



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL  
AGENDA

31 MARCH 2026

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**CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON**  
**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**  
**TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2026 AT 5.00PM**  
**CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE**

**A G E N D A**

**DISCLAIMER:**

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING**

**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:

Officers:

Others:

Members of Public:

Members of Press:

Apologies:

Leave of Absence:

**4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There are none.

**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.*

**7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE****Existing Approved Leave**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To (inclusive)</b>	<b>Date Approved</b>
Cr S Giudice	6 April 2026	14 April 2026	27/1/2026
Cr T Milnes	16 May 2026	6 June 2026	24/2/2026

*\*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'.*

## 8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS

IS332	PETITION TO IMPROVE THE NORTHERN BEACHES SUBURBS
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-031117</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>C Edwards, Manager Project Delivery and Engineering</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>12 March 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>No</b>

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a report regarding a petition received at the Ordinary Meeting of Council in November 2025, seeking Council support to “Improve the Northern Beaches Suburbs” in Geraldton.

### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. DIRECT the CEO to take no further action in regard to reinstating the 90km/h speed zone on Chapman Road, based on initial advice received from Main Roads WA (MRWA);
2. DIRECT the CEO to commence the necessary investigations in the 2027-28 financial year and proceed to apply for a Black Spot grant to construct a slip lane on Chapman Road at Sail Boulevard, if successful;
3. DIRECT the CEO to take no further action in regard to the proposed Entrance Statement at Reef Boulevard; and
4. DIRECT the CEO to prepare a Capital Works Nomination for the design and construction of the Chapman Road footpath in future Capital Works Programmes.

### PROPONENT:

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

### BACKGROUND:

A compliant petition was presented to the City on 31 October 2025. The proponent has requested the City’s support for proposed improvements in the northern beach’s suburbs by:

1. Reinstatement of the 90km/h speed limit along Chapman Road between Glenfield Beach Drive and Sail Boulevard.
2. Installation of a turning lane into Sail Boulevard for northbound traffic along Chapman Road.
3. Creation of a welcoming and appropriate entrance statement at Reef Boulevard, and,
4. Extension of the footpath along Chapman Road from Glenfield Beach Drive to Bayside Boulevard and connect with Reef Boulevard.

Officers have reviewed the suggested improvements, consulted with MRWA, and present the following commentary in support of the Executive Recommendation.

### **Chapman Road Speed Zone**

On 8 April 2024, a compliant petition was presented to the City (and issued directly to MRWA) whereby the proponents requested the City's support to reduce the speed from 90km to 70km along Chapman Road from Sail Boulevard, Sunset Beach to Glenfield Beach Road, Glenfield.

Under the Road Traffic Code 2000 (WA), the authority to set, vary or remove speed limits on public roads rests with the Commissioner of Main Roads Western Australia. Speed limits are regulatory traffic controls and may only be implemented through the approval of the Commissioner, or an appropriately delegated officer of Main Roads WA.

A local government authority does not have any legislative power to independently determine speed limits, including on roads under its care and control. All requests for changes to speed zoning on local roads must be considered by the local government and, where supported, be formally referred to MRWA for review and approval in accordance with the State's statutory framework.

Accordingly, MRWA undertook a review of vehicle speeds and the environmental conditions along Chapman Road. A key consideration in the assessment was the proximity of the newly constructed shared path adjacent the road carriageway.

MRWA subsequently issued a request to the City seeking support to change the speed zoning on Chapman Road from 90km/hr to 80km/hr.

Council subsequently resolved to accept the proposal from MRWA to amend the speed zoning of Chapman Road on 24 September 2024 and directed the CEO to implement the proposed speed zoning changes as a matter of priority.

MRWA undertook the required changes to regulatory signage and line marking as proposed while the City, at the recommendation of MRWA, installed additional non-regulatory signage and undertook trimming of vegetation adjacent to the road to further improve safety.

City Officers have now engaged directly with MRWA regarding the subject of the current petition and have been advised that any change to the existing 80km/h speed limit would require another formal speed zone review in accordance with MRWA policy.

In addition, initial advice provided by MRWA is that, without the construction/installation of additional safety treatments for the protection of users of the shared path, it is considered that such a review would not support an increase to the posted speed limit.

Given the cost implications of engaging consultant traffic engineers to undertake a review of the existing road environment, preparation of detailed designs and cost estimates to confirm the extent of the scope of work for the construction of the safety upgrades required to support reinstatement of the 90km/hr speed zoning, no further work has been undertaken. However, Council, at its discretion, could consider progressing with these studies should this project be considered a priority.

### **Sail Boulevard Turning Lane**

The City has previously received requests for the provision of a turning lane at Sail Boulevard and has undertaken preliminary investigations into the feasibility of such works. These investigations included collection of traffic count data, a MRWA Road Safety Audit and a Before You Dig Australia assessment of existing services in the area.

These investigations identified the presence of a high-pressure gas main within the road reserve that would require relocation to facilitate construction and significantly increasing project complexity and cost.

During the most recent speed zone review of Chapman Road, the reduction in the posted speed limit between Sail Boulevard and Coralina Quays was implemented as an interim safety measure to address identified risks at the intersection.

Subject to Council endorsement of the Executive Recommendation, City Officers propose to undertake detailed investigations, engineering design development and preparation of a cost estimate, suitable for submission under an appropriate funding program stream such as the Safer Local Roads & Infrastructure Program (SLRIP) and for consideration in future capital works budgets.

### **Reef Boulevard Entrance Statement**

The City has not historically constructed entrance statements and any existing entrance statements currently located within the City, have historically been delivered by private developers as part of previous subdivision development.

The City discourages the construction of entrance statements due to the long-term maintenance and asset management costs that are incurred once such infrastructure becomes a City asset. This approach is documented in the City Land Development Supplement to the Local Government Guidelines for Subdivisional Development (LGSSD) available on the City website.

However, the LGSSD Supplement does state that; should a developer wish to pursue an entry statement, a separate development application must be submitted following the clearance of the subdivision. Any proposed entry statement must meet the following requirements:

- It must be entirely located on private property;
- It must comply with all relevant planning and building regulations; and

- A caveat must be placed on the property title, requiring the owner to maintain the entry statement in a safe, clean, and tidy condition at all times.

Accordingly, there is an opportunity for Council to consider an alternative to the Executive Recommendation in accordance with the City's guidelines for the private creation of an entry statement should this project be considered a priority.

### **Footpath Extension from Glenfield Beach Drive to Reef Boulevard**

The extension of the shared path along Chapman Road from Glenfield Beach Drive to Reef Boulevard represents a logical continuation of the recently completed shared path between Sunset Beach and Glenfield Beach Drive, which was fully funded by the Department of Transport.

The proposed extension is supported, as it is a project that is identified within the Geraldton 2050 Cycling Strategy. An initial assessment indicates that the potential alignment presents construction challenges, including steep embankments and the need to extend existing drainage culverts. City Officers propose to prepare a capital nomination for the construction of the path and associated infrastructure for consideration by Council Members in future capital works programs.

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

#### **Connected:**

The Executive Recommendation supports the City's strategic goal of fostering a connected community by progressing initiatives that enhance safety, accessibility and neighbourhood cohesion. These include responding appropriately to MRWA's preliminary road safety advice, investigating, and seeking funding for intersection improvements, discontinuing non-priority works, and planning future footpath infrastructure that will improve pedestrian connections along Chapman Road.

#### **Liveable:**

The Executive Recommendation contributes to the City's liveability by supporting actions that improve safe access, encourage active transport and reinforce the protection and enhancement of local environments. Through considered road-safety decisions and forward planning for pedestrian infrastructure, the City is delivering safer, more connected pathways that support community health, reduce environmental impacts, and create a more sustainable future.

#### **Thriving:**

The Executive Recommendation supports a thriving City by ensuring that transport and pedestrian infrastructure keeps pace with sustainable growth, enabling safe and efficient movement throughout key activity areas. By prioritising evidence-based road decisions, pursuing grant funding for network improvements, and planning future footpath connections, the City strengthens the foundations needed for business activity, local employment opportunities, and the ongoing prosperity of our community.

**Leading:**

The Executive Recommendation supports the City's leadership aspirations by prioritising actions that demonstrate strong advocacy, sound fiscal management, and accountable governance. Through evidence-based decisions, targeted pursuit of grant funding, and clear forward planning, the City strengthens its capacity to deliver community-focused projects while ensuring responsible use of resources.

*Disclosure of Interest:*

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council Members resolved to accepting the petition at its Ordinary Meeting of Council on 28 May 2024 through Item No. CS157 – Petition – Request to Reduce Speed Along Chapman Road (North). At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 24 September 2024, Council Members endorsed the MRWA speed change proposal through Item No. IS310 Proposal to Reduce Speed Along Chapman Road (North).

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

The Road Traffic Code 2000 (WA) does not prescribe any requirement for MRWA to undertake community consultation in relation to the establishment, amendment, or removal of posted speed limits. Speed zoning decisions are a regulatory function exercised by the Commissioner of Main Roads Western Australia and while consultation may be undertaken as a matter of policy or good practice, it is not a statutory requirement under the Code.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

MRWA are the regulatory authority with regards to road signage. Their approval is required for all changes to speed zoning.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no cost implications associated with the Executive Recommendation in this fiscal year. Cost estimates will be developed for inclusion in future years budgets as and when the proposed projects progress through the capital works development process.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme: Liveable</b>	<b>A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.</b>
Goal 2	Improve maintenance and connectivity of the City's transport network, including expanded active transport opportunities.
Goal 5	Invest in community and recreation infrastructure, to support current and future needs.
<b>Strategic Theme: Thriving</b>	<b>An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.</b>
Goal 3	Plan for the sustainable growth of the City, balancing

	the needs of current and future populations.
<b>Strategic Theme: Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
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.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The proposals contained within the Executive Recommendation follow the required legislative requirements and should Council Members wish to proceed, will adhere to City Policies and processes which are considered to appropriately mitigate any associated project risks.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

The following alternative Executive Recommendation is provided for council consideration should it consider the reinstatement of the previous speed zone and construction of an entrance statement as a priority.

