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CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 28 JULY 2026 AT 5.00PM
CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE

M I N U T E S

DISCLAIMER:
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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 P Fiorenza
Cr S Giudice
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
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
M Adams, Manager Sport and Leisure
M Jones, Coordinator Governance & Risk
N Jane, Chief Financial Officer
M Hunter, Manager Community and Cultural Development
P Kingdon, Manager Communications and Vibrancy
D Melling, Network and System Administrator

Others:
Members of Public: 3
Members of Press: 1

Apologies:
Cr S Keemink
F Norling, Director of Community and Culture

Leave of Absence:
Nil

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

CEO R McKim declared a Financial Direct interest in Item No. CS322 Annual CEO Performance Review 2025-26 as it relates to his employment at the City.

Cr S Van Styn declared an Impartiality Interest in Item No. CEO149 Confidential – Behaviour Matter, as he is the subject of the complaint.

Cr S Van Styn declared an Impartiality Interest in Item No. CEO150 Confidential – Behaviour Matter, as he is the subject of the complaint.

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer, declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO150 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.

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer, declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO151 Confidential - Behaviour Matter, as CEO and manager of the complainant. R McKim does not believe his role as Complaints Officer gives rise to an impartiality interest.

P Radalj, Director of Corporate Services, declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO150 Confidential - Behaviour Matter, as he was Acting CEO during this process. As Acting CEO, the role does not give rise to an impartiality interest as acting Complaints Officer.

P Radalj, Director of Corporate Services, declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO151 Confidential - Behaviour Matter, as he was Acting CEO during this process. As Acting CEO, the role does not give rise to an impartiality interest as acting Complaints Officer.

Cr T Milnes declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO151 Confidential - Behaviour Matter, as a person involved in the matter.

5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

There are no questions from previous meetings.

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 time commenced at 5.02pm.

Sean Hickey, Tarcoola Beach

Mr Hickey submitted the following questions prior to the commencement of the Council Meeting. At the Mayor's request, Mr Hickey read the questions out but was advised that these questions will be Taken on Notice pending further research.

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?

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?

Public question time concluded at 5.06pm.

Mr Hickey will be provided with responses in due course. These questions and responses will be published in the August Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda, under 'No. 5 Responses to Previous Questions Taken on Notice'.

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
Cr S Van Styn*	24 August 2026	27 August 2026	30/06/2026

**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'.

**Cr Van Styn was previously granted leave of absence as reported; however, this leave is no longer required. Accordingly, the approved leave will be removed from future reporting following the publication of the minutes of this meeting.*

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 N Colliver for the period 29 July to 6 August 2026.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR DENTON, SECONDED CR GIUDICE
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 N Colliver for the period 29 July to 6 August 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 30 June 2026, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR GIUDICE
RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 30 June 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
1 July 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview – Outcomes of Council Meeting 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
1 July 2026	Triple M Interview - Outcomes of Council Meeting 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
1 July 2026	Filming for Outcomes of Council Meeting 2026 - Coffee with a Councillor - with Cr Simon Keemink	Mayor Jerry Clune
1 July 2026	GWN7 Interview - Geraldton Regional Hospital	Mayor Jerry Clune
2 July 2026	University of WA (UWA) and WA Centre for Rural Health (WACRH) Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 July 2026	GWN7 Interview - eRideables	Mayor Jerry Clune
5 July 2026	Rotary Club of Greater Geraldton - Annual Dinner	Mayor Jerry Clune
6 July 2026	Mayor/ CEO/ Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
6 July 2026	Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 July 2026	National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) - AusAlert Overview	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 July 2026	Greater Geraldton CEO Performance Review Panel Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 July 2026	Concept Forum 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
8 July 2026	Outcome of CEO Performance Review - Panel Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
9 July 2026	ABC Radio Interview – Dust Issues	Mayor Jerry Clune
9 July 2026	Sky News Interview - Have Your Say Series for the Bush Summit – Geraldton Tourism and Local Matters	Mayor Jerry Clune
9 July 2026	Meeting with Resident – Barking Dog	Mayor Jerry Clune
11 July 2026	Geraldton Regional Art Gallery (GRAG) Exhibition Opening Event – A Morning at the Gallery	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
12 July 2026	Acknowledgement of Funding - Country Women's Association (CWA) Geraldton - Greenough - Community Stall Equipment	Mayor Jerry Clune
12 July 2026	West Coast MotoCross (MX) Skate Series	Mayor Jerry Clune
13 July 2026	Mayor/CEO/Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
13 July 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
14 July 2026	Geraldton Associated Taxis Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
14 July 2026	Mid West Ports Association (MWPA) Board Sundowner	Mayor Jerry Clune
15 July 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview – Dust, Festivals, Taxis	Mayor Jerry Clune
15 July 2026	Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) - Fire Weather District Boundaries	Mayor Jerry Clune
16 July 2026	Geraldton Disability Expo 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
16 July 2026	Marine Rescue Geraldton – Future Location	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 July 2026	Regional Capitals Alliance Western Australia (RCAWA) Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune

17 July 2026	Geraldton Guardian Interview - Local Government Standards Panel's Findings	Mayor Jerry Clune
18 July 2026	Mullewa Volunteer Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS) Captain's Dinner	Mayor Jerry Clune
20 July 2026	Mayor/Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
20 July 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
20 July 2026	Regular meeting with Local Member Hon Sandra Carr MLC	Mayor Jerry Clune
20 July 2026	Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 July 2026	Geraldton Airport Microgrid Project – Official Opening	Mayor Jerry Clune
21 July 2026	Agenda Forum 2026 - Walkaway	Mayor Jerry Clune
22 July 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview – Local Government Standards Panel's Findings, Airport Microgrid, Youth Precinct	Mayor Jerry Clune
22 July 2026	Lotterywest Grant Presentation by the Hon. Hannah Beazley BA MLA, Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne - Geraldton Youth Precinct	Mayor Jerry Clune
22 July 2026	Meeting with Hon. Hannah Beazley BA MLA - Matters Relating to the Region	Mayor Jerry Clune
22 July 2026	ABC Interview – Flat Rocks Toilet Block Vandalism	Mayor Jerry Clune
23 July 2026	ABC Interview – Fire Weather District Boundaries	Mayor Jerry Clune
23 July 2026	7NEWS Interview – Beam / Ario and Flat Rocks Toilet Block Vandalism	Mayor Jerry Clune
23 July 2026	Museum of Geraldton - Cosmic Echoes - A Shared Sky Indigenous Art Exhibition	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 July 2026	Motocross Club – Future of Club Grounds	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 July 2026	Midwest Gascoyne Regional Championships (MWG) - Opening Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 July 2026	Midwest Multicultural Association - Multicultural Concert	Mayor Jerry Clune
26 July 2026	Annual Tree Planting Day – Geraldton Scouts Group	Mayor Jerry Clune
27 July 2026	Mayor/CEO/Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
27 July 2026	Industrial Land Consultation – Opening Remarks to Workshop	Mayor Jerry Clune
28 July 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 MEETING

There was none.

12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

12.1 REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

DS100 BUSHFIRE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN 2026 - 2028

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-079356**
AUTHOR:	**M Smith, Coordinator Emergency Management**
EXECUTIVE:	**T Free, Director Development Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**2 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x2)** **A. Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026 to 2028** **B. Office of Bushfire Management - Letter of Endorsement**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026-2028 (the Plan).

The Bushfire Risk Management Planning Program is a statewide initiative led by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) that supports local governments in managing bushfire risk through an integrated planning framework. The City of Greater Geraldton commenced development of its first Bushfire Risk Management Plan in 2019, with the Plan subsequently endorsed by the Office of Bushfire Risk Management (OBRM) on 20 April 2021.

In accordance with the program's review requirements, the Plan has been updated and resubmitted to the OBRM, which endorsed the revised Plan (Attachment No. DS100A) on 21 May 2026. The endorsed Plan is now presented to Council for approval.

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

1. APPROVE the City of Greater Geraldton Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026-2028.

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

BACKGROUND:
The Bushfire Risk Management Planning Program is a statewide initiative led by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and guided by the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) to support local governments in identifying, assessing and managing bushfire risk. Established in response to recommendations arising from the Perth Hills Bushfire February 2011 Review, the program promotes a coordinated, risk-based approach to bushfire risk management across Western Australia.

