four (4) new sports lighting poles and 100-lux level luminaires fully funded by the City.

Consultants previously designed a complete sports lighting upgrade to achieve 100-lux lighting at the facility. Updated costings estimate the capital cost at $400,000 (ex GST).

This option would deliver a modern, energy-efficient lighting system that complies with AS 2560 – Sports Lighting for training and competition and provides a long-term community asset.

The project is not included in the City's 2026-27 Capital Works Program, and the $400,000 estimate exceeds existing Emergent Lighting Renewals Program and Sporting Lease Facility Emergent Sum allocations. For noting, previous similar sports lighting projects have experienced significant costs in excess of project estimates, a recent example being the Recreation Ground Sports lighting project which was initially estimated at $540,000, with the actual cost being approximately $611,000.

Delivery would require design review, procurement, tendering, contract award and construction, resulting in a significant timeframe before completion. This project is estimated to take approximately nine (9) months to complete and require inclusion in the City's 2027-28 annual capital works program, with completion expected in early 2028.

Council has previously preferred that Officers pursue external grant funding for major sporting infrastructure before seeking full budget allocation however this option could be further considered should a grant application be unsuccessful.

This option is therefore not recommended due to the substantial unplanned capital cost, lack of external funding offset and availability of a suitable alternative soccer pitch at the Little Athletics Ground.

Option 5 – Install four (4) new sports lighting poles and 100-lux level luminaires funded through external grant funding to be sought by the City with a potential City cash contribution towards the project cost.

This option requires Officers to pursue external funding to replace all four lighting poles and install a compliant 100-lux luminaires system. New infrastructure would provide the longest serviceable life, estimated at 20 years. Installation of new sports lighting poles with 200-lux luminaires has not been considered as an option due to non-alignment with the City's sports lighting policy and Australian standards for sports lighting.

On 30 June 2026, the State Government advised that CSRFF and CNLP would be reviewed between July and November 2026, with updated guidelines expected before funding rounds reopen in February 2027. This timing is unconfirmed and Officers have no further update.

Previous CNLP funding requirements typically used a shared contribution model:

- 25% from the applicant sporting organisation;
- 25% from the relevant local government authority; and
- 50% from the State Government, capped at $200,000.

The lighting infrastructure is a City owned and managed asset so there is no requirement for LFSC to contribute, however LFSC may contribute to the additional estimated cost of $92,000 to upgrade the lighting level to 200-lux should that continue to be their preferred outcome. The City would likely need to contribute 50% of the total project cost. Based on the current $400,000 estimate, this equates to approximately $200,000, with the remaining $200,000 sought through State Government funding.

DCITS does not guarantee full funding, with grant amounts determined by factors such as project merit, strategic significance and community benefit.

Officers recommend this option as it aligns with Council's previous direction to seek grant funding for major sporting infrastructure, reduces the immediate financial impact on the City and supports delivery of a contemporary, compliant and sustainable long-term lighting system for LFSC.

In the interim, the nearby Little Athletics Ground is considered a suitable alternative venue for soccer training and competition, subject to availability and operational requirements. The facility is available for winter use when Little Athletics is not operating, however summer use by soccer may require alternatives such as daylight or alternative fixturing to accommodate needs of both users.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

<u>Connected:</u>
Upgraded sports lighting enables greater community participation in organised sport, recreation and social activities by extending the availability of facilities during evenings. This creates more opportunities for community members to connect with one another through sport and community events.

<u>Liveable:</u>
Modern sports lighting improves the safety, accessibility and usability of sporting facilities, enhancing the overall user experience for players, officials and spectators. Well-maintained and functional community infrastructure contributes to a more active, healthy and attractive community.

Thriving:
Improved sports lighting capacity supports increased utilisation of sporting facilities, helping local sporting clubs accommodate growing participation levels, as well as additional training sessions and competitions, including women's and junior sport. This investment strengthens community sport and recreation opportunities that contribute to social and economic vitality.

Leading:
The installation of contemporary LED sports lighting demonstrates Council's commitment to sustainable asset management and responsible environmental practices. The upgrade delivers improved energy efficiency, reduced maintenance requirements and lower operating costs, reflecting a proactive and future-focused approach to community infrastructure management.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
The City is actively focused on renewals, preventative maintenance and asset management with an emphasis on safety and compliance. The City has supported the following successful CNLP/CSRFF Forward Planning and Small Round Grants:

- Item No. CC006 CNLP June Forward Planning Grant Round City of Greater Geraldton – 29 August 2023 - $311,770 Recreation Ground Sports Lighting
- Item No. CC022 CSRFF July Small Grants Round – Geraldton Hot Rod and Country Club Inc (Geraldton City Speedway) – 27 August 2024 - $22,259 – Race Control Lighting;
- Item No. CC021 CSRFF July Small Grants Round – City of Greater Geraldton – 27 August 2024 - $29,585 – Mullewa Recreation Ground Fencing; and
- Item No. CC029 CNLP 2025-26 February Small Grants Round Geraldton Netball Association Inc. 25 March 2025.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
The LFSC was consulted on the available options, with each option discussed in detail. While the sports lighting at the Little Athletics facility could provide a suitable alternative venue, the LFSC has indicated a strong preference to continue hosting matches on its main pitch. This preference is based on the improved spectator viewing experience and the revenue opportunities associated with hosting games at its primary facility, which is located approximately 40m from soccer pitch available at the Little Athletics Ground.

LFSC's emailed the City on 17 July 2026 Attachment No. CC038A regarding the issue, with the preferred outcome to have sports lighting reinstated and available on their main pitch by January 2027. This timing aligns with the Club's major annual fundraising event, a night series competition held over 10 weeks that generates important revenue to assist with travel costs for clubs and teams participating in competitions in Perth.

The Club has indicated a preference for 200-lux level luminaires, which is a higher level than AS2560 – Sports Lighting. As per the City's Sports Lighting Policies they may choose to make a financial contribution if they wish to achieve sports lighting levels above the minimum standard. In some instances, the City has also designed sports lighting systems with provisions to accommodate future upgrades.

For noting, there is no identified option that can deliver a reinstatement of the sports lighting outcome within the advised LFSC preferred timeframe of January 2027.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
In 2021, the City adopted *Operational Policy 058 – Sports Tower Lighting Infrastructure at City Managed Sportsgrounds.* The purpose of this policy is to define the City's responsibilities for the management of sports lighting infrastructure at City-managed sporting facilities.

The policy requires all sports tower lighting infrastructure to comply with relevant Australian Standards, including AS 2560 – Sports Lighting, which specifies recommended lighting levels (measured in lux) for a range of sports across Australia. For soccer (football), the standard recommends a minimum lighting level of 50-lux for training and 100-lux for match play at the amateur level.

To ensure consistency across facilities and maintain compliance with safety and operational standards, the City provides sports ground lighting aligned with the Australian Standard lighting level required for each sport. The exception to this policy allows consideration of higher lighting levels at the City's designated Tier 1 sporting venues, namely Wonthella Oval and Eadon Clarke Sports Reserve.

The policy details the City's responsibility for funding sports lighting infrastructure, however sporting clubs may choose to make a financial contribution if they wish to achieve lighting levels above the minimum standard. In some instances, the City has also designed lighting systems with provision to accommodate future upgrades.

In accordance with Operational Policy 058 and consistent with previous Council decisions, for any future upgrades or replacements of sports lighting at La Fiamma Sporting Club, the approved lighting level of 100-lux is applicable.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The financial implications are subject to consideration of the recommendation contained in this report. Should Council support the Officer's recommendation, in accordance with previous CNLP funding guidelines and assuming these are unchanged through announcement of any new round, Council would need to commit a 50% contribution to the installation of new sports lighting. Based on current cost estimates this would equate to approximately $200,000 of a total project cost of $400,000, with the State's contribution also being 50%.

The alternative options outlined at the end of this report would have different financial implications. Option three (3) could be funded via emergent streams within the City's 2026-27 Capital Works Program. Option four (4) may require Council to allocate funds from elsewhere within the budget.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Connected	**An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.**
Goal 1	Provide safe and inviting public spaces for people to enjoy.
Strategic Theme: Liveable	**A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.**
Goal 5	Invest in community and recreation infrastructure, to support current and future needs.
Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 1	Engage with the community to enhance decision-making.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
As the regional capital for the Mid-West, many of the City's facilities play a role in providing regional amenities. High class local facilities allow country residents to participate in sporting events and activities without having to travel outside the region.

The installation of new LED luminaires will provide updated sports lighting that meets current Australian standards and puts the LFSC in a position to be eligible to host regional and state carnivals.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
The proposed works will support the ongoing provision of reliable sports lighting infrastructure and assist in meeting the needs of the Club and broader sporting community. Replacing the existing lighting system will reduce reliance on ageing infrastructure, improve service reliability and help ensure the facility remains suitable for evening training and competition activities.

Depending on the option approved, the Club may need to utilise alternative facilities or adjust its programming for an interim period, with an impact on the Club's preferred use of the main pitch for competitions and fundraising activities.

A risk is identified regarding availability of State grant funding as a result of the deferral of the CNLP program, which may result in an overly competitive round when resumed, presenting additional challenges to successfully achieving external grant funding.

There is also a risk of negative community reaction associated with this matter as a result of potential impacts on soccer participation, hence the need to progress resolution of the issue and to ensure alternative facilities are available should they be required.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
The following alternative options were considered by City Officers:

Option 1
Reinstate the three (3) existing sports lighting poles and 100-lux level luminaires.

This option is not recommended as it would not provide a compliant lighting outcome under the relevant Australian Standard, AS 2560 – Sports Lighting or training or competition and is therefore not recommended.

Option 2
Reinstate three (3) existing sports lighting poles and 100-lux level lighting and install a temporary fourth pole at the site.

This option is not recommended due to the limited availability of suitable temporary lighting units locally, insufficient mounting heights and the inability of available equipment to achieve the illumination levels required to provide a compliant lighting outcome for training or matches.

Option 3
Reinstate the three (3) existing sports lighting poles and 100-lux level lighting and install a new fourth pole.

Despite achieving compliant sports lighting on the soccer pitch in a timeframe of approximately six months, this option is not recommended as it only provides a short-term serviceable life outcome (estimated 2-4 years) and due to the availability of an alternative compliant facility is at the Little Athletics Ground.

Option 4
The City fully funds four (4) new sports lighting poles and 100-lux level luminaires.

This option would provide a modern energy efficient lighting system that complies with AS 2560 – Sports Lighting requirements for both training and competition use and would provide a long-term asset for the community. This option is not recommended by Officers as the project, estimated at $400,000 (ex GST) is not included in the City's 2026-27 Capital Works Program and exceeds the existing Emergent Lighting Renewals Program and Sporting Lease Facility Emergent Sum allocations. Additionally, this option would see the City incur significant cost without any potential external grant offset.

Cr Colliver moved an alternative motion to the Executive Recommendation to pursue grant funding for replacement sports lighting at La Fiamma Sporting Club but increase the proposed lighting standard from 100 lux to 200 lux, increase the estimated City contribution from $200,000 to $300,000, ss part of the pole replacement, it is reasonable for the La Fiamma Sporting Club to expect a like for like replacement of the existing 200 lux lights.

During the debate, Cr Van Styn foreshadowed the Executive Recommendation should the motion be lost.