1. DIRECT the CEO to include \$150k in the FY2026-27 Capital Works Programme to undertake the necessary studies, investigations and detailed design for additional infrastructure required to be constructed or installed to support reinstating the 90km/h speed zone on Chapman Road;
2. DIRECT the CEO to commence the necessary investigations in the 2027-28 financial year and proceed to apply for a grant to construct a slip lane on Chapman Road at Sail Boulevard, if successful;
3. DIRECT the CEO to commence a site selection study, community consultation and concept design and cost estimates for consideration of construction of an entrance statement in future capital works programmes; and
4. DIRECT the CEO to prepare a Capital Works Nomination for the design and construction of the Chapman Road footpath in future Capital Works Programmes.

**9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 February 2026, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.



**10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR AND PRESENTATIONS***Events attended by the Mayor or designated representative*

<b>DATE</b>	<b>FUNCTION</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>
25 February 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview – Outcomes of Council	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 February 2026	Triple M Interview - Outcomes of Council Meeting 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 February 2026	Edith Cowan Commemorative Sculpture – Dedication Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 February 2026	Filming for the Outcome of Council Meeting Videos with the theme "What's your day job?" - with Cr Peter Fiorenza	Mayor Jerry Clune
26 February 2026	Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
26 February 2026	Mayors Prayer Breakfast 2026 Update	Mayor Jerry Clune
26 February 2026	Introductory Meeting - F Troop	Mayor Jerry Clune
27 February 2026	Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
28 February 2026	Geraldton City Speedway - Maddington Toyota Sprintcar Series Round at Geraldton City Speedway	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 March 2026	University of Western Australia (UWA) School of Design Geraldton Studios (Maitland Park and Mahomets Flats)	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 March 2026	ABC Geraldton Interview – Council Decision – Potters House Revive Festival	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 March 2026	Concept Forum	Mayor Jerry Clune
4 March 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview – Norfolk Pines on Private Property; Meru gas Flaring and UWA Urban Planning Student Visit	Mayor Jerry Clune
4 March 2026	Geraldton Ending Homelessness Leadership Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
4 March 2026	Geraldton Tourism Connect Event	Mayor Jerry Clune
5 March 2026	Queens Park Theatre (QPT) - Lotterywest Grant Presentation - Queens Park Theatre Lighting and Communication System Improvements	Mayor Jerry Clune
6 March 2026	Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
6 March 2026	Desert Blue Connect - International Women's Day Quiz Night 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune
8 March 2026	Women on Wheels Geraldton 2026	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
9 March 2026	Mayor/A/CEO/ Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
9 March 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
11 March 2026	Mid-West Development Commission (MWDC) Delegation - Perth	Mayor Jerry Clune
11 March 2026	Deputy Mayor Interview with ABC - Lotterywest Funding of QPT and Aquarena Closure	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
11-13 March	Regional Capitals Alliance WA (RCAWA) Board Meeting - Albany	Mayor Jerry Clune
14 March 2026	Harmony Festival – Midwest Multicultural Association – Official Opening	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
16 March 2026	Silver Dawn Maiden Visit – Plaque Presentation	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
16 March 2026	CEO / Mayor / Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
16 March 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune

17 March 2026	Changeroom Study - Follow Up Meeting - Recreation Ground	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 March 2026	Changeroom Study - Follow Up Meeting - Greenough Oval	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 March 2026	Additional Concept Forum	Mayor Jerry Clune
18 March 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview – Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) and RCAWA	Mayor Jerry Clune
18 March 2026	Greater Geraldton Bush Fire Advisory Committee Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 March 2026	Photo for Radio Geraldton Agreement	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 March 2026	Changeroom Study - Follow Up Meeting - Eadon Clarke	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 March 2026	MWDC Audit Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 March 2026	Invitation to the 2026 Hollomby Foundation Scholarships Presentation Luncheon	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 March 2026	Hudson Shipping Lines (HSL) Geraldton Welcoming Event and Plaque Presentation	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 March 2026	Deputy Mayor Representing Mayor - Central Regional TAFE Midwest 2025 Student Graduation and Major Awards Night	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
23 March 2026	Mayor/CEO/Deputy Mayor Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
23 March 2026	Triple M Interview - Midwest Youth Fest main event	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 March 2026	Geraldton Astro Conference Opening Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 March 2026	Agenda Forum - Mullewa	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 March 2026	Radio Geraldton Interview – Tropical Cyclone Narelle	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 March 2026	NeuroKids Launch in the Mid West	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 March 2026	Operations Area Support Group (OASG) Meeting - Tropical Cyclone Narelle	Mayor Jerry Clune
25 March 2026	Midwest Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MWCCI) Business After Hours – City of Greater Geraldton Co-hosting with Mitsui E&P	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
26 March 2026	ABC Interview – Tropical Cyclone Narelle	Mayor Jerry Clune
26 March 2026	Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation	Mayor Jerry Clune
27 March 2026	ABC Interview - Dust in Port	Mayor Jerry Clune
30 March 2026	Mayor/CEO/Deputy Mayor Catch Up	Mayor Jerry Clune
30 March 2026	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
31 March 2026	Ordinary Meeting of Council 2026	Mayor Jerry Clune

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

**11 UNRESOLVED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There is none.

## 12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

### 12.1 REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

DS092	LOCAL PLANNING POLICY REVIEW – CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-029059</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>H Martin, Manager City Growth</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>T Free, Director Development Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>3 March 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029-003</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x3) 1 x Confidential</b>
	<b>A. Final Amended Local Planning Policies</b>
	<b>B. New Local Planning Policy - Short-Term Rental Accommodation</b>
	<b>C. Confidential - Submissions</b>

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to adopt one (1) new Local Planning Policy (LPP), amend four (4) existing Local Planning Policies (LPPs) and revoke three (3) existing LPPs.

At its meeting on 28 October 2025 (Item No. DS082), Council resolved to advertise proposed amendments to five (5) existing Local Planning Policies (LPPs) and the proposed new Short-Term Rental Accommodation LPP, which is proposed to replace the Bed and Breakfast, Holiday Houses and Low Impact Rural Tourism policies.

The proposed amendments and new policy were publicly advertised and this report considers the submissions received. It recommends that Council adopt the amended policies and the new Short-Term Rental Accommodation LPP without change and revoke the three (3) existing policies that will be replaced by the new Short-Term Rental Accommodation LPP.

#### **EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Schedule 2, Part 2, cl. 4 & 6 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* RESOLVES to:

1. PROCEED with the amendment of the following local planning policies so as to take the form as identified in Attachment No. DS092A:
  - a. Design Guidelines – Beresford Beachfront Mixed Use;
  - b. Geraldton Airport Special Control Area;
  - c. Mobile Trading;
  - d. Shipping Containers;
  - e. Stormwater Management;

2. PROCEED with making a new local planning policy titled Short-Term Rental Accommodation Local Planning Policy, in the form identified in Attachment No. DS092B;
3. REVOKE the following existing local planning policies:
  - a. Bed and Breakfast;
  - b. Holiday Houses; and
  - c. Low Impact Rural Tourism.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

At the 28 October 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council (Item No. DS082) Council resolved to amend the following LPPs:

- a. Design Guidelines – Beresford Beachfront Mixed Use;
- b. Geraldton Airport Special Control Area;
- c. Mobile Trading;
- d. Shipping Containers;
- e. Stormwater Management;

Council also resolved to adopt a new Local Planning Policy titled Short-Term Rental Accommodation, which will replace the following existing policies:

- a. Bed and Breakfast;
- b. Holiday Houses; and
- c. Low Impact Rural Tourism.

These policies have been publicly advertised, inviting submissions from interested parties. At the close of the consultation period two (2) objecting submissions were received in relation to the proposed amendments to the Geraldton Airport Special Control Area LPP and one (1) supporting submission was received in relation to the amendments to the Design Guidelines – Beresford Beachfront Mixed Use LPP.

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

Local Planning Policies form part of the City's broader planning framework, guiding development decisions from a local perspective. The 'Connected' theme within the Strategic Community Plan supports a local community that is inclusive and safe. Managing stormwater in a manner that ensures the community is not put at risk is a primary objective of the proposed Stormwater Management Local Planning Policy.

**Liveable:**

The planning framework shapes how we live, work and move through our City, with a focus on supporting community health and wellbeing. The 'Liveable' theme of the Strategic Community Plan focuses on creating healthy, inclusive places to live. The proposed Local Planning Policies for the Beresford Beachfront Mixed Use area, Geraldton Special Control Area and Stormwater Management aim to ensure future development promotes community health and wellbeing.

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**Thriving:**

The Geraldton Airport is vital to the Mid West's economic growth and diversity. The Geraldton Airport Special Control Area Local Planning Policy seeks to ensure that development within the vicinity of the airport does not compromise its ongoing operation.

**Leading:**

The City is demonstrating leadership by providing clear guidance through the proposed Local Planning Policies on how development should address planning matters.

The process for modifying existing and creating new Local Planning Policies includes stakeholder consultation, ensuring that Council Members are fully informed when deciding whether they should be adopted.

***Disclosure of Interest:***

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council has previously made decisions in relation to the creation, amendment and revocation of LPPs, the most recent being the amendment of five (5) LPPs on 24 February 2026 (Item No. DS089 - Local Planning Policy Review).