The Office of Bushfire Risk Management, a branch of DFES, provides the planning framework, guidelines and oversight necessary to ensure Bushfire Risk Management Plans are developed consistently across the State. While the preparation of a Plan is not mandatory, SEMC has recommended their development since 2016 and an endorsed Plan is a prerequisite for local governments seeking access to Bushfire Mitigation Activity Fund grants.

In 2019, the City of Greater Geraldton commenced development of its first Plan in accordance with OBRM guidelines. The purpose of the Plan is to provide a coordinated and systematic approach to identifying, assessing and treating bushfire risks to assets across the local government area. The Plan also supports informed decision-making, resource prioritisation, multi-agency coordination and the integration of bushfire risk management into organisational and land management practices.

A key component of the Plan is the identification and assessment of assets using the DFES Bushfire Risk Management System, which uses a GIS-based methodology to map assets and assess associated bushfire risk.

The City's inaugural Bushfire Risk Management Plan was submitted to OBRM in December 2020 and endorsed on 20 April 2021. In accordance with the program's review requirements, the Plan has been reviewed and updated. The Plan (Attachment No. DS100A) was submitted to OBRM in May 2026. Following assessment and incorporation of feedback, the Plan was endorsed by OBRM on 21 May 2026 (Attachment No. DS100B) and is now presented to Council for consideration and adoption.

Council adoption of the endorsed Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026–2028 will support the continued implementation of a coordinated and strategic approach to bushfire risk management, while ensuring the City remains eligible to apply for Bushfire Mitigation Activity Fund grants available to local governments identified as high risk under State Emergency Management Plan 2.9.

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

<u>Connected:</u>
The Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026–2028 supports community safety and resilience by identifying and prioritising bushfire risks to community assets across the City. The Plan focuses mitigation activities on assets near residential areas and promotes shared responsibility for bushfire preparedness by supporting property owners to better understand and manage identified bushfire risks.

<u>Liveable:</u>
The Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026–2028 supports the protection of environmental assets by identifying and assessing bushfire risks to coastal and natural areas. The Plan prioritises risk-based mitigation treatments and promotes a coordinated approach to bushfire risk management across land managers to help protect environmental values and improve resilience.

Thriving:
The Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026–2028 supports economic resilience by identifying and assessing bushfire risks to economic assets and critical infrastructure across the City. The Plan prioritises mitigation activities to protect assets that support local industry, employment and essential services, helping to minimise disruption and support the continuity of economic activity across the region.

Leading:
The Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026–2028 supports informed decision-making and strategic risk management by providing a framework to identify, assess and treat bushfire risks across the City. The Plan also supports coordinated action between the City, government agencies and land managers, while maintaining eligibility for Bushfire Mitigation Activity Fund grants to assist with the delivery of bushfire risk reduction initiatives.

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
On 25 May 2021 Council resolved (Item No. IS235) to approve and adopt the City of Greater Geraldton Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2021-2026.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
Consultation was undertaken with relevant Officers from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the Office of Bushfire Risk Management throughout the development and review of the Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026-2028.

Targeted consultation was also undertaken with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions regarding fire management and land tenure matters associated with environmental assets.

Representatives from local telecommunications, rail and utility sectors were consulted to confirm the identification and assessment of critical economic assets.

Internal consultation was undertaken with the City's Climate, Environment and Waste team and the Strategic Planning team to inform the identification and assessment of environmental assets and proposed mitigation treatments.

The City's Chief Bush Fire Control Officer was also consulted during the development of the Plan.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
The Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026-2028 has been prepared in accordance with the Bushfire Risk Management Planning Program administered by the DFES and supports the SEMC recommendation that local governments develop and maintain a Bushfire Risk Management Plan under the *Emergency Management Act 2005*. Adoption of the Plan demonstrates the

City's commitment to a coordinated and risk-based approach to bushfire risk management and maintains eligibility for Bushfire Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF) grants.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
While Council's adoption of the Plan has no direct financial or resource implications, the City currently undertakes bushfire mitigation works on assets it owns or manages, with an average annual expenditure of approximately $160,000 over the past five years.

Adoption of the Plan will maintain the City's eligibility to apply for Bushfire Mitigation Activity Fund (MAF) grants. Where successful, MAF funding can provide up to 50% of the cost of initial bushfire risk mitigation treatments, assisting the City to reduce the financial burden of delivering bushfire mitigation works and maximise available resources for risk reduction activities.

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.
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: 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:
The Plan applies to assets across the entire City area, including critical infrastructure such as telecommunications towers, rail infrastructure, power generation and distribution facilities, wind farms, bridges and communication networks that provide essential services and connectivity throughout the region.

Effective management of bushfire risk to these assets supports the continuity of critical services, strengthens regional resilience and helps minimise disruptions to communities, industry and economic activity.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Bushfire poses a significant risk to the City, with the potential to impact people, property, infrastructure and the environment. The Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026–2028 provides a structured and evidence-based approach to managing this risk by establishing the local context, identifying assets exposed to bushfire, assessing the likelihood and consequences of bushfire impacts and assigning risk ratings. The Plan then prioritises risks requiring treatment and

outlines targeted mitigation strategies to reduce identified risks to acceptable levels. Ongoing consultation, implementation, monitoring and reporting ensure that bushfire risks are managed in a coordinated and strategic manner, improving community safety and resilience across the City.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
Not adopting the Bushfire Risk Management Plan would leave the City without a current endorsed framework for managing bushfire risk and result in the loss of eligibility for Bushfire Mitigation Activity Fund grants. Accordingly, this option is not recommended.

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

1. **APPROVE the City of Greater Geraldton Bushfire Risk Management Plan 2026-2028.**

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.

DS101 COUNCIL POLICY 4.8 - LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-079189**
AUTHOR:	**A Gaze, Manager Regulatory Services**
EXECUTIVE:	**T Free, Director Development Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**6 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0027**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x2) x1 Confidential** **A. Council Policy 4.8 - Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees** **B. Confidential - Engagement Terms and Costs Agreement**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to provide financial assistance for legal representation costs incurred by a City Employee pursuant to Council Policy 4.8 - Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees.

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

1. ENDORSE the Chief Executive Officer’s approval of financial assistance for legal representation for the Employee named in Attachment No. DS101B pursuant to section 6.1 of Council Policy 4.8 – Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees;
2. NOTE the matter may be returned for Council consideration if further additional legal representation costs associated with this matter are necessary and exceed the upper limit prescribed under section 4.1 of Council Policy 4.8 – Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees; and
3. NOTE that the City's support is provided subject to the provisions, conditions and repayment requirements contained within Council Policy 4.8 - Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees (Confidential Attachment No. DS101A).

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

BACKGROUND:
The City Employee to which this report relates is responsible for administering and enforcing a range of statutory compliance requirements. As part of those duties, the City Employee has been directly involved in compliance and enforcement action concerning the community member involved in these proceedings.

The City has had ongoing dealings with the community member since 2014 in relation to a range of compliance matters. The community member is currently being prosecuted by the City for alleged breaches of a Building Order and unlawful use of land, and is also challenging infringement notices issued by the City.

The community member is also currently restricted under the City's Council Policy 4.28 - Unreasonable Customer Conduct Policy.

The community member has subsequently lodged a Misconduct Restraining Order (MRO) application against the City Employee. The Administration considers that the application arises directly from actions undertaken by the City Employee in the performance of their employment duties and statutory functions on behalf of the City.

Council Policy 4.8 - Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees provides a framework for the City to support employees involved in legal proceedings arising from the performance of their official functions where specified criteria are satisfied.

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

Connected:
Supporting employees undertaking statutory compliance functions contributes to a safe and respectful workplace and promotes confidence amongst staff carrying out regulatory duties on behalf of the community.

Liveable:
The recommendation supports a safe workplace by ensuring employees undertaking statutory compliance functions are appropriately supported when legal proceedings arise from the performance of their duties.

Thriving:
The recommendation supports the City's ability to effectively undertake compliance and regulatory activities, contributing to a well-functioning and sustainable organisation.

Leading:
The matter demonstrates Council's commitment to supporting employees acting in good faith while undertaking lawful compliance and enforcement functions. It also reinforces sound governance and organisational accountability.

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Legal representation costs were approved by the Chief Executive Officer in similar circumstances in 2014 under former Council Policy 007 - Legal Representation Costs Indemnification. Under that policy, Council approval was not required for the provision of legal representation or the associated costs.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
A confidential Briefing Note was provided to Council Members on 5 July 2026 outlining the matter and the proposed application of Council Policy 4.8 – Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
Council Policy 4.8 – Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees is relevant to this matter and requires that:

- the legal proceedings arise from the employee's functions;
- legal proceedings have commenced or may commence;
- the employee has acted in good faith and in accordance with applicable laws and policies; and
- the matter is not personal or private in nature.