COUNCIL DECISION (CC038)
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR KEEMINK
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. **SEEK external grant funding through the next State Night Lights Program (or equivalent) for four new (4) lighting poles with 200-lux level luminaires as the preferred option for replacement of sports lighting at La Fiamma Sporting Club Inc.;**
2. **NOTE this may require a City contribution in the order of $300,000 subject to future consideration by Council; and**
3. **NOTE La Fiamma Sporting Club Inc. will continue to have access to alternative training and competition lighting facilities at the Little Athletics Ground, subject to availability and operational requirements.**

LOST BY CASTING VOTE 4/5

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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	4*
No	4*(5)
TOTAL VOTES	8

**As the vote was equally divided, the Mayor exercised his casting vote and declared the item Lost.*

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Mayor Clune	No* Casted a second vote
Cr Denton	No
Cr Milnes	No
Cr Van Styn	No
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

**As Per Section 5.21(3) of the Local Government Act 1995: If the votes of members present at a council or a committee meeting are equally divided, the person presiding is to cast a second vote.*

As the motion was lost, the foreshadowed motion by Cr Van Styn became the substantive motion.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED MAYOR
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **ENDORSE option five (5) that the City of Greater Geraldton seek external grant funding to partially fund four new (4) lighting poles and 100-lux level luminaires as the preferred option for replacement of sports lighting at La Fiamma Sporting Club Inc.;**
2. **NOTE the requirement of option five (5) may have a potential contribution by the City of Greater Geraldton estimated at $200,000 subject to future consideration by Council;**
3. **DIRECT the Chief Executive Officer to prepare and submit an application through the next available State Government Club Night Lights Program or a suitable alternative State or Federal Government funding program; and**
4. **NOTE in the interim, La Fiamma Sporting Club Inc. will continue to have access to alternative training and competition lighting facilities at the Little Athletics Ground, subject to availability and operational requirements.**

CARRIED 8/0
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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	8
No	0
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Milnes	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

CC039 GERALDTON AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION – FUNDING REQUEST

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-092945**
AUTHOR:	**F Norling, Director Community and Culture**
EXECUTIVE:	**F Norling, Director Community and Culture**
DATE OF REPORT:	**05 August 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x3) x2 Confidential** **A. Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association Briefing Note Comments** **B. Confidential – GABA Financial Report 30 September 2025** **C. Confidential – GABA NBL1 West Licence Agreement**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council consideration of support in response to a request by Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association (GABA) for a financial contribution by the City along similar lines to the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Funding Program (CSRFF) to upgrade their stadium to comply with firefighting system requirements and deliver dedicated female and umpire change facilities.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE a budget amendment to provide for a contribution of up to $230,000 to the Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association for the purpose of upgrading the stadium fire management system at an estimated project cost of $919,000 subject to the State approving the proposed 50% funding contribution and consider support for Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association's changeroom upgrade through a future application to the State Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund or another appropriate grant program;
2. APPROVE the following conditions for the provision of financial support to Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association for upgrade of the Activewest Stadium fire management system as follows:
   a. Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association to ensure access to the system to support fire management requirements of the adjacent Geraldton Netball Association facility;
   b. Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association to make available the Activewest Stadium when required for the purposes of community evacuation and relief centre;
3. ADVISE the Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association of the associated conditions and that any shortfall for the project is the Association's responsibility to fund; and

4. DIRECT the Chief Executive Officer to find operating savings to offset the cost of this contribution to Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association's fire management system project.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association (GABA).

BACKGROUND:
The City has been approached by Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association (GABA) seeking financial support from the City for GABA to undertake two capital projects at the Activewest Stadium:

- A full fire management system, including early detection; and
- Female changerooms and umpiring changerooms due to the introduction of Geraldton Buccaneers Women's team into the NBL 1 West league in 2027.

GABA commissioned a design to upgrade their stadium to deliver dedicated fit for purpose female and umpire change facilities, as required to participate in the women's National Basketball League (NBL 1 West league). Geraldton currently fields a men's team, Geraldton Buccaneers, in the National Basketball League (NBL). A requirement of their NBL Licence Confidential Attachment No. CC039C is for Geraldton Buccaneers to enter a women's team in the NBL in 2027.

The expansion design project to accommodate additional change facilities also uncovered the need to upgrade the stadium's fire management system, particularly in relation to water pressure and capacity.

The building was constructed prior to amendments being made to fire system requirements that now sees the stadium not compliant with current regulatory standards. GABA has been advised by their consultants that any work on the stadium can only occur if the fire management system is upgraded.

A GABA representative met with the City to discuss the issues outlined in the request forwarded to the City regarding fire system requirements and the need for female and umpire change rooms at the Activewest Stadium.

At the meeting held between GABA, Basketball WA, the Mayor, CEO, and Manager Sports and Leisure on 30 July 2026, GABA indicated that the request for financial support from the City towards the stadium upgrade is urgent and cannot wait for a potential next round of the Community Sporting and Recreation Facility Funding (CSRFF) program (should the State continue with this grant program, currently under review, into next year).

Providing support to GABA for their stadium upgrade would support women's sport and development of a Geraldton Buccaneers' women's team, as well as fire management system compliance of the GABA Activewest Stadium. It would also support use of the facility as an evacuation centre.

GABA is seeking support from the City of approximately $500,000, or a 25% contribution, towards a total estimated project cost of $1,785,000 for the fire management system and change room upgrades. Although not linked to a specific CSRFF grant, GABA has proposed that they would seek a commitment from the State along similar lines to that of the funding program, i.e. 50% contribution from the State, with GABA funding the remaining 25%. GABA has advised that it has received an indicative positive response from the State in regard to potential funding for the project.

There is a concern that supporting this request may set a precedent that other clubs and community groups would use to also seek funds from the City as it is a request outside the CSRFF process. For noting in this deliberation, there are currently other known community requests for support from the City, including La Fiamma sportsground lighting.

The Officer's recommendation therefore is for Council to provide financial support through a contribution of 25% of the estimated project cost to undertake necessary upgrade works to the stadium's fire management as a fair and equitable response aligned with the usual CSRFF program process, whilst delivering an outcome that does not unduly delay GABA due to the uncertainty of a future round of the State CSRFF program.

Delivery of the fire management system upgrade of the Activewest Stadium as a priority will support the ongoing continuity of programs delivered safely and compliant in accordance with fire management requirements.

Given the information provided by GABA in their communication with Officers that the women's NBL team can proceed with alternative arrangements for change room facilities until such time as new facilities are constructed, support is only recommended for funding for the fire management system requirements. This would enable GABA to continue to operate a safe and compliant facility whilst awaiting the resumption of the State CSRFF program to progress their change room upgrade project.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
Upgrade to the GABA Activewest Stadium supports the provision of a safe sporting facility and provides enhanced facilities for participation in sport. This includes the establishment of a women's Geraldton Buccaneers team in the NBL 1 West league, creating additional pathway opportunities for women's sport in the region.

Liveable:
Responding favourably to the request for investment in upgrades to the stadium aligns with the City's commitment to community and recreation infrastructure to support current and future needs, enhancing the user experience for players, officials and spectators. Well-maintained and functional community infrastructure contributes to a more active, healthy and attractive community.

Thriving:
A compliant GABA Activewest Stadium that facilitates ongoing sporting participation and a women's Geraldton Buccaneers NBL team delivers economic benefits, including a home and away fixture that would potentially see an influx of players, staff, officials and supporters on a regular basis.

Leading:
Support for GABA's proposal demonstrates the City's commitment to efficiently and effectively delivering community and recreation services through optimal use of available resources.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
The City is focused on assisting sporting groups develop safe and compliant facilities. Council has previously supported other local sporting clubs with funding applications for similar projects as follows:

- Item No. CC026 – CSRFF 2025-26 February Small Grants Round – Geraldton Bowling Club Inc.
- Item No. CC027 – CSRFF 2025-26 February Small Grants Round – Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club Inc.
- Item No. CC028 – CSRFF 2025-26 February Small Grants Round – Midwest Kart Club Inc.
- Item No. IS266 – CSRFF Forward Planning Grant Application & Self-Supporting Loan – Rover Football Club (Inc).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
Officers became aware of GABA's stadium issues when invited to attend a meeting convened by Basketball WA that included representation from GABA and Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (DCITS) held on 8 May 2026. At that meeting, GABA and Basketball West outlined the fire management system compliance issues at the Activewest Stadium as well as the need for fit for purpose dedicated female and umpire change facilities in order to cater for a women's National Basketball League (WNBL) team planned to participate in the NBL 1 West league in 2027.

A further meeting was held at GABA's request with Basketball WA, the Mayor, CEO and Manager Sports and Leisure on 30 July 2026, at which GABA outlined their issues and indicated that the request is urgent and can't wait for the next round of the CSRFF (should the State continue with this grant program next year).

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
Section 6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires any expenditure not included in the annual budget to be authorised by Absolute Majority.

Should GABA seek a self-supporting loan from the City, it must apply in accordance with Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs. In addition, section 6.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires an absolute majority decision of Council to borrow funds not included in the annual budget, and for one month's local public notice to be given.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
If Council supports the Officer's recommendation, consistent with previous CSRFF funding guidelines, the City would contribute 25% towards GABA's proposed fire management system upgrade. This equates to $230,000 of the total estimated project cost of $919,000 and would need to be funded from the Operational Budget.

The Original Budget has an operating surplus of $265,054. The proposed budget amendments associated with the Officers recommendation being considered at this meeting of Council will improve the surplus position to $413,416. Based on the proposed $230,000 contribution the surplus position would then be adjusted down to $183,416.

Alternatively, if Council supports the full project, including both the fire management system upgrade and female and umpire change rooms, the City's contribution would be $446,000. This represents 25% of the total estimated project cost of $1,785,000, with GABA contributing $446,000 and the State contributing $893,000.

Subject to Council's consideration, alternative funding options could include offering GABA:

- A self-supporting loan instead of a cash contribution; or
- A combination of a cash contribution and self-supporting loan.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Connected	**An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.**
Goal 1	Provide safe and inviting public spaces for people to enjoy.
Strategic Theme: Liveable	**A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.**
Goal 5	Invest in community and recreation infrastructure, to support current and future needs.
Goal 6	Support the community by advocating to State and Federal Government for better access to programs and services that improve community health and wellbeing.
Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
Support for fire management system compliance and provision of dedicated female and umpire change facilities at the Activewest Stadium contributes to the continued ongoing provision of participation and elite competition pathways in Geraldton that are accessible to residents of the Midwest region.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Support to upgrade the GABA Activewest Stadium would assist the centre to achieve fire management system requirements compliance and enable the facility to be used as a community evacuation centre (except as a cyclone shelter due to required ratings).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
The following options were considered by City Officers:

<u>Option One</u>
Not support GABA's proposal for financial assistance as the building is on land leased to GABA by the City, with GABA therefore responsible for any required upgrades.

This alternative could be considered fair and equitable in light of the various requests the City receives for financial support for leased facilities. In this case the Officer's recommendation is for consideration of some level of support in acknowledgment of the public safety nature of the identified needs.

<u>Option Two</u>
Support GABA's request for funding as proposed, with the City contributing 25%, or $446,000, of a total estimated project cost of $1,785,000 towards the full stadium upgrade project proposed by GABA.

This alternative is not supported due to the precedent it sets in regard to how the City responds to requests by external organisations for funding upgrades to leased facilities. Additionally, the timing of this request has prevented any opportunity to consider it for inclusion in the 2026-27 budget considerations.