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

The proposal to amend five (5) existing LPPs and replace three (3) existing LPPs with one (1) new LPP was advertised between 6 and 27 February 2026 in the following ways:

- Public notice published in the Geraldton Guardian 6 February 2026;
- Letter sent to landowners within the Beresford Beachfront Mixed Use area and the Geraldton Airport Special Control Area;
- Public notice published on the City of Greater Geraldton website; and
- Copies of the local planning policies available from the Civic Centre in Geraldton and District Office in Mullewa and on the City's website.

The following is a summary of the three submissions received during the consultation period. Full copies of each submission are included as Attachment No. DS092C.

Submission No.	Issues Raised	Officer Comments
<b>Design Guidelines – Beresford Beachfront Mixed Use LPP</b>		
1	Submission supports the proposed amendments to this policy.	The support is noted.

Submission No.	Issues Raised	Officer Comments
<b>Geraldton Airport Special Control Area LPP</b>		
2	The noise exposure modelling is based on projected airport use levels that have not materialised. This places unnecessary restrictions on the development of surrounding land.	Basing the noise exposure modelling on the projected ultimate airport use levels provides long term protection of the airport from encroachment by sensitive land uses.
2	The LPP is based on the airport master plan that is 10 years old and outdated.	The City is in the process of updating the airport master plan. The LPP and planning scheme will be reviewed in the light of the new master plan once it has been adopted and appropriate changes made.
2	Amendment of the LPP should be deferred until a new airport master plan has been prepared based on current data and subject to consultation.	The LPP provides guidance on addressing airport noise issues when considering development applications, based on noise exposure contours identified by the planning scheme. The LPP will be updated should new noise exposure contours be prepared at some time in the future.
2	Retain the existing policy and apply flexibility to the development of land within lower-exposure noise areas.	The proposed amendments to the policy do not alter the level of regulation that applies to the development of land surrounding the airport. The amendments improve clarity and modernise language. The policy positions within the existing LPP are therefore being retained by the amended policy.
3	Object to the placement of a notation on property titles identifying that the property is subject to airport noise.	The placement of a notation on a property title when new lots are created is one means of ensuring new property owners are aware the land may be subject to airport noise. The notation places no restriction on the use or development of the land.

Submission No.	Issues Raised	Officer Comments
3	Question the accuracy of the noise contours.	The noise contours were developed in 2016 based on projected ultimate airport usage rates. They do not reflect current airport usage.

Concerns raised in relation to the Geraldton Airport Special Control Area LPP primarily focus on the extent and accuracy of noise exposure modelling. This modelling forms part of the Local Planning Scheme and is not determined through the LPP. The City has commenced a review of the City of Greater Geraldton Local Planning Scheme No. 1, and the need to update the noise exposure modelling will be considered as part of that review.

#### **LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The process for amending and making LPPs is set down in the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015*. The review process ensures that all legislative requirements will be met.

LPPs identify Council's policy position on planning related matters to ensure that related decisions are consistent with Council's intent.

#### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

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

#### **INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme:</b> Thriving	<b>An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.</b>
Goal 1	Support existing businesses and attract new investment, contributing to a vibrant CBD and other key activity centres.
Goal 3	Plan for the sustainable growth of the City, balancing the needs of current and future populations.
<b>Strategic Theme:</b> Leading	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 1	Engage with the community to enhance decision-making.
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

#### **REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

LPPs guide decision-making in relation to development matters.

If these policies are not amended, the planning system may remain unnecessarily complex and inefficient, raising development and administration costs and potentially discouraging investment.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

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

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

DS093	LOCAL PLANNING POLICY REVIEW – PROPOSED POLICY AMENDMENTS
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-029034</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>H Martin, Manager City Growth</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>T Free, Director Development Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>18 February 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029-003</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes(x3)</b>
	<b>A. Local Planning Policy Review Status</b>
	<b>B. Proposed Local Planning Policies</b>
	<b>C. Local Planning Policy Comparison Table</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to commence the statutory process to amend five (5) Local Planning Policies (LPPs).

The City has been undertaking a review of its 52 LPPs. To date, 25 policies have been revoked and Council has resolved to commence the statutory processes to amend eleven (11) policies and consolidate five (5) into two (2). This report deals with a further five (5) policies.

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

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. AMEND the following Local Planning Policies so as to take the form as identified in Attachment No. DS093B:
  - a. Consultation for Town Planning Proposals
  - b. Extractive Industry
  - c. Industrial Development
  - d. Revegetation in the Rural Residential Zone
  - e. Workforce Accommodation
2. MAKE the draft policies available for community and stakeholder review and comment; and
3. REFER the matter back to Council for final consideration following the completion of community and stakeholder consultation.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

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

The City has 27 LPPs. Most of those policies were prepared between 2007 and 2014 and the balance were prepared between 2016 and 2019. As previously reported to Council (27 August 2024 - Item No. DS045, 17 December 2024 - Item No. DS052, 29 April 2025 - Item No. DS062, 28 October 2025 – Item No. DS082 and 24 February 2026 – Item No. DS089) a review of the policies is progressing.

The intent of the review is to:

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

Consultants, Element Advisory, have been engaged to deliver the review. The consultants have been considering small batches of four or five policies each month, in consultation with City Officers.

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

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

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

The original 52 policies have now been reviewed with 25 having already been revoked by Council, leaving 27 still to be finalised. Of those 27, 22 policies are recommended for retention with modifications and five (5) are to be consolidated into two (2) new policies. The full list of policies and recommended treatment is included as Attachment No. DS093A - Local Planning Policy Review Status.

This report considers five (5) of the policies proposed to be retained with modifications, as follows:

- Consultation for Town Planning Proposals
- Extractive Industry
- Industrial Development
- Revegetation in the Rural Residential Zone
- Workforce Accommodation

Attachment No. DS093B – Proposed Local Planning Policies, includes copies of the five (5) revised policies.

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Attachment No. DS093C – Local Planning Policy Comparison Table outlines the intent of each existing and proposed policy, along with a description of the changes being recommended.

The proposed amendments to the five (5) local planning policies are largely administrative and refinements in nature, aimed at improving clarity, usability and consistency with the City’s planning framework. Collectively, the changes simplify and condense policy content, clarify policy scope and application, and provide more explicit guidance on assessment criteria and supporting information requirements for development applications. The proposed policies seek to achieve the same or improved planning outcomes as the existing policies, while being more accessible, efficient to administer, and more transparent for applicants, decision-makers and the community.

It is recommended that Council resolve to commence the statutory process to amend the five (5) existing policies. The first step will be to invite community feedback on the proposed changes. All submissions will be presented to Council, along with recommendations on whether to adopt the policies as proposed or make further modifications based on the feedback received.

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

### **Connected:**

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

### **Liveable:**

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

### **Thriving:**

Three (3) of the LPPs being considered seek to support business activities within the City of Greater Geraldton. Those policies are:

- Extractive Industry
- Industrial Development
- Workforce Accommodation

### **Leading:**

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

*Disclosure of Interest:*

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council has previously made decisions in relation to the creation, amendment and revocation of LPPs, the most recent being the amendment of five (5) LPPs on 24 February 2026 (Item No. DS089 - Local Planning Policy Review).

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

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

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The process for amending and making LPPs is set down in the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015*. The review process ensures that all legislative requirements will be met.

LPPs identify Council's policy position on planning related matters to ensure that related decisions are consistent with Council's intent.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

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

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme:</b> <b>Thriving</b>	<b>An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.</b>
Goal 1	Support existing businesses and attract new investment, contributing to a vibrant CBD and other key activity centres.
Goal 3	Plan for the sustainable growth of the City, balancing the needs of current and future populations.
<b>Strategic Theme:</b> <b>Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 1	Engage with the community to enhance decision-making.
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

LPPs guide decision-making in relation to development matters.

If these policies are not amended, the planning system may remain unnecessarily complex and inefficient, raising development and administration costs and potentially discouraging investment.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

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

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

**12.2 REPORTS OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE****CC034 COUNCIL POLICY 1.2 YOUTH VERSION 5**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-020632</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>J Bianchi, Manager Community and Cultural Development</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>F Norling, Director Community and Culture</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>16 February 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029-003</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Draft Council Policy 1.2 Youth (v5)</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for Council Policy 1.2 Youth, version 5. The policy has undergone its biennial review with no significant changes proposed.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. APPROVE Council Policy 1.2 Youth, version 5.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

Council Policy 1.2 Youth was last reviewed by the Council on 30 January 2024 - Item No. CC009. The purpose of this policy is to outline the role and responsibilities of the City regarding young people, including programs, service provision, engagement and advocacy on matters impacting young people and their families. Youth is defined as persons between 12-25 years of age. At Risk Youth refers to young people aged between 10 to 24 years, who may experience increased vulnerability.

No changes to the intent of the policy are proposed, and there are no significant amendments recommended for this review.

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

The policy highlights the role and responsibilities of the City regarding Youth and At Risk Youth including programs, service provision, engagement and advocacy on matters impacting young people and their families.

**Liveable:**

The policy supports the City's strategic goal of fostering an engaged and diverse community by responding to the needs of young people and their families. For example, the newly refurbished Youth Centre in Geraldton demonstrates a commitment by the City to young people and provides a hub for young people to meet and participate in activities outside of school. In addition, the City looks to continue delivering youth events and celebrations during the year, such as Revolve Skate and Battle of the Bands, and the newly formed event, the upcoming Mid West Youth Fest.

**Thriving:**

A thriving community is characterised by inclusivity, active engagement, resilience, and access to essential resources. This in turn fosters well-being and growth for all its members, regardless of age. This policy supports the City commitment to delivering and supporting programs for young people which focus on social inclusion and participation. For example, programs such as Game On, Late Night Basketball, Sunset Yoga and School Holiday programs. In addition, the City delivers cultural and educational programs which contribute to the development of young people and their lifelong learning, such as Storytime and Art Gallery Workshops.