The Administration considers that the MRO application satisfies these requirements as it results directly from actions undertaken by the City Employee in their role.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The estimate provided in Attachment No. DS101B represents anticipated costs only. Additional costs may arise should the matter extend beyond the current scope of engagement.

Funding is to be met from the City's existing legal services budget allocation.

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. The recommendation relates solely to the provision of legal representation assistance to a City employee and does not affect regional programs, services or partnerships.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Approval of support under Council Policy 4.8 – Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees assists in mitigating the following risks:

- Employees will be deterred from undertaking lawful compliance and enforcement functions if required to personally bear legal costs arising from the performance of their duties.
- Failure to support employees in appropriate circumstances may adversely impact staff wellbeing, retention and organisational culture.

- Failure to consistently apply Council Policy 4.8 – Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees, may expose the City to governance risks.

Risks associated with approval include expenditure of public funds on legal representation however, the matter falls within a policy framework specifically established by Council for such circumstances and is expected to be met within the City's existing legal services budget allocation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
Council may refuse the request for financial assistance. The City Employee would therefore be required to meet their own legal representation costs in defending proceedings arising from actions undertaken as part of their employment duties. This would be inconsistent with the intent of Council Policy 4.8 – Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees to support employees in legal proceedings arising from their official functions. Accordingly, this option is not recommended.

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

1. **ENDORSE the Chief Executive Officer's approval of financial assistance for legal representation for the Employee named in Attachment No. DS101B pursuant to section 6.1 of Council Policy 4.8 – Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees;**
2. **NOTE the matter may be returned for Council consideration if further additional legal representation costs associated with this matter are necessary and exceed the upper limit prescribed under section 4.1 of Council Policy 4.8 – Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees; and**
3. **NOTE that the City's support is provided subject to the provisions, conditions and repayment requirements contained within Council Policy 4.8 - Legal Representation for Council Members and Employees (Confidential Attachment No. DS101A).**

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

12.2 REPORTS OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

CC037 APPOINTMENT OF THE HMAS SYDNEY II MEMORIAL WARDEN AND DEPUTY WARDEN 2026-2028

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-063727**
AUTHOR:	**M Adams, Manager Sport and Leisure**
EXECUTIVE:	**F Norling, Director Community and Culture**
DATE OF REPORT:	**04 June 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**No**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval on the appointment of the HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Warden and Deputy Warden for the two (2) year term of 2026-2028.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 3.18 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPOINT Peter (Spike) Jones to the role of HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Warden;
2. APPOINT Warren Nathan to the role of HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Deputy Warden;
3. COMMENCE both appointments on 19 November 2026 for a period of two (2) years ending 19 November 2028; and
4. SET the role and responsibilities of the Warden as per the HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Conservation Framework.

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

BACKGROUND:
The Warden's role is focused on the commemorative space as defined in the Conservation Framework and provides support and advice to City Officers.

The Conservation Framework, which guides the management of the Memorial, previously recommended the annual appointment of a Warden. In early 2018, the then HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Advisory Committee (the Committee) reviewed the process for recommending the appointment of a Warden and Deputy Warden. The outcome of the review was that future nominations for Warden should be advertised to the public and that two (2) year appointments would be more efficient.

In October 2022 (Item No. IS269), Council appointed Peter (Spike) Jones to the role of HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Warden and Warren Nathan to the role of Deputy Warden for a two (2) year period ending 19 November 2024.

In July 2024 (Item No. CC019), Council appointed Peter (Spike) Jones as HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Warden and Warren Nathan as Deputy Warden for a further two (2) year term concluding on 19 November 2026.

These appointments were made as an exception to the standard election process, in accordance with the HMAS *Sydney* II Conservation Framework page 11 "Appointment of Wardens" as per following excerpt.

> ***Appointment of Wardens***
> *The City of Greater Geraldton (CGG) will appoint a Warden of the HMAS Sydney II Memorial annually, selected from eminent Citizens of Geraldton and representatives from organisations who have assisted servicemen and women in war and peace.*
>
> *The Memorial commemorates the loss of sailors, airmen and civilians who were the Ship's Company of HMAS Sydney, so appointment of Wardens will be from ex-Service persons from the Navy and Air Force or a suitably experienced non-Service person, either to be drawn from the Geraldton community. Wardens may be re-appointed at the discretion of CGG.*
>
> *In selecting a Warden for appointment, the CGG will consult with the Naval Association of Australia, Geraldton Sub Section (NAA) and the Returned and Services League, Geraldton Sub Branch (RSL).*
>
> *The Warden will assume appointment on 19th November of each year in a handover ceremony at the annual commemorative service and is appointed Custodian of the Memorial for 12 months. This responsibility is for the Commemorative Space as defined in the Conservation Framework for the Memorial and the Warden will assist the CGG Memorial Manager (see above) with the daily care and administration of the Memorial and consulting with the CGG on any concerns regarding the maintenance of the Memorial or on any significant issues arising from its daily care.*
>
> *The CGG will retain primary responsibility for the overall care, control and management of the Mount Scott Site which includes the Memorial and accordingly CGG will undertake all reasonable efforts within available resources to ensure high quality presentation and maintenance of the Memorial and its surrounds.*
>
> *The Warden will attend to all matters of Customs, Traditions and Protocol and for the overall conduct of commemorative ceremonies in conjunction with CGG staff. The Warden will also assist in determining approval for any other requests from Ex Service Organisations wishing to honour the men of HMAS Sydney II. The ceremonies will also be attended by Sub-Wardens appointed by the NAA in conjunction with the RSL. There is no dedicated number of Sub-Wardens but it is desirable that enough attend to have sufficient to perform as Ushers at large ceremonies at the Memorial.*

As part of this process, the City received favourable feedback from key external stakeholders, including the Naval Association of Australia (NAA), the Returned and Services League Geraldton Sub Branch (RSL) and the Geraldton Voluntary Tour Guides Association (GVTG).

Both incumbents have since expressed a desire to continue in their roles for a further two (2) year term, extending to 19 November 2028, with Officers again receiving strong stakeholder support.

On this basis, Officers recommend that an expression of interest process is not required and that both individuals be reappointed for a further two (2) year term, recognising their contribution and ensuring continuity in the roles.

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

Connected:
The HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial is a source of great pride in the community with a strong level of community ownership and interest. The Conservation Framework acknowledges the social value of the Memorial and includes avenues for continued community involvement, one such avenue being the appointment of a Warden and Deputy Warden.

Liveable:
The HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial is a significant heritage site of military importance.

Thriving:
The economic value of heritage tourism is recognised globally. As the major tourism attraction for Greater Geraldton, the HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial attracts a significant number of visitors to the region annually.

Leading:
The HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Conservation Framework governs the HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial, including the protocols for the appointment of the Warden and Deputy Warden.

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Council at its meeting held on 30 July 2024 (Item No. CC019) resolved to appoint the current wardens and set their roles and responsibilities according to the Memorial Conservation Framework.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
When appointing the Warden, the Conservation Framework recommends consulting with the Naval Association of Australia (NAA), Geraldton Sub Section and the Returned and Services League Geraldton Sub Branch (RSL).

These groups were consulted and all expressed support for the current position holders to be appointed for a further two (2) year term. They reported that the current Warden and Deputy Warden act with respect and integrity, whilst ensuring the significance and dignity of the memorial are preserved.

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: 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 1	Prioritise greening the City's streetscapes and public spaces, with a focus on pathways and open space areas.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
The HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial is recognised as a significant national asset. It attracts attention to the Mid West region and Geraldton, bringing tourism and associated benefit.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Whilst the City retains primary responsibility for the overall care, control and management of the Mount Scott site, appointment of a Warden assists the City with the daily care and administration of the Memorial and serves as an avenue to consult on any concerns regarding maintenance or other significant issues.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
The recommendation is based upon the experience and value that the applicants have brought to their roles. Council could however choose to readvertise the position(s) and appoint an alternative Warden and/or Deputy Warden.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR GIUDICE, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 3.18 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **APPOINT Peter (Spike) Jones to the role of HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Warden;**
2. **APPOINT Warren Nathan to the role of HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Deputy Warden;**
3. **COMMENCE both appointments on 19 November 2026 for a period of two (2) years ending 19 November 2028; and**
4. **SET the role and responsibilities of the Warden as per the HMAS *Sydney* II Memorial Conservation Framework.**

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

CS315	VOTING DELEGATES - 2026 WALGA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-073548**
AUTHOR:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
EXECUTIVE:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**30 June 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GR/11/0056-013**
ATTACHMENTS:	**No**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is for Council to appoint two Voting Delegates and two Proxy Voting Delegates to represent the City of Greater Geraldton at the 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), being held in Perth on 17 September 2026.

