



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
MINUTES

31 MAY 2022

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CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY, 31 MAY 2022 AT 5.00PM
CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE

MINUTES

The State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency declared by the State Government on 16 March 2020, remains in force. Please refer to the information on the current restrictions [COVID-19 coronavirus: What you can and can't do \(www.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.wa.gov.au)

DISCLAIMER:

The Presiding Member advises that the purpose of this Council Meeting is to discuss and, where possible, make resolutions about items appearing on the agenda. Whilst Council has the power to resolve such items and may in fact, appear to have done so at the meeting, no person should rely on or act on the basis of such decision or on any advice or information provided by a Member or Officer, or on the content of any discussion occurring, during the course of the meeting. Persons should be aware that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 (Section 5.25(e)) and Council's Meeting Procedures Local Laws establish procedures for revocation or rescission of a Council decision. No person should rely on the decisions made by Council until formal advice of the Council decision is received by that person. The City of Greater Geraldton expressly disclaims liability for any loss or damage suffered by any person as a result of relying on or acting on the basis of any resolution of Council, or any advice or information provided by a Member or Officer, or the content of any discussion occurring, during the course of the Council meeting.

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 5pm.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Yamatji people.

3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Attendance by Electronic Means

In accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 14C (2) - Attendance by electronic means in public health emergency or state of emergency (Act s.5.25(1)(ba)) the Mayor authorised himself, Cr S Cooper, Cr RD Hall and Cr T Thomas and attend the meeting by electronic means.

Present:

Mayor S Van Styn (by electronic means)
Cr J Clune [Presiding Member]
Cr N Colliver

Cr S Cooper *(by electronic means)*
Cr J Critch
Cr R D Hall *(by electronic means)*
Cr M Librizzi
Cr S Keemink
Cr K Parker
Cr M Reymond
Cr V Tanti
Cr T Thomas *(by electronic means)*

Officers:

R McKim, Chief Executive Officer
P Melling, Director of Development Services
P Radalj, Director of Corporate and Commercial Services
F Norling, A/Director of Community Services
S Moulds, PA to the Chief Executive Officer
L Pegler, Executive Support Secretary
M Dufour, Manager Engineering Services
B Robartson, Manager Land and Regulatory Services
D Duff, Manager ICT Services
H Williamson, Coordinator Environmental Health and Waste
T Gray, A/Coordinator Communications
J Kopplhuber, Communications Officer - Engagement
D Melling, Systems Administrator

Others:

Members of Public: 1
Members of Press: 1

Apologies:

Nil

Leave of Absence:

Cr S Cooper

Noting Cr Cooper's leave was approved, he attended this meeting by electronic means.

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cr J Critch declared an Impartiality interest in Item No. CCS688 2022-23 Recurrent funding as she is a paid member of the Mullewa CRC.

Cr T Thomas declared a Closely Associated Person/s interest in Item No. CCS688 2022-23 Recurrent Funding as her husband is the applicant's godfather.

Cr M Reymond declared an Impartiality interest in Item No. CCS688 2022-23 Recurrent Funding as he is a member of the Greenough Museum and Gardens Associations.

Cr N Colliver declared an Impartiality interest in Item No. IS260 Self-Supporting Loan Geraldton Clay Target Club as her husband is a member of this club.

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

There were no questions to council.

7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Existing Approved Leave

Councillor	From	To (inclusive)	Date Approved
Cr V Tanti	17 June 2022	28 July 2022	26/4/2022
Cr M Reymond	30 June 2022	6 July 2022	22/2/2022
Cr M Librizzi	3 August 2022	14 September 2022	25/1/2022

**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.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. APPROVE Leave of Absence for:
 - a. Cr RD Hall for the period 12 October to 26 October 2022; and
 - b. Cr S Cooper for the period 31 May to 30 June 2022.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR REYMOND, SECONDED CR COLLIVER****EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:****That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.25 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:**

- 1. APPROVE Leave of Absence for:**
 - a. Cr RD Hall for the period 12 October to 26 October 2022;
and**
 - b. Cr S Cooper for the period 31 May to 30 June 2022.**

CARRIED 12/0

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

8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 April 2022, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR HALL

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 April 2022, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED 12/0

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

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

DATE	FUNCTION	REPRESENTATIVE
27 April 2022	Triple M Radio Interview - Outcomes of Council Meeting	Mayor Shane Van Styn
27 April 2022	Shore Leave – Filming of Promotional Video	Mayor Shane Van Styn
27 April 2022	Star Dreaming - Under the Dome Experience - Official Opening	Mayor Shane Van Styn
27 April 2022	Mullewa Women's Football Team - Community Welcome	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
27 April 2022	Shore Leave Shore Leave - Iluka Welcome to Port - Official Opening	Mayor Shane Van Styn
28 April 2022	Shore Leave - Abrolhos Long Table Lunch	Mayor Shane Van Styn
29 April 2022	Foreshore Waterpark Fencing - Photo for Media Release	Mayor Shane Van Styn
29 April 2022	Shore Leave - Midwest Paddock to Plate	Mayor Shane Van Styn
30 April 2022	Flotsam and Jetsam Exhibition Opening	Mayor Shane Van Styn
30 April 2022	Shore Leave - Foreshore Feast	Mayor Shane Van Styn
3 May 2022	Concept Forum	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
6 May 2022	Geraldton Surf Life Saving Club - Senior and Youth Awards	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
11 May 2022	Photo for Media Release – Geraldton Hockey Association Turf 1&2 Upgrade Project	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
13 May 2022	Geraldton Regional Art Gallery (GRAG) Exhibition Opening - Stratigraphy - Art Collective WA and Subject: Studio	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
16 May 2022	Regular Catch up – Mayor / CEO	Mayor Shane Van Styn
16 May 2022	Regular Catch up – Media Team	Mayor Shane Van Styn
17 May 2022	Photo for Media Release - National Volunteer Week	Mayor Shane Van Styn
	GWN7 Interview – E-Scooters	Mayor Shane Van Styn
17 May 2022	WA Industry Link - Regional Business Engagement Forum	Mayor Shane Van Styn
20 May 2022	Media Meet and Greet with Geraldton Guardian	Mayor Shane Van Styn
21 May 2022	Old Geraldton Gaol Craft Centre	Mayor Shane Van Styn
21 May 2022	Official Opening of the Geraldton Hockey Association Inc Turfs 1 and 2 Upgrade Project	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
23 May 2022	Regular Catch up – Mayor / A/CEO	Mayor Shane Van Styn
23 May 2022	Regular Catch up – Media Team	Mayor Shane Van Styn
23 May 2022	Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Shane Van Styn
24 May 2022	Agenda Forum	Mayor Shane Van Styn
24 May 2022	QPT Light Display	Mayor Shane Van Styn
26 May 2022	Mount Tarcoola Shopping Centre Refurbishment	Mayor Shane Van Styn
26 May 2022	Triple M Radio Interview - Mullewa Muster and Rodeo	Mayor Shane Van Styn

26 May 2022	Public Meeting with The Geraldton Guardian Editor and the West Australian Editor in Chief	Mayor Shane Van Styn
27 May 2022	Geraldton Sporting Aboriginal Corporation (GSAC) - Indigenous Tennis & Learning Program	Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune
27 May 2022	Regional Sounds - Arts Immersion event as part of a Funtavia partnership	Cr Michael Reymond
30 May 2022	Regular Catch up – Mayor / CEO	Mayor Shane Van Styn
30 May 2022	ABC Interview – Batavia Motor Inne Incident	Mayor Shane Van Styn
31 May 2022	Ordinary Meeting of Council	Mayor Shane Van Styn Deputy Mayor Cr Jerry Clune [Presiding Member]

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

Nil.

12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

12.1 REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DCS525 REVIEW OF COUNCIL POLICY - CP 1.4 DISABILITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION POLICY

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-055731
AUTHOR:	P Treharne A/Manager Community and Cultural Development
EXECUTIVE:	F Norling Director Community Services
DATE OF REPORT:	4 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/19/0008
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x2)
	A. Draft Council Policy CP 1.4 Disability Access and Inclusion (v4)
	B. Draft Council Policy CP 1.4 Disability Access and Inclusion Comparison Table

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's review and approval of the update to the Council Policy CP 1.4 Disability Access and Inclusion Policy version 4.

A number of minor amendments have been made to the current Policy in regard to updated City of Greater Geraldton strategic documents and amended components of State and National legislation. The amendments relate only to changes to legislation in terms of dates when amendments were brought in and updated timelines of the City's strategic documents. The draft Council Policy CP1.4 Disability Access and Inclusion version 4 is included as Attachment No. DCS525A and the Comparison Table of changes is included as Attachment No. DCS525B.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. APPROVE Council Policy CP 1.4 Disability Access and Inclusion Policy version 4.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

The Disability Services Act 1993 requires all Local Government and selected State Government agencies to develop a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DAIP).

DAIPs assist public authorities to plan and implement improvements to access and inclusion across seven outcome areas, in regard to services and events, buildings and facilities, information, quality of service, complaints, consultation processes and employment. These plans benefit people with disability, the elderly, young parents and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. The Disability Access and Inclusion Plan can be found on the City website:

https://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/Profiles/cgg/Assets/ClientData/DIAP_Brochure_2019__WEB_.pdf

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

Community:

This policy, along with the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, will continue to guide Council directions, programs and resource allocation required to integrate and respond to community needs and initiatives.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Economy:

This Policy frames the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and aims to ensure that universal access is available to the whole community and therefore ensures that the Greater Geraldton economy can benefit from all sectors of the community and visitors alike.

Governance:

The existing Council Policy CP 1.4 Disability Access and Inclusion Policy was first approved on 27 August 2013 - *Item No. CC122 - Disability Access and Inclusion Plan* and then reviewed and renamed by Council on 24 January 2017 - *Item No. CCS231 - City of Greater Geraldton Council Policy Manual*. Since then, Version 2 was put to Council on 27 March 2018 – *Item No. DCS366 - Council Policy CP1.4 Disability Access and Inclusion Policy*. *Item No. DCS466 - CP1.4 Disability Access and Inclusion Policy Version 3* was put to Council on 27 July 2020.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council Policy CP1.4 Disability Access and Inclusion Policy Version 3 was previously approved by Council on 27 July 2020 - *Item No. DCS466 - Council Policy CP1.4 Disability Access and Inclusion Policy*.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation due to the minor nature of amendments.

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 —*
- (a) *governs the local government's affairs; and*
 - (b) *is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.*
- (2) *Without limiting subsection (1), the council is to —*
- (a) *oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and*
 - (b) *determine the local government's policies.*

It is a requirement of the WA Disability Services Act 2004 that all Local Government authorities develop and implement a Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The Policy frames the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan, which informs budgets for operational programs, renewals and capital works relevant to access and inclusion.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Title: Governance	4.5 Good Governance & Leadership
Strategy 4.5.2	Ensuring finance and governance policies, procedures and activities align with legislative requirements and best practice.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

It is the role of the City's Officers and Councillors to ensure the Council Policy Register is current and supports the legislative requirements of Local Government.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers as this policy is a requirement of Local Government in accordance with the WA Disability Services Act 2004.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR REYMOND, SECONDED CR COLLIVER**

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

- 1. APPROVE Council Policy CP 1.4 Disability Access and Inclusion Policy version 4.**

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 5:08 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES

DCS526 FOOD ORGANIC AND GARDEN ORGANIC (FOGO)

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-055473
AUTHOR:	H Williamson, Coordinator Environmental Health and Waste
EXECUTIVE:	P Melling, Director Development Services
DATE OF REPORT:	6 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0012-008
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Confidential Confidential - FOGO Costs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek a Council decision on the future of the Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) trial for the 2022-23 financial year.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. APPROVE the continuation of the Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) kerbside collection trial involving 500 households for the 2022-2023 period to enable contamination reduction efforts and information gathering to continue; and
2. MAKE provisions in the FY2022-23 Annual Budget of an amount of \$185,000 for the trial continuation.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

Council at its Ordinary meeting held on 28 May 2019, Item No. DCS412 - Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) Trial, approved Officers undertaking a (FOGO) trial of 500 households across the City. The trial subsequently commenced in 2020. The trial has been challenging and a very steep learning curve for the households, Council Officers and contractors involved. The trial involved:

- Selecting 500 households across various suburbs.
- Provision of 500 bins and associated kitchen FOGO bins.
- Providing advice on what items can be put into the FOGO bin
- Arranging collection of the bins on a weekly basis.
- Collecting the material and taking it to the Meru hard stand area.
- Picking the contamination material out of the organic material.
- Shredding the material to break down its size.
- Placing the shredded material in the concrete bunkers.
- Add water and turn the piles on a regular basis using a water truck and front end loader.

- Sampling the composted material for compliance with Australia Standards.

The major issues encountered through the trial included:

- Low bin presentation rates.
- High contamination rates.
- Development of a successful composting system.
- The COVID-19 pandemic.
- Recruitment difficulties.
- Increasing costs.
- Lack of specialist knowledge.

Originally, the intention was to slowly increase the number of households being serviced by the program. However, because of these challenges, the trial has not been expanded. The average bin presentation rate over the trial period has been 58%. Hence, on average of the 500 bins in the trial, only 290 were presented to the kerb for collection.

Including contamination, an average of 11kg per bin per dwelling per week has been collected. This equates to approximately 170 tonne of organic material being collected per annum and diverted away from landfill at a cost of \$185,000. By way of comparison, the total tonnage of material placed in the landfill per annum is approximately 49,000 tonnes. This figure is anticipated to increase to 68,000 tonnes by 2030. Based on a kerbside waste audit carried out by Bowman and Associates in 2019 of 200 dwellings within the City, FOGO was estimated to comprise of approximately 18% of the total waste stream.

The contamination rate measures the percentage of material that cannot be composted and must be removed prior to composting being undertaken. The contamination rate has steadily increased from 20 percent to a current average of 50 percent. This figure is much higher than the average 3-5% contamination rates provided by other monitored FOGO trials across Australia. The Council approved the engagement of an education Officer to assist residents with issues. However, education and engagement with trial participants has been minimal to date due to challenges in successfully recruiting and the impacts of COVID-19.

The City's newly recruited Resource Recovery and Engagement Officer will be undertaking engagement sessions and another round of bin tagging over the coming weeks. Bin tagging is an educational tool to provide residents with direct individualised feedback on the content of their bin to reduce contamination. This program will assist in identifying households that are consistently underperforming, with a potential consequence of having their bin removed from the trial service.