<u>Option Three</u>
Support GABA through an alternative approach to either/or both projects which may include:

- a self-supporting loan to GABA rather than a cash contribution.
- a 50% cash contribution to GABA and 50% as a self-supporting loan; or encourage GABA to submit an application in the next round of the Australian Government Disaster Ready Fund (DRF) program, which may present another source of funding for the project aligned with the centre's use as an evacuation centre.

Cr Colliver moved an alternative motion to the Executive Recommendation to increase the City's proposed contribution from $230,000 to $446,000 and expand the project scope from a fire management system upgrade only to include female and umpire change rooms.

During the debate, Cr Van Styn foreshadowed the Executive Recommendation should the motion be lost.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR GIUDICE
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.8 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE and AUTHORISE a budget amendment to provide for a contribution of up to $446,000 to the Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association for the purpose of upgrading the stadium fire management system and providing female and umpire change rooms at an estimated project cost of $1,785,000 subject to the State approving the proposed 50% funding contribution;**
2. **APPROVE the following conditions for the provision of financial support to Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association for upgrade of the Activewest Stadium fire management system as follows:**
   a. **Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association to ensure access to the system to support fire management requirements of the adjacent Geraldton Netball Association facility;**
   b. **Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association to make available the Activewest Stadium when required for the purposes of community evacuation and relief centre;**
   c. **Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association to take all reasonable steps to provide access to their facilities for city community programs such as midnight basketball;**
3. **ADVISE the Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association of the associated conditions and that any shortfall for the project is the Association's responsibility to fund; and**
4. **DIRECT the CEO to find operational savings throughout the financial year to keep the City's budget in surplus.**

<u>CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 5/3</u>
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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	5
No	3
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes

Cr Giudice	**Yes**
Cr Keemink	**Yes**
Cr Parker	**Yes**
Cr Denton	**No**
Cr Milnes	**No**
Cr Van Styn	**No**
Cr Fiorenza	**Not Present**

REASON FOR VARIATION TO THE EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Providing female sporting facilities should be a matter of priority for the City.

CC040 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ACTIVATION OF SPALDING PARK CLUBROOMS AND SPORTS COURTS

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-070255**
AUTHOR:	**M Adams, Manager Sport and Leisure**
EXECUTIVE:	**F Norling, Director Community and Culture**
DATE OF REPORT:	**05 August 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x4) Confidential** **A. Confidential Expression of Interest Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation** **B. Confidential Expression of Interest Pickleball facility** **C. Confidential Expression of Interest Batavia Coast Miniature Railway Society** **D. Confidential Expression of Interest Geraldton Roller Derby**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
This item seeks Council's consideration for endorsement of recommendations resulting from the Expression of Interest (EOI) process which attracted four (4) submissions to activate the Spalding Park clubrooms and sports hard courts.

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

1. ENDORSE Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation (GSAC) as the preferred applicant through the Expression of Interest (EOI) process to manage and activate the Spalding Park Clubrooms and Sports Courts (hard courts); and
2. DIRECT the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to prepare a lease agreement between the City of Greater Geraldton and Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation for Spalding Park Clubrooms and Sports Court (hard courts).

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:
In 2024 the Spalding Park Tennis Club vacated their premises and surrendered the lease because of their merger with the Geraldton Tennis Club to form the Geraldton Tennis Centre located in Wonthella.

Officers engaged a consultant to prepare a Feasibility Report and Master Plan to guide the long-term planning and activation of the premises, which was presented to Council as Item No. CC033, Spalding Park Feasibility Report and Master Plan, on 16 December 2025.

The subsequent report and masterplan identified Spalding Park as a significant opportunity to cater for increasing demand by local sporting users on existing venues across Geraldton as well as supporting a broad range of emerging sport and recreation activities.

In accordance with the recommendations contained within the report, Officers have continued to explore funding opportunities to support the development and upgrade of the site and its facilities, ensuring alignment with the outcomes identified in the Feasibility Report and Master Plan.

In March 2026, the City sought Expressions Of Interest (EOI) from community groups, sporting clubs and non-commercial organisations for the management and activation of the former Spalding Park Tennis Club clubrooms and hard courts for community use.

A total of four (4) submissions were received, from Batavia Coast Miniature Railway Society, a pickleball advocate, Geraldton Roller Derby and Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation (GSAC).

The submissions were assessed by a panel of three (3) Officers using the City's approved evaluation process, with the GSAC submission identified as the preferred applicant.

The GSAC proposal will establish the Spalding Park facility as a shared community hub for not-for-profit organisations, service providers and sporting groups. The clubrooms will host a range of activities including community, health, sporting and social programs through a range of supervised initiatives. The sports hard courts will support recreational and sporting use, including ensuring continued shared access by Geraldton Roller Derby, an existing user of the site. The adjacent grassed area will remain under City management to support access by local sporting users as required.

GSAC anticipates strong and regular activation of the site through programs focused on families, youth, health, employment, arts and community, sessions, as well as seasonal sport and periodic holiday and training programs. The facility is intended primarily for community recreation and leisure use, rather than commercial purposes, supporting a broad mix of users.

Access will be managed through a supervised model with GSAC responsible for bookings, use, maintenance and operation, similar to the successful model in place at Mitchell Street Community Centre. GSAC has demonstrated financial capacity through secured funding to mid-2027, insurance coverage and the ability to pursue grants and fund minor upgrades. The organisation has also expressed willingness to partner with the City on future improvements. GSAC has expressed its support for a standard lease arrangement, including a 12-month performance review. Overall, the proposal delivers a responsibly managed and funded, community-focused approach to activating the site and enhancing local wellbeing outcomes.

A summary of key information relating to the three (3) submissions evaluated as not recommended is as follows:

- Pickleball Facility
  A community member requested a dedicated City-funded and managed pickleball facility with lighting. Whilst recognising the growing demand for the sport, the proposal would require significant City investment, ongoing management responsibility and does not support multi-use of the courts or building.
- Batavia Coast Miniature Railway Society
  The proposal included converting the northern sports hard courts to parking, expanding the railway into the grassed area and using the clubrooms as a workshop, storage and display facility if it became surplus to City needs. The proposal limits community access and multi-use opportunities and is not aligned with the endorsed Spalding Park Masterplan report. Consideration of this proposal may be appropriate should the building and space be considered surplus in the future.
- Geraldton Roller Derby
  Roller Derby, a long-term user, is seeking continued access to the facility. The group is not seeking to manage the venue and has indicated a willingness to share the space and collaborate with other users.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
The shared-use model identified to activate the Spalding Park site and proposed by GSAC fosters partnerships between community organisations, service providers and sporting groups, strengthening social networks and inclusion.

Liveable:
Activation of the facility for health, wellbeing and recreational programs enhances community amenity and promotes active lifestyles in keeping with the City's Wellness Strategy.

Thriving:
The delivery of a space suitable for training and a range of services contributes to improved social and economic outcomes for the community.

Leading:
The proposal demonstrates innovative, collaborative use of a City asset through community-led programming that will contribute to community vibrancy.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
The City leases Crown and freehold land and infrastructure to a variety of not-for-profit organisations

On 29 March 2022, Council approved Item No. DCS519, Lease Mitchell Street Community Centre, enabling Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation to lease the Mitchell Street Community Centre.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
Council Members were briefed regarding the Spalding Park Feasibility Report and Masterplan at Concept Forum held 2 December 2025.

A public EOI process commenced in March 2026 calling for submissions to activate the facility.

Following the Officer's evaluation of the submissions that determined only one (1) as suitable, Officers met with a GSAC representative in May 2026 to discuss potential operational arrangements of the facility and proposed community outcomes relating to their submission.

Council Members were further briefed at Concept Forum held 4 August 2026 regarding the four (4) EOI submissions and subsequent evaluation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 details the process for disposing of property (in this case, leasing).

Section 18 of the Land Administration Act 1997 details the requirement to seek consent from the Minister for Lands for all Crown land transactions.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The Spalding Park Feasibility Report and Masterplan endorsed by Council in 2025 identified the need for significant upgrade to associated facilities, with the option for future upgrades to be undertaken through a staged long-term approach.

Whilst Officers have continued to explore potential external grant funding opportunities, an arrangement with GSAC enhances the potential for another party to also contribute to upgrade of the facility.

Activation of the facility will require resourcing to administer bookings and oversee use, ensure the facility is maintained and deliver programs. An outsourced model of management via a lease to a local community organisation delivers an appropriate and cost-effective model to achieve this outcome at Spalding Park.

Through its lease of the Mitchell Street Community Centre, GSAC has demonstrated its capacity to successfully resource the management, maintenance and activation of an existing community facility.

The proposal for the successful EOI submitter to enter into a lease does not extend to the grassed sporting area, which will remain as a responsibility of the Sport and Leisure Team to ensure access by a range of sports for training and competition purposes in order to meet local demand.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Connected	**An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.**
Goal 2	Foster collaborative partnerships to improve community safety, security and social cohesion.
Goal 3	Support and celebrate the City's diverse community through programs, initiatives and events, that build social connections.
Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
The activation of Spalding Park through a lease to GSAC will provide important community wellbeing outcomes to Spalding, Bluff Point and surrounding suburbs through delivery of a broad range of programs and activities.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Should Council not support GSAC as the preferred applicant and development of a lease agreement for Spalding Park clubrooms and sports hard courts, there is a risk that the desired outcomes of effective facility management, activation and access for shared use won't be met.

Direct management of the site by the City would require significant resource commitments and may result in the reduction or loss of community programs proposed to be delivered at the venue due to capacity limitations.

Additionally, an on-site management presence plays an important role in deterring vandalism and antisocial behaviour, helping to minimise the risk of damage to the facility through ongoing activation of the site.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
The following alternative options were considered by City Officers.

<u>Option One</u>
Endorsement of an alternative EOI submission. Officers do not recommend this as GSAC has demonstrated capacity through their Mitchell Street Community Centre lease and their submission offers significant positive outcomes to the community, as well as meeting the requirements of the Expression of Interest.

<u>Option Two</u>
Not endorse any of the submissions. Officers do not recommend this as per option one (1) above. In not approving any of the submissions, the City would be required to either conduct a new process seeking a suitable operator or directly manage the facility, with associated resourcing implications. This would see a local management presence not achieved in the near future, leaving the facility potentially vacant for much of the time when not in use by hirers.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR DENTON
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **ENDORSE Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation (GSAC) as the preferred applicant through the Expression of Interest (EOI) process to manage and activate the Spalding Park Clubrooms and Sports Courts (hard courts); and**
2. **DIRECT the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to prepare a lease agreement between the City of Greater Geraldton and Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation for Spalding Park Clubrooms and Sports Court (hard courts).**

CARRIED 8/0
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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	8
No	0
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Milnes	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

CC041 DISASTER MANAGEMENT REFORM DISCUSSION PAPER SUBMISSION

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-094738**
AUTHOR:	**F Norling, Director Community and Culture**
EXECUTIVE:	**F Norling, Director Community and Culture**
DATE OF REPORT:	**07 August 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x3)** **A. The City of Greater Geraldton Submission** **B. Disaster Management Reform Discussion Paper** **C. Draft WALGA Submission – Proposed Disaster Recovery Funding Framework**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's submission to the Australian Government's Disaster Management Reform Discussion Paper regarding proposed changes to the Disaster Recovery Funding Framework (DRFF).