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

1. APPOINT Deputy Mayor Cr N Colliver and Cr S Giudice as Voting Delegates to represent the City of Greater Geraldton at the 2026 WALGA Annual General Meeting; and
2. APPOINT [Name] and [Name] as Proxy Voting Delegates to represent the City of Greater Geraldton at the 2026 WALGA Annual General Meeting.

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

BACKGROUND:
The 2026 WALGA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 2:30pm on Thursday, 17 September 2026, in conjunction with the 2026 Local Government Convention.

Each Member Local Government is entitled to be represented by two Voting Delegates. A Voting Delegate is entitled to one vote.

In the event one or both registered Voting Delegates are unable to attend, provision is made for up to two Proxies to also be registered. A Proxy is entitled to vote in the absence of a Voting Delegate.

Voting Delegates and Proxies are to be registered by the Chief Executive Officer prior to 5:00pm on Tuesday, 1 September 2026.

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

<u>**Connected:**</u>
There are no adverse impacts.

Liveable:
There are no adverse impacts.

Thriving:
There are no adverse impacts.

Leading:
The WALGA AGM includes debate, discussion, and decision making on matters that directly impact upon the management and operations of regional local governments.

When considering their vote on behalf of the City of Greater Geraldton, delegates will ensure motions are in line with the City's Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan.

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Council at its meeting on 29 July 2025 (Item No. CS232), appointed Mayor Clune and Councillor Denton as Voting Delegates and former Cr Horsman as Proxy Voting Delegate, for the 2025 WALGA Annual General Meeting.

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

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
Subject to the WALGA Constitution, each Ordinary Member is entitled to be represented at any AGM of the Association by two (2) delegates. A delegate unable to attend an AGM is entitled to cast a vote by proxy.

Council Members registered to attend are to refer to Council Policy 4.1 Council Member Continuing Professional Development & Travel (the Policy).

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
Attendance at the AGM is free for all Council Members and Officers from Member Local Governments. The cost of travel and accommodation to attend the AGM is estimated between $900 to $1,400 per delegate dependant on options available at time of booking.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Liveable	**A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.**
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 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 WALGA AGM provides an opportunity to represent the Greater Geraldton region in a forum which deals with common interests and emerging issues concerning local governments in Western Australia.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Member Local Governments are asked to register the attendance of Voting Delegates and Proxies in advance. If delegates are not appointed, the City will not have voting entitlements at the WALGA AGM.

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

Nominations were received from Deputy Mayor Cr N Colliver and Cr S Giudice prior to the meeting.

Mayor Clune moved a motion different from the Executive Recommendation to delete point 2, as there are no proxies available to attend the WALGA Annual General Meeting.

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

1. **APPOINT Deputy Mayor Cr N Colliver and Cr S Giudice as Voting Delegates to represent the City of Greater Geraldton at the 2026 WALGA Annual General Meeting.**

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.

REASON FOR VARIATION TO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: That Council remove point 2 as there are no proxy voting delegates available to attend the 2026 WALGA Annual General Meeting.

CS316 COUNCIL POLICY 1.8 COMMUNITY FUNDING PROGRAMS

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-080562**
AUTHOR:	**N Jane, Chief Financial Officer**
EXECUTIVE:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**8 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/14/0008**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x3)** **A. Draft Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs (v4)** **B. Comparison Table – Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs** **C. Draft Community Funding Guidelines**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of revised Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs, version 4 and the associated Community Funding Guidelines. The policy has undergone review with proposed changes detailed in the attached comparison table (Attachment No. CS316B).

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Sections 2.7 and 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs, version 4 and the associated Community Funding Guidelines.

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

BACKGROUND:
This Council Policy was first approved on 24 June 2018, replacing Council Policy 1.8 Minor Sporting Facilities and Self-Supporting Loans and CP033 Community Funding – Item No. CCS343 – Council Policy CP 1.8 Community Funding Programs. The policy reconfigured the existing funding programs to provide more effective and targeted support to the community.

The current version of the policy (version 3) was endorsed in July 2023 with only minor changes.

The proposed version 4 of the policy proposes changes to funding programs including new streams and increased frequency based on feedback and observations since the inception of this program in 2018, including how other local governments deliver their community funding programs. The City has also taken the opportunity to obtain an independent assessment of the governance framework associated with the policy and guidelines.

Following the advice received, the revised policy and guidelines are presented to Council for approval. The policy establishes the overarching framework for the Community Funding Programs, while the guidelines set out the operational detail, including program administration and assessment requirements (Attachment No. CS316C).

The policy and guidelines require applicants to outline how their funding request aligns with the themes of the Strategic Community Plan and supports delivery of the community vision, “Growing Greater Geraldton together”.

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

Connected:
The Community Funding Programs seek to support an engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe. They provide support to applicants for programs, initiatives and events which build social connections, and celebrate our community. The revised guidelines are aimed at providing improved user-friendly processes for applicants.

Liveable:
The Sporting Facilities and Equipment Program directly supports community health and wellbeing by helping local sporting organisations maintain, upgrade, and improve sporting facilities and purchase equipment. These projects will make our community spaces safer, more accessible, and more enjoyable for everyone, whether through infrastructure improvements or new equipment.

Thriving:
Through the Community Events and Festival and Events Programs, the City supports inclusive events that welcome people, celebrate local identity, build community pride, and encourage visitors to experience the region.

Leading:
Endorsing the Policy and associated Guidelines will provide the community with clear information about available Community Funding Programs, eligibility requirements, application processes, and assessment criteria. It will also support good governance by promoting transparency and accountability.

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Council previously endorsed version 3 of this policy on 25 July 2023 through Item No. CS055 Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
Council Members were provided with a Briefing Note on 3 July 2026, outlining the policy review process and proposed amendments. The draft policy and guidelines were then discussed at the Council Concept Forum on 7 July 2026.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
The *Local Government Act* 1995 requires that Councils establish good governance principles through the introduction of policies and guidelines.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The 2026-27 Budget makes provision for delivery of the Community Funding Programs as follows:

- Community Initiatives, Community Events and Sporting Facilities & Equipment Programs - $165,000
- Rapid Response Program - $50,000
- Community In-kind Assistance Program - $30,000
- Festival and Events - $176,000
- Service Agreements - $101,000

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Connected	**An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.**
Goal 3	Support and celebrate the City's diverse community through programs, initiatives and events, which build social connections.
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: Thriving	**An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.**
Goal 5	Support and promote diverse tourism offerings, making the City a destination of choice.
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:
Delivery of this program supports programs, services, projects and events through the local and broader community.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
Ensuring that the Council Policy Register is current and comprehensive supports the role of Council in good governance of the Local Government of the City of Greater Geraldton. Further, careful and considered application of this policy will ensure the application of a fair and transparent process to assess applications for the allocation of funds through the City's Community Funding Programs.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Sections 2.7 and 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs, version 4 and the associated Community Funding Guidelines, with the following changes (to be determined by Council); and
2. Note the reason for the change (to be determined by Council).

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR DENTON
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Sections 2.7 and 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs, version 4 and the associated Community Funding Guidelines.**

CARRIED 6/2
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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 Fiorenza	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Milnes	No
Cr Van Styn	No
Cr Keemink	Not Present

CS317 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 JUNE 2026

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-080604**
AUTHOR:	**A O'Connell, Senior Management Accountant / Analyst**
EXECUTIVE:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**8 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**FM/17/0017**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x1)** **Monthly Financial Report for period ended 30 June 2026**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a comprehensive report on the City's finances to 30 June 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 30 June 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.

Note that this is only an interim version of the City's financial position and performance for the year ending 30 June 2026. Figures will change and the final position will only be known once the end of year (EOY) close-out has occurred and the final accounts audited.