The processing of the collected organic material has also proved challenging. Sampling of the first batch was conducted in June 2020. Regular testing since this time has been undertaken and to date the produced compost has not met Australian Standards and as such cannot be on sold or provided to the community (Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) licensing requirements).

In order to address the processing issues, the City engaged composting consultants to review the process and provide recommendations. The subsequent report stated that the process was doing well considering the low levels of expertise and resources. It went on to suggest that increased input (more organic material) would assist with heat generation and ultimately compliance. However to date, compliant compost has not been produced at the Meru Facility. Council should also appreciate that if the trial was to expand to cover more and more of the City, the process to manage the increasing volumes of organic material would need to change. Currently, the City is basically using the same method that home gardeners use to produce compost. As more material is received, the City would need to utilise windrows which require specialist machines to water and turn and potentially a digester. As the establishment and maintenance of these systems is expensive, Officers investigated providing the City's organic material to an existing commercial operation for processing.

To allow Officers to provide further advice to the Council through the trial period, the City has commenced work with a Perth composting contractor. The City's FOGO material is collected each day from the trial participants on the same day as the general waste collection. The material is placed on the FOGO pad at Meru landfill. The contamination is removed via hand picking or with machinery if high risk items are present such as nappies or syringes. The contamination is placed into a skip bin for disposal to landfill. The daily FOGO material is then stored in a concrete bunker which is covered with green waste to act as a bio-filter to reduce odour, pest access and windblown litter. When the bunker is at capacity, it is transported by Go Organics to their Gingin facility for further processing. The contractor places the FOGO material into an enclosed forced aeration system for two weeks and then it is placed in windrows for 12 weeks. From there it is ground, screened, blended and the final product bagged. The first batch of FOGO material was provided to the specialist on 1 March 2022. The City will soon receive bagged FOGO compost. Costs associated with this process are provided in Confidential Attachment No. DCS526.

The transportation of waste over reasonable distances is not ideal, but not uncommon, especially for regional councils. It is understood that recyclables (plastics and cardboard) are transported to Perth from Kalgoorlie, Broome and Karratha. Resource Recovery Group formally Southern Metropolitan Regional Council which includes City of Fremantle, City of Melville and Town of East Fremantle send FOGO material from Booragoon to GO Organics in Gingin.

In making its decision on the future of the FOGO trial, the Council should consider the environmental, social and financial implications of a FOGO service being provided to all of the City (triple bottom line). These considerations are detailed later within this report.

The continuation of the 500 household FOGO trial will provide an opportunity for the education program to be undertaken in an environment with reduced COVID-19 restrictions to evaluate if it can have a positive impact on the contamination rates. The program continuation will also allow an increased period of time for the City to determine if the compost specialist will consistently produce a quality end product for sale.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

With respect to social implications, the Community Survey undertaken in August 2020 revealed that of the 750 respondents, 93% advised that waste issues should be a priority for the city. Waste minimisation is a key priority at a State Government, Local Government and community level. FOGO is one of the opportunities available to assist the City to meet its waste minimisation objectives; however it is important that this is also undertaken in a cost effective manner. The continuation of the trial will “test” the FOGO model in a regional context, where conditions are drier and transport costs (financial and environmental) are important considerations.

Economy:

For the City to provide a FOGO service, Council would need to agree to a significant financial investment. This investment may encourage other Mid West Councils to adopt similar systems and have the potential to create jobs. The continuation of the FOGO trial will enable the City to objectively assess if this model works, or if there are alternative waste minimisation opportunities that achieve higher levels of waste diversion and reduction.

Environment:

With respect to environmental implications, by extrapolating the figures provided above, rolling out FOGO across the city would divert approximately 10,000 tonnes of waste from landfill per annum (17,000 bins, 11kg per week, 20% contamination, plus grass cuttings) and provide an end product that would be beneficial to the region. Hence there are significant positive impacts to the environment by diverting waste from landfill and reusing the end product to create a circular economy. A circular economy is one of the guiding concepts outlined in the State Waste Strategy 2030 to assist with creating recycling solutions.

The City’s licence for the Meru Landfill Facility from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has provisions for the continuation of the FOGO trial.

Leadership:

In making this decision, Council needs to consider triple bottom line considerations (social, environmental and financial implications). Information on these considerations is provided within the body of this report.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council at its Ordinary meeting held on 28 May 2019, Item No. DCS412 - Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) Trial, approved a Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) trial of 500 households across the City.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

The City undertook a community waste survey in 2020. The results of this survey informed the development of the City of Greater Geraldton Strategic Waste Management and Recycling Action Plan which has been adopted by Council.

The FOGO trial was approved by Council resolution May 2019.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The City must adhere to its landfill License conditions under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The City has a category 67A license for compost manufacturing and soil blending for 20,000 tonnes per annum.

The continuation of the program is in line with the *State Waste Strategy 2030* recovery targets to increase municipal solid waste material recovery to 55% in major regional centres by 2025.

The City's *Strategic Waste Management and Recycling Action Plan 2020-2030* has a recommended target for a roll out of a two bin system including FOGO.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

In 2019-20, the City invested approximately \$250,000 (capital) to establish the concrete bunkers at Meru and a further \$110,000 in operational expenses.

In 2020-21, the City invested approximately \$50,000 (capital) and a further \$290,000 in operational costs. The estimated cost to extend the trial in 2022-23 for 500 households is \$185,000.

The Confidential Attachment No. DCS526 provides the Councillors with commercial prices for various aspects of the operation should it be rolled out across all properties that currently are eligible for a bin service. Councillors should note that the figure provided is approximate only and intended to give an indication. The indicative price is between \$3.5 million and \$4 million per annum. The reduction in landfill cell creation and filling increases the waste cell's longevity. The City's current number of residential properties (excluding vacant residential) is approximately 17,000 if the cost of FOGO was

recovered by ratepayers then based on the above indicative prices each household would incur a \$205 - \$235 charge annually. This figure is not currently represented in the City's Long Term Financial Plan.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit
Strategic Direction: Environment	Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community wellbeing.
Outcome 3.2	Regional leader in adapting to climate change.
Outcome 3.3	A well-maintained, SMART, sustainable, liveable City valued by the community.
Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.1	Meaningful customer experiences created for the people we serve.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

There have been a number of risk challenges faced in undertaking this trial. The body of this report details the major challenges faced and the subsequent action taken to try and address them. In making its decision, some further risks that Council may face include:

- There is a reputational risk to the City should the community expectation of delivering on its adopted *Strategic Waste Management & Recycling Action Plan 2020-2030* not be met, including the requirements of the State Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Strategy 2030.
- There is a reputational and financial risk to the City should the Council determine to continue the trial and it is unsuccessful.
- There is a financial risk/requirement should Council determine to roll out the program to additional dwellings.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The following options were considered by City Officers:

1. DISCONTINUE the FOGO kerbside program trial. This decision could be made by Council if it decides the community is unable or unwilling to finance the expenses associated with rolling out the trial in the medium to long term.
2. CONTINUE the FOGO trial in the 2022-23 period and increase the number of participating households. This alternative was not recommended due to the current high contamination rates that needs to be addressed prior to expanding the trial.

Cr Tanti moved a motion different from the Executive Recommendation to discontinue with FOGO.

During the debate Cr Keemink foreshadowed the Executive Recommendation should the motion be lost.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR TANTI, SECONDED CR PARKER

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

1. **DISCONTINUE the Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) kerbside collection trial.**

LOST 3/9

Time: 5:30 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 9

Yes Votes: 3

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	NO
Cr. Clune	NO
Cr. Colliver	NO
Cr. Cooper	NO
Cr. Critch	NO
Cr. Hall	NO
Cr. Keemink	NO
Cr. Librizzi	NO
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	NO

As the alternative motion was lost, the Executive Recommendation became the substantive motion.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR KEEMINK, SECONDED CR COLLIVER**

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

1. **APPROVE** the continuation of the Food Organic and Garden Organic (FOGO) kerbside collection trial involving 500 households for the 2022-2023 period to enable contamination reduction efforts and information gathering to continue; and
2. **MAKE** provisions in the FY2022-23 Annual Budget of an amount of \$185,000 for the trial continuation.

CARRIED 9/3

Time: 5:36 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 3

Yes Votes: 9

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	NO
Cr. Reymond	NO
Cr. Tanti	NO
Cr. Thomas	YES

DCS527 LOT 2842 & PART LOT 816 MARINE TERRACE ALSO KNOWN AS THE ORIGINAL RAILWAY BUILDING – LICENCE TO USE
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-056017
AUTHOR:	B Robartson, Manager Land and Regulatory Services
EXECUTIVE:	P Melling, Director Development Services
DATE OF REPORT:	9 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	A18043
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Request from Regional Sounds Incorporated

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to offer a new licence for a six (6) month term, with a further six (6) month option at the sole discretion of the CEO to Regional Sounds Incorporated for utilisation of the Original Railway Building to support their delivery of performance focussed music programs.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE the offer of a licence for a six (6) month term with a further six (6) month option at the sole discretion of the CEO to Regional Sounds Incorporated to utilise the Original Railway Building at a licence fee of \$1.00 per annum including GST;
2. ADVISE the licensee they are responsible for separately paying;
 - a. all applicable rates, taxes, insurances, utilities, and cleaning;
 - b. all costs associated with:
 - i. the preparation, execution and registration of the licence;
 - ii. all other costs associated with the licence.
3. MAKE the determination subject to the consent from the Minister for Lands; and
4. SEEK a resolution of Council to determine the consequences of inaction should the Licensee not return the endorsed documents to the City within three (3) months of the date of being sent.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

Council at its Ordinary meeting on 27 July 2021 – Item No. DCS495 - Licence Proposal – Use of Former Visitor Centre – Lot 2842 & Part Lot 816 Marine Terrace, Geraldton, agreed to a short term licence agreement at \$1.00 per annum to Regional Sounds Incorporated to utilise the Original Railway Building to assist them to pilot performance focussed music programs. The current licence is due to expire on 4 June 2022.

The City has received a request from Regional Sounds Incorporated to enter into a new lease agreement for a two year term to enable them to continue their music programs. The request from Regional Sounds Incorporated is included as Attachment No. DCS527.

Regional Sounds Incorporated have successfully conducted a popular program of music and entertainment activities over a four month period from the Original Railway Building after obtaining a licence from the City for its use. This has seen a presence in the building and increased activation of the West End. In the request received by the City from Regional Sounds Incorporated to seek a two (2) year lease, they indicate that they “look forward to working with the City to further activate this important community space for all residents to help develop an even more vibrant arts, music, and entertainment municipality”.

In support of the current use of the building by Regional Sounds Incorporated and taking into consideration the City’s need for flexibility in determination of the future of the applicable lots and any associated required action for the longer term future of this site, this report recommends a six (6) month term for a licence with the option for a further six (6) months at CEO discretion.

The initial licence to provide use of the building to Regional Sounds Incorporated was awarded directly to them in response to their request and did not undergo an Expression of Interest process. It could be considered that in order to support equity for all not for profit community organisations, an advertised Expression of Interest process inviting organisations to submit a proposal to licence the Original Railway Building could be undertaken, however at this time there is no known interest from other organisations within the community. Should that process be undertaken, submissions would be assessed on their business plan, activation of the West End Precinct and merit.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

The provision of a short term licence will assist in the activation of the West End Precinct and Foreshore area.

Economy:

The activation of the Original Railway Building and surrounds has the potential to promote tourism and local businesses may derive a direct benefit.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

There are no adverse leadership impacts.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

The City provides leases and licences for activities on Crown Reserves for a variety of purposes that are consistent with the uses under Local Planning Policy – Commercial Recreational Tourism Activity on Crown Land and the Management Order.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Management Order for the Crown Reserve 52016 grants the power to licence or lease with Ministerial Consent.

Section 18 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* - Crown land transactions that need Ministerial approval - requires all interests in Crown land to have authorisation from the Minister for Lands.

Section 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995* describes how Local Government is to dispose of property.

Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 – Regulation 30

In accordance with *Regulation 30 (2) (b) - Dispositions of property excluded from Act s. 3.58*, this disposal is exempt from advertising.

- (1) *A disposition that is described in this regulation as an exempt disposition is excluded from the application of section 3.58 of the Act.*
- (2) *A disposition of land is an exempt disposition if —*
 - (a) *the land is disposed of to an owner of adjoining land (in this paragraph called the transferee) and —*
 - (i) *its market value is less than \$5 000; and*
 - (ii) *the local government does not consider that ownership of the land would be of significant benefit to anyone other than the transferee;*
 - or*
 - (b) *the land is disposed of to a body, whether incorporated or not —*
 - (i) *the objects of which are of a charitable, benevolent, religious, cultural, educational, recreational, sporting or other like nature; and*
 - (ii) *the members of which are not entitled or permitted to receive any pecuniary profit from the body's transactions.*

In October 2020, the City presented to the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage (DPLH) a modified proposal that contemplated the sale of Lot 2842 plus surrounding lots Pt 816 and 815 to the City in freehold title in exchange for City Lot 302 that would allow some form of commercial use to be activated in Geraldton's West End.

On 21 May 2021, valuation advice was eventually received on all land parcels subject to the proposal. The DPLH has however informed the City that for the exchange to occur on City Lot 302, the City's foreshore infrastructure of pathways, outdoor basketball infrastructure and the John Forrest Expedition Monument would need to be removed as the Lot would be advertised on the open market for sale by the DPLH. This request by the DPLH is not supported as it is considered by Officers to be one that would not be received well by the Geraldton community should such infrastructure be removed. The result was that the heritage listed Original Railway Building continued to sit vacant and a short term six month licence was subsequently provided by Council to Regional Sounds Incorporated in response to their request to utilise the building.

Advice received from the DPLH in December 2021 was that as a result of the City's rejection to the above proposal, amendments to Deposited Plan 404989, and based upon the refined Crown Land tenure to amendments proposed, the Department has initiated a "due diligence" statutory referral process to obtain updated comments and clearances.

In addition, DPLH has requested updated and revised valuation advice from the Valuer General's Office.