The reform proposes significant changes to Australia's disaster recovery funding arrangements, including event-based activation trigger points, standardised recovery funding packages, resilient infrastructure funding measures, community recovery initiatives and streamlined reporting requirements.

The Attachment No. CC041A submission has been developed to provide the City's perspective based on its experience responding to, and recovering from, Tropical Cyclone Seroja and to advocate for arrangements that better recognise the challenges faced by regional local governments in disaster recovery activities.

Due to a submission deadline of 19 August 2026, retrospective endorsement is sought, however a revised submission can be forwarded should changes be required.

A copy of Attachment No. CC041C submission was also forwarded to Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) in response to a call out for feedback on their draft submission.

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

1. ENDORSE The City of Greater Geraldton Submission to the Australian Government's Disaster Management Reform Discussion Paper (Attachment No. CC041A); and
2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to submit the City of Greater Geraldton Submission to the Australian Government's National Emergency Management Agency.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:
The Australian Government, through the National Emergency Management Agency, released the Disaster Management Reform Discussion Paper proposing a new Disaster Recovery Funding Framework (DRFF) to replace existing Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

The proposed reforms seek to modernise Australia's disaster recovery funding arrangements through the introduction of:

- New event-based funding activation trigger points;
- Standardised packages for resilient infrastructure recovery;
- Standardised community recovery funding measures; and
- Streamlined data collection, reporting and assurance processes.

As a local government significantly impacted by Tropical Cyclone Seroja in 2021, the City has direct experience in disaster response and recovery, including administering recovery funding, coordinating clean-up activities, undertaking welfare checks, managing infrastructure restoration and complying with funding and reporting requirements.

The City's submission generally supports the proposed reforms and aligns with key positions advocated by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA). However, the submission highlights several matters considered of importance to City and regional local governments, including:

- Ensuring no local government is disadvantaged as a result of the transition from the current funding framework;
- Reducing administrative burden, financial risk and cashflow impacts associated with disaster recovery;
- Recognition of higher recovery and reconstruction costs in regional and remote areas;
- Improvements to Rapid Damage Assessment processes to ensure accurate assessment of impacts across all affected communities;
- Greater flexibility in funding arrangements for resilient infrastructure projects;

- Recognition of community, cultural and recreational assets as essential public infrastructure;
- Clear delineation of responsibilities associated with clean-up activities on private property; and
- Simplified reporting, auditing and reimbursement processes.

The City considers that appropriate reform of disaster recovery arrangements has the potential to improve recovery outcomes for communities while reducing administrative and financial pressures placed upon local governments following major disaster events.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
The submission supports coordinated disaster recovery planning and partnerships that strengthen community safety, inclusion and resilience.

Liveable:
The reforms may improve recovery outcomes through timely restoration of essential infrastructure, facilities and services.

Thriving:
Improved funding arrangements support regional economic resilience by reducing disruption and assisting efficient recovery.

Leading:
The submission demonstrates leadership by advocating for practical, financially sustainable disaster recovery reform.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Council has previously endorsed submissions to State and Federal Government consultation processes, including:

- Item No. DS022 – Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Act 2021 Consultation Paper – 31 October 2023.
- Item No. CCS668 – Local Government Reform Submission – 25 January 2022.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
There has been no community/Council Member consultation due to the tight timeframe for submission.

The submission has been prepared having regard to the City's operational experience in disaster response and recovery, including community impact, as well as consideration of specific issues affecting regional local governments.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
This submission proposes a formal Council position on the Australian Government's proposed Disaster Recovery Funding Framework reforms.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The outcome of the proposed reforms may have significant future financial and resource implications for the City, particularly regarding disaster recovery funding, reimbursement arrangements, administration requirements and infrastructure restoration obligations. These implications will be assessed further as the reforms progress.

For noting, Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) is advocating on behalf of member Councils regarding the proposed reduction in Commonwealth funding contribution as per their media release dated 15 July 2026. This relates to concern regarding a reduction of the Commonwealth contribution from current levels of 65% in some states, in particular typically New South Wales and Queensland. The City submission also addresses the funding contribution by seeking confirmation of the State's commitment to the 50/50 split between them and the Commonwealth proposed in the reforms.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Liveable	**A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.**
Goal 3	Manage and protect the City's natural environment, and identify strategies to mitigate climate change.
Goal 6	Support the community by advocating to State and Federal Government for better access to programs and services that improve community health and wellbeing.
Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 3	Financial sustainability, actively seeking and leveraging external funding to deliver for the community.
Goal 4	Continued focus on strong advocacy to ensure that Federal and State projects, programs and funding are aligned with our community's priorities.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
The proposed reforms are of particular significance to regional and remote local governments due to the unique challenges associated with workforce availability, contractor access, transport costs, financial capacity and recovery operations following disaster events. The City's submission specifically advocates for recognition of these regional factors within the new funding framework.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
If the City does not provide feedback on the proposed reforms, there is a risk that issues affecting regional local governments may not be adequately considered during the development of the new funding framework.

Providing a submission enables the City to advocate for arrangements that reduce financial and administrative risks associated with future disaster recovery activities.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
Council could choose not to endorse the submission.

This option is not recommended due to the opportunity provided for the City to influence reforms that may directly impact future disaster recovery funding and recovery operations within the local government sector.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED MAYOR CLUNE, SECONDED CR VAN STYN
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **ENDORSE The City of Greater Geraldton Submission to the Australian Government's Disaster Management Reform Discussion Paper (Attachment No. CC041A); and**
2. **AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to submit the City of Greater Geraldton Submission to the Australian Government's National Emergency Management Agency.**

CARRIED 8/0
In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

12.3 REPORTS OF CORPORATE SERVICES

CS323	COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN 2025
AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-093873**
AUTHOR:	**N Robins, Coordinator Governance and Risk**
EXECUTIVE:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**27 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x1) Compliance Audit Return 2025**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the Compliance Audit Return (CAR) 2025 as required under the provisions of regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 7.13(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulations 14 and 15 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Report on the Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025;
2. ADOPT the Compliance Audit Return 2025 for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025; and
3. NOTE that the Compliance Audit Return 2025 for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 will be submitted to the Local Government Inspectorate by 30 September 2026.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:
In accordance with section 7.13(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) and regulations 14 and 15 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* (the regulations), a local government authority is required to carry out a compliance audit report for the period 1 January to 31 December each year and prepare a Compliance Audit Return in a form approved by the Inspector.

Pursuant to regulation 14(3)(a) and (b) of the regulations:

(3) The audit, risk and improvement committee must –
(a) review the compliance audit return; and
(b) report to the council the results of that review.

The CAR 2025 was submitted to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on 20 July 2026 (Item No. AC189), for the Committee to review and subsequently report the results of the review to Council.

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee resolved to:

1. *REVIEW the results of the Compliance Audit Return 2025.*
2. *REPORT to Council the results of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee's review of the Compliance Audit Return 2025, at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 August 2026.*

The minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 20 July 2026 will be presented to Council as a report to be received at the August 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council - Item No. CS328.

One remaining item is due to be actioned under the Compliance Audit Return 2025 prior to submission on 30 September 2026. Council Policy 4.1 Council Member Continuing Professional Development & Travel will be presented to Council for endorsement at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 29 September 2026.

**CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

Connected:
There are no adverse impacts.

Liveable:
There are no adverse impacts.

Thriving:
There are no adverse impacts.

Leading:
It is a legislative requirement under the provisions of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* regulation 14(3) that the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee report to Council the results of their review of the CAR. The CAR is to be presented to Council at a meeting of the Council and adopted by the Council.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
The Compliance Audit Return 2024 was adopted by Council on 23 February 2025 (Item No. CS189).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
The CAR was submitted to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on 20 July 2026 for the Committee to review the results.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
Section 7.13 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 13 and 14 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
There are no financial or resource implications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Local governments are legislatively required to carry out a compliance audit return for the period 1 January to 31 December each year and prepare a return in the form approved by the Inspector. The return must be reviewed by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee and the Committee is required to report to the Council the results of the review. Council must adopt the CAR and submit to the Office of the Local Government Inspectorate. For the CAR 2025 the Inspector requires submissions by 30 September 2026. Compliance with these provisions mitigates the risk of regulatory non-compliance.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

COUNCIL DECISION (CS323)
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 7.13(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulations 14 and 15 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. **RECEIVE the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Report on the Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025;**
2. **ADOPT the Compliance Audit Return 2025 for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025; and**
3. **NOTE that the Compliance Audit Return 2025 for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025 will be submitted to the Local Government Inspectorate by 30 September 2026.**

CARRIED 8/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

CS324 COUNCIL POLICY 4.22 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-093933**
AUTHOR:	**N Jane, Chief Financial Officer and L Maldea, Manager Corporate Compliance**
EXECUTIVE:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**4 August 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x4)** **A. Council Policy 4.22 Fraud and Corruption Control (v5)** **B. Comparison Table – Council Policy 4.22 Fraud and Corruption Control** **C. Fraud and Corruption Control Plan 2026** **D. Delegation 1.1.25 Grant Concessions, Waive or Write Off Debts Revised Draft**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for Council Policy 4.22 Fraud and Corruption Control, version 5, a new Fraud and Corruption Control Plan, and associated changes to Delegation 1.1.25 Grant Concessions, Waive or Write Off Debts. Council Policy 4.22 has undergone a significant review with changes proposed as detailed in the attached comparison table (Attachment No. CS324A).

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

PART A
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Council Policy 4.22 Fraud and Corruption Control, version 5 and the associated Fraud and Corruption Control Plan.

PART B
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Sections 5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995,* RESOLVES to:

1. ENDORSE the revised Delegation 1.1.25 in accordance with section 5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and
2. DELEGATE to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of local government powers and the discharge of local government duties as recorded in revised Delegation 1.1.25.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:
Council Policy 4.22 was first approved in 2015 (Item No. CCS125) and has undergone a series of reviews and changes since then.

In 2025, AMD Chartered Accountants (City appointed internal auditors) completed a broader review of the City's Fraud and Corruption Control Framework, including a gap analysis against Australian Standard AS8001:2021, the Auditor General's Better Practice Guides, and comparable local government frameworks. AMD identified several opportunities to strengthen the existing framework and recommended that these be considered as part of the next review of the Policy and the Plan.

In response to the recommendations, Council Policy 4.22 Fraud and Corruption Control, version 5, has undergone a comprehensive review to align with contemporary governance practices and the AMD review.

The revised Policy represents a significant shift from a detailed operational policy to a higher-level governance policy which establishes the City's commitment, principles and expectations regarding fraud and corruption control. Operational and procedural content has been relocated to the associated Fraud and Corruption Control Plan, which now provides the detailed framework for implementation, prevention, detection and response activities.

Policy Key Changes
The Policy transitions from a detailed operational document to a strategic governance policy that:

- Clearly articulates the City's commitment to fraud and corruption control.
- Establishes governance expectations and accountability measures.
- Aligns with current legislative requirements and best practice standards.
- Complements the revised Fraud and Corruption Control Plan 2026.
- Implements key recommendations arising from the 2025 Internal Audit review including the removal/separation of Debt Write-offs and Fee Waivers from Fraud and Corruption Control.

This approach provides a clearer distinction between policy direction and operational implementation, resulting in a more robust and contemporary fraud and corruption control framework for the City.