**Leading:**

This policy supports the City's leadership aspirations by creating an environment which looks to the future and our young leaders of tomorrow. The policy demonstrates the responsibility undertaken by the City through innovative program delivery, to care, nurture and grow our most vulnerable community members. For example, the City continues to play a mentoring role with young people to develop their leadership skills within its two youth centres at Mullewa and in Geraldton.

***Disclosure of Interest:***

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council policies are reviewed and endorsed by Council on a regular basis. Council Policy 1.2 Youth was last approved by Council on 30 January 2024 Item No. CC009.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

Council Member consultation for council policy reviews is not required prior to the Agenda Forum or Ordinary Meetings of Council unless there are significant changes to a policy.

There are no significant changes to the intent of the policy proposed and any amendments are administrative in nature, therefore Council consideration is sought via this item.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Pursuant to section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the role of Council includes determination of council policies:

**2.7. Role of council**

- (1) *The council governs the local government's affairs and, as the local government's governing body, is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.*
- (2) *The council's governing role includes the following —*
- ...
- (b) *determining the local government's policies;*

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Program delivery as a result of this policy must align with budgetary and resourcing constraints.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme: Connected</b>	<b>An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.</b>
Goal 1	Provide safe and inviting public spaces for people to enjoy.
Goal 4	Be an inclusive City by promoting and celebrating the full diversity of our community, including cultures, identities, backgrounds and abilities.
<b>Strategic Theme: Liveable</b>	<b>A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.</b>
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.
<b>Strategic Theme: Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The City is committed to creating a culture and environment where the safety and welfare of young people is paramount. This policy supports risk management in this regard by providing specific reference to relevant legislation and workplace information.

Ensuring that the Council Policy Register is current and comprehensive supports the role of Council in the good government of the City of Greater Geraldton.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

The Council may choose to consider alternative amendments to the policy; this is a matter for the Council.

**CC035 COUNCIL POLICY 1.1 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-023130</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>J Bianchi, Manager Community and Cultural Development</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>F Norling, Director Community and Culture</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>24 February 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029-003</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Draft Council Policy 1.1 Community Partnerships (v2)</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for Council Policy 1.1 Community Partnerships, version 2. The policy has undergone its biennial review with no significant changes proposed.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. APPROVE Council Policy 1.1 Community Partnerships, version 2.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

Council Policy 1.1 Community Partnerships was last reviewed by the Council on 26 March 2024 - Item No. CC011. The purpose of this policy is to outline the principles under which partnership agreements between the City, local community groups and non-profit organisations related to community led initiatives and services of an in-kind nature that deliver community benefit are established. No changes to the intent of the policy are proposed, and there are no significant amendments recommended for this review.

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

The policy and its associated program were originally developed to establish a framework for the management of in-kind community partnerships and sponsorships, to ensure these were clear, equitable and transparent. Through this policy the City brings residents, organisations, and Council together to collaborate and strengthen relationships, with the aim of building a more cohesive and engaged community.

**Liveable:**

Through this policy, the City intends to support collaborative initiatives that enhance local wellbeing and create vibrant, inclusive neighbourhoods where people can flourish.

**Thriving:**

This policy supports Council to partner with its communities to co-create opportunities, build capacity, and deliver initiatives that support social, economic and cultural growth, enabling residents and neighbourhoods to thrive.

**Leading:**

The City has demonstrated its leadership role in acknowledging and formalising arrangements with local community groups and organisations delivering services and programs for the benefit of the broader community.

*Disclosure of Interest:*

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council policies are reviewed and endorsed by Council on a regular basis. Council Policy 1.1 Community Partnerships was last approved by Council on 26 March 2024 Item No. CC011.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

Council Member consultation for council policy reviews is not required prior to the Agenda Forum or Ordinary Meetings of Council unless there are significant changes to a policy.

There are no significant changes to the intent of the policy proposed and any amendments are administrative in nature, therefore Council consideration is sought via this item.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Pursuant to section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the role of Council includes determination of council policies:

***2.7. Role of council***

- (1) *The council governs the local government's affairs and, as the local government's governing body, is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.*
- (2) *The council's governing role includes the following —*  
...  
*(b) determining the local government's policies;*

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial or resource implications. The policy supports governance with regard to the in-kind resourcing of City programs by external partners.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme:</b> <b>Connected</b>	<b>An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.</b>
Goal 2	Foster collaborative partnerships to improve community safety, security and social cohesion.
Goal 3	Support and celebrate the City's diverse community through programs, initiatives and events, that build

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	social connections.
Goal 4	Be an inclusive City by promoting and celebrating the full diversity of our community, including cultures, identities, backgrounds and abilities.
<b>Strategic Theme: Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes, as these arrangements are at a local level.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Ensuring that the Council Policy Register is current and comprehensive supports the role of Council in the good government of the City of Greater Geraldton.

Built into the policy are the determinations which underpin eligibility, including those which reinforce the requirement for any new partnerships or initiatives to be aligned with City values. Consideration must be given to any new partnerships with organisations or their representatives, where that body/person is under litigation. Such circumstances may compromise the integrity, impartiality, or effective delivery of partnership outcomes, as well as the City's reputation.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

The Council may choose to consider alternative amendments to the policy, this is a matter for the Council.

**12.3 REPORTS OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

CS287	COUNCIL POLICY 4.2 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES, AND COUNCIL POLICY 4.30 CODE OF CONDUCT BEHAVIOUR COMPLAINTS MANAGEMENT
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-012562</b>
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<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>2 February 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/19/0008</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x6)</b>
	<b>A. Draft Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates (v3)</b>
	<b>B. Comparison Table - Council Policy 4.2</b>
	<b>C. Draft Council Policy 4.30 Code of Conduct Behaviour Complaints Management (v4)</b>
	<b>D. Comparison Table - Council Policy 4.30</b>
	<b>E. Model Code of Conduct Provisions</b>
	<b>F. Complaint of Alleged Breach Form</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates, version 3, and 4.30 Code of Conduct Behaviour Complaints Management, version 4.

The policies have undergone a review pursuant to the Local Government Act reforms that came into effect on 1 January 2026 with changes required detailed in the attached comparison tables (Attachment No. CS287B and CS287D). Amendments to the Code of Conduct must be adopted by 1 April 2026.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:****PART A**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 5.104(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates, version 3.

**PART B**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to clause 15(2) of the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* and section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Council Policy 4.30 Code of Conduct Behaviour Complaints Management, version 4.

### PART C

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to clauses 11(2) and 11(3) of the *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* RESOLVES to:

1. REAFFIRM the Chief Executive Officer as the authorised person to receive complaints and withdrawals of complaints; and
2. REAFFIRM the adoption of the complaint form – Attachment No. CS287F.

### **PROPONENT:**

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

### **BACKGROUND:**

Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates (Policy 4.2) was last reviewed by the Council on 29 November 2022 – Item No. CCS736, while Council Policy 4.30 Code of Conduct Behaviour Complaints Management (Policy 4.30) was last reviewed by the Council on 25 November 2025 – Item No. CS257.

Policy 4.30 operates alongside Policy 4.2 by setting out the process for managing and resolving behavioural complaints. While Policy 4.2 establishes the standards of conduct expected of council members, elected and unelected committee members and candidates, Policy 4.30 provides the procedural framework for responding to complaints.

Reforms to the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) commenced on 1 January 2026, requiring the City to amend the adopted Code of Conduct for council members, committee members and candidates (Policy 4.2) to incorporate amendments made to the Model Code of Conduct, by 1 April 2026. Policy 4.2 has been updated to reflect this.

Revisions to Policy 4.2 include reference to the creation of the Office of the Local Government Inspector. The Inspector has power to appoint a Monitor to assist the City to deal with matters raised by a complaint or a behavioural breach. Policy 4.2 also acknowledges that section 5.23 of the Act has been replaced and provides that meetings may only be closed in limited circumstances.

Policy 4.30 was originally endorsed by Council on 25 May 2021 (Item No. CCS595). A second version was approved by Council on 28 February 2023 (Item No. CS021), with a Behaviour Complaints Committee established, and a delegation to the new Committee approved on 27 June 2023 (Item No. CS046 and CS048). On 25 November 2025, Council disbanded the Behaviour Complaints Committee and approved version 3 (Item No. CS257). Under Policy 4.30 version 4, behavioural complaints are dealt with by Council.

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

### **Connected:**

Council Policies 4.2 and 4.30 establish a clear, effective and transparent framework for the City’s Code of Conduct and associated complaints-handling processes. The City is committed to ensuring that information on how to lodge a behaviour complaint, including relevant policies, procedures and guidance materials, is readily accessible and available to all members of the community.

### **Liveable:**

There are no adverse impacts.

### **Thriving:**

There are no adverse impacts.

### **Leading:**

The City is required to comply with the new provisions of the Act. It is a legislative requirement for a local government to adopt a Code of Conduct. By updating the policies, the City will be legislatively compliant and set out clear procedural requirements for dealing with behavioural complaints.

### *Disclosure of Interest:*

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

## **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council policies are reviewed and endorsed by Council on a regular basis. Council Policy 4.2 Code of Conduct of Council Members, Committee Member and Candidates, was last approved by Council on 29 November 2022 (Item No. CCS736).

Council Policy 4.30 Code of Conduct Behaviour Complaints Management was last approved by the Council on 25 November 2025 (Item No. CS257).

## **COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

Council Members were consulted by Briefing Note on 22 January 2026. No material comments were received.

## **LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Pursuant to section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the role of Council includes determination of council policies:

### ***2.7. Role of council***

- (1) *The council governs the local government’s affairs and, as the local government’s governing body, is responsible for the performance of the local government’s functions.*
- (2) *The council’s governing role includes the following —*
  - ...
  - (b) *determining the local government’s policies;*

The Local Government Reforms added Parts 8, 8A and 8B to the Act. These parts include information on the Local Government Inspectors powers and responsibilities. Council Policy 4.2 content effectively mirrors the legislative requirements as described in regulations (*Model Code of Conduct*).