The DPLH is in receipt of some responses from the referral process although it is not known at this time, despite continued Officer requests for status updates, when an updated valuation advice will be received.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

It is proposed that the licence fee be a peppercorn (\$1) fee, however the licensee will be responsible for costs of services, maintenance, repairs, utilities and any legal fees associated with the preparation of the licence.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.1	Enhanced lifestyle through spaces, places, programs and services that foster connection and inclusion.
Outcome 1.4	Community safety, health and well-being is paramount.
Outcome 1.5	The opportunity for all to reach their potential exists.
Outcome 1.10	A place where people have access to, engage in and celebrate arts, culture, education and heritage.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.1	Local business is empowered and supported.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

There are no consequent risks inherent in approving – or not approving – the recommendation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The following options were considered by City Officers:

1. REJECT the request by Regional Sounds Incorporated to enter into a two (2) year lease agreement over Reserve 52016 and advertise an Expression of Interest to not for profit community organisations.

Regional Sounds Incorporated has successfully demonstrated activation of the Original Railway Building with no other known interest from the not for profit sector, therefore an open Expression of Interest process is not considered beneficial.

2. GRANT a further term licence agreement of up to two (2) years to Regional Sounds Incorporated.

This option (2) is not supported as it does not allow adequate flexibility in regard to timing of a potential future change in direction for this building. Furthermore, a long term tenure would require a lease to be registered with Landgate pursuant to the Land Administration Act 1997.

3. ALLOW the Original Railway Building to remain vacant until a determination from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is received.

It is considered a risk to leave the building vacant for an extended period of time and that some form of occupancy and presence by a not for profit community organisation would be preferable.

Cr Colliver moved a motion different from the executive recommendation to offer a license for 12 months, with a further twelve month option.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED MAYOR**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 3.58 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE** the offer of a licence for a twelve (12) month term with a further twelve month option at the sole discretion of the CEO to Regional Sounds Incorporated to utilise the Original Railway Building at a licence fee of \$1.00 per annum including GST
2. **ADVISE** the licensee they are responsible for separately paying;
 - a. all applicable rates, taxes, insurances, utilities, and cleaning;
 - b. all costs associated with:

- i. the preparation, execution and registration of the licence;
 - ii. all other costs associated with the licence.
3. **MAKE** the determination subject to the consent from the Minister for Lands; and
4. **SEEK** a resolution of Council to determine the consequences of inaction should the Licensee not return the endorsed documents to the City within three (3) months of the date of being sent.

CARRIED 12/0

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

REASON FOR VARIATION TO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Noting the success of the initial 6 month pilot by Regional Sounds, a six month lease period is not a reasonable period of time to provide some surety to Regional Sounds as it continues to build on its strategy of developing artists, building community, developing the local music industry and securing its own sustainability.

DCS528 BULK VERGE SIDE COLLECTION

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-056027
AUTHOR:	B Robartson, Manager Land and Regulatory Services / H Williamson, Coordinator Environmental Health and Waste
EXECUTIVE:	P Melling, Director Development Services
DATE OF REPORT:	9 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	WM/9/0004
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Confidential Confidential - Service Estimation

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek a Council resolution on whether or not to re-instate bulk verge side collection service, and if so, in what format. There is no perfect solution. Council will need to consider the environmental, social, financial implications and the *State Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Strategy 2030* for each option in making its decision.

The Executive recommendation is for Council to approve Option 2 in this report – Bulk Verge Side Collection program to be undertaken in the second half of 2022-23 budget year and to approve the continuation of the program every two years.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. APPROVE Option 2 – Bulk Verge Side Collection for all residents with a regular kerbside bin service;
2. LIST for Budget and Long Term Financial Plan consideration the estimated amount of \$325,000 to be implemented for the Budget Year 2022-23 to be undertaken in the first half of 2023; and \$325,000 for Budget Year 2023-24 to be undertaken in the first half of 2024; and
3. CONTINUE the Bulk Verge Side Collection program every two (2) years.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

Bulk Side Verge Collection was undertaken by the City of Greater Geraldton up to and including 2014/15. The volumes of waste collected were as follows:

	13/14 (tonnes)	14/15 (tonnes)
Scrap Metal	66	95
Green waste	609	454
E-waste	16	N/A
Builders rubbish	752	802
Total Diverted	1,443	1,351
Disposed of to Landfill	367	484
Total Collected	1,810 tonnes	1,835 tonnes

In an effort to reduce costs, keep rate increases lower and not have untidy verges for one month a year, the Bulk Verge Side collection ceased. It was subsequently replaced with a skip bin system. The skip bin program involved residents contacting the City and booking a skip which was delivered to the property and collected one week later.

In 2016/17, the City issued 600 bins for the program. The bins were utilised within the Geraldton area over a 12 month period. Although the program was undertaken with minimal advertising it became popular and developed a five (5) months availability wait time. The cost of this service was \$75,000 (not including landfill disposal charges) and resulted in 387 tonnes of waste being collected and placed in the landfill.

In 2017/18, the decision was made to increase the number of bins to 800. The additional bins were quickly absorbed and the waiting time subsequently did not reduce. Because of the low percentage of residents obtaining a benefit (less than 10 percent), the rising cost of this service and the inability to segregate the waste, this program ceased while a review was undertaken. The cost of this service was \$102,000 (not including landfill disposal charges) and resulted in 778 tonnes of waste being placed in the landfill.

In 2020, Officers worked with a waste consultant to survey the community and develop the City of Greater Geraldton's Strategic Waste Management and Recycling Action Plan 2020-2030 which is available on the City's website. This Strategy was unanimously endorsed by Council at its 4 November 2020 Ordinary meeting as Item No. DCS479 - City of Greater Geraldton – Strategic Waste Management and Recycling Action Plan 2020-2030. The purpose of the City of Greater Geraldton Strategic Waste Management and Recycling Action Plan is to provide a framework for effective, efficient and sustainable management of waste within the City from 2020-2030 that aligns the City's objectives and activities with the State Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030. This will be achieved by:

- Increased community wide awareness and education.
- Maximising the cost effective recovery of resources from waste.
- Providing better infrastructure.
- Protecting human health and the environment.

- Maximise economies of scale.

The strategy includes an action to undertake a review of the verge side skip bin service (Action 6.2.4) as follows:

- *Review the bulk waste kerbside service options and community preferences.*
- *Determine preference for service.*
- *Present to Council for adoption.*
- *Implement Council recommendations.*

Council at its meeting of the 25 May 2021 - Item No. NM20 - Consideration of Reinstatement of Kerbside Collections, resolved the following:

1. *GIVE consideration to restoring verge side collection to residences in the second half of next financial year; and*
2. *REQUEST staff to prepare a report for final consideration of a verge side pickup model for deliberation prior to the midyear budget review in 2022 where any adjustments to costs can be considered.*

In response, the City's Waste team investigated various verge side collection options and presented these to Council at their February 2022 Concept Forum: The following information summarises options the Council could consider.

1. Undertake a traditional bulk verge side collection every year.

The Bulk Verge Side program involves residents placing their waste on the verge for City contractors to collect. Historically, the collection period is four (4) weeks. The City's waste collection contractor starts at one end of the city and work its way across the city picking up the different waste streams.

Adding 20 percent to the waste volumes collected in 2014-15 and using the figures provided in the Confidential Attachment No. DCS528, the cost to run this program in 2022-23 is estimated at \$650,000. The traditional Bulk Verge Side program strengths and weaknesses are outlined below:

Strengths

- Bulk verge side collection allows separation of waste types at the source. This is an important consideration in Council's efforts to increase waste segregation.
- The bulk verge side collection has the potential to reduce the fire risk associated with fuel loading at residential properties.
- The bulk verge side program provides a service to the majority of the community.

Weaknesses

- The City will become unsightly during the collection period and the City will receive complaints.
- Residents will miss the timeframes and want their waste picked up at a later time.

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- The program is expensive. It is estimated to cost \$650,000 per annum to run. In addition, increased volume of green waste added to the annual green waste mulching program will increase mulching costs. As this program has not been run for several years, the costs may be even higher.
 - There is potential for contractors to damage City road and verge infrastructure during service.
 - Scavenging will occur.
 - It would be seen as an encouragement for residents to generate waste due to the perception that Council will take care of it annually for free.

Note: Should it be Council's preferred option to continue to offer free tipping for all residents at Meru on consideration and adoption of the City of Greater Geraldton – Schedule of Fees & Charges at its Budget meeting, then this would support the option not to offer an annual verge side collection.

2. Undertake a traditional bulk verge side collection every second year.

This option is the same as option one, except the program is run every second year. This would reduce the average annual expenditure to approximately \$325,000. Council would have the option to run the program across the end of the financial year. The first two weeks would be completed in the last week of June then the next two weeks completed in the first week of July. The City would request the awarded contractor to provide progressive invoices for the works.

3. Skip Bin Verge Side Program

The previous skip bin program could be reintroduced with a higher number of skip bins being made available. There is a capital cost to purchase the skip bin and then an annual servicing fee. If the City was to provide approximately 2,000 bins, the estimated annual operating cost would be \$300,000 (not including landfill charges). This volume of bins would allow the City to service approximately 20% of the community.

Strengths

- The skip bin program reduces the safety concerns regarding manual handling by contractors picking up the waste and for any of the community members accessing verge sides.
- It eliminates the need for a further clean-up of the verge sides compared to bulk verge side collection.
- It ensures the residential streets are kept clean and free of large amounts of visible waste for extended periods of time.

Weaknesses

- A major issue with the skip bin program is that all mixed waste is being put into the skip bins and due to cross-contamination, all of the waste is disposed to landfill. The *State Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Strategy 2030* requires all waste to be managed or disposed using better practice approaches.

- Only a small percentage of the community could avail themselves of the service on a first in first served basis.
- The waiting period will still be long and the City will receive complaints.
- There were some occasions when the bins were overfilled and unauthorised hazardous materials such as asbestos was disposed of into the skip bin.

4. Verge Valet Service

This option is very similar to option 3. To obtain the required level of service however would be very expensive. Verge Valet is utilised by several metropolitan local governments (Mosman Park, Cottesloe and Cambridge). There is an online portal that the resident can book a collection date for bulk household waste and/or green waste that allows a 3m³ amount of waste to be placed on the verge for the weekend prior the collection date. The strengths and weakness of the Verge Valet type program are the same as those outline for option 3.

5. Verge Side Green Waste Only Pick Up

A Green Waste Program would operate along the same guidelines as a traditional Bulk Verge side Program allocating four (4) weeks across the year where residents with a regular kerbside collection can place green waste for disposal on the verge in piles. The City's waste collection contractors would start at one end of the City and work its way across the City to pick up the green waste for disposal to the green waste area at Meru landfill for a later mulching program. The Cities of Fremantle and Albany provide this service to their residents.

Adding 20 percent to the green waste volumes collected in 2014-15 and using the figures provided in the Confidential Attachment No. DCS528 the cost to run this program in 2022-23 is estimated at \$260,000. Strengths and weaknesses are outlined below:

Strengths

- This program has the potential to reduce the fire risk associated with fuel loading at residential properties. The program allows for residents to prune trees and remove vegetation that can pose a risk to properties and structures.
- This program will service the majority of the community.
- There is potential for the program to divert 100% of the non-contaminated Green Waste material from landfill.

Weaknesses

- The City will become unsightly during the collection period.
- Safety concerns with manual handling for large tree trunks. Machinery is required such as a bob cat which increases the cost.
- There is potential for contractors to damage City infrastructure.

6. Verge Side Bulk Waste Only Pick Up (Hard Waste)

A Bulk Waste Only Program would operate along the same guidelines as a traditional Verge Side Program previously described. Hard Waste (bulky waste) are items that cannot fit in a regular bin and are usually quite large such as fridges, washing machines, couches, cupboards, wardrobes, televisions, furniture, and similar items. However this program only collects bulk waste. Adding 20 percent to the bulk waste volumes collected in 2014-15 and using the figures provided in the Confidential Attachment No. DCS528, the cost to run this program in 2022-23 is estimated at \$360,000. Strengths and weaknesses are outlined below:

Strengths

- This program has the potential to reduce waste that is difficult for residents to dispose of unless they have access to a trailer or a truck or can afford to pay a private contractor.
- This program will service the majority of the community.
- There is potential for the program to divert a high percentage of the waste collected.

Weaknesses

- The City will become unsightly during the collection period.
- Safety concerns with manual handling for large objects. Machinery is required such as a bob cat which increases the cost.
- There is potential for contractors to damage City infrastructure.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

The Community Survey undertaken in August 2020 revealed that of the 750 respondents, 93% advised that waste issues should be a priority for the City and that in the comments there was strong support for the return of yearly verge side collection. Keeping the city tidy and clear of waste improves the city's liveability. Adoption of a verge collection scheme allows residents who do not have access to trailers, trucks and contractors to dispose of bulky items that otherwise would be difficult to dispose of.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Environment:

In making this decision, the Council should consider the environmental benefits of each option as outlined within the body of this report.

The *State Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Strategy 2030* has a material recovery target of 55% for major Regional Centres by 2025.

The City's adopted *Strategic Waste Management & Recycling Action Plan 2020-2030* has recommended this review be undertaken.

Leadership:

The Council will need to demonstrate leadership in making its decision, balancing environmental and social requirements in a tight fiscal period.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

As detailed within the body of this report, the City has previously undertaken bulk verge side programs and skip bin programs.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

The City undertook a Community survey in 2020. The results of this survey informed the development of the City of Greater Geraldton Strategic Waste Management and Recycling Action Plan which has been adopted by Council. Officers have discussed this topic with Councillors at Concept Forums (February 2022) and the Council considered this issue at its meeting on the 25 May 2021 - Item No. NM20 - Consideration of Reinstatement of Kerbside Collections.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Relevant legislation and policy in regard to this matter are:
Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* – Decisions of Councils or Committees.

State Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Strategy 2030.

City of Greater Geraldton Strategic Waste Management & Recycling Action Plan 2020-2030.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**Comparison Table**

	Option	Annual Estimate per annum (\$)	Percentage of eligible properties serviced Annually
1.	Traditional Bulk Verge Side Collection every year	\$650,000	100%
2.	Traditional Bulk Verge Side Collection every second year	\$325,000	50%
3.	Skip Bin Verge Side Collection using 2,000 skip bins	\$300,000	20%
4.	Verge Valet Program	\$300,000	20%
5.	Green Waste Only Verge Side Collection	\$260,000	100%
6.	Bulk Waste Only Verge Side Collection	\$360,000	100%

Note: The estimates do not include landfill disposal charges.