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, including the Mid-Year Budget review amendments endorsed in March 2026. 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 this item and 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 GIUDICE, 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 30 June 2026 incorporating the Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position.**

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

CS320 ANNUAL PROCUREMENT PLAN - CORPORATE SUPPLY CONTRACTS RENEWALS FY 2026-27

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-080677**
AUTHOR:	**C Bryant, Coordinator Procurement**
EXECUTIVE:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**12 June 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**FM/25/0175**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x1) Confidential** **Confidential – Annual Procurement Plan Corporate Supply Contracts - Renewals FY 2026-27**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the Annual Procurement Plan for Corporate Supply Contracts – Renewals FY 2026-27 (Procurement Plan). The endorsement of the Procurement Plan is tied to changes to the Delegation Register endorsed by Council at its Ordinary Meeting of Council on 30 June 2026 (Item No. CS309) which increased the Chief Executive Officer's delegation to award tenders.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Sections 5.42 and 5.43(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. ENDORSE and APPROVE the Annual Procurement Plan for Corporate Supply Contracts – Renewals FY 2026-27.

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

BACKGROUND:
Delegation 1.1.17 provides that the Chief Executive Officer may award tenders as follows:

For the avoidance of doubt, all figures associated with this Delegation are exclusive of GST.

1. *Authority to determine whether or not to reject tenders that do not comply with requirements as specified in the invitation to tender [F&G.r.18(2)].*
2. *Authority to seek clarification from tenderers in relation to information contained in their tender submission [F&G r.18(4a)].*
3. *Authority to assess, by written evaluation, tenders that have not been rejected, to determine:*
   i. *The extent to which each tender satisfies the criteria for deciding which tender to accept; and*
   ii. *To accept the tender that is most advantageous within the $500,000 or less detailed as a condition on this Delegation [F&G r.18(4)] or*
   iii. *To accept the tender that is most advantageous where the required supply is included in the Council endorsed Annual Procurement Plan for Corporate Supply Contracts, and the estimated contract price is within 20% of the approved estimated budget for that item [5.43(b) & F&G r.18(4)] and under $1,000,000 per annum as detailed as a condition on this Delegation.*

There are currently fifteen (15) corporate supply contract renewals identified for advertising in the 2026-27 financial year. Ten (10) have an estimated annual spend below $1,000,000 excluding GST, and five (5) have an estimated annual spend of $1,000,000 or more excluding GST. This delegation does not apply to project-related tenders, which will continue to be presented to Council for decision through a Request for Tender process.

These tenders are issued for continuation of service of supply contracts utilised by City departments for both operational and capital expenditure budgets where the estimated contract value will exceed the tender threshold of $250,000 throughout the contract duration (usually three (3) years). An annual procurement plan for corporate supply contracts renewals has been completed for each calendar year to streamline the Administration's procurement planning.

Previously, all corporate supply contracts renewals tenders with an estimated contract value of over $500,000 over the duration of the contract have required award by Council.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council of June 2026, Council endorsed changes to the Delegations Register 2026-27 reducing the number of supply tenders Council need to award. This change was tied to Council's endorsement of an Annual Procurement Plan for Corporate Supply Contracts for the financial year. This will allow Council meeting time to focus on strategic matters.

Tenders awarded by the CEO as part of the Annual Procurement Plan will be reported to Council quarterly. The following information will be provided to Council:

- Name of Supply Contract awarded
- Name of successful tenderer
- List of tenderers who submitted
- Contract value price
- Percentage rise or fall of new contract value compared to previous contract value
- Period of contract and commencement date

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

Connected:
There are no adverse impacts.

Liveable:
Without the ability to delegate to the CEO, Council would be required to award all corporate supply contracts renewals tenders with an estimated spend over $500,000 over the duration of the contract. This may reduce efficiency and impede the ability to deliver effective services to the community.

Thriving:
There are no adverse impacts.

Leading:
Delegating to the CEO demonstrates strong leadership in resource management and service delivery. This creates efficiencies in Council meetings by removing operational matters and reinforces the City's commitment to ethical and responsible leadership with a strong focus on strategic matters.

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Prior to the changes to the Delegation Register, the CEO had a financial delegation to award all tenders under $500,000.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
The Delegation Register was endorsed by Council at Ordinary Council Meeting of 30 June 2026 (Item No. CS309).

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
The *Local Government Act 1995* and Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services were observed when preparing the Annual Procurement Plan for Corporate Supply Contracts Renewals FY 2026-27.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
There are no specific financial implications in endorsing the Annual Procurement Plan as these contracts are necessary for the provision of services. The total estimated annual expenditure for corporate supply contracts renewals for financial year 2026-27 is $11,710,000 excluding GST. If all extension options are exercised, the total estimated contract value over three years is $35,130,000 excluding GST. These estimated values relate only to contracts included in the 2026–27 Annual Procurement Plan. Additional contracts may arise during the financial year and, where required, will be presented to Council for award through the standard procurement process. These estimates also exclude lower-value contracts that do not require award through a public tender process.

Funding is received from allocations contained within either/both operational and capital expenditure budgets. Any cost variations will be reflected in future Annual Budgets and the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

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:
Council can choose to make changes to the Delegation Register Council recently endorsed in June 2026. However, there is risk that without delegation there will be a significant impact on the efficient and effective delivery of services, particularly as Council meets once a month.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
Council could choose to change its position on the Delegations Register and continue to award all corporate supply tenders with an estimated spend over $500,000 over the duration of the contract. This may reduce efficiency and impede the ability to deliver effective services to the community.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR GIUDICE
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Sections 5.42 and 5.43(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. **ENDORSE and APPROVE the Annual Procurement Plan for Corporate Supply Contracts – Renewals FY 2026-27.**

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

CS322 ANNUAL CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2025-26

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-076422**
AUTHOR:	**N Hope, Manager People, Safety and Wellbeing**
EXECUTIVE:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**9 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0013-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x3) x2 Confidential** **A. Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination** **FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS ONLY** **B. Confidential – CEO Performance Review Panel Minutes – 7 July 2026** **C. Confidential – 2026-27 CEO Performance Plan**

Confidential Attachment Nos. CS322B and CS322C have been provided to Council Members only under separate cover.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this item is to seek Council's endorsement of the Chief Executive Officer's (CEO) performance review for the 2025-26 financial year.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 5.38 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Clause 18 of the *City of Greater Geraldton's Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination* RESOLVES to:

1. NOTE the report and recommendations contained in the CEO Performance Review Panel Minutes dated 7 July 2026;
2. ENDORSE the review of the 2025-26 CEO Performance Plan;
3. INFORM the CEO in writing of the results of the review, in accordance with the provisions of clause 19 of the *City of Greater Geraldton's Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination;* and
4. ADOPT the 2026-27 CEO Performance Plan.

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

BACKGROUND:
The *City of Greater Geraldton's Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination* (CEO Standards) were adopted by Council on 27 April 2021 (Item No. CCS588). Division 3 of these Standards outlines the standards for reviewing the performance of Chief Executive Officers (CEOs).

In line with clause 16 of the CEO Standards, Council established a CEO Performance Review Panel (the Panel) to provide advice and recommendations on CEO performance reviews. The Panel convened on 7 July 2026 to undertake the Chief Executive Officer's performance review for the 2025–26 period. Attached are the minutes from that meeting for reference (Confidential Attachment No. CS322B).

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

Connected:
The CEO KPI's connect to this Strategic Community Plan Theme as follows:
- Community Engagement and Transparency.
- Customer Service.
- Organisational Capability.

Liveable:
The CEO KPI's connect to this Strategic Community Plan Theme as follows:
- Environmental Leadership.
- Corporate Business Plan Delivery.
- Organisational Capability.
- Infrastructure and Service Delivery.

Thriving:
The CEO KPI's connect to this Strategic Community Plan Theme as follows:
- City Growth and Economic Development.
- Stakeholder Management and Regional Advocacy.

Leading:
The CEO KPI's connect to this Strategic Community Plan Theme as follows:
- Governance, Integrity and Compliance.
- Financial Sustainability.
- Safety and Risk Management.
- Information and Advice to Councillors.

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
This is an annual legislative requirement. Previous reviews have been undertaken by Council in a similar manner, most recently on 29 July 2025 - Item No. CS238 Annual CEO Performance Review 2024-25.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
The Greater Geraldton CEO Performance Review Panel provide advice and recommendations to the Council.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
Part 5 of the *Local Government Act 1995* relates to the employment of staff. Section 5.38 of the Act reads as follows:

5.38. Annual review of employees' performance

(1) A local government must review the performance of the CEO if the CEO is employed for a term of more than 1 year.