The *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* were updated to include references to the Local Government Inspector and detail how Behavioural Complaints are to be handled by the City.

Local governments must amend their adopted Code of Conduct to incorporate amendments in accordance with section 5.104(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*:

**5.104. Adoption of model code of conduct**

- (2) *Within 3 months after the day on which regulations amending the model code come into operation, the local government must amend\* the adopted code of conduct to incorporate the amendments made to the model code.*

*\* Absolute majority required.*

Pursuant to clause 11 of the Model Code of Conduct a person may make a complaint alleging a breach of Division 3, Behaviour, to a person authorised to receive complaints and withdrawals of complaints:

**11. Complaint about alleged breach**

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- (2) *A complaint must be made –*
- (a) in writing in the form approved by the local government; and*
  - (b) to a person authorised under subclause (3); and*
  - (c) within 1 month after the occurrence of the alleged breach.*
- (3) *The local government must, in writing, authorise 1 or more persons to receive complaints and withdrawals of complaints.*

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial or resource implications.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

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

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Ensuring that the Council Policy Register is current and comprehensive supports the role of Council in the good government of the City of Greater Geraldton.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

There were no alternative options considered by City Officers.

CS288	COUNCIL POLICY 4.4 PRIVACY POLICY
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-027571</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>L Maldea, Manager Corporate Compliance</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>9 March 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/15/0003</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1)</b> <b>Draft Council Policy 4.4 Privacy Policy (v1)</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for a new Council Policy 4.4 Privacy Policy, version 1. Adoption of a Privacy Policy is required to comply with *Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024* (the PRIS Act) requirements which will commence on 1 July 2026.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. APPROVE Council Policy 4.4 Privacy Policy, version 1.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The Privacy Policy ensures that the City is prepared for the commencement of *Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024* (WA) on 1 July 2026. The PRIS Act establishes Western Australia's first dedicated privacy regime for public sector entities, including local governments.

The PRIS Act introduces obligations covering:

- Eleven Information Privacy Principles (IPPs) regulating the collection, use, disclosure, security, access/correction, governance, and lifecycle management of personal information.
- New rules relating to automated decision-making, de-identified information, data sharing, and contracted service providers.

The City does not have a Privacy Policy in force as it has not been a legislated requirement. A Council-adopted Privacy Policy is needed to provide consistent corporate guidance, meet increasing community expectations for transparency and comply with PRIS requirements.

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

### **Connected:**

Implementing a Privacy Policy will encourage the community to participate in programs, report concerns, and engage with partner organisations, trusting that the City protects the privacy of their personal information. This leads to safer communities and enhances social cohesion.

### **Liveable:**

There are no adverse impacts.

### **Thriving:**

There are no adverse impacts.

### **Leading:**

The PRIS Act requirement for local governments to have a Privacy Policy comes into effect on 1 July 2026. By endorsing the Privacy Policy, Council is readying itself for PRIS requirements and leading the City's culture shift towards PRIS Act compliance.

### *Disclosure of Interest:*

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

## **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

There are no relevant precedents. This is the first time local governments will be bound by privacy legislation.

## **COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

Council Members were consulted via Briefing Note on 5 March 2026, and no significant feedback was received.

## **LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Privacy Policies are required under the PRIS Act. This requirement comes into effect on 1 July 2026.

## **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Implementation of the Privacy Policy, along with broad PRIS Act compliance requirements, carries notable resource implications, which have been previously communicated to Council.

## **INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme:</b> <b>Connected</b>	<b>An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.</b>
Goal 2	Foster collaborative partnerships to improve community safety, security and social cohesion.
<b>Strategic Theme:</b> <b>Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 1	Engage with the community to enhance decision-making.
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services

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	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.
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Implementation of the Privacy Policy directly supports the City's risk management obligations by reducing exposure to legislative, operational, financial and reputational risks associated with handling personal information.

The risks addressed by implementing this policy are:

- Non-compliance with the PRIS Act
- Reputational damage for mishandling of information
- Unauthorised collection, use, or disclosure of personal information - sets boundaries for what data can be collected, why it is collected, and who can access it, lowering the chance of misuse or accidental exposure.
- Inconsistent internal practices - provides a single reference point for staff, reducing the risk of ad-hoc decisions that create vulnerabilities or contradict legal requirements.
- Over-collection or unnecessary retention of data — Guides decisions on what information is genuinely needed and for how long, reducing the risk of holding excessive or outdated personal data.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

A Privacy Policy does not need to be in place until 1 July 2026. Council may elect to wait until a Privacy Policy becomes a legislated requirement. This is not recommended due to the culture shift the organisation needs to undertake in respect of privacy obligations.

**CS289 COUNCIL POLICY 4.29 ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-020421</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>L Maldea, Manager Corporate Compliance</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>18 February 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/19/0008</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Draft Council Policy 4.29 Attendance at Events (v4)</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for Council Policy 4.29 Attendance at Events, version 4. The policy has undergone its biennial review with no significant changes proposed.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 5.90A of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Council Policy 4.29 Attendance at Events, version 4.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

Council Policy 4.29 Attendance at Events was last reviewed by the Council on 27 February 2024 - Item No. CS099 and is now due for its biennial review. As part of this review, the policy has been updated with minor administrative amendments only, with no change to the intent or application of the policy.

This policy addresses attendance at any events, including concerts, conferences, functions or sporting events, whether free of charge, part of a sponsorship agreement, or paid by the local government. The purpose of the policy is to provide transparency about the attendance at events of Council Members and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and establish guidelines for managing the acceptance of invitations to events or functions.

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

A review of Council Policy 4.29 Attendance at Events ensures that all relevant community and business events, for which participation of Council Members and the CEO are requested, are included in the policy. Approval of events, for the purposes of this policy, enables Council Member and CEO engagement with electors, business and government representatives, and members of the community.

**Liveable:**

There are no adverse impacts.

**Thriving:**

There are no adverse impacts.

**Leading:**

Review of the policy ensures compliance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* section 5.90A and provides transparency about the attendance at events by Council Members and the CEO.

***Disclosure of Interest:***

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council policies are reviewed and endorsed by Council on a regular basis. Council Policy 4.29 Attendance at Events version 3 was last approved by Council on 27 February 2024 (Item No. CS099).

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

There are no significant changes to the intent of the policy proposed and any amendments are administrative in nature, therefore Council consideration is sought via this item.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

This policy is presented to comply with the *Local Government Act 1995*, section 2.7, section 5.62(1B) and section 5.90A and deals with Council Members and the CEO needing to declare an interest at Council meetings, having attended certain events. Nothing in this policy negates the need for Council Members and the CEO to declare any gifts in the City's gift register.

***2.7. Role of council***

- (1) *The council governs the local government's affairs and, as the local government's governing body, is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.*
- (2) *The council's governing role includes the following —*
  - ...
  - (b) *determining the local government's policies;*

**5.62 Closely associated persons**

- (1B) *A gift is an excluded gift —*
  - (a) *if —*
    - (i) *the gift is a ticket to, or otherwise relates to the relevant person's attendance at, an event as defined in section 5.90A(1); and*
    - (ii) *the local government approves, in accordance with the local government's policy under section 5.90A, the relevant person's attendance at the event;*

**5.90A Policy for attendance at events**

- (1) *In this section —*

**event** *includes the following —*

  - (a) *a concert;*
  - (b) *a conference;*

- (c) a function;
- (d) a sporting event;
- (e) an occasion of a kind prescribed for the purposes of this definition.
- (2) A local government must prepare and adopt\* a policy that deals with matters relating to the attendance of council members and the CEO at events, including —
- (a) the provision of tickets to events; and
- (b) payments in respect of attendance; and
- (c) approval of attendance by the local government and criteria for approval; and
- (d) any prescribed matter.
- \* Absolute Majority Required
- (3) A local government may amend\* the policy.
- \* Absolute Majority Required
- (4) When preparing the policy or an amendment to the policy, the local government must comply with any prescribed requirements relating to the form or content of a policy under this section.
- (5) The CEO must publish an up-to-date version of the policy on the local government's official website.

#### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial or resource implications.

#### **INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme:</b> <b>Connected</b>	<b>An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.</b>
Goal 3	Support and celebrate the City's diverse community through programs, initiatives and events, that build social connections.
<b>Strategic Theme:</b> <b>Thriving</b>	<b>An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.</b>
Goal 1	Support existing businesses and attract new investment, contributing to a vibrant CBD and other key activity centres.
<b>Strategic Theme:</b> <b>Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 1	Engage with the community to enhance decision-making.
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

#### **REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Ensuring that the Council Policy Register is current and comprehensive supports the role of Council in the good government of the City of Greater Geraldton.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

There were no alternative options considered by City Officers. The Council may choose to consider alternative amendments to the policy.

<b>CS290</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT AND FRAMEWORK</b>
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-026581</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>L Maldea, Manager Corporate Compliance</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>4 March 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/00029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x4)</b>
	<b>A. Risk Management Framework</b>
	<b>B. Draft Council Policy 4.7 Risk Management (v5)</b>
	<b>C. Comparison Table - Council Policy 4.7 Risk Management</b>
	<b>D. Council Policy 4.25 Business Continuity Management (v4)</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the City of Greater Geraldton's (the City's) risk management policy suite.