In regard to financial implications, it is also worth noting that the new regional waste collection tender allows for tenderers to provide a cost to undertake a verge side collection as a discretionary item, this cost being per tonne rather than per property, as per the previous collection contract.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit
Strategic Direction: Environment	Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.
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Outcome 4.1	Meaningful customer experiences created for the people we serve.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

The City has been working with our neighbouring Shires and WALGA to develop the Regional Collection Contract for the Mid West which includes provisions for Bulk Verge Side.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

There are various risks associated with an undertaking of this size and nature. Some of the risks would include:

- Reputational damage from residents who do not agree with the adopted scheme, who do not like waste on the verges, who are not satisfied with the service provided.
- There is a reputational risk to the City should the community expectation of delivering on its adopted *Strategic Waste Management & Recycling Action Plan 2020-2030* not be met, including the requirements of the *State Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Strategy 2030*.
- Financial risk if the program is more expensive than estimated.
- Occupational Health and Safety risks to motorists, pedestrians and contractors.
- Environmental risks such as hazardous waste being placed on verges.

As required by safety legislation, a detailed risk assessment would be undertaken on the adopted scheme with mitigation measures put in place.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

Options considered by Officers are outlined within the body of this report.

1. Council could decide to conduct a Bulk Verge Side Collection program each year for all residents at a cost of \$650,000. This option is not supported as it does not align with the objectives of the State Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Strategy 2030, a key focus of the strategy is to generate less waste, recover more value and resources from waste and to protect the environment by managing waste responsibly. An annual collection would be seen as an encouragement for residents to generate waste due to the perception that Council will take care of it annually for free and as a result the City could be seen to not be managing waste responsibly by reducing municipal solid waste to achieve the State target of 10% reduction by the year 2025.
2. Council could decide due to financial constraints not to reintroduce any form of a verge side collection in the 2022-23 financial year and to reconsider this matter at a later time.
3. Council could decide to conduct more than one of these programs. For instance, it could elect to run a bulk waste only program one year and a green waste only verge side collection program the following year.

The Mayor moved a motion different from the Executive Recommendation to approve an annual bulk verge side collection.

During the debate the Cr Reymond foreshadowed an alternative motion should the motion be lost, to approve Option 5 - Verge Side Green Waste Only Pick Up in June of every second year and Option 6 - Verge Side Bulk Waste Only Pick Up (Hard Waste) every second year.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED MAYOR, SECONDED CR HALL

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

1. **APPROVE** the reintroduction of Annual Bulk Verge Side Collection for all residents with a regular kerbside bin service; and
2. **LIST** for Budget and Long Term Financial Plan consideration, the estimated amount of \$650,000 per annum.

CARRIED 8/4

Time: 6:05 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 4

Yes Votes: 8

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES

Cr. Clune	NO
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	NO
Cr. Librizzi	NO
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	NO
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES

REASON FOR VARIATION TO EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION: Annual Verge Side collection will boost fire and vermin mitigation preparations.

12.2 REPORTS OF CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES**CCS687 ERP IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT – CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT**

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-050413
AUTHOR:	N Jane, ERP Project Manager
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	26 April 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	IT/9/0026
ATTACHMENTS:	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to directly engage professional consultancy services via the Western Australian Local Government Association Preferred Supplier Panel (WALGA PSP). This engagement is necessary for the delivery of the ERP implementation.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. APPROVE the direct engagement of Tango Information Technology Pty Ltd to support the delivery of the ERP implementation project.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

At its meeting on 29 March 2022, Council awarded RFT 2122 03 ERP Software Replacement to Technology One (Item No. CCS682). The Project Plan outlined that an internal project team would be recruited to deliver the new software implementation project. Recent recruitment efforts for project team members have been challenging and to date not successful for all the required roles. The risk associated with recruitment was identified during planning for the project, and the mitigation strategy was to utilise consultancy services.

Tango Information Technology Pty Ltd have been engaged to assist with the procurement process for the ERP Replacement including the Expression of Interest (EOI) and Request for Tender (RFT). They have satisfactorily undertaken the following scope of works to date:

- Review the draft system requirements and provide a report detailing any omissions or improvements for consideration
- Prepare Scope of Works and Specification suitable for issue of RFT
- EOI – Evaluation Panel Technical expert, evaluate responses, research, summary report, Council presentation

- RFT – Assist with documentation, evaluation methodology, Evaluation Panel Technical Expert, research, summary report, Council presentation
- Analysis of contract terms and conditions, preparation of negotiation schedule, participate in discussions on potential vendor contract terms and conditions

The proposed scope of work is implementation support services.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

There are no adverse community impacts. Objectives of this project include improving the customer and user experience by streamlining processes and providing a platform for continuous improvement. This includes improved customer request resolution and satisfaction.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts. The implementation of a new business system will enable increased electronic workflows and therefore a reduction in paper use.

Leadership:

Delivery of secure technology that supports service delivery and the community is a key objective of this project. The new system will provide access to improved data and information thereby supporting well-informed decision-making.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Item No. IS250 – Major Projects – Consultant Procurement – 26 October 2021

All Local Governments that are members of the WA Local Government Association (WALGA) are able to purchase goods, services and works through the WALGA Preferred Supplier Panels (PSPs). These contracts are categorised into key activity areas, and currently deliver an annual spend of \$380M worth of goods, services and works to WALGA members.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Councillors were provided with Briefing Notes and Concept Forum presentations regarding the project on 28 June 2017, 7 September 2021 and 8 March 2022.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In accordance with Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services section 3.8, and the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*, section 11.2(b), the City can engage tender exempt suppliers.

The tender exemption proposed is the WALGA PSP. The WALGA PSP is a specific procurement program designed to support local government procurement needs.

All other procurement requirements detailed in Council Policy 4.9 relating to contract establishment and best value for money shall apply.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The current provision made in the proposed 2022-23 Budget to resource the City's component of implementation utilising external support is \$420,000, and is where we have been unable to successfully recruit the required skill sets and need to supplement at this stage with external support.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.1	Meaningful customer experiences created for the people we serve.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.6	A community that is genuinely engaged and informed in a timely and appropriate manner.
Outcome 4.7	Council understands its roles and responsibilities and leads by example.
Outcome 4.8	Deliver secured technology that supports sustainability, the environment, service delivery and the community.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The business system the City uses supports all of the services provided and is therefore critical to the operations.

The City is currently facing a risk as the existing software has reached end of life and is no longer actively supported by the supplier. Not replacing the system is a high-risk option.

A new ERP system will add value by expanding e-Services capability, improving efficiency and productivity by the reduction in manual processes through implementation of electronic workflows and automation, provision of mobility and flexibility, improved data and system security, and improved compliance and risk management.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The Executive Recommendation provides a risk based approach to ensuring that the project can be resourced and delivered given the constraints associated with recruitment of required skillsets.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR CRITCH, SECONDED CR COLLIVER**

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

- 1. APPROVE the direct engagement of Tango Information Technology Pty Ltd to support the delivery of the ERP implementation project.**

CARRIED 12/0

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

CCS688 2022-23 RECURRENT FUNDING

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-050197
AUTHOR:	B Rafferty, Treasury Officer
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	4 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/11/0031
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x3) 2 x Confidential
	A. Confidential - Mullewa Community Resource Centre Festival and Event Funding Application
	B. Confidential - Greenough Museum and Gardens Community Association Service Agreement Application
	C. Council Policy 1.8 – Community Funding Programs

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the Community Grants Committee and Executive Management Team recommendations to support the applications for funding received through the 2022-23 recurrent funding programs (being the Festival and Event Funding Program and Service Agreement Program). Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs requires the recommendations be submitted to Council for budgetary consideration.

The following table denotes the level of funding requested for the next three (3) years commencing in 2022-23.

The Community Grants Committee met on 29 March 2022 to consider each Festival and Event application, and the Executive Management Team (EMT) met on 23 March 2022 to consider the Service Agreement application. The following table summarises the funding recommended by the Committee and EMT:

Funding Program	Applicant	Project	Funding Request	Funding Recommendation
2022-23 Festival and Event Funding Program	Mullewa Community Resource Centre	Outback Bloom Mullewa's Wildflower Festival	2022-23 – \$25,000 plus \$1,216 in-kind 2023-24 - \$25,000 2024-25 - \$25,000	2022-23 – \$25,000 plus \$1,216 in-kind 2023-24 - \$20,000 2024-25 - \$15,000
2022-23 Service Agreement Program	Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association	Curatorial Services and Operational Expenditure	2022-23 - \$15,000 2023-24 - \$15,000 2024-25 - \$15,000	2022-23 - \$15,000 2023-24 - \$15,000 2024-25 - \$15,000

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

Part A

1. APPROVE funding to Mullewa Community Resource Centre for the Outback Bloom Mullewa's Wildflower Festival of \$25,000 plus in-kind support of up to \$1,216 in 2022-23, being Year 1 of the agreement, subject to the following condition/s:
 - a. Funding is to be directed to marketing, marquee hire, presenter/guides travel and accommodation costs associated with the event;
 - b. In-kind support is approved for the waiver of the Mullewa Town Hall venue charges;
 - c. Provision of current insurance certificates;
 - d. Outcome of pending funding contributions confirmed; and
 - e. Provision of updated budget.
2. APPROVE PROVISION to Mullewa Community Resource Centre for the Outback Bloom Mullewa's Wildflower Festival in the 2022-23 to 2031-32 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$20,000 in Year 2 (2023-24) and \$15,000 in Year 3 (2024-25) of the plan, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Funding is to be directed to marketing, marquee hire, presenter/guides travel and accommodation costs associated with the event;
 - b. Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's Annual Budget which commits the provisional allocation for the relevant year;
 - c. Review and acceptance of the annual acquittal by City Officers prior to the next year's funding being made available;
 - d. Provision of insurance certificate, budget and program for the applicable allocation for funding to be released; and
 - e. In-kind support for Year 2 (2023-24) and Year 3 (2024-25) will not be provided unless the recipient agrees to reduce the cash contribution by the value of the in-kind provision, to make the total the approved contribution.
3. INVITE Mullewa Community Resource Centre to re-apply for funding at the end of the three (3) year period with an indication that funding is likely to continue being phased out.

Part B:

1. APPROVE funding to Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association for Curatorial Services and Operational Expenditure of \$15,000 in 2022-23, being Year 1 of the agreement, subject to the following condition/s:
 - a. Funding is to be directed to costs relating to the operational expenses and curatorial services of the Greenough Museum & Gardens; and
 - b. Provision of current insurance certificates.

2. APPROVE PROVISION to Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association for Curatorial Services and Operational Expenditure in the 2022-23 to 2031-32 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$15,000 in Year 2 (2023-24) and Year 3 (2024-25) of the plan, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Funding is to be directed to costs relating to the operational expenses and curatorial services of the Greenough Museum & Gardens;
 - b. Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's Annual Budget which commits the provisional allocation for the relevant year;
 - c. Review and acceptance of the annual acquittal by City Officers prior to the next year's funding being made available; and
 - d. Provision of insurance certificate and budget for the applicable allocation for funding to be released.
3. INVITE Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association to re-apply for funding at the end of the three (3) year period.

PROPONENT:

The proponents are as follows:

- Mullewa Community Resource Centre
- Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association

BACKGROUND:

The City of Greater Geraldton supports organisations each year through its recurrent funding program to host events that attract visitors and tourists to the City as well as supporting organisations who provide a service to the community that the City may be required to provide if they didn't. The recurrent funding programs (Festival and Event Funding and Service Agreement Programs) offers funding agreements incorporating up to three (3) years' support and aims to provide assistance for proposals that:

- Promote our cultural heritage and creative community;
- Deliver environmental or sustainability benefits;
- Promote visitation and tourism to the region; and/or
- Support and promote economic and social opportunities.

The following provides a background on the individual applications received:

Part A:**Mullewa Community Resource Centre**

Mullewa Community Resource Centre (MCRC) submitted an application for funding under the Festival and Event Funding Program (Attachment No. CCS688A) for three (3) years' support towards the Outback Bloom Mullewa's Wildflower Festival. The application seeks \$25,000 per annum.

MCRC provides support to the Mullewa community through the delivery of events, provision of training and education opportunities and projects that directly benefit the local community. The funding from the City will enable them to deliver a four (4) day event which celebrates and promotes Mullewa's unique biodiversity and stunning wildflower season. The event helps increase visitation to local businesses and builds engagement and social connections within the community.

Council first supported the Outback Bloom Mullewa's Wildflower Festival in 2020-21 through the Community Grants Program, awarding \$15,000 to the 2021 event. Previous to this, the City had supported the event with some in-kind support only.

On review of the Community Grant application in 2020-21, the Committee recommended that MCRC be invited to make an application for recurrent funding as well as encouraging them to seek funding through the Mullewa Community Trust. Following this invitation, MCRC submitted an application for funding in the 2022-23 Festival and Event Funding Program and has requested \$25,000 per annum for the next three (3) years commencing 2022-23.

Per budget information provided, requested City funding represents 43% of the total event budget.

At the Community Grants Committee Meeting on 29 March 2022, the Committee reviewed and discussed this application and event, and recognised the large numbers that the annual event attracts. Economic return is generated directly to the City (Mullewa Caravan Park) as well as the wider economy. Committee members support higher funding allocation in Year 1 (2022-23) to allow for one-off costs such as website development, with funding to be phased out.

Note:

MCRC also recently submitted a written request seeking \$26,000 per year funding from Council to manage the Visitor Information Centre during the wildflower season. This funding would be used to finance wages of two (2) FTE staff members for eight (8) weeks, internet and phone expenses, printing and postage costs, insurance, accreditation, and promotion of Mullewa via social media and website. The MCRC has been advised to apply for these funds through the 2023-24 Service Agreement Program.

Part B:

Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association

Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association (GMGCA), formerly the Community Group of Greenough, submitted an application for funding under the Service Agreement Program (Attachment No. CCS688B) for three (3) years' support towards Curatorial Services and Operational Expenditure. The application seeks \$15,000 per annum.

GMGCA maintains and operates the Greenough Museum and Gardens, ensuring the history of the site and its collections are preserved for all visitors to enjoy. The funding from the City will enable GMGCA to sustain and expand the current service levels in relation to the management, preservation, procurement and exhibition of collected items and artefacts.

Over the past three (3) financial years the level of funding support provided has been \$12,000 per annum. GMGCA are now seeking an increase in the level of funding for the next three (3) years commencing 2022-23. Council first supported GMGCA in 2015-16 by providing \$9,600 for a researcher to create a database of those who have lived on the Front Greenough Flats and those buried in the Pioneer and Walkaway Cemeteries. Since then, the City has continually provided financial support up to and including this current review period.

GMGCA maintains and manages the City owned Greenough Museum building. If they were to cease functioning, it would be likely that the City would provide this service to the some capacity. The services provided by GMGCA have a whole of community impact.