(2) The CEO must ensure that the performance of each other employee who is employed for more than 1 year is reviewed.

(3) A review under subsection (1) or (2) must be conducted at least once in relation to each year of the person's employment.

The *City of Greater Geraldton Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination*, clauses 16, 17, 18, and 19, also set out the standards for the CEO's annual performance review.

16. Performance review process to be agreed between local government and CEO

(1) The local government and the CEO must agree on —

(a) the process by which the CEO's performance will be reviewed; and

(b) any performance criteria to be met by the CEO that are in addition to the contractual performance criteria.

(2) Without limiting subclause (1), the process agreed under subclause (1)(a) must be consistent with clauses 17, 18 and 19.

(3) The matters referred to in subclause (1) must be set out in a written document.

17. Carrying out a performance review

(1) A review of the performance of the CEO by the local government must be carried out in an impartial and transparent manner.

(2) The local government must —

(a) collect evidence regarding the CEO's performance in respect of the contractual performance criteria and any additional performance criteria in a thorough and comprehensive manner; and

(b) review the CEO's performance against the contractual performance criteria and any additional performance criteria, based on that evidence.

18. Endorsement of performance review by local government

Following a review of the performance of the CEO, the local government must, by resolution of an absolute majority of the council, endorse the review.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The CEO remuneration forms part of the City's overall employment costs and annual operating budget.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Theme: Leading	**A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.**

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:
As outlined earlier in this report, Council is obligated under both the *Local Government Act 1995* (section 5.38) and the CEO Standards to undertake an annual performance review of the Chief Executive Officer.

This process represents a critical governance function, reinforcing transparency, accountability, and alignment with the organisation's strategic direction. Beyond meeting statutory requirements, the review provides a structured opportunity to evaluate the CEO's leadership, operational performance, and progress against Council priorities. It also serves as a foundation for continuous improvement and informed decision-making regarding executive development and future planning.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
In accordance with Division 3, Clause 18 of the CEO Standards Council is required to formally endorse the outcome of the CEO performance review by an absolute majority following its completion.

If Council considers that further information is needed to make a fully informed decision, it may resolve to defer the endorsement to a later meeting.

CEO R McKim declared a Financial Direct interest in Item No. CS322 Annual CEO Performance Review 2025-26 as it relates to his employment at the City, and left Chambers at 5.35pm.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR FIORENZA, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 5.38 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Clause 18 of the *City of Greater Geraldton's Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination* RESOLVES to:

1. **NOTE the report and recommendations contained in the CEO Performance Review Panel Minutes dated 7 July 2026;**
2. **ENDORSE the review of the 2025-26 CEO Performance Plan;**
3. **INFORM the CEO in writing of the results of the review, in accordance with the provisions of clause 19 of the *City of Greater Geraldton's Standards for CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination;* and**
4. **ADOPT the 2026-27 CEO Performance Plan.**

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

CEO R McKim returned to Chambers at 5.38pm.

12.4 REPORTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - NIL

There *were* none.

12.5 REPORTS OF OFFICE OF THE CEO

CEO152 HIRE E-SCOOTER EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-086918**
AUTHOR:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
EXECUTIVE:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
DATE OF REPORT:	**21 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**No**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to enter into a Deed of Agreement for public hire of E-Scooters.

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

1. ENTER into an Operator Deed of Agreement with Beam Mobility Australia Pty Ltd.
2. SET the conditions to enter into a two (2) year Operator Deed of Agreement with a possible (1) year extension subject to Council approval
3. MAKE the determination subject to advertising notice period of not less than 14 days inviting public submissions.
4. REFER the matter back to Council for final consideration if any objecting submissions are received; and
5. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the details of the Operator Deed of Agreement with Beam Mobility Australia Pty Ltd including any fee payable under the Operator Deed of Agreement.

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

BACKGROUND:
At its Ordinary Meeting of 30 June 2026 (Item No. CEO147 Hire E-Scooter Expression of Interest), following the conclusion of a public Expression of Interest (EOI) process, Council decided to enter into an Operator Deed of Agreement for public hire of E-Scooters with Ario (3KM Technology Pty Ltd). On 20 July 2026, Ario confirmed to the City that they will not proceed with operations in Geraldton.

City Officers are now seeking Council approval to enter into an Operator Deed of Agreement with Beam Mobility Australia Pty Ltd who have been exclusively operating public hire of E-Scooter services in Geraldton since September 2022.

Beam offers proven local operations and proven eRideable technology which has safety features (geofencing, speed control, behaviour management, reaction testing). They have an established local operation employing local residents and are responsive when concerns are raised.

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

Connected:
The hire e-scooter arrangement contributes to a connected Geraldton community by providing an alternate transport option. The scheme enables residents and visitors to move between key destinations such as the foreshore, shopping precincts and local attractions.

Liveable:
The hire e-scooter scheme enhances Geraldton's liveability by offering a transport alternative. This supports improved air quality and reduced road traffic. eRideables (e-scooters and e-bikes) encourage active lifestyles by promoting outdoor movement and recreation. Negative impacts include safety concerns, increased demand for infrastructure maintenance and the need for effective regulation and community education.

The City partnered with the State Government to fund an Active Travel Officer, who worked diligently with the local community and schools on increasing active travel in the local community and safe use of scooters and bicycles. This program has now ceased as the State funding for this position was not extended.

Thriving:
The hire-scooter agreement assists Geraldton thrive by boosting the local economy, boosting local tourism and creating local employment.

Leading:
The City undertook the original EOI process to provide all potential suppliers with an opportunity to submit proposals addressing service delivery and safety considerations.

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
Hire of e-scooters has been available in Geraldton since 2022. Different local governments across the country have made different decisions on introducing and continuing hire schemes. Previous reports to Council on this matter include:

- Item No. CEO143 Hire e-Rideable Agreement – 27 January 2026.
- Item No. CEO114 e-Rideable Hire Trial Outcome – 19 December 2023.
- Item No. CEO097 E-Scooter Hire EOI – 26 July 2022.
- Item No. CEO147 Hire E-Scooter Expression of Interest – 30 June 2026.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
Formal community consultation was undertaken in December 2023. In addition, the local and state media has covered the topic on many occasions, with the Council Members receiving feedback from individual community members.

The draft deed of agreement and EOI selection criteria were provided to Council Members via email in February with feedback received incorporated into the final EOI document with presentations and question time with submitters facilitated at the June 2026 Concept Forum. On 30 June 2026 Council decided to enter into an Operator Deed of Agreement with Ario. Subsequently, Ario retracted their offer and decided not to proceed with operations in Geraldton. The Officer recommendation for this report also provides a fourteen (14) day submission period.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
The first legalisation of eRideables (e-scooters and e-bikes) in Western Australia occurred in December 2021. This was achieved through amendments to the Road Traffic Code 2000, which provides the legal framework for vehicles and devices on WA roads. The new rules were introduced by the WA Road Safety Commission and State Government, using powers under the Road Traffic Act 1974. It sets out speed limits, age limits and device specifications. The WA Government's safety guidance notes state that "all road laws that apply to vehicles apply to eRideables unless expressly excluded". Other Australian States have also approved the use of eRideables. The core rules applying to eRideables across different states are similar (speed limits, age, use of helmets).

Injuries and deaths in WA triggered the State Government to undertake an Inquiry into the laws associated with the use of eRideables. The City and other local governments participated in the inquiry process. The resulting report was tabled in State Parliament on 4 December 2025 and is available on their website. The State Parliament is yet to determine its position on the report. Local Governments do not hold general enforcement powers under the Road Traffic Act 1974. Enforcement of WA's road laws, including speeding, licencing, dangerous driving, vehicle compliance and other offences rests with the WA Police. Local Governments can collect data, manage road environments, set parking rules and advocate, but all statutory road traffic enforcement rests with the WA Police.

What Local Governments can do is allow hire e-scooter businesses to utilise City owned or controlled land to park / operate their e-scooters. Local Governments have no authority to approve or manage privately owned eRideables (e-scooters and e-bikes). However, local governments are on the front line of this issue as they largely operate on footpaths, shared paths and local roads. As a result, across the nation there have been a variety of responses from local governments associated with hire e-scooter businesses.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
There may be financial implications. There is currently no financial arrangement between the Council and Beam. However, it is proposed that a licence fee is introduced.