Fraud and Corruption Control Plan 2026
In conjunction with the Policy review, the Fraud and Corruption Control Plan 2026 (Attachment No. CS324C) has been substantially revised to strengthen governance, accountability, fraud awareness, risk management and response mechanisms and to better align with Australian Standard AS8001:2021 Fraud and Corruption Control, the City's Risk Management Framework and contemporary local government governance practices.

Many of the recommendations arising from the AMD audit have been incorporated into the 2026 Plan, including updated legislative references, expanded governance responsibilities, strengthened oversight arrangements, increased training and awareness requirements, improved fraud response and recovery provisions, and clearer alignment with the City's integrity framework.

Debt Write-offs and Fee Waivers
Following the AMD recommendation, content relating to Debt Write-offs and Fee Waivers has been removed from the Fraud and Corruption Control Policy. A review of other local government approaches identified varied treatment of these matters, including through Council policies, operational policies and delegations.

The Delegation Register 2026-2027, endorsed by Council on 30 June 2026 (Item No. CS309), includes Delegation 1.1.25 Defer, Grant Discounts, Waive or Write Off Debts, which addresses matters previously included in the Policy. A revision to this delegation is proposed to clarify its conditions (Attachment No. CS324D) and establish clear criteria for assessing write-offs, fee waivers and concessions. No new Council or Operational Policy is required.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
The revised Policy and Fraud and Corruption Control Plan strengthen community confidence in the City's governance, integrity and accountability practices. Clear expectations for ethical conduct, fraud awareness, reporting and response help reinforce a safe, inclusive and trusted organisational environment.

Liveable:
By strengthening controls that protect public resources and support responsible decision-making, the Policy and Plan indirectly contribute to the ongoing delivery of facilities, services and infrastructure that support community wellbeing and the protection of the City's natural and built environment.

Thriving:
By promoting transparent, accountable and financially responsible governance, a strengthened fraud and corruption control framework helps safeguard public funds, protect the City's reputation and maintain confidence in the City's ability to support sustainable growth, business activity and investment in the region.

Leading:
The Policy and Plan support informed decision-making, improved governance maturity, clearer accountability, better use of resources and stronger transparency. They also respond to internal audit recommendations and align the City's fraud and corruption control framework with contemporary legislative and best practice expectations.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Council policies are reviewed and endorsed by Council on a regular basis. Council Policy 4.22, was last approved by Council on 30 August 2022 (Item No. CCS717).

Delegations were reviewed and those recorded in the 2026-2027 Delegation Register were adopted by Council on 30 June 2026 (Item No. CS309).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) considered the revised Council Policy 4.22 and Fraud and Corruption Control Plan 2026 at the meeting on 20 July 2026 (Item No. AC188). The Committee decision was to endorse the Council Policy 4.22 Fraud and Corruption Control Policy, version 5, and Fraud and Corruption Control Plan 2026 for Council approval at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
Pursuant to section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the role of Council includes determination of Council Policies:

2.7. Role of council

(1) The council governs the local government's affairs and, as the local government's governing body, is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.

(2) The council's governing role includes the following —

…

(b) determining the local government's policies;

The Policy and the Plan support compliance with:

- *Local Government Act 1995*
- *Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003*
- *Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Amendment Act 2024*
- *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003*
- *Public Sector Management Act 1994*
- *State Records Act 2000*
- *Freedom of Information Act 1992*
- Australian Standard AS8001:2021 Fraud and Corruption Control

The proposed revision to Delegation 1.1.25 is in line with the *Local Government Act 1995:*

5.42 Delegation of some powers and duties to the CEO

(1) A local government may delegate to the CEO the exercise of any of its powers or the discharge of any of its duties under —*

(a) this Act other than those referred to in Section 5.43; or

(b) the Planning and Development Act 2005 section 214(2), (3) or (5).

** Absolute Majority required*

(2) A delegation under this section is to be in writing and may be general or as otherwise provided in the instrument of delegation.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
There are no direct financial or resource implications. The review and associated obligations form part of City Officers' normal duties.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.
Goal 6	Ensure high-quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Implementation of the revised Policy and associated Plan strengthens the City's fraud and corruption control framework by:

- Improving governance oversight;
- Clarifying responsibilities and accountability;
- Increasing fraud awareness and training;
- Strengthening investigation and response arrangements;
- Improving legislative compliance; and
- Aligning fraud and corruption controls with the City's Risk Management Framework.

The key risk associated with not adopting the revised Policy and associated Plan is that the City's framework may not fully reflect contemporary governance expectations, current legislative requirements and opportunities for continuous improvement identified through the 2025 internal audit review.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED CR COLLIVER

PART A
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE Council Policy 4.22 Fraud and Corruption Control, version 5 and the associated Fraud and Corruption Control Plan.**

CARRIED 8/0
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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	8
No	0
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Milnes	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED CR COLLIVER

PART B
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Sections 5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995,* RESOLVES to:

1. **ENDORSE the revised Delegation 1.1.25 in accordance with section 5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and**
2. **DELEGATE to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of local government powers and the discharge of local government duties as recorded in revised Delegation 1.1.25.**

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0
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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	8

No	0
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Milnes	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

CS325 CORPORATE REPORTING – Q4 (APRIL TO JUNE 2026) 2025-26

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-095711**
AUTHOR:	**N Jane, Chief Financial Officer**
EXECUTIVE:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**10 August 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/13/0013**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x1)** **Corporate Reporting for Q4 2025-26**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is for Council to receive the Corporate Reporting for Q4 (April to June 2026) 2025-26.

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

1. RECEIVE the Corporate Reporting for Q4 (April to June 2026) 2025-26.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:
In June 2025, Council adopted the Strategic Community Plan 2025-2035 and Corporate Business Plan 2025-2029. The Corporate Business Plan describes the core services provided by the City, along with a list of key actions to be delivered against each of the strategic themes. The Corporate Business Plan is the four-year action plan that demonstrates how the City will implement the community's vision for the future including the key projects and initiatives that will deliver on the community's priorities.

This report provides a quarterly update on progress against the key actions identified for delivery in Year 1 of the Corporate Business Plan, 2025-26.

The *Local Government Amendment Act 2023* was passed by Parliament in May 2023. It introduced several key reforms including the requirement for local government CEO's performance criteria and performance reviews to be published. Regulations are currently being developed (*Local Government Regulations Amendment Regulations 2024*) which will implement these reforms.

In relation to CEO KPIs the paper states:

> *The CEO holds an important operational and financial role in the local government as the head of the administration. Allowing the community to view progress against CEO KPIs is another measure of confidence to track how a local government is performing overall.*

Whilst the Regulations have not yet been enacted, the attached report incorporates an update on progress for the CEO KPI's in conjunction with the quarterly reporting on Corporate Business Plan actions.

The City's Annual Report will provide an overall update on achievements for Year 1 of the Corporate Business Plan, 2025-26.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:

This report provides information on key projects and initiatives being delivered to implement the community's vision for the future as contained in the Strategic Community Plan. The Connected theme has the objective to deliver an engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe. Goals include providing safe and inviting public spaces for people to enjoy; fostering collaborative partnerships to improve community safety, security and social cohesion; supporting and celebrating the City's diverse community through programs, initiatives and events; and being an inclusive City by promoting and celebrating the full diversity of our community, including cultures, identities, backgrounds and abilities.

Liveable:

The Liveable theme has the objective to deliver a protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing. Goals include prioritising greening of the City's streetscapes and public spaces, with a focus on pathways and open space areas; managing and protecting the City's natural environment and identifying strategies to mitigate climate change and improving waste management to support a sustainable future.

Thriving:

The Thriving theme has the objective to deliver an economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth whilst preserving our local spirit. Goals include supporting existing businesses and attracting new investment, contributing to a vibrant CBD and other key activity centres and supporting and championing our diverse mix of industries, encouraging innovation and local employment opportunities.

Leading:

The Leading theme has the objective to demonstrate a progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth. Goals include engaging with the community to enhance decision-making; efficiently and effectively delivering community services and projects through optimal use of our resources, financial sustainability, actively seeking and leveraging external funding to deliver for the community; continued focus on strong advocacy to ensure that Federal and State projects, programs and funding are aligned with our community's priorities; providing the community with clear and accessible information about the City's programs, services and decisions; and ensuring high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Reports on progress against the Corporate Business Plan are provided to Council for each quarter. The annual report provides an update for the year.

- Item No. CS303 – Corporate Reporting – Q3 (January to March) 2025-26 received on 26 May 2026.
- Item No. CS280 – Corporate Reporting – Q2 (October - December) 2025-26 received on 24 February 2026.
- Item No. CS271 – Corporate Reporting – Q1 2025-26 received on 16 December 2025.
- Item No. CS269 – City of Greater Geraldton Annual Report 2024-25 received on 16 December 2025.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
There has been no community/Council Member consultation; however, this report provides an update to the Community and Council Members on progress against the Corporate Business Plan 2025-2029 and CEO KPI's.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
There are no legislative or policy implications.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The Long-Term Financial Plan maps out the resourcing needs of the Strategic Community Plan over a 10-year period, and the annual budget adopted by Council supports delivery against the community's priorities as captured in the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:
This report responds to all the Integrated Planning themes as described in the Strategic Community Plan.

Strategic Theme: Connected	**An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.**
Strategic Theme: Liveable	**A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.**
Strategic Theme: Thriving	**An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.**
Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
As the main regional centre for the Mid West, the City has a great opportunity to support, facilitate and leverage state projects in the region. The City continues to support and advocate for initiatives that build a better future for our community and the region.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
No specific risks associated with this report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED CR KEEMINK
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **RECEIVE the Corporate Reporting for Q4 (April to June 2026) 2025-26.**

CARRIED 8/0
In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

CS326 BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2026-27

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-097092**
AUTHOR:	**N Jane, Chief Financial Officer**
EXECUTIVE:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**5 August 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**FM/6/0041**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x1)** **2026-27 Fees and Charges Schedule (v2)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of proposed amendments to the 2026-27 Budget.

Council, in August/September each year review and endorse amendments to the Budget that bring into account any unspent grant funds as at 30 June and funded expenditure items (commenced and in-progress projects not completed at year end carried over from previous financial year).

Final year end accounting information for 2025-26 was not available at the time of formulation and adoption of the 2026-27 Budget, hence the requirement (as is the case every financial year) to integrate brought forward funds and expenditure items into the Budget as early as is practicable after adoption of the budget and commencement of the financial year.

This annual process also enables Council, if required, to make amendments to its Budget to correct any minor errors or omissions in budget detail discovered after the budget process, incorporate any emergent works and adjust budget allocations based on information received post budget adoption.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.8, 6.16 and 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE the proposed budget amendments and AUTHORISE any unauthorised expenditure and revenue as detailed in Tables 1, 2, 3 and 5 of this Council Item;
2. APPROVE and AUTHORISE the following amendments to transfers from Reserves:
   a. Reserve 280 – Unexpended Capital Works & Restricted Grants – increase transfer from by $3,511,422;
   b. Reserve 270 – Major Initiatives reduce transfer from by ($1,707,300);
   c. Reserve 120 – Asset Renewal increase transfer from by $1,500,000;
3. APPROVE and AUTHORISE the following amendments to transfers to Reserves:
   a. Reserve 270 – Major Initiatives increase transfer by $1,115,000;
   b. Reserve 290 – Point Moore increase transfer by $3,250; and
4. APPROVE 2026-27 Fees and Charges Schedule version 2, and PROVIDE local public notice of Council's intention to impose the Fees and Charges version 2 as per Attachment No. CS326 from 7 September 2026.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:
The following tables separately list new (Table 1) and renewal (Table 2) capital projects that were not completed and/or invoiced in 2025-26 and the unspent portion and/or the required budgeted expenditure allocation to be carried over into 2026-27. Table 3 lists the associated non-operating grants not recognised in 2025-26 required to be carried over into 2026-27. Table 4 summarises the Capital Revenue and Expenditure to be carried over to 2026-27 and the required transfer from Reserves as a result. Table 5 proposed other budget amendments identified.