Per budget information provided, requested City funding represents 42% of GMGCA annual income. Small profits that are generated annually are not enough for the organisation to be self-sustaining.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

The City's role is as a facilitator and partner in the development and sustainability of local community-based organisations, and to support the aspirations and achievements of its residents. It aims to foster a sustainable, vibrant, engaging and inclusive community which improves the quality of life and opportunities for residents and visitors. This is achieved through the provision of grant programs and schemes outlined in Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs, version 2.

Economy:

Funding proposals that support the local economy by promoting Greater Geraldton will be encouraged.

Environment:

Funding proposals received through available grant programs will be encouraged to align with Strategic Community Plan goals including environmental sustainability and climate change.

Leadership:

There are no adverse leadership impacts.

Disclosure of Interest:

Cr Jennifer Critch has a declarable impartiality interest relating to the Mullewa Community Resource Centre application.

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Each year the City considers applications for financial and in-kind support for recurrent funding (being Festival and Event Funding and Service Agreements). The City has supported recurrent funding on a regular basis and currently holds the following funding agreements under the recurrent funding programs:

- Funtavia (Item No. EMT748) – expires 2021-22
- Shore Leave Festival (Item No. CEO070) – expires 2022-23
- Sunshine Festival – expires 2023-24
- Mullewa Muster – expires 2023-24
- Geraldton Cultural Events (Item No. CCS612) – expires 2023-24
- Community Group of Greenough – expires 2021-22
- Mid West Academy of Sport (Item No. CCS598) – expires 2021-22
- Mid West Sports Federation (Item No. CCS598) – expires 2021-22
- Geraldton Cemetery Board (Item No. CCS598) – expired 2023-24

The City endeavours to reduce the reliance on funding and encourages sustainability of events and organisations, however it is recognised that consistent support over a number of years is required to give surety. Agreements are therefore offered for up to three (3) years under the Community Funding Guidelines.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

The Community Grants Committee Meeting was held on 29 March 2022 to consider applications received under the 2022-23 Festival and Event Funding Program. The Committee recommendation support to these events at the following level of funding:

1. Mullewa Community Resource Centre - \$25,000 for 2022-23 (Year 1), \$20,000 for 2023-24 (Year 2) and \$15,000 for 2024-25 (Year 3).

The Executive Management Team met on 23 March 2022 to consider the application received under the 2022-23 Service Agreement Program. EMT recommend support of the continuation of the agreement for a further three year period at the following level of funding:

1. Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association - \$15,000 per annum for 2022-23 (Year 1), 2023-24 (Year 2) and 2024-25 (Year 3).

Councillors were provided with Briefing Notes regarding 2021-22 Community Grants Programs and 2022-23 Recurrent Funding outcomes on 20 April 2022.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Festival and Event Funding and Service Agreements are awarded in line with Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Programs sections 2 and 4.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Budget allocations for the various funding programs are determined as part of the annual budget process.

Provision has been made in the 2022-23 budget for the inclusion of the recommended \$40,000 for the eligible applications. Provision has also been included in the Long Term Financial Plan for future year's allocations.

Following are the provisional allocations for 2022-23 and future years:

Festival and Event Funding Program

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Funtavia – Funtavia Festival	\$ 40,000	-	-	-
Project 3 – Shore Leave	\$ 100,000	\$100,000	-	-
Midwest Multicultural Association – Geraldton Cultural Festivals	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$20,000	-
Mullewa Muster & Rodeo Committee – Mullewa Muster & Rodeo	\$ 45,000	\$ 30,000	\$15,000	-
Geraldton-Greenough Sunshine Festival Committee – Sunshine Festival	-	\$ 20,000	\$20,000	-
Mullewa Community Resource Centre – Outback Bloom Mullewa's Wildflower Festival <i>Note: The City anticipates a 2023-24 Service Agreement application for the operations of the Mullewa Visitors Centre during the wildflower season.</i>	-	\$ 25,000	\$20,000	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$205,000	\$195,000	\$75,000	\$15,000

Service Agreement Program

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Geraldton Cemetery Board – Capital and Improvement Program	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	-
Mid West Academy of Sport – Athlete and Coaching High Performance Scholarship Programs	\$12,500	-	-	-
Mid West Sports Federation – Greater Geraldton Sporting Achievement Grants	\$ 5,000	-	-	-
Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association – Curatorial Services and Operational Expenditure <i>Note: Formerly Community Group of Greenough Inc.</i>	\$12,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL	\$59,500	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$15,000

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.1	Enhanced lifestyle through spaces, places, programs and services that foster connection and inclusion.
Outcome 1.2	We are a community accountable for our actions.
Outcome 1.5	The opportunity for all to reach their potential exists.
Outcome 1.7	Reconciliation between Indigenous and non-indigenous communities is supported.
Outcome 1.10	A place where people have access to, engage in and celebrate arts, culture, education and heritage.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

Funding programs are provided to support organisations to facilitate regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Community Funding Programs Policy provides clarity on the distribution of funding by the City to the community.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options have been considered by Officers. The recommendations included in this Item have been received from the Community Grants Committee and EMT and reported to Council for inclusion in the 2022-23 budget as per Council Policy 1.8 Community Funding Policy.

Cr J Critch declared an Impartiality interest in Item No. CCS688 2022-23 Recurrent Name as she is a paid member of the Mullewa CRC and left Chambers at 6.07pm

Cr T Thomas declared a Closely Associated Person/s interest in Item No. CCS688 2022-23 Recurrent Funding as her husband is the applicant's godfather and suspended attendance via electronic means at 6.07pm.

Cr M Reymond declared an Impartiality interest in Item No. CCS688 2022-23 Recurrent Funding as he is a member of the Greenough Museum and Gardens Associations and left Chambers at 6.07pm.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR KEEMINK, SECONDED CR COLLIVER**

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

Part A

1. **APPROVE funding to Mullewa Community Resource Centre for the Outback Bloom Mullewa's Wildflower Festival of \$25,000 plus in-kind support of up to \$1,216 in 2022-23, being Year 1 of the agreement, subject to the following condition/s:**
 - a. **Funding is to be directed to marketing, marquee hire, presenter/guides travel and accommodation costs associated with the event;**
 - b. **In-kind support is approved for the waiver of the Mullewa Town Hall venue charges;**
 - c. **Provision of current insurance certificates;**
 - d. **Outcome of pending funding contributions confirmed; and**
 - e. **Provision of updated budget.**
2. **APPROVE PROVISION to Mullewa Community Resource Centre for the Outback Bloom Mullewa's Wildflower Festival in the 2022-23 to 2031-32 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$20,000 in Year 2 (2023-24) and \$15,000 in Year 3 (2024-25) of the plan, subject to the following conditions:**
 - a. **Funding is to be directed to marketing, marquee hire, presenter/guides travel and accommodation costs associated with the event;**
 - b. **Council endorsement of the City of Greater Geraldton's Annual Budget which commits the provisional allocation for the relevant year;**
 - c. **Review and acceptance of the annual acquittal by City Officers prior to the next year's funding being made available;**
 - d. **Provision of insurance certificate, budget and program for the applicable allocation for funding to be released; and**
 - e. **In-kind support for Year 2 (2023-24) and Year 3 (2024-25) will not be provided unless the recipient agrees to reduce the cash contribution by the value of the in-kind provision, to make the total the approved contribution.**
3. **INVITE Mullewa Community Resource Centre to re-apply for funding at the end of the three (3) year period with an indication that funding is likely to continue being phased out.**

Part B:

1. **APPROVE funding to Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association for Curatorial Services and Operational Expenditure of \$15,000 in 2022-23, being Year 1 of the agreement, subject to the following condition/s:**
 - a. **Funding is to be directed to costs relating to the operational expenses and curatorial services of the Greenough Museum & Gardens; and**
 - b. **Provision of current insurance certificates.**

2. **APPROVE PROVISION to Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association for Curatorial Services and Operational Expenditure in the 2022-23 to 2031-32 Long Term Financial Plan to conditionally allocate \$15,000 in Year 2 (2023-24) and Year 3 (2024-25) of the plan, subject to the following conditions:**
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 - c. Review and acceptance of the annual acquittal by City Officers prior to the next year's funding being made available; and
 - d. Provision of insurance certificate and budget for the applicable allocation for funding to be released.
3. **INVITE Greenough Museum & Gardens Community Association to re-apply for funding at the end of the three (3) year period.**

CARRIED 9/0

Time: 6:10 PM

Not Voted: 2

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 9

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	NOT PRESENT

Crs Reymond and Critch returned to Chambers at 6.11pm.

Cr Thomas returned to the meeting via electronic means at 6.11pm.

CCS689 RATES 2022-23

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-056847
AUTHOR:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	16 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	FM/6/0020
ATTACHMENTS:	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement and give notice of its rating intention for the 2022-23 financial year that form part of the adopted budget and includes the following:

- Merge together existing Gross Rental Value (GRV) differential rates (CGG Residential & Non-Residential) and minimum payments to create one GRV General Rate.
- Intended Rate-in-the-dollar (RID) and minimums for GRV & UV.
- Impacts and movements in property revaluations that take effect from 1 July 2022.
- Reducing GRV Residential RID by 17%.
- Increase to rates revenue of 5% (including growth) for the 2022-23 financial year.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. ENDORSE the merging of CGG Residential and CGG Non-Residential into one rating category. Category to be branded CGG GRV; and
2. NOTE the proposed rates and minimum payments for the 2022-23 financial year as detailed in Table 2.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

The following tables detail the current 2021-22 and the proposed 2022-23 'rates-in-the-dollar' (RID) and minimum payments:

Table 1:**Current Differential General Rates & Minimum Payments (2021-22)**

Differential Rate Types	Rate-in-the-dollar (Cents)	Minimum Payment
CGG Residential	15.1128	\$1,027
CGG Non-Residential	12.5085	\$1,027
CGG UV	0.7654	\$1,027

**Table 2:
Proposed General Rates & Minimum Payments (2022-23)**

Rate Types	Rate-in-the-dollar (Cents)	Minimum Payment
CGG GRV	12.927	\$1,027
CGG UV	0.677	\$1,027

Rates Modelling:

The proposed rates model in 2022-23 forms part of a response and recovery strategy to bring the City's budget over an appropriate timeframe back from an operating deficit to surplus position due to the impacts of COVID-19 and inflationary cost pressures. This model is based on the following:

- Merge together existing Differential Rates CGG Residential & CGG Non-Residential, and have one general GRV rate in 2022-23.
- Reducing by 17% GRV Residential RID from 15.1128 to 12.927 cents in the dollar. Non-Residential under the proposed merge option will also have the same proposed RID as Residential.
- Reducing CGG UV RID from 0.7654 to 0.677 cents in the dollar.
- 4.4% increase plus 0.6% growth to overall rates revenue which includes and accounts for both GRV & UV property revaluations that will take effect from 1 July 2022.
- Average rate increase of around 3.6% for residential properties.
- No proposed change to minimum payments.

Over the last four years, annual rates revenue movements have been between 0% and 2.5%. Adding the proposed 4.4% (not including growth factor) increase to rates revenue in 2022-23 compared to 2021-22, the annualised average for the last five years equates to around a 2% increase per annum. This average increase is consistent and aligns to the City's existing Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP) goal to contain rates increases on average between 1.5% and 2% over the life of the plan.

Council revenue base has been impacted over the last two years by the following:

- Reduction in rates revenue due to minimal or zero increase in annual rates as part of the City's COVID-19 rates relief initiatives that in 2020-21 included the following:
 - Zero increase to the rates;
 - Introducing a one-off discount on rates paid in full by the due date;
 - One-off removal of instalment/payment plans interest and charges and recurrent reduction in these rates; and
 - Changes to the application of interest on overdue rates and recurrent reduction in the interest rate applied.
- Drop in major and recurrent revenue streams, especially in Airport revenue which to date still has not returned to pre COVID-19 levels.
- Free car parking.

Pre COVID-19 (2019-20), the City's forward estimate on rates revenue for 2022-23 was \$50.75 million, the current proposed rates revenue for 2022-23 is now estimated to be lower at \$50.33 million.

On the expenditure side of operations the City over the last two years has been able to keep wage growth at 1.6% per annum well below overall cost movements. However, the City has not been able to avoid and has had to absorb additional cost pressures due to inflationary rises and supply chain issues that have impacted the economy. The last 12 months has seen Perth CPI move by 7.6% and a greater percentage movement would be expected in the regions.

To recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and to be financially sustainable, the City cannot continue to absorb both existing and expected future cost pressures without making adjustments to revenue streams where possible and without impacting service levels, continue to look for cost savings. The following are examples of cost increases through supply arrangements that the City has been required to absorb over the last 12 to 18 months:

- 70% price increase steel based material components;
- 40% price increase to plastic related components;
- 22% price increase bituminous products; and
- 38% price increase to fencing related materials.

Additionally, the City has seen in recent times Request for Tenders (RFTs) for capital works coming in consistently 50% to 100% higher than pre-construction estimates.

The City also has expected future expenditure pressures stemming from demand for greater wage increases to combat rising costs of living and higher depreciation expense that is likely to result from an infrastructure revaluation due to increases in unit rates caused by inflationary factors and supply chain issues.

When reviewing the City's revenue requirements and in resetting our 10 year Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP), the following principles underpin the City's recovery and forward financial planning:

- Continual positive movements and achievements of all financial health indicators and sustainability ratio benchmarks within a realistic and acceptable timeframe;
- In each financial year work towards achieving and maintaining a positive accounting result from Ordinary Operating Activities (an effective operating surplus in accounting terms);
- Generate sufficient revenue to renew assets when required to maintain capacity of performance and associated levels of services. The new LTFP will continue to set annual renewal expenditure at levels that manage asset renewal demand profiles; and
- Gradually and continually improving the City's liquidity position to ensure we are in a position to effectively and financially manage any crisis or event that adversely impacts our business operations and recurrent revenue streams.

Revaluation Movements:

Valuation of properties under the Valuation of Land Act 1978 is the responsibility of the State's Valuer-General, and is undertaken by Landgate at intervals determined by the Valuer-General. For rating purposes, the Local Government Act 1995 mandates that councils must use the valuations provided by the Valuer-General. Importantly however, ratepayers need to understand that neither the conduct nor the timing of property valuations are the responsibilities of Local Governments. Landgate does valuations at arms-length from councils for the Valuer-General.

