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CURRENT POLICY STATEMENT	PROPOSED	CHANGE NOTES
<p>SUSTAINABILITY THEME</p> <p>Community</p>	<p>SUSTAINABILITY THEME</p> <p>Community</p>	
<p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>To underpin the City of Greater Geraldton Youth Strategic Plan 2010-2015 and guide Council decision-making, resource allocation and actions required to respond to the issues of young people. To underpin both current and future youth service delivery such as Midnight Basketball and the Mobile Youth Centre. To highlight the significance of youth and the youth sector in the community by supporting the vision and mission of Youth'n'Motion Youth Services under the City of Greater Geraldton, which complements the City's overall vision and mission.</p>	<p>OBJECTIVES</p> <p>The Youth Policy aligns with the City of Greater Geraldton Strategic Community Plan 2017 – 2027 to guide Council directions, programs and resource allocation required to meet the needs and initiatives for young people.</p>	<p>The Youth Strategic plan referenced in the original was not ratified by Council. The Youth n Motion youth service referenced in the original is no longer operated by the City. Therefore the objective links the new policy to the Strategic Community Plan 2017-27.</p>
<p>POLICY STATEMENT</p> <p>The policy principles will be applied to all aspects of youth development and youth service delivery by Youth'n'Motion Youth services of the City of Greater Geraldton.</p>	<p>POLICY STATEMENT</p> <p>Through this policy, The City of Greater Geraldton is committed to providing direction on matters pertaining to young people aged 12 to 25 years. This policy defines the City's position for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The engagement with young people and Youth service providers; • The facilitation of youth programs and events; • The provision of facilities and infrastructure for Youth; and • The annual budget allocation for Youth programs and projects. 	<p>The Youth n Motion youth service referenced in the original is no longer operated by the City therefore the reference was removed. The proposed change defines the ages deemed to be youth, and the City's commitment to youth.</p>
<p>POLICY DETAILS</p>	<p>POLICY DETAILS</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young people are an integral part of the community and thus play an important role in the social, economic and cultural life and composition of the Greater Geraldton community, both at present and into the future. 2. Young people should be involved in local affairs and decision making on matters which have both a direct and indirect impact on youth in the community. 3. Every young person has the right to be presented with appropriate and relevant challenges and opportunities to develop their skills and talents in areas such as arts, sports, recreation, education, and employment. 	<p>Guiding Principles</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The City of Greater Geraldton is committed to creating, enhancing and sustaining our built, natural and cultural environments for our young people through the following guiding principles: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. The City of Greater Geraldton will engage collaboratively with young people in the development and planning of relevant infrastructure, facilities, programs and opportunities for young people. 1.2. The City of Greater Geraldton will maintain best practice principles in Community Development, Youth engagement and networking and will connect and foster positive relationships with Government agencies and Youth Service providers. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The change reflects a commitment by the City to youth and moves away from the original general statement in the original. 2. Wording has changed to repetitive structure of beginning with The City of Greater Geraldton. While defining what the City is required to consult youth on. 3. General statement has been replaced with a commitment in the policy to follow best practice for working in youth and community development.

<p>4. All youth in the Greater Geraldton community have the right to work, live and play in a safe, inspiring and nurturing environment.</p> <p>5. Young people have a responsibility to give back to the community due respect to people, property and the environment through their conduct and day-to-day interactions.</p> <p>6. The City of Greater Geraldton is committed to the active engagement and participation of young people in all aspects of life within the community through the provision of accurate information and inclusion in strategic decision making on issues that both directly and indirectly will have an impact on young people.</p> <p>7. The City will strive to ensure that the young people have a strong sense of belonging and that they are able to access timely and appropriate services and facilities ensuring that their mental, emotional, social and physical needs are being met.</p> <p>8. The City will contribute to the development of a community where diversity among young people is highly valued, where the individual is allowed to shine and where their contributions are recognised and celebrated.</p> <p>9. The City will work to provide an environment of real opportunity for young people by giving youth appropriate and relevant challenges, education and opportunity that will empower the to: recognise and develop their potential to the full; preparing them to be the best adults, citizens and leaders they can be.</p>	<p>1.3. The City of Greater Geraldton recognises that staff, volunteers and contractors working directly with children are required to have police clearances and Working with Children checks in line with legislative requirements.</p> <p>1.4. The City of Greater Geraldton will activate public hub locations for Youth participation including the Geraldton Foreshore and Mullewa Youth Centre and develop and promote the usage of other facilities including swimming pools, skate parks, sports and recreation parks, community centres and libraries.</p> <p>1.5. The City of Greater Geraldton will provide a range of opportunities, programs and events that are primarily for the participation and development of young people.</p> <p>1.6. The City of Greater Geraldton will work with appropriate agencies to provide opportunities and activities to vulnerable and at risk young people.</p> <p>1.7. The City of Greater Geraldton will promote safe environments and provide information that supports young people in their development.</p> <p>1.8. The City of Greater Geraldton will recognise and celebrate the achievements of young people.</p>	<p>4. Changed to reflect the legal necessity that all adults working with young people have correct police clearances.</p> <p>5. The unenforceable statement of the original has been replaced with the City's commitment to youth public spaces.</p> <p>6. The provision of information has been replaced with the provision of events and programs targeted toward young people. For example School Holiday Program, Battle of the Bands, National Youth Week</p> <p>7. Change has been made to reflect the capability of the City to be able to work with agencies like Headspace to assist young people. While moving away from the original statement which was ambiguous.</p> <p>8. The change reflects the City's ability to provide safe environments for youth through design. For example the cameras at Wonthella skate park and Foreshore Youth Precinct.</p> <p>9. Change reflects the City's recognition of young people's achievement.</p>
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<p>10. The City of Greater Geraldton will strive to ensure marginalised youth and those at risk have access to a range of preventative and diversionary activities that are both culturally appropriate and accessible.</p> <p>11. The City of Greater Geraldton recognises the youth cultural significance and importance of a Mullewa Youth Centre and will strive to maintain and prioritise its services.</p>	<p>Resourcing</p> <p>1.9. The resourcing for youth by the City will come from an adopted operating budget and other funding opportunities which include actively seeking appropriate opportunities for grant funding, partnerships and sponsorships for youth programs and events.</p>	<p>10. The reference to support marginalised youth and programs has been included in 1.5 and 1.6. The change reflects the City's ongoing commitment to funding youth development.</p> <p>11. The original reference to the City's commitment to Mullewa has been captured in 1.4 of the new policy therefore 11. Is to be removed.</p>																												
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