Table 1 – New Capital

Project Title	Comments	Budget Carried Over to 2026-27
Airport Technology Park	Final works in readiness for sale	15,000
Tractor - For vegetation control on shoulder	Adjustment to carry over amount. Item on order, awaiting delivery	10,000
Foreshore Changeroom	Complete project works	16,023
Olive Street Housing Project	Adjustment to carry over amount	202,000
CCTV Infrastructure - New	Order placed, waiting on delivery	100,000
Augustus Street - Switchboard	Order placed, waiting on delivery	23,925
Flores/Eastward Road Roundabout Construction Project.	Adjustment to carry over amount	459,450
Greenough River Recreation Node	Complete project works	6,420
*QPT Access and Inclusion Improvements Stage 1 - options	Complete project works	7,792
*Geraldton Youth Centre Upgrade	Complete project works	17,910
*Meru Weighbridge - install new weighbridge	Complete project works	2,000
*Meru - Transfer Station	Complete project works	2,000
Meru Cell 1-4 Capping	Complete project works	73,372
*New Liquid Waste Pond Facility - Meru	Complete design portion of the project	1,500
Meru Waste Facility - Construction of Cell 6	Adjustment to carry over amount	1,200,000
Intersection Upgrade - Hibbertia Street and Place Road	Complete design portion of the project	5,000
*Mullewa Truck Stop	Complete design portion of the project	31,127
Intersection Upgrade - Hermitage Street and Cathedral Avenue	Complete design portion of the project	74,399
Land Acquisition (Item No. DS085)	Transfer from Reserve included in Original budget but not capital expenditure	1,700,000
	TOTAL	$3,947,918

**An asterisk denotes projects completed at the time of reporting*

Table 2 – Capital Renewal

Project Title	Comments	Budget Carried Over to 2026-27
Airport Arrival Renewal	Airport entrances and surrounding spaces	100,000
Animal Management Facility Upgrade	Complete project works	5,000
*Replace FLE139231 - Mitsubishi Triton Dual Cab 4x4 Civic Pool	Adjustment to carry over amount	-58,500
*Replace FLE139098 - Depot Forklift Replacement - Plug In Elect	Adjustment to carry over amount	-33,500
*Replace FLE139193 - Mullewa Loader P3551	Adjustment to carry over amount	-318,000
*Mullewa Masonic Hall Redevelopment	Complete project works	18,365
Foreshore Youth Precinct	Adjustment to carry over amount	22,143
Kelly Road & Langridge Road Intersection Renewal/Reseal	Adjustment to carry over amount	65,000
Aquarena Mechanical Refurbishment	Complete project works	85,585
CCTV Infrastructure - Cameras - replacement	Order placed, waiting on delivery	130,000
Stock Street - Replace Manhole Cover & Concrete surround	Complete project works	20,000
Mingenew-Mullewa Road - Minor culverts	Complete project works	20,000
Abraham Street Drainage Upgrades - DMH132658 and DMH132659	Complete project works	30,000
Broome St / Hamersley St Sump Expansion	Complete project works	74,843
Broome St / Woodhouse Sump Upgrades	Complete project works	62,999
Sunnybanks Drive Sump and Drainage Upgrades	Complete project works	82,552
Conway Street Flood Pump System Renewal	Complete project works	19,605
Carson Terrace Flood Pump System Renewal	Complete project works	75,000
Sanford Street Carpark - Line marking	Complete project works	12,000
Marine Terrace - Lids	Complete project works	10,000
Shenton Street - Pits	Complete project works	24,000
Civic Centre - South Wing Office Space	Order placed, waiting on delivery	30,000
*Walkaway Polocrosse Club Consumer Power Pole Renewal	Complete project works	10,000
Decommissioning and Removal of Volleyball Court Light Towers	Complete project works	29,650
Wonthella Oval Sport Light Renewal	Complete project works	40,188
*Foreshore Drive - Lighting	Complete project works	285,000
*La Fiamma Sport Lighting Controller	Complete project works	3,360
*Chapman Road, Beresford Footpath	Complete project works	10,909
Point Moore Managed Retreat - Carpark Infrastructure	Complete project works	10,000

Point Moore Managed Retreat - Parks Infrastructure	Complete project works	10,000
Mullewa, Molster Street, Drainage Design	Complete project works	22,586
Carnarvon-Mullewa Road - Major Culvert Replacement SLK 72.42	Complete project works	19,084
Carnarvon-Mullewa Road - Major Culvert Replacement SLK 66.38	Complete project works	15,129
Yuna-Tenindewa Road - Major Culvert Replacement	Complete project works	19,506
Weir Road - Major Culvert Replacement	Complete project works	17,515
Wongoondy-Tardun Road - Major Culvert Replacement	Complete project works	18,506
Stow Gardens Stage Upgrades	Complete project works	46,503
Edwards Road Sump and Drainage Upgrades	Complete project works	85,928
Swan Drive Coastal Node Stormwater Management	Complete project works	5,435
Beresford Foreshore Recreation Node Drainage Improvements	Complete project works	4,000
Replacement of Green Shed Behind Aquarena	Complete project works	40,000
Replace the Aquarena Female Indoor Changeroom Ceiling	Complete project works	35,000
Civic Centre North Wing Roof Plumbing & Eave Replacement	Complete project works	20,000
*Geraldton Regional Art Gallery - Security Treatment Scheme	Complete project works	1,800
Greenough Rowing Club Building Renewal	Complete project works	60,000
*GMC Projector Lift	Complete project works	9,000
QPT Rigging Bar Upgrade	Complete project works	9,650
*Library air conditioning system replacement	Complete project works	31,000
Intersection Flores Road & Eastward Rd	Complete project works	4,545
Meru Landfill Oil Tank Upgrade	Complete project works	4,215
Nangetty Walkaway Road - renewal, pavement, intersection	Complete project works	6,903
Train Exhibit Asbestos Removal, Walkaway	Complete project works	20,000
	TOTAL	$1,372,504

**An asterisk denotes projects completed at the time of reporting*

Table 3 – Capital Revenue

Capital Revenue – Non Operating Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	**Carried over/ adjusted to 2026-27**
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts – Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program – Adjustment to carryover funding amount for Maitland Park precinct redevelopment	(46,000)
DMIRS – Election Commitment - CCTV Infrastructure – Adjustment to carryover funding amount	40,686
Main Roads WA - Flores/Eastward Rd Roundabout – Adjustment to carryover funding amount	(1,266,644)
Federal Black Spot Program - Intersection Upgrade – Hibbertia St and Place Rd – Adjustment to carryover funding amount	5,000
Federal Black Spot Program - Intersection Upgrade – Hermitage & Cathedral – Adjustment to carryover funding amount	74,399
Lotterywest - Foreshore Youth Precinct (Approved post original budget adoption)	1,707,300
TOTAL	$514,741

The expenditure items detailed in Tables 1 and 2 are supported by cash backed reserve funds held by the City as at 30 June 2026 and secured grant funding.

Table 4 – Reserve Transfer Amendments

Transfers From Reserve:		**Adjustment Amount**
Reserve 280 – Unexpended Capital	Carryover Adjustments	3,511,422
Reserve 270 – Major Initiatives	Reduced by Lotterywest Grant approved	(1,707,300)
Reserve 120 – Asset Renewal Reserve	Additional Capital Expenditure	1,500,000
		3,304,122
Transfers to Reserve:		
Reserve 270 – Major Initiatives	Increased – Proceeds of Land Sale Realised	(1,115,000)
Reserve 290 – Point Moore	Additional amount levied	(3,250)
		(1,118,250)

Table 5 – Other Budget Amendments

Project Description	New Budget Allocation
Operating Revenue:	
Operating Contribution – Aquarena User Group – Ball Nets	3,500
Operating Grant – Lotterywest – Christmas on the Terrace – Little Christmas in the Laneway (Approved post original budget adoption)	25,000
Operating Contribution – Application of Mercantile Funds	150,000
Operating Grants – DPLH Coastwest Grants unsuccessful	(7,313)
Operating Grants – Saluting Their Service – HMAS Sydney 85th Event - reduction in approved funding	(1,850)
Fees & Charges – Household Refuse Collection Charges	14,105
Fees & Charges – Commercial Kerbside Collection	17,229
Total Operating Revenue	***$200,671***
Operating Expenditure:	
Materials & Contracts - Aquarena Ball Nets	3,500
Materials & Contracts – Christmas on the Terrace – Little Christmas in the Laneway – expenditure of approved grant funding, increase to project budget	25,000
Materials & Contracts – Coastwest Grant funding not approved, projects removed	(7,908)
Materials & Contracts – HMAS Sydney Event Co-contribution	8,150
Other Expenditure – Community Grants carried over from 2025/26	23,567
Total Operating Expenditure	***$52,309***
NET OPERATING ADJUSTMENT (Increase to surplus)	**$148,362**
Capital Revenue:	
Capital Contribution – Aquarena User Group – Replace BIFF	16,000
Capital Grant – Saluting Their Service – HMAS Sydney Renewal (Grant approved post original budget adoption)	98,000
Capital Grant – DWER – Cardboard Storage Capacity Project (Grant approved post original budget adoption)	117,000
Proceeds on Sale of Land	1,115,000
Total Capital Revenue	***$1,346,000***
Capital Expenditure:	
Furniture & Equipment – Aquarena – BIFF Replacement*	16,000
Buildings – HMAS Sydney Memorial Renewals*	98,000
Buildings – Cardboard Storage Capacity Project*	176,602
Infrastructure Roads – Kerb Renewals and Asset reclassification	221,000
Infrastructure Sewer – Asset reclassification	150,000
Infrastructure Drainage – Asset reclassification	(150,000)
Infrastructure Pathways – Asset reclassification	(21,000)
Total Capital Expenditure	***$490,602***

2026-27 Fees and Charges Schedule
Following adoption of the 2026-27 Budget, amendments were identified for inclusion in the Fees and Charges Schedule. These include revising the rate for Commercial Venue Hire of the Queens Park Theatre, adding hourly hire rates for the Queen Elizabeth II Seniors Centre and reinstating hire charges for the GMC Boardroom following the departure of a long-term user. The Final Demand Notice fee has also been updated to reflect the legislated amount, and two standpipes have been removed from general use as they are available for emergency services only. Revised version 2 is included as Attachment No. CS326, with changes highlighted in yellow. Changes are summarised below:

Description	Charge Basis	Current	Proposed
Queens Park Theatre			
Commercial Venue Hire First Performance	Per Day	$1,600	$1,600 + 10% of Box Office sales
Local Commercial Venue Hire - Performing Arts Organisations with main business location in the City of Greater Geraldton.	Per Day	$1,200	$1,200 + 7.5% of Box Office sales
Community Groups Venue Hire	Per Day	$800	$800 + 7.5% of Box Office sales
Queen Elizabeth II Seniors & Community Centre			
Upper Hall – Seniors (hourly rate)	Per Hour		$21
Upper Hall – Lifestyle Classes and Programs	Per Hour		$120
Lower Hall – Seniors (hourly rate)	Per Hour		$12.50
Lower Hall – Lifestyle Classes and Programs	Per Hour		$75
Freeman Room (Meeting Room) – Lifestyle Classes and Programs	Per Hour		$20
Activity Room – Lifestyle Classes and Programs	Per hour		$15
GMC			
Boardroom – Commercial – Full Day	Per Day		$440
Boardroom – Commercial – Half Day	Per half day up to five hours		$220
Community – Full Day (fee for service)	Per Day		$330
Community – Half Day (fee for service)	Per half day up to five hours		$165
Community – Full Day (Not for Profit)	Per Day		$220
Community – Half Day (Not for Profit)	Per half day up to five hours		$110
Ranger Services			
Infringement penalties – Final Demand Notice	Statutory	$28	$28.30
Standpipe Water Charges			
Flores Road	Per kilolitre	$5	N/A
Casuarinas	Per kilolitre	$10.40	N/A

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
Proposed budget amendments include completion of projects that provide safe and inviting spaces for the community to enjoy. Projects include renewal and expansion of the CCTV network, and delivery of the Foreshore Youth Precinct.