GRV property revaluations are currently carried out on either a three or four year cycle and UV property revaluations are carried out annually. GRV revaluations were undertaken by Landgate in 2021-22 and will take effect from 1 July 2022 along with new UV revaluations.

When new property valuations are undertaken and especially GRV valuations, historically this presents challenges for councils as any increase or decrease is normally not consistent across different suburbs and/or localities. The level of movement can result in some parts of the community either paying significantly more than other parts and/or sometimes less than what was paid in rates in the previous financial year. This disproportionate scenario will arise in the levying of rates in 2022-23 due to the range of property valuation movements across different suburbs or localities. Whatever rate revenue target is set by Council, due to the rating system applied in Western Australia it cannot be avoided that some properties will be paying proportionally more and others paying less due to the range of movements in property valuations.

At the time that this report was compiled, the City had not received Landgate's report giving a summary basis on GRV property valuation movements.

GRV Property Valuations:

Residential property valuations that take effect from 1 July 2022 have on average increased by 20%. The range of movements is between minus 60% to plus 70%. Excluding properties on minimum payments, around 20% of residential properties will have zero to less movement in their rates bill in 2022-23 compared to 2021-22. The balance of properties will all be subject to varying increases based on their property valuation movement.

Localities that on average will have the largest increases to their rates bill are denoted in column 2022 GRV Movement in Table 3 below, and the average property revaluation is above 24%.

For example, Sunset Beach was the suburb with the highest average revaluation increase of all suburbs at 34.57%, with the range of movements being between 20% and 54%. On average, this will result in around \$250 increase to their rates bill when compared to 2021-22. However, due to the range of movements in valuation some Sunset Beach properties will pay more than \$250 and others less than. Sunset Beach in the 2015 and 2018 property valuations was subject to favourable movements with around 15% decreases for these two valuation cycles and which resulted on average, in a reduction in their rates bill for those years. From the table below you can see that over the

last three valuations the average movement for Sunset Beach has been 1.53%.

At the other end of the scale, the suburb of Strathalbyn valuation increase was on average 16% which will result on average in a small decrease to the rates they pay in 2022-23 when compared to 2021-22. Within Strathalbyn some properties will pay up to 9% less on their rates with others paying up to 6% more. This underlines that the range of movements is not just applicable between localities but within them also.

**Table 3:
Comparison & Average 3 Recent GRV Property Revaluations**

SUBURB	2015 GRV Movement	2018 GRV Movement	2022 GRV Movement	Average over the 3 valuations
SUNSET BEACH	-15.53%	-14.46%	34.57%	1.53%
MAHOMETS FLATS	-2.02%	-14.88%	30.71%	4.60%
SPALDING	0.89%	-26.84%	30.32%	1.46%
DRUMMOND COVE	-7.15%	-21.99%	30.02%	0.29%
WEBBERTON	10.62%	-26.31%	26.94%	3.75%
WALKAWAY	24.13%	-32.60%	26.56%	6.03%
BERESFORD	7.81%	-26.37%	26.12%	2.52%
CAPE BURNEY	8.63%	-21.61%	24.63%	3.88%
GERALDTON	4.19%	-17.58%	23.72%	3.44%
GLENFIELD	-6.48%	-22.78%	23.00%	-2.09%
BEACHLANDS	9.29%	-18.36%	22.74%	4.56%
WEST END	-5.75%	-13.05%	22.59%	1.26%
WANDINA	0.23%	-17.74%	21.18%	1.22%
MOONYOONOOKA	28.51%	-24.42%	21.15%	8.41%
WAGGRAKINE	1.20%	-17.92%	20.92%	1.40%
UTAKARRA	9.69%	-20.59%	20.39%	3.16%
RANGEWAY	6.45%	-14.14%	20.27%	4.19%
MOUNT TARCOOLA	0.85%	-16.87%	19.95%	1.31%
TARCOOLA BEACH	-2.74%	-13.76%	19.56%	1.02%
GREENOUGH	25.05%	-21.81%	19.49%	7.58%
MERU	25.00%	-15.67%	19.30%	9.54%
KARLOO	8.14%	-15.72%	18.83%	3.75%
RUDDS GULLY	19.24%	-27.76%	17.97%	3.15%
MORESBY	27.40%	-22.67%	17.51%	7.41%
DEEPDALE	25.79%	-19.19%	17.30%	7.97%
WONHELLA	0.70%	-13.28%	16.79%	1.40%
WOORREE	13.11%	-12.38%	16.79%	5.84%
STRATHALBYN	-2.82%	-4.00%	16.02%	3.07%
BLUFF POINT	5.48%	-15.77%	15.93%	1.88%
NARNGULU	6.99%	-19.91%	4.98%	-2.65%
MULLEWA	-15.21%	-7.21%	-0.57%	-7.66%

Non-Residential Valuations:

Non-Residential property valuations that take effect from 1 July 2022 have on average increased by 3.31%. The range of movements is between minus 60% to plus 90%. Excluding properties on minimum payments, around 30% of non-residential properties will have zero to less movement in their rates bill in 2022-23 compared to 2021-22. The balance of properties will all be subject to varying increases based on their property valuation movement.

UV Property Valuations:

The average UV property valuation increase that will take effect from 1 July 2022 is 19%. Giving consideration that UV properties undergo yearly revaluations, this increase is the largest seen for a number of years. Historically, valuation movements are no greater or less than 2%.

Landgate's basis for this overall UV properties valuation increase is:

- The market for broadacre rural properties has continued to improve on the back of low interest rates, relatively good seasonal conditions, and strong commodity prices; and
- The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has seen increased interest in rural smallholdings which has taken up excess supply in the market and seen prices improve after decreases in recent years.

96% of properties (excluding minimums) will have an increase to their property valuations between 19% and 21%. This indicates the impact was consistent over all rural localities. While the proposed UV RID has been decreased to help offset the overall increase in property valuations, it is proposed that rates revenue derived from this rating category will increase by around 5% in 2022-23.

Merging GRVs:

Effectively for the last four years the rating model adopted by Council had residential properties being taxed (rates) at a higher RID (20%) than non-residential.

The proposed change to a single rate would ensure a more equitable distribution of rates levied across residential, commercial and industrial ratepayers.

The move away from differential rates and introduction of a single-rating GRV system is seen as a positive and equitable move for ratepayers, however the recent property revaluations has resulted in inconsistent value movements across the City and that will be the main reason why there will be ratepayers (residential, commercial and industrial) paying less and others paying more.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**Community:**

Revenue from rates supports provision of social infrastructure required by the broader community. The annual review of rates and associated forward planning of revenue requirements form a significant part of the LTFF process to assess resourcing requirements to achieve strategic objectives and ensure future financial sustainability of the City.

Economy:

Councils raise revenue from rates to deliver, maintain and renew as necessary, key economic and social infrastructure and services required to support the local economy.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

If Council decides not to merge the current GRV differential rates then the City needs to comply with section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 in relation to the requirements to give notice of the Council's intention to impose differential general rates and minimum payments for the forthcoming financial year.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Each year, Council communicates or gives notice of its rating intent in relation to the setting of general rates and minimum payments.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

City of Greater Geraldton Councillors have been and will continue to be engaged through a series of forums conducted through February to June 2022. These forums address the Capital Works Program, 2022-23 Budget Operating Revenue and Expenditure and resetting the LTFF.

In addition, Councillors have been provided with a Briefing Note that details the impacts of new property valuations that will take effect from 1 July 2022.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The following applies only if Council makes a determination not to merge the existing GRV differential general rates. The statutory requirements for differential general rates and minimum payments are broadly set out in sections 6.33 through to 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act). As well, particular matters associated with those provisions of the Act are prescribed in the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations.

Section 6.36 of the Act requires all councils, before imposing any differential general rates or minimum payments, to give local public notice of its intention to do so, and inviting submissions from electors and ratepayers.

Such notice may be published within a period of two months preceding the commencement of the new financial year (that is during May or June), and must provide at least 21 days for submissions.

In continuing to impose differential general rates the Act requires councils to consider any submissions received, before imposing differential general rates and minimum payments. Councils may adopt the rates and minimum payments as published in local public notices, or may modify and adopt differential rates or minimum payments different from those published – in which event the Council must include the reasons for doing so, as part of its formal annual budget, when adopted.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Based on the proposed rates modelling, \$50.33 million is the current estimate for the amount of rates to be levied and raised in 2022-23. This estimate includes a growth figure to the City's rate base of around 0.6% - interim rating. The 2021-22 actual rates revenue received from levied rates is expected to be around \$48 million.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.4	Healthy financial sustainability that provides capacity to respond to change in economic conditions and community priorities.
Outcome 4.6	A community that is genuinely engaged and informed in a timely and appropriate manner.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Associated risk would be a failure to comply with relevant sections of the Local Government Act 1995 and disclosure to the community of Council's intent to change its rating methodology.

If Council makes a determination not to merge existing GRV Differential General Rates this will require the City to comply with Section 6.36 of the Act which will likely require presentation of the 2022-23 Budget for adoption to be pushed out to July 2022.

GRV cyclical property revaluations continue to provide a challenge and reputational risk to Council if they contain inconsistent and significant range movements, even though valuations are conducted by Landgate at arms-length from Councils for the Valuer-General. As stated previously, the current rating system cannot avoid the outcome whereby some properties will be paying proportionally more and others paying less due to the range of movements in property valuations. Communicating this unavoidable scenario to ratepayers who have been negatively impacted presents a challenge to all Councils.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The below alternate option is in consideration that Council makes a determination not to merge the existing GRV differential general rates. The proposed RID's are based on achieving the same amount of rates revenue in 2022-23 as defined under the merged option.

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

1. ENDORSE the proposed differential rates and minimum payments for the 2022-23 financial year as detailed in Table 4 of this report, for the purpose of giving local public notice of its intention to impose differential general rates and minimum payments for the 2022-23 financial year; and
2. INVITE submissions from electors and ratepayers on the proposed rates and minimum payments and any related matters, as required under section 6.36 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Table 4:

Proposed Differential General Rates & Minimum Payments (2022-23)

Differential Rate Types	Rate-in-the-dollar (Cents)	Minimum Payment
CGG Residential	12.991	\$1,027
CGG Non-Residential	12.751	\$1,027
CGG UV	0.677	\$1,027

The proposed model of differential general rates and minimum payments gives consideration to both delivering infrastructure and services to the community in a financially sustainable and affordable manner.

Alternative options and/or rate models may be developed and reviewed as part of Council's final budget deliberation process.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED MAYOR, SECONDED CR REYMOND**

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

1. **ENDORSE** the merging of CGG Residential and CGG Non-Residential into one rating category. Category to be branded CGG GRV; and
2. **NOTE** the proposed rates and minimum payments for the 2022-23 financial year as detailed in Table 2.

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 6:17 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES

CCS690 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY TO 30 APRIL 2022
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-054241
AUTHOR:	J Bagshaw, Senior Management Accountant/Analyst
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	5 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	FM/17/0009
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Monthly Management Report for period ended 30 April 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a comprehensive report on the City's finances to 30 April 2022.

The statements in this report include no matters of variance considered to be of concern for the current budgeted end of year position.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. RECEIVE the monthly financial statement of activity for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 April 2022, as attached.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

The financial position at the end of April 2022 is detailed in the attached report and summarised as follows, the variances between Year-to-Date (YTD) budgeted forecasts and actuals (including commitments):

Operating Income	\$	2,115,261	2.7%	over YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operating Expenditure	\$	602,615	0.8%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Net Operating	\$	2,717,876	38.9%	over YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Expenditure	\$	1,329,729	3.8%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Revenue	\$	921,364	12.4%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Cash at Bank – Municipal	\$	27,493,648
Cash at Bank – Reserve	\$	32,845,560
Total Funds Invested	\$	60,132,492

Current Rates Collected to April 2022	94.91%
Current Rates Collected to April 2021	93.68%
Rates Arrears Collected to April 2022	50.36%
Rates Arrears Collected to April 2021	47.01%

The attached report provides explanatory notes for items greater than 10% or \$50,000. This commentary provides Council with an overall understanding of how the finances are progressing in relation to the budget. The financial position presented in the April financials show a YTD positive variance of \$2,717,876 in the net operating surplus/(deficit) result (this takes into account commitments). Financial Assistance Grants (FAGs) prepayment was received in April, with the prepaid amount increasing from the usual 50% to 75%. This is the main contributing factor behind the large positive operating variance result.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

There are no adverse community impacts.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

The Financial Management Regulations require presentation each month of a Statement of Financial Activity accompanied by other supporting information that is considered relevant. In addition to the compliance requirements, the purpose of regularly reporting on the financial activities of the City is to enable Elected Members to monitor and review the allocation of financial and other resources against the budget. Reporting on a regular basis evidences ongoing financial management and the performance of the accounting systems. The monthly report provides a summary of the organisation's liquidity and going concern status.

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/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor 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 source and application of funds as set out in the adopted annual budget.

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

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As disclosed in the attached report.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive
Outcome 4.3	Accountable leadership supported by a skilled and professional workforce
Outcome 4.4	Healthy financial sustainability that provides capacity to respond to change in economic conditions and community priorities

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Provision of monthly financial reports to Council fulfils relevant statutory requirements and is consistent with good financial governance.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

There are no alternative options to consider.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR HALL**

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

- RECEIVE** the monthly financial statement of activity for the period 1 July 2021 to 30 April 2022, as attached.

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 6:19 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES

12.3 REPORTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

IS259	COUNCIL POLICY 2.7 HEAVY HAULAGE COST RECOVERY
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-053740
AUTHOR:	M Dufour, Manager Engineering Services
EXECUTIVE:	C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services
DATE OF REPORT:	4 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/14/0008
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Draft Council Policy 2.7 Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery (v1)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of Council Policy 2.7 Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery, version 1.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. APPROVE Council Policy 2.7 Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery version 1.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

The City's Integrated Transport Strategy 2021 was adopted by Council in July 2021, Item No. IS238 - Integrated Transport Strategy. The Strategy identifies a range of strategic directions to effectively integrate different modes of transport and land use. Strategic Direction SD22 focuses on improving the City of Greater Geraldton's (City) financial position and recommends recovering costs associated with wear and tear of a road asset beyond what it was reasonably designed for.

A road is designed and constructed to fit its intended purpose. The serviceable life of the road is dependent on the quantity and type of heavy vehicle passes. A road will typically be designed to last for a defined period (typically up to 50 years or more), during which time it will be subjected to a predicted quantity of heavy vehicle passes.