The review looked at the following suite of risk management-related policies and the supporting framework:

- Risk Management Framework 2026 - 2028 (the Framework)
- Council Policy 4.7 Risk Management
- Council Policy 4.24 Risk Appetite & Tolerance
- Council Policy 4.25 Business Continuity Management

No significant changes are proposed to Council Policies 4.7 Risk Management and 4.24 Risk Appetite & Tolerance, other than minor wording changes and amalgamation into one policy for ease. No changes are proposed to Council Policy 4.25 Business Continuity Management. The Framework has been reviewed and rewritten with the aim of simplifying the contents and streamlining the risk management and assessment process.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. NOTE the status of the risk management review currently being undertaken;
2. APPROVE the Risk Management Framework 2026 - 2028, version 1;
3. APPROVE Council Policy 4.7 Risk Management, version 5; and
4. APPROVE Council Policy 4.25 Business Continuity Management, version 4.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

A full review of the City's Risk Management Framework and related documentation has been undertaken which included:

- Review of all categories of risk as defined in the City's previous Risk Management Framework and includes a three (3) step process of risk identification, analysis and evaluation.
- Review and updated version of the Risk Management Framework.
- Simplification and streamlining of the risk matrixes used to identify, analyse and evaluate inherent and residual risk.
- Reconfiguration of risk management software for more effective monitoring, control and reporting.
- Review of the Risk Management Policy and Risk Appetite & Tolerance Policy now condensed into one Risk Management Policy.
- Review of the Business Continuity Management Policy.

Governance has undertaken a review of the entire suite of risk management documentation, previously identified risks and calculations, and previous risk management software. The new version of the Risk Management Framework aligns Strategic Risks and Major Project Risks to the achievement of the objectives identified in the Strategic Community Plan, whilst Departmental Risks will be aligned with the achievement of objectives identified in the Corporate Business Plan.

Alongside the Executive Management Team, Governance has identified key Strategic Risks and Major Project Risks which may interfere with the City's ability to achieve its long-term objectives as identified in the Strategic Community Plan. Financial sustainability and viability have been identified as the key link and common denominator between all risks. If the City does not have the financial resources in place to meet the identified actions, the residual risk will likely increase leading to a knock-on effect on the City's achievement of objectives.

The Strategic Risk Register and Major Projects Risk Register are intended to be reviewed each quarter and as necessary. Strategic Risks and Major Project Risks are reported to the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

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

Local Government risk management is essential for maintaining community trust and ensuring the delivery of essential services. The 2025 JLT Public Sector Risk Report highlights key risks such as financial sustainability, cyber security, and aging infrastructure that local councils must address to safeguard their communities.

**Liveable:**

There are no adverse impacts.

**Thriving:**

There are no adverse impacts.

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**Leading:**

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires that Councils establish good governance principles through the introduction of policies and guidelines. The risk management policy suite establishes the Council's standards for ensuring the effective management of City activities.

***Disclosure of Interest:***

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

The relevant precedents are as follows:

- 20 December 2022 – Item No. CS003 Risk Management Policy Suite
- 24 November 2020 – Item No. CCS548 Risk Compliance and Business Continuity Policy Suite
- 27 November 2018 – Item No. CCS378 Risk, Compliance & Business Continuity Management Framework Update

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

The Risk Management Framework, Risk Management Policy and Strategic Risks and Major Project Risk registers were presented to and endorsed by the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on 24 February 2026.

No additional Council Member consultation was sought.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

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

**2.7. Role of council**

- (1) *The council governs the local government's affairs and, as the local government's governing body, is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.*
- (2) *The council's governing role includes the following -*
  - ...
  - (b) *determining the local government's policies;*

Pursuant to regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*, the City is to establish effective risk management, internal control and legislative compliance systems:

**17. CEO to review certain systems and procedures**

- (1) *The CEO must review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's systems and procedures in relation to the following matters -*
  - (a) *financial management;*
  - (b) *legislative compliance;*
  - (c) *risk management.*

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Risks are identified and managed at a City and project level, and cost provisions are embedded into annual budgets and work programs.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

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

Regular corporate risk management reviews are essential because they keep the risk management framework current, effective, and aligned with an evolving business environment, allowing organisations to identify and address merging risks, ensure compliance, and improve controls to safeguard operations and future success.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

CS291	RESPONSE TO WALGA - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL REFORM
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-027331</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>6 March 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GR/11/0056-015</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x3)</b>
	<b>A. WALGA Infopage - Sector Consultation - Electoral Reform Discussion Paper</b>
	<b>B. WALGA Electoral Reform Discussion Paper</b>
	<b>C. CGG Survey Responses - Local Government Electoral Reform</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek a Council endorsed position to inform the Western Australian Local Government Association's (WALGA) advocacy on Local Government electoral reforms expected to be proposed by the State Government.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. ENDORSE the following Local Government Electoral Advocacy Positions:
  - a. Support half spill elections every two years;
  - b. Support voluntary voting in Local Government elections;
  - c. If the frequency of Local Government elections were changed to every four years, support compulsory voting; and
2. REQUEST the Chief Executive Officer provide to WALGA this report and Attachment No. CS291C which includes the key considerations informing the Council's views.

**PROPONENT:**

The proponent is WALGA in its role in representing the Local Government Sector.

**BACKGROUND:**

WALGA is undertaking engagement with the local government sector and seeks a Council-endorsed response to inform its advocacy on electoral reforms expected to be proposed by the State Government, specifically:

- full spill elections every 4 years; and
- compulsory voting at Local Government elections.

In June 2025, Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government, expressed support for a four-year election cycle, citing concerns about voter fatigue and the rising costs of conducting biennial elections. These messages were repeated in Minister Beazley's address at WALGA's 2025 Local Government Convention, which also raised the possibility of compulsory voting. These comments have prompted renewed interest and discussion across the sector.

Attached are WALGA's information page and discussion paper which outline some considerations for local governments and provides WALGA's existing advocacy positions (Attachment No. CS291A and CS291B).

By proactively progressing consultation, WALGA is seeking to obtain sector feedback that will ensure WALGA's positions reflect the sector's current views and enable timely, well-informed and effective engagement with the anticipated State Government reform proposals.

Councils are asked to provide a response so that WALGA can compile a report to present to State Council in the future. The below table provides a comparative overview of each State and Territory in relation to election cycles and voting requirements:

Jurisdiction	Compulsory/optional voting	Frequency	Postal/In Person
Western Australia	Optional	Half spill every 2 years	Postal or in person
South Australia	Optional	Full spill every 4 years	Postal
Northern Territory	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years	Postal or in person
Queensland	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years	Postal or in person
New South Wales	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years	In person
Victoria	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years	Postal
Tasmania	Compulsory	Full spill every 4 years	Postal

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

### **Connected:**

There are no adverse impacts. A formal response ensures that the community are aware of the Council's position on the anticipated State Government electoral reforms.

### **Liveable:**

There are no adverse impacts.

### **Thriving:**

There are no adverse impacts.

**Leading:**

The submission of a Council endorsed position ensures the City is an active participant in reform proposals that may affect the governance of the City of Greater Geraldton.

***Disclosure of Interest:***

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

On 29 October 2024, the Council endorsed Local Government Election Advocacy Positions for submission to WALGA - Item No. CS162.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

Consultation has taken place via a survey with Council Members, and the Executive Recommendation reflects the majority view of feedback provided.

In relation to the frequency of elections, the responses unanimously supported the half spill two-year election cycle. The following, in order of importance, formed the key considerations in support of this position:

- Continuity and knowledge retention
- Stable whole-of-Council mandate
- Capacity for candidate recruitment.

On the question of whether Council Members favour voluntary or compulsory voting, most responses favoured keeping voting voluntary for the community, in line with the current election cycle. When further asked the question '*if the frequency of Local Government elections were changed to every 4 years, would you support compulsory or voluntary voting?*' – the responses slightly favoured the position in support of compulsory voting based on and in order of preference, the following considerations:

- Voter engagement and awareness
- Voter participation and democratic legitimacy
- Administrative and enforcement requirements.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no legislative or policy implications in providing a response to WALGA. The *Local Government Act 1995* requires ordinary elections to be carried out every two years and that voting by electors is voluntary. Reforms if progressed would result in the amendment of this legislation.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

There are no financial or resource implications in providing a response to WALGA. As recognised in the attached discussion paper, cost implications are a relevant consideration in assessing the appropriateness of any proposed electoral reform. WALGA has requested that the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) and the Western Australian Electoral Commission, undertake modelling to identify the cost implications on any proposed reforms.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme: Connected</b>	<b>An engaged and diverse community where everyone feels included and safe.</b>
Goal 4	Be an inclusive City by promoting and celebrating the full diversity of our community, including cultures, identities, backgrounds and abilities.
<b>Strategic Theme: Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 4	Continued focus on strong advocacy to ensure that Federal and State projects, programs and funding are aligned with our community's priorities.
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:**

There are no specific risks identified, providing a formal response to WALGA ensures the Council's views are considered in any future advocacy.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

The Council may consider endorsing alternative positions to those presented in the Executive Recommendation, this is a matter for Council.