Liveable:
Facilities to support community health and wellbeing are included in the list of projects for completion through the proposed budget amendments including pathways, open spaces, waste management, and recreation infrastructure.

Thriving:
The economic diversity and prosperity of the City is supported through the completion of the Mahomets houses.

Leading:
Formal endorsement of budget amendments promptly when identified ensures optimal use of our resources and financial sustainability. It also provides transparency and demonstrates accountability.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Post financial year end adjustments to succeeding year Council budgets are necessary every year. Annual timing of the budget process, before the end of each preceding financial year, means that year-end accruals have not been transacted and end of year accounting figures are not available at the time of framing and adopting the next budget. Therefore, the determination of any unspent grant monies or project carry-overs cannot be accurately stated in the budget process for the succeeding year. As well, amendments to budget details may be necessary to recognise any recent changes that impact on proposed revenue streams and/or expenditure levels.

Precedent practice is to identify unspent grant funds and funded project carryovers, and any minor budget amendment requirements, as early as is practicable after commencement of the new financial year, to enable council to integrate them into its adopted Budget.

Last financial year Council considered the following budget amendments:
Item No. CS240 Budget Amendments 2025-26 on 26 August 2025.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
There has been no community/Council Member consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
Section 6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires any expenditure not included in the annual budget be authorised by Absolute Majority.
Section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires any amendments to fees and charges be authorised by Absolute Majority.

Section 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires public notice be given where fees and charges are introduced after the annual budget is adopted including the date from which the fees and charges will be imposed.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The budgeted operating surplus per income statement will increase by $148,362 to $413,416.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.
Goal 3	Financial sustainability, actively seeking and leveraging external funding to deliver for the community.
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Undertaking regular assessments of budgets and approving budget amendments addresses the risk of unauthorised transactions. Adjustments and actions can be formulated in response, reducing the risk to the City's financial sustainability.

Approving version 2 of the Fees and Charges Schedule ensures that the fees and charges are appropriately approved by Council and revenues are not impacted by the error in the original schedule.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE the proposed budget amendments and AUTHORISE any unauthorised expenditure and revenue as detailed in Tables 1, 2, 3 and 5 of this Council Item but with the following changes:
   a. To be determined by Council;
2. APPROVE and AUTHORISE the following additional Reserve transfers to Reserve:
   a. To be determined by Council;
3. APPROVE and AUTHORISE the following additional Reserve transfer from Reserve:
   a. To be determined by Council;
4. APPROVE 2026-27 Fees and Charges Schedule version 2 as per Attachment No. CS326 but with the following changes:
   a. To be determined by Council; and
5. MAKE the determination based on the following reason/s:
   a. To be determined by Council.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.8, 6.16 and 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE the proposed budget amendments and AUTHORISE any unauthorised expenditure and revenue as detailed in Tables 1, 2, 3 and 5 of this Council Item;**
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4. **APPROVE 2026-27 Fees and Charges Schedule version 2, and PROVIDE local public notice of Council's intention to impose the Fees and Charges version 2 as per Attachment No. CS326 from 7 September 2026.**

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 8/0

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Summary of results:

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Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Milnes	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

CS327 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JULY 2026

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-094517**
AUTHOR:	**A O'Connell, Senior Management Accountant/Analyst**
EXECUTIVE:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**7 August 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**FM/17/0019**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x1)** **Monthly Financial Report for period ended 31 July 2026**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a comprehensive report on the City's finances to 31 July 2026.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 34 and 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 31 July 2026 incorporating the Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:
This report provides Council with a comprehensive overview of the City's financial performance and position. It includes key performance indicators across Connected, Liveable, Thriving and Leading themes, along with the Statement of Financial Activity, Statement of Financial Position, Explanation of Material Variances, Net Current Funding Position and Monthly Investment Report.

In accordance with the Financial Management Regulations, a Statement of Financial Activity and a Statement of Financial Position must be presented monthly, accompanied by relevant supporting information. Beyond regulatory compliance, the purpose of regular financial reporting is to enable Council Members to monitor the allocation of financial and other resources against the approved budget. This ongoing reporting demonstrates sound financial management and the effectiveness of the City's systems. The monthly report also provides a snapshot of the organisation's liquidity and its status as a going concern.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
This report outlines the financial allocations and expenditures for programs and activities that support the City's commitment to building an engaged and diverse community. The City invests in programs and infrastructure that promote safety, inclusion, and social cohesion.

Liveable:
This report outlines financial activity related to the City's efforts to create a greener, healthier, and more sustainable environment. The City is committed to enhancing liveability through strategic investments in green infrastructure, sustainable practices, and community wellbeing.

Thriving:
This report outlines financial activity related to programs and projects that contribute to a thriving local economy. The City continues to invest in initiatives that foster economic vitality and supports local businesses.

Leading:
This report demonstrates the City's commitment to efficient service delivery, financial sustainability, and leadership that is transparent and accountable.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Council is provided with financial reports each month.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
There has been no community/Council Member 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 the local government to prepare a statement of financial activity each month, reporting on the revenue and expenditure as set out in the adopted annual budget. The statement is to be accompanied by documents containing an explanation of material variances and such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.

Each financial year, a local government is to adopt a percentage or value to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances. The materiality threshold adopted by Council are variances that are greater than 10% of the current budget or a value greater than $50,000.

Regulation 35 of *the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* also requires the local government to prepare a statement of financial position as at the last day of the previous month.

A statement of financial activity, statement of financial position and any accompanying documents are to be presented at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council within two months after the end of the month to which the statements relate.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
As detailed in the attached report.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 1	Engage with the community to enhance decision-making.
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.
Goal 3	Financial sustainability, actively seeking and leveraging external funding to deliver for the community.
Goal 5	Provide the community with clear and accessible information about the City's programs, services and decisions.
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
The provision of monthly financial reports to Council fulfills the relevant statutory requirements and is consistent with good financial governance.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR KEEMINK, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 34 and 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. **RECEIVE the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 31 July 2026 incorporating the Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position.**

CARRIED 8/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

12.4 REPORTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IS337	FRANCIS STREET GROYNE EXTENSION PROJECT
AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-094450**
AUTHOR:	**M Dufour, Manager Climate, Environment and Waste**
EXECUTIVE:	**C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**23 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x1) Francis Street Preliminary Groyne Design Drawing**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
As part of the Geraldton Port Maximisation Project, Mid West Ports Authority are proposing to extend the City of Greater Geraldton's (the City) Francis Street groyne by 30 metres. A 2007 Deed of Agreement (DOA) and a 2003 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and MWPA outlines that the ownership of the Geraldton Foreshore groynes lies with the City and the responsibility for maintenance and future works on the groynes lies with MWPA. In line with the DOA and MOU, the purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of MWPA's proposal to fully fund an extension to the Francis Street groyne.

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

1. ENDORSE the extension of the Francis Street groyne as part of the Mid West Ports Authority, Port Maximisation Project; and
2. DIRECT the CEO to request that Mid West Ports Authority provide regular updates on the monitoring of the town beaches post construction of the groyne and address any negative impacts arising.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the Mid West Ports Authority (MWPA).

BACKGROUND:
The Mid West Ports Authority is currently undertaking the Geraldton Port Maximisation Project (PmaxP) to optimise the capacity of the port through construction of new and upgraded port facilities, including a new tug harbour and a 450 metre breakwater extending north into Champion Bay.

Studies and investigations undertaken by MWPA identified that the construction of the PMaxP and the breakwater extension may lead to a counter rotation of sand movement within the beach compartments of Town Beach.

If the rotation occurs, it will result in a net migration of sediment in a south westerly direction, and a rotation of the beach within the southern beach compartment could result in an accumulation of sediment at the southwestern end of Town Beach, which would be likely to bypass the Francis Street Groyne and ultimately lead to a sediment buildup on the Francis Street Boat Ramp.

This movement already happens to a small degree and accumulation of a large volume of sediment on the boat ramps would be an unacceptable outcome. Extension of the Francis Street Groyne is intended to mitigate the potential impact of sediment accumulation on the boat ramp.

A Deed of Agreement (2007) and a Memorandum of Understanding (2003) between the City and MWPA outlines the roles and responsibilities in relation to the Geraldton foreshore coastal protection infrastructure. Ownership of the groynes lies with the City and responsibility for maintenance and future works on the groynes lies with MWPA.

Council endorsement of the Francis Street groyne extension supports MWPA's commitment contained within the MOU to *'…resolve any future beach erosion problems that are attributable to works undertaken to further expand or develop the Geraldton Port*.'

The MWPA presentation to Council's Concept Forum advised how they will undertake the works and minimise impacts to the local community.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
The Francis Street groyne extension project will preserve a safe and inviting Geraldton foreshore along with its beaches.

Liveable:
The Francis Street groyne extension project supports the sustainable management and protection of the Geraldton foreshore and its beaches.

Thriving:
The Francis Street groyne extension project is an integral part of the PMaxP to develop the economic expansion of the Geraldton Port.

Leading:
By supporting the MWPA's request to extend the Francis Street groyne, the Council is demonstrating leadership and cooperation by ensuring the Francis Street jetty continues to function for the local recreational fishing community.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
The City's boundary finishes at the highwater mark. However, the City works cooperatively with the MWPA on various projects that have the potential to influence coastal erosion such as the MWPA's sand by-pass program.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
The PMaxP is a well-publicised major project being undertaken by MWPA. Council Members were updated on the PMaxP and the Francis Street groyne extension project at its August 2026 Concept Forum.

Specific consultation associated with the localised impacts on the Francis Street jetty area and foreshore beach area will be undertaken by the MWPA in cooperation with the City.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
The Francis Street groyne extension project aligns with the PMaxP approval documentation: Environment Protection Authority (WA) *Report 1792 – Geraldton Port Maximisation Project*, and *Ministerial Statement No. 1272* issued by the Minister for the Environment (WA).