However, if an industry or mining operation proposes a transport task that increases the volume of heavy vehicles well above the quantity it was designed and constructed to carry (referred to as an Extraordinary Load), then the life of the road will be consumed at a much higher rate than anticipated. The road will require additional maintenance and may fail prematurely, leaving the Local Government with the cost to reconstruct the road earlier than planned.

Officers have developed a cost recovery framework for heavy vehicles undertaking a defined task on both sealed and unsealed roads within the City. The model is based on the use of a Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) developed annual asset consumption-based method of costing.

Council Policy 2.7 Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery provides the overarching principles for recovering costs associated with heavy haulage.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

It is unreasonable for the community to bear the additional cost of wear and tear caused by an industry or mining operation. The proponent should be charged a fair rate to offset the cost of additional maintenance and reduction in the life of the road. Through adopting this policy, roads experiencing Extraordinary Loads will be able to be maintained to the same standard that the community expects.

Economy:

The City has seen a significant rise in the size and volume of heavy vehicles associated with the extractive industry and mining activities on its road network, well above the quantity that it was designed and constructed to carry. This is particularly evident for roads located on the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network. This Policy is designed to allow the ongoing benefits that industry and mining activities bring to the local economy – whilst equitably recovering costs associated with the increased wear and tear on the City's roads. Costs recovered would be re-invested in the roads that the industry and mining activities use – providing opportunities for local contractors to undertake the maintenance works.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts arising from this Policy.

Leadership:

The City is progressively developing its asset management systems and documentation. A key component to effective asset management is capturing the full life-cycle cost of an asset. This in turn informs the long-term financial plan. By adopting this policy, the expected design life of a road can be maintained, avoiding early renewal of the asset and impacts on the City's long-term financial planning.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

This is a new Council Policy. There are no relevant precedents.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

The Executive Management Team was briefed on 27 October 2021 on the Heavy Haulage Cost models and a Council Policy to allow its implementation. A draft Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery Policy was presented to Councillors and the Executive Management Team at Concept Forum on 5 April 2022.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The development and implementation of a Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery Policy is based on the following Acts and Policies:

Road Traffic (Administration) Act 2008, section 132 – Road authority may recover expenses of damage caused by heavy traffic. In particular; section 132(2) states:

“Where it appears to the road authority that has functions in relation to the repair of road infrastructure that, having regard to the average expense of repairing road infrastructure in the vicinity, extraordinary expenses have been incurred by the road authority in repairing the road infrastructure because of damage caused by heavy traffic, the road authority may recover the amount of the expenses as may be proved to the satisfaction of the court to have been incurred by the road authority because of damage caused by heavy traffic.”

Also, section 132(4) states:

“A person against whom expenses are or may be recoverable under this section may enter into an agreement with the road authority for payment to it in respect of heavy traffic, and on making the payment as agreed the person is not to be subject to any proceedings under this section.”

The revised State Planning Policy 3.6 – Infrastructure Contributions, developed under the authority of the *Planning and Development Act 2005*, section 26 allows for monetary contributions through a development approval process to address:

*“Where the proposal induces additional traffic movements and/ or benefits from it; and or where development is a significant traffic generator; or
Where existing roads are inadequate to accommodate traffic generated by proposal; and or where development is a significant traffic generator; or*

Upgrading, construction and widening of existing roads and laneways, including intersection treatment where required, to accommodate additional demand generated by a subdivision or development.”

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There will be the administrative time required to implement the Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery Policy. Financial accounts will need to be established to receive and hold monies charged via the cost recovery process. However, the costs recovered will offset the increased maintenance costs resulting from additional freight tasks.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.2	Efficient and accessible intrastate and interstate connectivity.
Strategic Direction: Environment	Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.
Outcome 3.4	A desirable and sustainable built and natural environment responsive to community aspirations.
Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.4	Healthy financial sustainability that provides capacity to respond to change in economic conditions and community priorities.
Outcome 4.7	Council understands its roles and responsibilities and leads by example.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

Mines from outside the City's administrative boundary have to use both the Main Roads WA and City of Greater Geraldton network since the majority of the commodity is exported through the Geraldton Port and/or stored at transfer sites located at the Narngulu Industrial area. This policy, in addition to providing for the equitable cost recovery for additional wear and tear of the City's roads, provides a wider opportunity for adjoining local governments in the region to develop their own heavy haulage cost recovery policies.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery Policy would not apply to grain haulage tasks. This avoids impacts on key regional employment and business market - in accordance with the City's Integrated Transport Strategy.

The primary purpose of the development and implementation of the Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery Policy is to maintain the serviceability of roads that industry or mining operations use. In the absence of the Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery Policy, there is likely to be increased disruption encountered on haulage routes and a lack of funds to undertake the necessary maintenance operations arising from the increased wear and tear.

The Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery Policy would only apply to roads that are subject to an Extraordinary Load from an industry or mining operation. This is triggered when the annual design Equivalent Standard Axle (ESA) of a road increases by more than 50%. Therefore, smaller industry or mining operations

more sensitive to the changing prices of commodities, are less likely to be subject to the Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery Model.

Implementation of the Policy would use a cost recovery model framework that has been developed for WALGA by the Australian Road Research Board (ARRB) – a nationally recognised transport research organisation. This would provide a robust and consistent way of implementing heavy haulage cost recovery across all Western Australian roads.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The following options were considered by City Officers:

Maintain the current situation: Through not adopting a Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery Policy for industry and mining operations that generate an Extraordinary Load on a road, the road will continue to deteriorate more rapidly. This will lead to early asset failure requiring full asset reconstruction. The Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery Policy will allow for cost recovery to provide funds specifically for each road to undertake maintenance activities, to retain the serviceability of the road.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR LIBRIZZI, SECONDED CR COLLIVER

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

- 1. APPROVE Council Policy 2.7 Heavy Haulage Cost Recovery version 1.**

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 6:22 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES

IS260	SELF-SUPPORTING LOAN GERALDTON CLAY TARGET CLUB
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-053337
AUTHOR:	M Adams, Manager Sport and Leisure
EXECUTIVE:	C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services
DATE OF REPORT:	10 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	FM/13/0015
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x4) Confidential
	A. Confidential – Self-Supporting Loan Application
	B. Confidential – 10 Year LTFF Balance Sheet
	C. Confidential – 10 Year LTFF Income and Expenditure Statement
	D. Confidential – 10 year LTFF Cash Flow Statement

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek a Council determination on an application from the Geraldton Clay Target Club (GCTC) for a self-supporting loan of \$100,000 excluding GST for the demolition of an existing storage shed and playground, and the construction of a large shed to facilitate additional club room facilities and storage capacity.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.8 (1) and Section 6.20(1)-(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE a self-supporting loan for \$100,000 excluding GST to the Geraldton Clay Target Club subject to the loan being repaid over ten years; and
2. DIRECT the CEO to include the provision of this self-supporting loan in the 2022-23 budget.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the Geraldton Clay Target Club.

BACKGROUND:

Geraldton Clay Target Club proposed project includes the demolition of the existing storage shed and playground, and the construction of a large shed to facilitate additional club room facilities and storage capacity.

Geraldton Clay Target Club recently applied via the Community Sporting Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) for this project (Item No. IS241 CSRFF Small Grant Round 2 – Geraldton Clay Target Club). It was approved by Council on 24 August 2021, however the result of their application was unsuccessful.

Application Summary - Geraldton Clay Target Club (GCTC)

The GCTC application is seeking funds for contribution to the following:

- Demolish the club's small existing storage shed.
- Demolish the existing non-compliant playground.
- Remove two (2) temporary storage sea containers.
- Construct a large 11m x 20m colour bond shed.

The proposed design will provide the club with adequate storage areas for equipment with improved accessibility for machinery reducing the amount of manual handling required by club members. Additionally, the design includes expanding the clubroom's capacity.

The total budget for this project is estimated at \$221,400.

Alternate options as noted in the GCTC application were considered however the club see the proposed option to be the best long-term solution for the club's storage and functional use issues.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**Community:**

Since 1999, the GCTC has hosted a Corporate Cup event. In the past 10 years, the event has raised over \$200,000 for local community charitable organisations such as Nazareth House, Saint John's Palliative Care and Holland Street School.

Economy:

In addition to local club competitions and the Corporate Cup, the GCTC host a major annual event called the Crayfish Carnival. The event first commenced in 1981 and is attended by more than 200 shooters from throughout Australia and New Zealand. The shooting event has built a positive reputation across the Australian shooting community with many participants and visitors returning year after year.

The Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries used the Crayfish Carnival as a case study within the 2019 Midwest Sports Tourism Project. The case study showed that the annual Crayfish Carnival attracted over 230 visitors to the Mid-West region, accounted for \$309,000 of local spending and created the equivalent of two full time jobs over one year in the region.

Environment:

The proposed project is within the GCTC current lease boundary on Reserve 24569 being part of Lot 2733. The club's lease is due to expire in 2037.

Leadership:

A self-supporting loan is a debt facility where Council takes out a loan with WA Treasury Corporation on behalf of the approved applicant. Council then establishes an individual agreement with the approved applicant to service these borrowings, based on the term and payment schedule of the loan. Effectively, Council acts as a guarantor for the loan with the applicant responsible to service and pay the scheduled payments as per the terms of the loan.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council has previously supported community and sporting organisations through the provision of a self-supporting loan facility.

- *Geraldton Amateur Basketball Association* - Item No. IS227 Approved – 23 February 2021 - \$550,000 over 10 years.
- *Geraldton Hockey Association* - Item No IS228 Approved – 23 February 2021 - \$600,000 over 10 years.
- *Wonthella Bowling Club* - Item No. CCS551 Approved – 24 November 2020 – \$200,000 over 5 years.
- *Geraldton Yacht Club* - Item No. CCS296 Approved – 28 November 2017 - \$250,000 over 10 years.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Council Policy 1.8 – Community Funding Programs provides the following guidance:

“Council will consider providing self-supporting loans to incorporated clubs or organisations based in the City who undertake to meet the capital, interest and loan guarantee payments, for the purpose of capital improvements to land or buildings.

The term will be limited to a maximum of 10 years, and organisations may have only one active self-supporting loan at any given time.

The application will be required to demonstrate capacity to fund the replacement or renewal of the improvements through a reserve or sinking fund, whilst servicing the loan. Approval will only be considered where this can be adequately demonstrated through a forward financial plan.

Applications will be assessed by the City administration, with recommendations presented to Council for their endorsement.”

The club’s application meets the requirements of the current policy.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The proposed self-supporting loan for \$100,000 excluding GST would be over a term of 10 years. The GCTC does not have any existing self-supporting loans with the City or any other current borrowings.

The current level of exposure (principal outstanding) that Council has on all self-supporting loans is \$891,418 excluding GST. Council approved \$550,000 excluding GST self-supporting loan for the Geraldton Basketball Association, they intend on drawing down on the loan in the 2022-23 financial year.

As per the self-supporting loan application, the GCTC would be funding over half of the shed build from existing savings. Detailed analysis of the current financial position and future financial projections (forward financial plans provided in Confidential Attachment No's IS260B-D indicate both a secure capacity and low risk to Council to guarantor these new borrowings. Officers have discussed the requirement for the Club to create a sinking fund to service replacement or renewal of future capital requirements.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.8	Active living and recreation is encouraged.
Outcome 1.9	A strong sports culture exists through well-planned facilities.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.2	Efficient and accessible intrastate and interstate connectivity.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

The construction of this shed will enhance the facilities at the GCTC. It will enable the GCTC to host more state and national events which will bring many visitors to the region thus providing a positive effect on the local economy.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

City Officers have undertaken a thorough review of past, current and future projections on the revenue and expenditure trends of the GCTC, including cash flow projects and current balance sheet position, to determine the financial capacity of the applicant to service this commitment.

Clauses and/or conditions contained within the self-supporting loan agreement between the City and the approved applicant will provide default powers.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The following options were considered by City Officers:

- **REDUCE** the self-supporting loan value to lower the financial risk exposure to City borrowings. Officers do not support this option as the application indicates the loan would have an immaterial impact on the City's Debt Service Ratio or debt capacity going forward. It would also impact the club's ability to carry out the construction of the project or at the least significantly impact the deliverable outcomes.
- **DECLINE APPLICATION** and the Club reapplies for a grant via the CSRFF process. Officers do not support this option as the club has been previously unsuccessful via this process and any applications extend the time to complete the project and costs increase due to inflation.

Cr N Colliver declared an Impartiality interest in Item No. IS260 Self-Supporting Loan Geraldton Clay Target Club as her husband is a member of this club and left Chambers at 6.22pm.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR REYMOND, SECONDED CR TANTI**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 6.8 (1) and Section 6.20(1)-(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. **APPROVE** a self-supporting loan for \$100,000 excluding GST to the Geraldton Clay Target Club subject to the loan being repaid over ten years; and
2. **DIRECT** the CEO to include the provision of this self-supporting loan in the 2022-23 budget.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 11/0

Time: 6:25 PM

Not Voted: 1

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 11

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	NOT PRESENT
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES

Cr Colliver returned to Chambers at 6.25pm.

12.4 REPORTS OF OFFICE THE CEO

Nil.

12.5 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED**RR37 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED - MAY**

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-058836
AUTHOR:	R McKim, Chief Executive Officer
EXECUTIVE:	R McKim, Chief Executive Officer
DATE OF REPORT:	20 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0012-008
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x5) 1 x Confidential
	A. DCSDD182 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval
	B. CCS691 - Audit Committee Meeting Minutes - 19 April 2022
	C. CCS692 – 2021-22 Corporate Business Plan - Quarter Three Reporting
	D. CCS693 - Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen Memorial Trust - 2020-21 Financial Statement and Report
	E. Confidential - CCS694 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation April 2022

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 and Community Services:
 - i. DCSDD182 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval;
 - b. Reports – Corporate and Commercial Services:
 - i. CCS691 - Audit Committee Meeting Minutes - 19 April 2022
 - ii. CCS692 – 2021-22 Corporate Business Plan - Quarter Three Reporting;
 - iii. CCS693 - Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen Memorial Trust - 2020-21 Financial Statement and Report; and

PART B

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

1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
 - a. Reports – Corporate and Commercial Services:
 - i. CCS694 – Confidential Report – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation April 2022.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

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.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**Community:**

There are no adverse community impacts.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

There are no adverse leadership impacts.