**CS292 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW 2025-26**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-029440</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>N Jane, Chief Financial Officer</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>6 March 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>FM/6/0039</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Mid-Year Budget Review 2025-26 - Financial Statements</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council adoption of the Mid-Year Budget Review 2025-26 and approval of proposed budget amendments following the review.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. ADOPT the Mid-Year Budget Review for 2025-26;
2. APPROVE the proposed budget amendments, as detailed by nature in Attachment No. CS292 and AUTHORISE any unauthorised expenditure and revenue detailed in the Financial Statements; and
3. APPROVE and AUTHORISE the revised transfers to/from Cash Reserves as detailed in Attachment No. CS292.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The following provides a summary of the significant movements from the current budget after completion of the Mid-Year Review. As part of the review, the City's performance for the period 1 July 2025 to 28 February 2026 and financial position at 28 February 2026 is considered, alongside the tracking of forecast outcomes against budget for the remainder of the financial year. During the 2025-26 financial year, Council has endorsed budget amendments resulting in the current budget. These amendments are listed below:

- Item No. CS240 Budget Amendments 2025-26 (26 August 2025)
- Item No. CS246 Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 31 August 2025 (30 September 2025)
- Item No. IS324 RFT 2526 06 Eastward Road / Pass Street Roundabout Construction (28 October 2025)
- Item No. CS251 Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 30 September 2025 (28 October 2025)
- Item No. DS080 Civic Centre Wall Panelling Replacement and Master Planning (28 October 2025)
- Item No. IS327 Flores Road and Eastward Road Roundabout Grant Application (25 November 2025)

- Item No. IS329 RFT 2526 09 Aquarena Mechanical Refurbishment (25 November 2025)
- Item No. DS085 Confidential – Land Acquisition (25 November 2025)
- Item No. DS087 Confidential – Land Acquisition (16 December 2025)
- Item No. CS270 Monthly Financial Report for the Period ended 30 November 2025 (16 December 2025)
- Item No. CS275 Disposal of Lot 2 Avro Drive, Moonyoonooka – Tesla Geraldton Pty Ltd (27 January 2026)
- Item No. CS284 Disposal of Lot 1 Deepdale Road, Moonyoonooka (24 February 2026)

The following provides a summary of the significant movements from the current endorsed budget after completion of the Mid-Year Review.

**Statement of Financial Activity** (refer Attachment No. CS292 – Mid-Year Budget Review 2025-26 - Financial Statements)

For terminology purposes a ‘positive movement’ means any change that increases the City’s cash position and decrease are represented by a ‘negative movement’ (excluding profit/loss on sale and depreciation movements).

### Operating Income

Total operating income forecast for this financial year has increased by \$602,836 compared to the current endorsed budget. The movements by nature include:

Income by Nature	Increase (Positive Movement)	Decrease (Negative Movement)
Rates		122,160
Operating Grants & Subsidies	280,100	
Contributions, Reimbursements & Donations	215,227	
Fees & Charges		190,829
Interest Earnings	403,498	
Other	17,000	
<b>Net Movement</b>	<b>602,836</b>	

### Operating Income (material movements)

#### Rates (\$122k decrease)

- Rates concession provided to MRAC \$157,000

#### Operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions (\$495k increase)

- Increase in Commonwealth Government Financial Assistance Funding \$338k

#### Fees and Charges (\$190k decrease)

- Withdrawal of Building Certifying services to other local governments \$228k
- Aquarena Entry fees reduced due to closure to complete capital works \$120k

- Airport passenger service fee reduction with one charter no longer operating \$100k
- Partially offset by increases in Lease and Rental Income \$110k
- Building and Planning application fees \$75k

**Interest Earnings** (\$403k increase)

- Higher than expected interest rates resulting in increased yields on investments.

**Other revenue** (increase \$17k)

- Various small movements

**Operating Expenditure**

Total operating expenditure forecast for this financial year has decreased by \$135,073 compared to the current endorsed budget. The movements by nature include:

<b>Expenditure by Nature</b>	<b>Increase (Negative Movement)</b>	<b>Decrease (Positive Movement)</b>
Employee Costs		486,200
Materials & Contracts	271,119	
Insurance		25,000
Other	105,008	
<b>Net Movement</b>		<b>135,073</b>

**Operating Expenditure** (material movements)**Employee Costs** (\$486k decrease)

- Adjustment to delivery methodology for IBIS Project from employment to external consultants

**Materials & Contractors** (\$271k increase)

- Adjustment to delivery methodology for IBIS Project from employment to external consultants (increase \$486k)
- Reclassification of Service Agreements to Other expenditure (decrease \$100k)
- Insurance (decrease \$25k)

**Other Expenditure** (increase \$105k)

- Reclassification of Service Agreements from Materials and Contractors (increase \$100k)

The net impact of the amendments to Operating Income and Operating Expenditure is a reduction in the deficit from \$1,468,975 to \$731,065.

**Capital Revenue** (including Net Reserve Transfers)

The budget allocation associated with these revenue streams has been decreased by \$235,698.

<b>Revenue type</b>	<b>Increase (Positive Movement)</b>	<b>Decrease (Negative Movement)</b>
Capital Grants		535,698
Transfer from reserves	300,000	
<b>Net Movement</b>		<b>235,698</b>

**Capital Revenue** (material movements)**Capital Grants** (\$535k decrease)

- Allanooka Springs Road, Regional Road Safety Program \$971k (offset by reduction in capital expenditure)
- QPT Lighting Project – Lotterywest funding \$418k new grant approved

**Transfer from Reserves**

- Transfer from Major Initiatives Reserve for variation on Airport Microgrid project \$300k

**Capital Expenditure**

The overall increase in capital expenditure of \$1,793,547 is summarised by the following movements in asset categories:

<b>Asset Category</b>	<b>Increase (Negative Movement)</b>	<b>Decrease (Positive Movement)</b>
Buildings	629,986	
Furniture & Equipment	178,877	
Plant & Equipment	145,877	
Roads		1,358,716
Pathways		351,949
Bridges & Major Culverts		464,414
Carparks	133,461	
Recreation	2,060,130	
Lighting	374,000	
Airport	280,000	
Waste	37,628	
Drainage	128,667	
<b>Net Movement</b>	<b>1,793,547</b>	

**Capital Expenditure** (Material Movements)

Increases/additions to 2025-26 capital:

- \*QPT Lighting System Upgrade \$525k (successful Lotterywest Funding)
- Community Civic Centre Precinct \$118k
- Airport Microgrid \$300k
- Carnarvon Mullewa Road Major Culverts \$95k
- \*Foreshore Youth Precinct \$2M
- Foreshore Lighting \$285k

- Drainage renewal works in preparation for 2026-27 road projects (\$175k)

*\*Budgets for these projects have been included for procurement purposes and are expected to be carried over to 2026-27*

Decreases to/Deferral of 2025-26 capital:

- Allanooka Springs Road Widening \$270k (offset by reduced grant funding)
- Hibbertia Street Intersection Upgrade \$695k (partial postponement due to delay in external approvals and works.)
- Museum Place Reconstruction \$145k (deferred)
- Waldeck Street Pathway \$375k
- Nangetty Walkaway Bridge \$575k (savings achieved on project delivery)

Some movements have been made between asset categories to recognise components of approved projects that have different asset categories. These changes have no overall budget impact.

It should be noted that several major projects (Maitland Park Precinct, Foreshore Youth Precinct, QPT Lighting System Upgrade) will not be fully expended in this financial year, however the budgets have been retained to enable procurement processes in the current year. These projects will be captured as carryovers in the 2026-27 year.

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

### **Connected:**

There are no adverse impacts.

### **Liveable:**

There are no adverse impacts.

### **Thriving:**

There are no adverse impacts.

### **Leading:**

Carrying out the Mid-Year Budget Review analysis allows the City to assess what has been achieved year to date, to highlight the current financial position and set the scene leading into preparation of the 2026-27 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan.

### ***Disclosure of Interest:***

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

## **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Each year Council undertakes a mid-year budget review in line with the requirements of legislation. The review last year was considered at the 25 March 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council – Item No. CS198, Mid-Year Budget Review 2024-25.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

Council Members were presented with an overview of the Mid-Year Budget Review results at the Council Concept Forum on 3 March 2026.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

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

*Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* regulation 33A requires that Council between 1 January and the last day of February in each Financial year, carry out a review of its annual budget for that year.

**33A. Review of budget**

- (1) *Between 1 January and the last day of February in each financial year a local government is to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year.*
- (2A) *The review of an annual budget for a financial year must —*
  - (a) *consider the local government's financial performance in the period beginning on 1 July and ending no earlier than 31 December in that financial year; and*
  - (b) *consider the local government's financial position as at the date of the review; and*
  - (c) *review the outcomes for the end of that financial year that are forecast in the budget; and*
  - (d) *include the following –*
    - (i) *the annual budget adopted by the local government;*
    - (ii) *an update of each of the estimates included in the annual budget;*
    - (iii) *the actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income as at the date of the review;*
    - (iv) *adjacent to each item in the annual budget adopted by the local government that states an amount, the estimated end-of-year amount for the item.*
- (2) *The review of an annual budget for a financial year must be submitted to the council on or before 31 March in that financial year.*
- (3) *A council is to consider a review submitted to it and is to determine\* whether or not to adopt the review, any parts of the review or any recommendations made in the review.*  
*\*Absolute majority required.*
- (4) *Within 14 days after a council has made a determination, a copy of the review and determination is to be provided to the Department.*

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

As per the Statement of Comprehensive Income (Attachment No. CS292), there has been an increase in the net result of \$202,211 from \$17,329,110 to \$17,531,321 in the Mid-Year Review (MYR).

As shown in the Statement of Financial Activity there has been a favourable change in the operating position from an operating deficit of \$1,468,975 to an operating deficit of \$731,066 in this review. The most significant proposed adjustments are outlined above.

The City's end of year unrestricted cash position (see Cash Flow Statement) is expected to remain at a similar level to the original budget forecast of \$13,709,049 to a revised forecast of \$14,094,340. Note that movements in cash flow between original budget and mid-year budget review have been aligned with forecast actual spend on major capital projects rather than expected commitments included in the budget.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

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

Delivery of services, programs, and projects continue to deliver benefits for the region through capital expenditure, business support, employment opportunities and encouraging tourism.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Undertaking this budget review meets the regulatory requirement to do so and thereby mitigates the risk of non-compliance. This review provides Council opportunity to formulate actions in response to identified budget impacts, thereby reducing the risk of an increase to the forecast deficit position.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

Alternative options for adjustments to budget forecasts were considered by Directors and Managers across all areas of the operations and wherever possible have offset expenditure allocations within the same function areas of the budget.