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The project will be fully funded by the MWPA so there is no financial implication to the City.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Connected	**An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.**
Goal 1	Provide safe and inviting public spaces for people to enjoy.
Strategic Theme: Liveable	**A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.**
Goal 3	Manage and protect the City's natural environment, and identify strategies to mitigate climate change.
Strategic Theme: Thriving	**An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.**
Goal 1	Support existing businesses and attract new investment, contributing to a vibrant CBD and other key activity centres.
Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 4	Continued focus on strong advocacy to ensure that Federal and State projects, programs, and funding are aligned with our community's priorities.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
MWPA provides a crucial link between regional industries and global markets. The PMaxP is a major infrastructure project that will modernise and improve the Geraldton Port. MWPA will play a key role in enabling emerging industries, new customers with a diverse product mix and significant growth forecasted within the Mid West Region, over the next decade.

The Geraldton Foreshore is a regional important tourist attraction and maintaining its recreational assets including beaches and boating facilities is important.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
The PMaxP studies identify that without the Francis Street groyne extension project there is potential to lose both a recreational boating facility and a regionally important foreshore amenity and beaches. MWPA, under EPA report 1792 and Ministerial Statement 1272, will continue to monitor and report on the impacts of the PMaxP. If further impacts are identified MWPA will address them, as outlined in the DOA, MOU, EPA report 1792 and Ministerial Statement 1272.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

Cr S Giudice declared an Impartiality interest in Item No. IS337 as she is a community member on the Community Consultation Committee for the Mid West Ports Authority (MWPA) and remained in Chambers during the debate.

During the debate, Cr Denton requested the motion be updated to include '30 metre' extension in point 1. The mover and seconder approved the update.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **ENDORSE the 30 metre extension of the Francis Street groyne as part of the Mid West Ports Authority, Port Maximisation Project; and**
2. **DIRECT the CEO to request that Mid West Ports Authority provide regular updates on the monitoring of the town beaches post construction of the groyne and address any negative impacts arising.**

CARRIED 8/0
25/08/2026 6:39:30 PM
Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	8
No	0
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Milnes	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

12.5 REPORTS OF OFFICE OF THE CEO

Refer to item listed under ‘16. Meeting Closed to Public’.

12.6 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

RR86	REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED - AUGUST
AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-097434**
AUTHOR:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
EXECUTIVE:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
DATE OF REPORT:	**14 August 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x5)** **A. DSDD046 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval** **B. CS328 – Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes – 20 July 2026** **C. CEO153 - WALGA State Council Agenda – 2 September 2026** **D. CS329 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – July 2026** **E. CS330 - List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – July 2026**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to receive the Reports of the City of Greater Geraldton.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
   a. Reports – Development Services:
      i. DSDD046 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval;
   b. Reports – Corporate Services:
      i. CS328 – Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes – 20 July 2026;
   c. Reports – Office of the CEO:
      i. CEO153 - WALGA State Council Agenda – 2 September 2026.

PART B
That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Regulation 13 and 13A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
   a. Reports – Corporate Services:
      i. CS329 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – July 2026; and

ii. CS330 - List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – July 2026.

PROPONENT:
The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

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.

CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING – ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Connected:
By receiving these reports, Council is providing additional information to the community, keeping them connected to Council information and decisions.

Liveable:
There are no adverse impacts.

Thriving:
There are no adverse impacts.

Leading:
This report demonstrates the City's commitment to high-quality governance that upholds transparency and accountability.

Disclosure of Interest:
No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Reports to be received by Council at each Ordinary Meeting of Council.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
There has been no community/Council Member consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
There are no legislative or policy implications.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
There are no financial or resource implications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
There are no risks to be considered.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR KEEMINK
PART A
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **RECEIVE the following appended reports:**
   a. **Reports – Development Services:**
      i. **DSDD046 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval;**
   b. **Reports – Corporate Services:**
      i. **CS328 – Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes – 20 July 2026; and**
   c. **Reports – Office of the CEO:**
      i. **CEO153 - WALGA State Council Agenda – 2 September 2026.**

PART B
That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Regulation 13 and 13A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. **RECEIVE the following appended reports:**
   a. **Reports – Corporate Services:**
      i. **CS329 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – July 2026; and**
      ii. **CS330 - List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – July 2026.**

CARRIED 8/0
25/08/2026 6:40:48 PM
Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	8

No	0
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Milnes	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

13 MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

There were none.

14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

There were none.

15 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING

There was none.

16 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011, please note this part of the meeting *was* closed to the public, *as* confidential discussion was required.

The Executive Management Team and Officers not directly involved in this matter were requested to leave the meeting during discussions of the confidential item.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
MOVED MAYOR CLUNE, SECONDED CR KEEMINK
That Council by Simple Majority RESOLVES to MOVE behind Closed Doors and CLOSE the meeting to the public in accordance with section 5.23(4)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995, Regulation 4A(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, being a complaint that alleges a behavioural breach under the local government's adopted code of conduct (as defined in section 8A.2(1)) and any information relating to the complaint, and 5.2(2) of the City's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011, to consider Item No. CEO154 Confidential – Behaviour Matter.

CARRIED 6/2
25/08/2026 6:42:50 PM
Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	6
No	2
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Milnes	No
Cr Van Styn	No
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present

The public and City Officers left the meeting at 6.42pm.
Livestreaming was turned off at 6.43pm.

Cr Milnes, Cr Keemink and Cr Giudice left Chambers at 6.43pm.

Cr Keemink, Cr Giudice and Cr Milnes returned to Chambers at 6.44pm.

CEO154 CONFIDENTIAL – BEHAVIOUR MATTER (Public Version)

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-097180**
AUTHOR:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer / Behaviour Complaints Officer**
EXECUTIVE:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer / Behaviour Complaints Officer**
DATE OF REPORT:	**13 August 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/7/0025**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x3) Confidential** **[FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY]** **A. Confidential – Report by Independent Assessor** **B. Confidential – Draft Behaviour Plan** **C. Confidential – Briefing Note - Signed**

Confidential Item No. CEO154 and supporting attachments were provided to Council Members under separate cover.

Note: Due to the strict confidentiality provisions surrounding complaints of the newly enacted section 8A.36 of the Local Government Act 1995, the City was advised that an impartiality interest be disclosed after the meeting was closed to the public. This was to ensure that no inadvertent breach of the confidentiality provisions occur. As such, in this case, the Impartiality Interest was not disclosed at the beginning of the meeting, as is usual practice, and was only announced after the meeting had closed.

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer, declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO154 Confidential - Behaviour Matter, as the CEO and manager of the complainant. R McKim does not believe his role as Complaints Officer gives rise to an impartiality interest and remained in Chambers during the debate.

Mayor J Clune declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO154 Confidential – Behaviour Matter, as he currently has a Division 3 Behavioural Complaint against him for previous Item No. CEO151 and remained in Chambers during the debate.

Deputy Mayor Cr N Colliver declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO154 Confidential – Behaviour Matter, as she is the subject to two Division 3 Behavioural Complaints stemming from Item No. CEO151 and remained in Chambers during the debate.

Cr T Milnes declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO154 Confidential – Behaviour Matter, as he is a party associated with the complaint. Cr Milnes left Chambers at 6.46pm.

The legislation requires a third of Council to support this Council Decision prior to debate, therefore two seconders were required.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED MAYOR CLUNE, SECONDED CR PARKER *AND* SECONDED CR GIUDICE

PART A
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 and 5.25(1)(e) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. **NOTE Confidential Attachment No. CEO154C, signed by members of the Council listed below, numbering at least 1/3 of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of members of the Council, inclusive of the mover, as proof to support to consider the motion to revoke point 5 of decision Item No. CEO151:**

   i. **Mayor J Clune;**
   ii. **Deputy Mayor Cr N Colliver;**
   iii. **Cr J Denton;**
   iv. **Cr P Fiorenza;**
   v. **Cr K Parker;**
   vi. **Cr S Giudice;**
   vii. **Cr S Keemink; and**
2. **REVOKE point 5 of Council Resolution Item No. CEO151 made at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 28 July 2026:**

   That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates adopted in accordance with Section 5.104 of the Local Government Act 1995 and Council Policy 4.30 Behaviour Complaints Management, RESOLVES to:

   1. ***RECEIVE the Investigation Report (Confidential Attachment No. CEO151E) as undertaken by an Independent Assessor;***
   2. ***AGREE with the findings of the Investigation Report;***
   3. ***ACKNOWLEDGE the breaches that were substantiated;***
   4. ***ADVISE the Complainant and Respondent in writing of the outcome; and***
   5. ***ADVISE the Respondent that to address the breach, an apology is to be delivered by the Respondent to Council and the Administration at the August 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council.***

3. **NOTE the reason for revoking Council decision Item No. CEO151 point 5 is that it is inconsistent with clause 12(4) and (5) of the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021*.**

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 7/0

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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	7
No	0

TOTAL VOTES	7

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present
Cr Milnes	Not Present

During the debate, Cr Van Styn foreshadowed an alternative motion should the motion be lost.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED MAYOR CLUNE, SECONDED CR PARKER

PART B
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant clause 12 of the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* and Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates adopted in accordance with Section 5.104 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Council Policy 4.30 Code of Conduct Behaviour Complaints Management, RESOLVES to:

1. **ACKNOWLEDGE that the respondent has been consulted regarding the proposed Behaviour Plan; and**
2. **ENDORSE the proposed Behaviour Plan (Confidential Attachment CEO154B).**

LOST 3/4

25/08/2026 7:15:12 PM

Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	3
No	4
TOTAL VOTES	7

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Denton	No
Cr Giudice	No
Cr Keemink	No
Cr Van Styn	No

Cr Fiorenza	Not Present
Cr Milnes	Not Present

As the motion was lost, Cr Van Styn's foreshadowed motion became the substantive motion.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED CR DENTON
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates adopted in accordance with Section 5.104 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Council Policy 4.30 Behaviour Complaints Management RESOLVES that in relation to the findings contained in Item CEO154, Council impose no sanction on the Respondent.

CARRIED 4/3
25/08/2026 7:28:56 PM
Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	4
No	3
TOTAL VOTES	7

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Keemink	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Mayor Clune	No
Cr Colliver	No
Cr Parker	No
Cr Fiorenza	Not Present
Cr Milnes	Not Present

REASON FOR VARIATION TO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION. The respondent, as a result of a complaint from advocating for the Potters House event on the foreshore, has already suffered from an unlawful sanction motion, and should not be subjected to another unlawful sanction that risks seeing total costs for this process since March 2026 could potentially reach $100,000 or more.

Item No. CEO154 remains confidential as it dealt with a complaint that alleged a behavioural breach under the local government's adopted Code of Conduct (as defined in section 8A.2(1)) and information relating to the complaint. This information is prescribed under Regulation 4A(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 and was considered by Council with the meeting closed to the public pursuant to section 5.23(4)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995.

Cr Milnes returned to Chambers at 7.29pm and was advised of Council's Decision.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR KEEMINK
That Council by Simple Majority RESOLVES to MOVE from behind closed doors.

CARRIED 8/0

In accordance with Section 9.3 (2) of the City of Greater Geraldton's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011 as amended, the motion was passed unopposed.

The meeting was reopened to the public at 7.31pm and livestreaming recommenced.

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 7.31pm.

APPENDIX 1 – ATTACHMENTS AND REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

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