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: 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 5	Support and promote diverse tourism offerings, making the City a destination of choice.
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:
A hire e-scooter arrangement enhances the region by increasing transport options for locals and visitors, potentially attracting more tourists to the CBD and key activity centres.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
There are significant risks associated with the operation of e-scooters that need to be carefully considered. Safety concerns are paramount. The devices offered by hire e-scooter businesses have additional safety features that aim to reduce these risks. However, as with the use of other vehicles (bikes, e-bikes, cars, trucks, buses) it is possible that incidents will occur. As per the current agreement, the proposed Deed of Agreement does require the successful business to indemnify the City.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
Council may resolve to NOT SUPPORT any hire e-scooter businesses operating in Geraldton or request the Chief Executive Officer to seek specific conditions to be negotiated in the Operator Deed of Agreement.

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. **ENTER into an Operator Deed of Agreement with Beam Mobility Australia Pty Ltd;**
2. **SET the conditions to enter into a two (2) year Operator Deed of Agreement with a possible (1) year extension subject to Council approval;**
3. **MAKE the determination subject to advertising notice period of not less than 14 days inviting public submissions;**
4. **REFER the matter back to Council for final consideration if any objecting submissions are received; and**
5. **AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to finalise the details of the Operator Deed of Agreement with Beam Mobility Australia Pty Ltd including any fee payable under the Operator Deed of Agreement.**

CARRIED 7/1
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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	7
No	1
TOTAL VOTES	8

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	Yes
Cr Milnes	No
Cr Keemink	Not Present

12.6 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

RR85	REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED - JULY
AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-083520**
AUTHOR:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
EXECUTIVE:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
DATE OF REPORT:	**17 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0029**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x3)** **A. DSDD045 – Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval** **B. CS318 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – June 2026** **C. CS319 – List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – June 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. DSDD045 – Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval.

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. CS318 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – June 2026; and
      ii. CS319 – List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – June 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 GIUDICE
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. **DSDD045 – Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval.**

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. **CS318 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – June 2026; and**
      ii. **CS319 – List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – June 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.

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 *may* need to be closed to the public, *if* confidential discussion is required.

Confidential discussion was not required for Item No. CS321 RFT 2526 16 Cleaning of City Buildings.

CS321 RFT 2526 16 CLEANING OF CITY BUILDINGS

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-080704**
AUTHOR:	**C Bryant, Coordinator Procurement, L Maldea, Manager Corporate Compliance**
EXECUTIVE:	**P Radalj, Director Corporate Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**8 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**FM/25/0367**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x1) Confidential** **Confidential – RFT 2526 16 Evaluation Report**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award tender RFT 2526 16 Cleaning of City Buildings separable portions to the recommended tenderers.

The contracts are proposed for the provision of budgeted cleaning services across City buildings, commencing on 1 October 2026 for an initial three-year term to 30 September 2029, with a two-year extension option exercisable at the City's discretion.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Sections 3.57 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 18(4) of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

NOTE - Council to insert successful tender names when moving the motion

1. ACCEPT the evaluation panel's recommendation, contained in Confidential Attachment No. CS321 and award Tender No. RFT 2526 16 Cleaning of City Buildings for the reason as being the most advantageous, as follows:
   a. AWARD separable Portions 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, and 10 to Tenderer 2, ________, for the estimated annual contract value of $________ excluding GST;
   b. AWARD separable Portion 7 to Tenderer 4, ________, for the estimated annual contract value of $________ excluding GST;
   c. AWARD separable Portions 6, 9 and 11 to Tenderer 5, ________, for the estimated annual contract value of $________ excluding GST; and
   d. AWARD Separable Portion 4 to Tenderer 6, ________, for the estimated annual contract value of $________ excluding GST.

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

BACKGROUND:
Tender RFT 2526 16 Cleaning of City Buildings (RFT) was advertised in the Geraldton Guardian on 17 April 2026, in the West Australian on 18 April 2026, and the City's TenderLink e-Tendering Portal. The RFT closed on 14 May 2026.

Twenty-six interested parties registered to receive copies of the tender and six tender submissions were received. The tender assessment was undertaken by a panel of five City Officers with three voting and two non-voting.

The RFT has a three-year duration commencing from 1 October 2026 and has an additional two year extension option at the absolute discretion of the City. This term was in force for the previous cleaning of City buildings tenders which proved successful and is common for this type of service to enable all tenderers to adequately resource and retain staff required to provide the requested service.

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

Connected:
Clean and well-maintained City buildings support the community by providing a safe and clean environment for all users of City buildings.

Liveable:
Cleaning City buildings supports community health and wellbeing.

Thriving:
Awarding this tender will strengthen the local economy by supporting businesses and creating employment opportunities for community members, including cleaners. It will also generate demand for locally sourced consumables, ensuring that City funds are reinvested into the community through both workforce engagement and supply chain partnerships.

Leading:
The services delivered through this tender process demonstrate strong leadership in resource management and service delivery with works monitored by the City through Key Performance Indicator (KPI) checklists and safety management audits. By ensuring the efficient and effective use of public funds, the tender supports the timely and high-quality delivery of community services and projects. The process also upholds principles of transparency, accountability, and good governance, reinforcing the City's commitment to ethical and responsible leadership.

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:
There have previously been two other five-year contracts (three plus two-years), RFT 2021 23 Cleaning of City Buildings (Item No. CCS630), and prior to that RFT 01 1617 Cleaning of City Buildings (Item No. DCS293).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:
Community and Council Member consultation is not undertaken for the award of supply contracts for essential services. Engagement on these services occurs as part of Council's annual budget approval process.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:
The *Local Government Act 1995* and Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services were observed when preparing and recommending the award of this tender. Safe work methods and environmental management in line with legislative requirements will be observed as part of the delivery of the contract.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:
The annual expenditure for Cleaning of City Buildings is approximately $801,425 (excluding GST). If all extension options are exercised, the total estimated contract value over five years is $4,007,127 (excluding GST).

Funding is primarily sourced from the Property Services budget. Any cost variations will be reflected in future Annual Budgets and the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

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: 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.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:
There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:
The successful tenderers will have documented management plans in place to ensure the safety and protection of workers and the community in relation to this service.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:
This RFT was called to ensure compliance with the legislative procurement requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*. The following alternatives were considered in the procurement planning phase prior to calling this tender:

1. Call for individual quotations and tenders for specific cleaning of City buildings. This option is not supported and was discounted due to the volume of administrative effort required, and the potential to have higher costs through multiple small purchases.

NOTE - Council inserted the successful tender names when moving the motion.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR PARKER
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Sections 3.57 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 18(4) of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. **ACCEPT the evaluation panel's recommendation, contained in Confidential Attachment No. CS321 and award Tender No. RFT 2526 16 Cleaning of City Buildings for the reason as being the most advantageous, as follows:**
   a. **AWARD separable Portions 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, and 10 to Tenderer 2, BrightMark Group Pty Ltd, for the estimated annual contract value of $551,452 excluding GST:**
      i. **Portion 1 – City of Greater Geraldton Administration (Civic) Centre - $69,160.00;**
      ii. **Portion 2 – Queen Elizabeth 2 Centre (QEII) - $73,048.00;**
      iii. **Portion 3 – Geraldton Regional Library - $57,114.00;**
      iv. **Portion 5 – Geraldton Airport (Including the Greenough, Charlie and Brearley Terminals, RFDS Patient Transfer Centre, ARO Office and Powerhouse Toilets) and Local Recovery and Coordination Centre (LRCC) - $265,886.00;**
      v. **Portion 8 – Geraldton Multipurpose Centre - $51,816.00;**
      vi. **Portion 10 – Youth Centre (Pass Street, Geraldton) - $34,428.00;**
   b. **AWARD separable Portion 7, Geraldton Regional Art Gallery & Visitor Centre, to Tenderer 4, HOT Cleaning Services, for the estimated annual contract value of $28,849.25 excluding GST;**
   c. **AWARD separable Portions 6, 9 and 11 to Tenderer 5, Iconic Property Services Pty Ltd, for the estimated annual contract value of $221,124.32 excluding GST of:**
      i. **Portion 6 – City of Greater Geraldton Municipal Works Depot - $36,204.66;**
      ii. **Portion 9 – Animal Management Facility Office - $11,861.56;**
      iii. **Portion 11 – Meru Weighbridge Office & Top Shop (Bowerbird) - $14,227.11; and**
   d. **AWARD Separable Portion 4, Geraldton Aquarena, to Tenderer 6, Norfolk Cleaning Service, for the estimated annual contract value of $158,830.99 excluding GST.**

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

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.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
MOVED MAYOR CLUNE, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
That Council by Simple Majority RESOLVES to MOVE behind Closed doors in accordance with section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 and section 5.2(1) of Meeting Procedures Local Law, as the matters if disclosed would reveal information that has a commercial value to a person (s.5.23(2)(e)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1995) and about the business, professional commercial or financial affairs of a person, where the information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government (s.5.23(2)(e)(iii) Local Government Act 1995).