Alternative Option:

1. ADOPT the Mid-Year Budget Review for 2025-26;
2. APPROVE the proposed budget amendments, as detailed by nature in Attachment CS292 and AUTHORISE any unauthorised expenditure and revenue detailed in the Financial Statements but with the following changes:
  - a. To be determined by Council; and
3. MAKE the determination based on the following reason/s:
  - a. To be determined by Council.

CS293	MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2026
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-028856</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>N Jane, Chief Financial Officer</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>P Radalj, Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>6 March 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>FM/17/0017</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1)</b> <b>Monthly Financial Report for period ended 28 February 2026</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a comprehensive report on the City's finances to 28 February 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 28 February 2026 incorporating the Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

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

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

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

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

**Liveable:**

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

**Thriving:**

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

**Leading:**

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

***Disclosure of Interest:***

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Council is provided with financial reports each month.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

There has been no community/Council Member consultation.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* require the local government to prepare a statement of financial activity each month, reporting on the revenue and expenditure as set out in the adopted annual budget. The statement is to be accompanied by documents containing an explanation of material variances and such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.

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

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

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

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

As detailed in this item and attached report.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

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

**12.4 REPORTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

*Refer to items listed:*

- *above under '8. Petitions, Deputations'; and*
- *below under '2. Meeting Closed to Public'.*

**12.5 REPORTS OF OFFICE OF THE CEO**

There are none.

**12.6 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED****RR81 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED - FEBRUARY**

<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-032900</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>R McKim, Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>R McKim, Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>20 March 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/6/0029</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x5)</b>
	<b>A. DSDD041 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval</b>
	<b>B. CS294 - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes – 24 February 2026</b>
	<b>C. CS295 - Geraldton Sailors and Soldiers' Memorial Institute AGM Minutes – 18 February 2026 - including Financial Statements</b>
	<b>D. CS296 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – February 2026</b>
	<b>E. CS297 - List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – February 2026</b>

**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. DSDD041 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval.
  - b. Reports – Corporate Services:
    - i. CS294 - Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes – 24 February 2026; and
    - ii. CS295 - Geraldton Sailors and Soldiers' Memorial Institute AGM Minutes – 18 February 2026 - including Financial Statements

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. CS296 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – February 2026; and
    - ii. CS297 - List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – February 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:**

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There are no financial or resource implications.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

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

**13 MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

There are none.

**14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

There are none.

**15 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING**

There is 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.

*Livestreaming will be turned off if required.*

IS333	RFT 2526 13 FLORES ROAD / EASTWARD ROAD ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-26-027329</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>C Edwards, Manager Project Delivery and Engineering</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>6 March 2026</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>FM/25/0364</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x1) Confidential</b>
	<b>Confidential - RFT 2526 13 Tender Evaluation Report</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award RFT 2526 13 Flores Road / Eastward Road Roundabout Construction to the preferred tenderer.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 3.57 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

*NOTE - Council to insert successful tender name when moving the motion*

1. ACCEPT the conforming tender submission for Tender No. RFT 2526 13 Flores Road / Eastward Road Roundabout Construction received from \_\_\_\_\_, named as Tenderer 2 in the Evaluation Panel Report recommendation detailed in Confidential Attachment No. IS333 as the most advantageous, for the contract value of \$\_\_\_\_\_, excluding GST.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

Recently, the Western Australian State Government acknowledged the priority and importance of constructing a 4-leg roundabout at the intersection of Flores Road, Eastward Road and Alexander Street and offered \$2,851,713 in funding for its construction. The funding was conditional on the City funding the balance of \$2,148,287.

On 25 November 2025 via Item No. IS327 – Flores Road / Eastward Road Roundabout Grant Application, Council Members endorsed the following decisions:

PART A

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

1. DIRECT the CEO to ACCEPT the following offers of grant funding for the construction of the Flores Road and Eastward Road Roundabout:
  - a. Main Roads WA, Road Project grant for an amount of \$1,000,000; and
  - b. Main Roads WA, State Black Spot funding for an amount of \$1,851,713.
2. DIRECT the CEO to write to the State Government expressing gratitude for the grant allocation.

PART B

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

3. AUTHORISE the following amendments to the 2025-26 Annual Budget:
  - a. Increase non-operating grant income by \$2,294,259;
  - b. Increase the capital road infrastructure expenditure by \$4,155,821 for the Flores Road and Eastward Road Roundabout;
  - c. Reduce the capital bridges and major culverts infrastructure expenditure by \$2,760,000 to reflect the deferral of the construction component of the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road and Yuna-Tenindewa Road major culvert replacements until the 2026-27 financial year;
  - d. Reduce the transfer from the Asset Renewal Reserve by \$898,438; and
  - e. Change the purpose of the transfer from the Asset Renewal Reserve of \$1,861,562 from the Carnarvon-Mullewa Road and Yuna-Tenindewa Road major culvert replacements to the Flores Road and Eastward Road Roundabout construction.

The City has written to the State Government to express its appreciation for their support of the project and has since received a response.

The City sought tenders from suitably experienced, qualified and resourced contractors to undertake the construction of the 4-leg roundabout at the intersection of Flores Road, Eastward Road and Alexander Street.

The Request for Tender (RFT) was advertised in The West Australian on 29 November 2025 and the Geraldton Guardian on 28 November 2025. The RFT was also advertised on the City's TenderLink e-Tendering Portal, with a closing date of 21 January 2026.

A total of 19 suppliers registered to receive the Request for Tender and two (2) conforming submissions were received with both tenderers also providing alternative submissions.

The tender assessment was undertaken by an evaluation panel comprising four (4) Officers, including three (3) voting members and one (1) non-voting mandatory compliance representative.

The Regional Price Preference discount in terms of Council Policy 4.11 was not applied as both tenderers were local.

All (4) submissions were deemed compliant and progressed for assessment against the following qualitative and price criteria:

- a. Price (50%);
- b. Tenderer's relevant experience and key resources (25%); and
- c. Demonstrated understanding, including tender programme and written methodology (25%).

The above selection criteria were adopted to select the most advantageous tenderer.

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

#### **Connected:**

The new 4-leg roundabout at the intersection of Flores Road, Eastward Road and Alexander Street will deliver improvements to the City's transport infrastructure providing safe connectivity in the community. The roundabout has been designed to Main Roads WA and Austroads standards, improving the safety of and the traffic flow through the intersection.

#### **Liveable:**

The project will improve the functionality and connectivity of the City's transport network through targeted investment in community infrastructure to support current and future needs.

#### **Thriving:**

Awarding the tender is expected to result in a significant proportion of City funding flowing into the local economy through the engagement of local subcontractors and suppliers for the project.

#### **Leading:**

The project demonstrates leadership in financial sustainability by leveraging external funding from Road Project Grant and Black Spot schemes to deliver the proposed road safety upgrade.

#### ***Disclosure of Interest:***

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

On 28 October 2025, Council awarded tender Item No. IS325 RFT 2526 07 - Regional Road Group (RRG) Funded Projects, to the preferred tenderer.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

Council Members were consulted when Item No. IS327 Flores Road and Eastward Road Roundabout Grant Application sought approval to receive the grant funding and make a budget amendment for the project, which was adopted on 25 November 2025.

During the same Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 November 2025 and in response to a question from the public, advice was provided that City Officers will work closely with the Head Contractor and their Traffic Management Subcontractor to minimise the need for detours and will take all reasonable measures to maintain local area access via Alexander Street.

Community consultation has been undertaken for this project with impacted businesses having been visited and letters having been issued to affected residents.

A community consultation drop-in session was conducted on 12 February 2026 and was attended by 20 community members. During this session the community was largely supportive of the project, understanding that some inconvenience was inevitable during construction. There were a number of attendees from the trucking industry that felt that the roundabout was too small to accommodate B-double RAV7 Heavy Vehicles. The design approach using Main Roads WA and Austroads standards to suit the size of the permitted vehicles was explained to them.

**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 approved project budget, as endorsed by Council, is \$5,000,000 excluding GST. Additional budget of \$750,000 is required to deliver the project and this has been included in the mid-year budget review for consideration by Council. The project is funded \$2,851,713 through the Main Roads Road Project Grant and Black Spot Program. The City has the necessary resources in place to effectively manage the delivery of the contract.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme:</b> <b>Liveable</b>	<b>A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.</b>
Goal 2	Improve maintenance and connectivity of the City's transport network, including expanded active transport opportunities.

Goal 5	Invest in community and recreation infrastructure, to support current and future needs.
<b>Strategic Theme: Thriving</b>	<b>An economically diverse and prosperous City, driving sustainable growth while preserving our local spirit.</b>
Goal 3	Plan for the sustainable growth of the City, balancing the needs of current and future populations.
<b>Strategic Theme: Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
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:**

Facilitating the development and maintenance of a functional and safe road network throughout the City contributes to improved comfort and safety for the broader regional community and road users.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The roundabout has been designed to Main Roads WA and Austroads standards ensuring that the roundabout is sized to suit the vehicles permitted to use the road. The design was subsequently peer reviewed by an independent designer who conducted a Design Road Safety Audit.

The successful tenderer will be engaged under an amended form of the AS4000 General Conditions of Contract, which provides industry-standard provisions for the allocation and management of construction risk. Due diligence has been undertaken as part of the tender evaluation process to confirm that the successful tenderer has the demonstrated capability, capacity and experience to undertake the works, and the construction methodology that minimises risk to the City.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

An alternative recommendation can be considered by Council:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 3.57 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. ACCEPT the alternative tender submission for Tender No. RFT 2526 13 Flores Road / Eastward Road Roundabout Construction received from \_\_\_\_\_, named as Tenderer 1 in the Evaluation Panel Report recommendation detailed in Confidential Attachment No. IS333 as the most advantageous, for the contract value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, excluding GST.

**17 CLOSURE**

**APPENDIX 1 – ATTACHMENTS AND REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED**

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