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/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no legislative or policy implications.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial or resource implications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Leadership	Direction:	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.3		Accountable leadership supported by a skilled and professional workforce

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

There are no risks to be considered.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR LIBRIZZI****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 and Community Services:**
 - i. **DCSDD182 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval;**
 - b. **Reports – Corporate and Commercial Services:**
 - i. **CCS691 - Audit Committee Meeting Minutes - 19 April 2022**
 - ii. **CCS692 – 2021-22 Corporate Business Plan - Quarter Three Reporting;**
 - iii. **CCS693 - Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen Memorial Trust - 2020-21 Financial Statement and Report; and**

PART B

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

1. **RECEIVE** the following appended reports:
 - a. **Reports – Corporate and Commercial Services:**
 - i. **CCS694 – Confidential Report – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation April 2022.**

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 6:27 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES

13 MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

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

Nil.

16 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Pursuant to Section 5.2 (i) of the Meeting Procedures Local Law February 2011, please note this part of the meeting *may* need to be closed to the public, *if* confidential discussion is required.

No confidential discussion was required for CCS695 and CCS696.

CCS695 MICROSOFT ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2022-2025

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-050880
AUTHOR:	D Duff, Manager ICT Services
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	2 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	IT/1/0001-002
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Confidential Confidential - VP302352 Supply Microsoft Enterprise Agreement – Compliance Summary Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award Request for Quote RFQ VP302352 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement to the preferred supplier.

The contract is to run for a period of three years for all Microsoft licensed software, applications, and services.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. AWARD the contract RFQ VP302352 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement to the preferred supplier; and
2. RECORD the estimated annual contract value in the minutes.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

Like all businesses, to use Microsoft (or other) software products and services the purchase of rights to use them, in the form of licensing, is required. Microsoft licensing is complex and changes often, so to ensure maximum value the City utilises Microsoft licensing specialists each year to review and reconcile the City's requirements.

Up until 2015, Microsoft licenses for software and applications were purchased under various transactional agreements, such as Microsoft Products and Services Agreement or Microsoft Select Plus or Microsoft Open Agreements.

When the City migrated its IT infrastructure to an external data centre in 2015, the limitations of such varied licensing agreements were realised. To avoid a multi-million-dollar expense to re-license Microsoft products to suit the environment, the environment had to be modelled to suit the licensing. To avoid limiting factors in the future, and ensure value from Microsoft investments, the City decided to enrol in a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement.

Since 2016 as legacy Microsoft agreements have expired, licensed products have migrated to the now in place Microsoft Enterprise Agreement. The year 2021 saw the introduction of Microsoft Teams phone licenses, added subscriptions for Project and Visio, and a price increase of Microsoft licenses across the board. For the full list of products being purchased please see Confidential Attachment No. CCS695 – VP302352 Supply Microsoft Enterprise Agreement – Compliance Summary Report.

This year, 2022, marks the expiry of the current Microsoft Enterprise Agreement and a request for quote was established. The RFQ VP302352 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement was first advertised via eQuotes on 19 April 2022. The RFQ closed on 26 April 2022.

Four WALGA Prequalified suppliers were invited to submit quotes and three submissions were received. Submissions were evaluated on compliance and price only and the preferred supplier, based on price, is Tenderer 3 on Confidential Attachment No. CCS695.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

Award of this RFQ will result in the continued use and investment in Microsoft products and services, and provide staff with some of the tools required for the effective delivery of services to the community.

Economy:

There are no direct economic impacts, adverse or favourable, to the local community with the award of this RFQ as there are no local suppliers.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

The Microsoft Enterprise Agreement ensures the continued currency of all Microsoft licenses across the organisation and builds upon the City's investment to-date in Microsoft products and services.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

The current Microsoft Enterprise Agreement was endorsed by the Chief Executive Officer in 2019.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Microsoft Enterprise Agreements are a specific and specialised category within the Vendor Panel/WALGA system. Suppliers in this category, of which there are four, are required to meet and retain certain criteria set by Microsoft to be eligible to provide services and enrol organisations onto this agreement. It is with this knowledge that the RFQ requested no qualitative criteria for evaluation as all respondents are pre-qualified in their ability and expertise to deliver a Microsoft Enterprise Agreement. Submissions were evaluated on price alone.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Although the Microsoft licensing quote provided sets a pre-determined cost, as other items are added or removed this cost will fluctuate. Additions will likely outweigh reductions and therefore increases to the total cost of the agreement are anticipated to eventuate at annual reviews. Total and itemised prices submitted are specified in Confidential Attachment No. CCS695.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.8	Deliver secured technology that supports sustainability, the environment, service delivery and the community.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Without an extension to the current Microsoft Enterprise Licensing Agreement the City will enter a grace period and then no longer be licensed to use any Microsoft products. This renewal ensures continuity of service.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

The Microsoft Enterprise Agreement is the preferred arrangement to ensure value for money and can only be procured via four suppliers on the WALGA preferred supplier panel.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR HALL, SECONDED CR LIBRIZZI**

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

1. **AWARD** the contract RFQ VP302352 Microsoft Enterprise Agreement to the preferred supplier being Insight Enterprises Australia Pty Ltd; and
2. **RECORD** the estimated annual contract value in the minutes being \$227,938.92 excluding GST.

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 6:30 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES

CCS696 RFT 2122 15 CLEANING OF PUBLIC ABLUTIONS

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-054403
AUTHOR:	C Bryant, Coordinator Procurement/ B Pearce, Manager Corporate Compliance and Safety
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	5 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	FM/25/0254
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Confidential Confidential - Evaluation Report - RFT 2122 15 Cleaning of Public Ablutions

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award tender RFT 2122 15 Cleaning of Public Ablutions to the preferred tenderer.

The contract is to run for a period of two years for delivery of budgeted cleaning of public ablutions.

The initial contract will be in place from 1 August 2022 to 31 July 2024 with the option for a two year extension exercisable at the discretion of the Principal.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. AWARD the contract RFT 2122 15 Cleaning of Public Ablutions to the preferred tenderer; and
2. RECORD the estimated annual contract value in the minutes.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton.

BACKGROUND:

The Request for Tender RFT 2122 15 Cleaning of Public Ablutions was advertised in The West Australian on 19 March 2022, in the Geraldton Guardian on 18 March 2022, and the City's TenderLink e-Tendering Portal. The RFT closed on 26 April 2022.

Six suppliers registered to receive copies of the tender and four submissions were received. Three submissions progressed through to be evaluated. The tender assessment was undertaken by a panel of five Officers with three voting and two non-voting. The recommended tenderer has an operation based locally.

The RFT has a two year duration commencing from the date of award and has a two year extension option at the absolute discretion of the City. The City has adopted a two year supply contract period for a variety of goods and services used in the maintenance programs.

There has previously been a two year contract for Cleaning of City of Greater Geraldton Public Ablutions RFT 25 1718.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

Clean and well maintained public ablutions support the community by enabling public open spaces to be enjoyed and reduces the likelihood of accidents or injury caused to members of the public and property.

Economy:

Award of this tender will result in City funds flowing into the local economy through the employment of local community members such as cleaning staff and suppliers of consumables, supporting local businesses.

A two year service contract also allows the City to carry out cleaning of public ablutions from proven suppliers with planned costs.

Environment:

All proposed cleaning of public ablutions will be undertaken with care for the environment in mind. Tenderers were requested wherever possible to use biodegradable, environmentally friendly cleaning products. Tenderers were asked to provide evidence of environmentally sustainable practices in their tender submission.

Leadership:

Successful tenderers are required to provide a comprehensive Safety Management Plan with works monitored by the City through Key Performance Indicator (KPI) checklists and safety management audits.

Disclosure of Interest:

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

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council awarded a two year services contract RFT 25 1718 Cleaning of City of Greater Geraldton Public Ablutions on 24 July 2018, Item No. DCS375. The initial contract was in place from 1 August 2018 to 31 July 2020, with an extension approved until 31 July 2022.

Council awarded a two year services contract RFT 17 1516 Cleaning of City Public Ablution Blocks on 24 May 2016, Item No. DCS276. The initial contract was in place from 1 June 2016 to 1 June 2018.

COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:

Community and Councillor consultation does not occur with the award of the supply contracts for essential services. Consultation relating to these activities takes place when Council confirms the annual budget for such essential services.

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 approximate expenditure on cleaning of public ablutions is \$230,000.00 (excluding GST) per annum. Assuming all extension periods are exercised, the estimated total contract value over four years is \$920,000.00 (excluding GST) to service 42 ablutions. These funds are sourced from the Building Operations budget.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.4	Community safety, health and well-being is paramount.
Outcome 1.9	A strong sports culture exists through well-planned facilities.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.1	Local business is empowered and supported.
Strategic Direction: Environment	Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community well-being.
Outcome 3.3	A well-maintained, SMART, sustainable, liveable City valued by the community.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

This contract will ensure clean and well maintained public ablutions throughout the City of Greater Geraldton district, which enhances the comfort and safety of the community.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The services carried out under this contract will ensure clean and well maintained public ablutions, reducing the likelihood of accidents or injury caused to members of the public and property. In addition the successful tenderer shall have documented management plans in place to ensure the safety and protection of workers and the community in relation to this service.

Public toilets around Australia are subject to extensive vandalism and are locations for poor community behaviour. The City's new toilets at Rocks Laneway and Eadon Clarke have been subject to repeated attacks resulting in them not being available for use which reflects on the City. Hence the frequency of cleaning may need to be increased which will result in addition operational costs.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The following options were considered by City Officers:

This RFT was called to ensure compliance with the Legislative procurement requirements of the Local Government Act 1995. The following alternatives were considered in the procurement planning phase prior to calling this tender:

1. Call for individual quotations and tenders for specific public ablutions to be cleaned. This option is not supported and was discounted due to the volume of administrative effort required, and the potential to have higher costs through multiple small purchases.
2. Use the WALGA Preferred Suppliers Panel. Currently there is no WALGA Preferred Suppliers Panel for the provision of cleaning services.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED CR REYMOND, SECONDED CR COLLIVER**

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

1. **AWARD the contract RFT 2122 15 Cleaning of Public Ablutions to the preferred tenderer being Redframe Pty Ltd (Delta Cleaning); and**
2. **RECORD the estimated annual contract value in the minutes being \$230,000 excluding GST.**

CARRIED 12/0

Time: 6:31 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 0

Yes Votes: 12

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES

Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES

Confidential discussion was required for Items No. DCS529 and CCS697, therefore Council determined to go behind closed doors.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR HALL

That Council by Simple Majority RESOLVES to MOVE behind Closed doors in accordance with section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 and section 5.2(1) of Meeting Procedures Local Law, that the attachments to the following reports are confidential as they contain information relating to a contract entered into, or may be entered into by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

CARRIED 12/0

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

*The public left Chambers at 6.32pm.
Livestreaming was turned off at 6.32pm*

DCS529 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – LAND ACQUISITION, CBD

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-056659
AUTHOR:	B Robartson, Manager Land and Regulatory Services
EXECUTIVE:	F Norling, A/Director Community Services
DATE OF REPORT:	11 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	A20157
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x2) Confidential
	A. Confidential - Land Acquisition - CBD
	B. Confidential - Development Concepts

Item No. DCS529 was provided to Council under separate cover.

This item was considered and determined by Council behind closed doors and the Council Decision only is available for the public record.

COUNCIL DECISION**MOVED MAYOR, SECONDED CR COLLIVER**

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Sections 3.59 (1) and 6.8 (1a) of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

- 1. APPROVE in principle the purchase of property detailed in Confidential Attachment No. DCS529A;**
- 2. DELEGATE authority to the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the purchase price to a maximum amount as per Confidential Attachment No. DCS529A; and**
- 3. APPROVE and AUTHORISE a transfer in FY2021-22 from the Car Parking Reserve as per Confidential Attachment No. DCS529A, with the price made public in three (3) months' time.**

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 11/1

Time: 6:39 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 1

Yes Votes: 11

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	NO
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	YES

Item No. DCS529 remains confidential as it contains information relating to a contract entered into, or may be entered into by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting, as per Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995.

CCS697 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - INTER-REGIONAL FLIGHT NETWORK PROPOSAL
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-22-058311
AUTHOR:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate and Commercial Services
DATE OF REPORT:	15 May 2022
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0013-002
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x3) Confidential A. Confidential - Briefing Note B. Confidential - Inter-Regional Flight Network Proposal C. Confidential - Letter of Support MWCCI

Item No. CCS697 was provided to Council under separate cover.

This item was considered and determined by Council behind closed doors and the Council Decision only is available for the public record.

COUNCIL DECISION

MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR REYMOND

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

- 1. APPROVE the City of Greater Geraldton entering into a financial agreement in support of Aviair's Inter-Regional Flight Network Proposal for a maximum period of four years;**
- 2. MAKE PROVISION in the City's 2022-23 Budget and 2022-2032 LTFP to financially support the proposal; and**
- 3. DELEGATE authority to the CEO to negotiate the agreement with Aviair based on the following:**
 - a. That all other parties being the State Government, City of Karratha, Shire of Broome, and Town of Port Hedland commit to financially supporting the proposal. The overall and proposed level of all participating Council's financial support "dollar for dollar" matches the State Government contribution of \$4 million;**
 - b. The level of City's financial support is to be capped at \$1,153,695 over a period of four years. Noting, this direct contribution from the City could have varying offsets and be lower based on rebates per below condition 3(c);**
 - c. A rebate on annual contributions is to be paid to the City on a proportional basis and under an agreed methodology linked to whole of network load factors and/or revenue targets;**
 - d. Include agreed airport fees and charges;**
 - e. Be subject to six monthly review and reporting to Council; and**

- f. **Include an agreed exit clause if determined during the period of the agreement that the network route is not financially sustainable.**

CARRIED 11/1

Time: 6:49 PM

Not Voted: 0

No Votes: 1

Yes Votes: 11

Name	Vote
Mayor Van Styn	YES
Cr. Clune	YES
Cr. Colliver	YES
Cr. Cooper	YES
Cr. Critch	YES
Cr. Hall	YES
Cr. Keemink	YES
Cr. Librizzi	YES
Cr. Parker	YES
Cr. Reymond	YES
Cr. Tanti	YES
Cr. Thomas	NO

Item No. CCS697 remains confidential as it contains information relating to a contract entered into, or may be entered into by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting, as per Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995.

PROCEDURAL MOTION**MOVED CR COLLIVER, SECONDED CR REYMOND****That Council by Simple Majority RESOLVES to MOVE from behind closed doors.****CARRIED 12/0**

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

17 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the Council meeting at 6.50pm.

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/>