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 public left Chambers at 5.58pm.
Livestreaming was turned off 5.58pm.

DS102 CONFIDENTIAL – LAND ACQUISITION (Public Version)

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-066575**
AUTHOR:	**S Pratt-King, Coordinator Land and Leasing**
EXECUTIVE:	**T Free, Director Development Services**
DATE OF REPORT:	**11 June 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0013-003**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x2) Confidential** **A. Confidential - Survey** **B. Confidential - Land Valuation**

Confidential Item No. DS102 and supporting attachments were provided to Council Members under separate cover.

Pursuant to Section 5.2 (1) of the Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011, please note this part of the meeting was closed to the public, as confidential discussion was required.

In accordance with section 5.23(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and section 5.2(1) of Meeting Procedures Local Law, this item and supporting attachments are confidential as they contain information relating to a contract entered into, or may be entered into by the local government and legal advice obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

Item No. DS102 was considered and determined behind closed doors and the Council Decision only is currently available for the public record.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR GIUDICE, SECONDED CR COLLIVER

PART A
That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to section 3.18 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE the purchase of a 66m^2 portion of the property detailed in Confidential Attachment No. DS102B – Land Valuation for amalgamation into the City's adjoining freehold property, with the City to meet all subdivision costs;**
2. **DELEGATE authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the purchase price to the maximum amount, as detailed in Confidential Attachment No. DS102B – Land Valuation; and**
3. **MAKE this report public following settlement of the property.**

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

1. **AUTHORISE the redirection of Emergent Capital funds contained within the 2026-27 Annual Budget for the land purchase described in Confidential Attachment No. DS102B – Land Valuation.**

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

Item No. DS102 currently remains confidential as it contains information relating to a contract entered into, or may be entered into by the local government and legal advice obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting, as per section 5.23(4) of the Local Government Act 1995 and section 5.2(1) of Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011.

This item will be made public following settlement of the property. Therefore, the Minutes of this meeting will be updated at that time to include the full item.

CEO149	CONFIDENTIAL - BEHAVIOUR MATTER (Public Version)
AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-081217**
AUTHOR:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
EXECUTIVE:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
DATE OF REPORT:	**8 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0032**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x3) Confidential** **[For Council Members Only]** **A. Confidential – Original Complaint** **B. Confidential – Respondent Response** **C. Confidential – Independent Assessment**

Confidential Item No. CEO149 and supporting attachments were provided to Council Members under separate cover.

Item No. CEO149 was considered and determined behind closed doors and the Council Decision only is available for the public record.

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 occurred. 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.

Cr S Van Styn declared an Impartiality Interest in Item No. CEO149 Confidential – Behaviour Matter, as he is the subject of the complaint, and left Chambers at 6.01pm.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR MILNES
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. CEO149C) as undertaken by an Independent Assessor;**
2. **AGREE with the findings of the Investigation Report;**
3. **ACKNOWLEDGE that breaches were not substantiated; and**
4. **ADVISE the Complainant and Respondent in writing of the outcome.**

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

Item No. CEO149 remains confidential as it deals with a complaint that alleged a behavioural breach under the local government's adopted code of conduct and any information relating to the complaint, as prescribed under s.5.23(4)(g)of the Local Government Act 1995, Regulation 4A(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 and section 5.2(1) of Meeting Procedures Local Law.

CEO150 CONFIDENTIAL - BEHAVIOUR MATTER (Public Version)

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-082516**
AUTHOR:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
EXECUTIVE:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
DATE OF REPORT:	**8 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0032**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x6) Confidential** **[For Council Members Only]** **A. Confidential – Original Complaint** **B. Confidential – Interlocutory Response Respondent** **C. Confidential – Interlocutory Response CEO** **D. Confidential – Respondent Response** **E. Confidential – Associated documentation.** **F. Confidential – Independent Assessment**

Confidential Item No. CEO150 and supporting attachments were provided to Council Members under separate cover.

Item No. CEO150 was considered and determined behind closed doors and the Council Decision only is available for the public record.

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 occurred. 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.

Cr S Van Styn declared an Impartiality Interest in Item No. CEO150 Confidential – Behaviour Matter, as he is the subject of the complaint, and had left Chambers at 6.01pm for Item No.CEO149, therefore remained outside of Chambers.

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer, declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO150 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.

P Radalj, Director of Corporate Services, declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO150 Confidential - Behaviour Matter, as he was Acting CEO during this process. As Acting CEO, the role does not give rise to an impartiality interest as acting Complaints Officer, and left Chambers at 6.01pm.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR MILNES
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. CEO150F) as undertaken by an Independent Assessor;**
2. **AGREE with the findings of the Investigation Report;**
3. **ACKNOWLEDGE that breaches were not substantiated; and**
4. **ADVISE the Complainant and Respondent in writing of the outcome.**

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

Item No. CEO150 remains confidential as it deals with a complaint that alleged a behavioural breach under the local government's adopted code of conduct and any information relating to the complaint, as prescribed under s.5.23(4)(g) of the Local Government Act 1995, Regulation 4A(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 and section 5.2(1) of Meeting Procedures Local Law.

Cr S Van Styn returned to Chambers at 6.37pm.

CEO151 CONFIDENTIAL - BEHAVIOUR MATTER (Public Version)

AGENDA REFERENCE:	**D-26-081105**
AUTHOR:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
EXECUTIVE:	**R McKim, Chief Executive Officer**
DATE OF REPORT:	**8 July 2026**
FILE REFERENCE:	**GO/6/0037**
ATTACHMENTS:	**Yes (x5) Confidential** **[For Council Members Only]** **A. Confidential – Original Complaint** **B. Confidential – Interlocutory Response Respondent** **C. Confidential – Interlocutory Response CEO** **D. Confidential – Final Respondent Response** **E. Confidential – Independent Assessment**

Confidential Item No. CEO151 and supporting attachments were provided to Council Members under separate cover.

Item No. CEO151 was considered and determined behind closed doors and the Council Decision only is available for the public record.

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 occurred. 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. CEO151 Confidential - Behaviour Matter, as 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.

P Radalj, Director of Corporate Services, declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO151 Confidential - Behaviour Matter, as he was Acting CEO during this process. As Acting CEO, the role does not give rise to an impartiality interest as acting Complaints Officer, and had left Chambers at 6.01pm, as noted at Item No. CEO150.

Cr T Milnes declared an impartiality interest in Item No. CEO151 Confidential - Behaviour Matter, as a person involved in the matter, and left Chambers at 6.37pm.

COUNCIL DECISION
MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR FIORENZA
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.**

CARRIED 6/1
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Summary of results:

ITEM	COUNT
Yes	6
No	1
TOTAL VOTES	7

Individual votes:

NAME	RESULT
Mayor Clune	Yes
Cr Colliver	Yes
Cr Denton	Yes
Cr Fiorenza	Yes
Cr Giudice	Yes
Cr Parker	Yes
Cr Van Styn	No
Cr Keemink	Not Present
Cr Milnes	Not Present

REASON FOR VARIATION TO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: It is consistent with the findings and recommendations of the Independent Assessor.

Item No. CEO151 remains confidential as it deals with a complaint that alleged a behavioural breach under the local government's adopted code of conduct and any information relating to the complaint, as prescribed under s.5.23(4)(g)of the Local Government Act 1995, Regulation 4A(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 and section 5.2(1) of Meeting Procedures Local Law.

Cr T Milnes returned to Chambers at 6.52pm.

PROCEDURAL MOTION
MOVED MAYOR CLUNE, SECONDED CR COLLIVER
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 6.53pm and livestreaming recommenced.

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the Council meeting at 6.53pm.

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/