



GREATER GERALDTON AUDIT, RISK  
AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
MINUTES

2 DECEMBER 2025

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**CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON****GREATER GERALDTON AUDIT, RISK AND IMPROVEMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2025 AT 3.00PM  
CHAMBERS – CATHEDRAL AVENUE****MINUTES****1 DECLARATION OF OPENING**

The presiding member, Michael Librizzi, opened the meeting at 3:00 PM.

**2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO 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. 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 ATTENDANCE****Present:**

Michael Librizzi, Presiding Member  
Mayor Jerry Clune  
Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver  
Cr Tim Milnes  
Cr Shane Van Styn

**Officers:**

Ross McKim, Chief Executive Officer  
Nita Jane, A/Director Corporate Services  
Chris Lee, Director Infrastructure Services  
Chris Edwards, Manager Project Delivery & Engineering  
Temba Machukera, A/Chief Financial Officer  
Larisa Maldea, Manager Corporate Compliance  
Heath Martin, A/Director Development Services  
Michael Jones, Coordinator Governance and Risk – Minute Secretary

**By Invitation:**

Mark Ambrose, Senior Director, Office of the Auditor General  
Amit Kabra, Director, RSM Australia Pty Ltd

**Apologies:**

Paul Radalj, Director Corporate Services

**Leave of Absence:**

Nil.

**4 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Recommendation: That the minutes of the City of Greater Geraldton Audit Committee meeting held on 30 September 2025 as attached be accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**COMMITTEE DECISION****MOVED MAYOR CLUNE, SECONDED DEPUTY MAYOR CR COLLIVER**

That the minutes of the City of Greater Geraldton Audit Committee meeting held on 30 September 2025 as attached be accepted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

**CARRIED 5/0**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Presiding Member, M Librizzi</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mayor J Clune</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Deputy Mayor Cr N Colliver</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cr T Milnes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cr S Van Styn</b>	<b>Yes</b>

*Amit Kabra, RSM, and Mark Ambrose, OAG, joined the meeting at 3:06 PM.*

*They presented the Audit Closing Report to the Committee and responded to questions from Committee Members.*

## 5 ITEMS FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE REVIEW

AC174	2024-25 AUDIT EXIT MEETING WITH OAG AND RSM
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-25-142317</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>T Machukera, A/ Chief Financial Officer</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>N Jane, A/ Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>2 December 2025</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/11/0020-003</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x4) 3x Confidential</b>
	<b>A. Exit Meeting Agenda</b>
	<b>B. Confidential – Audit Planning Memorandum</b>
	<b>C. Confidential – Interim Management Letter</b>
	<b>D. Confidential – Audit Closing Report</b>

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to enable an Audit Exit Meeting to be conducted for the 2024-25 Financial Audit. It provides an opportunity for the Office of Auditor General (OAG) and contract auditor RSM Australia, to discuss the draft Closing Report and Management Letter, and to address any matters arising from the audit process.

### EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 7.1C. of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the Office of Auditor General overview of the audit findings for the year ended 30 June 2025 (as outlined in the draft Audit Closing Report); and
2. PROVIDE FEEDBACK to the Office of Auditor General on the findings and any other matter related to the Audit.

### PROPONENT:

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

### BACKGROUND:

The Auditor General is responsible for the auditing of local governments within Western Australia *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*. The Auditor General engaged RSM to conduct the financial audit for the City on their behalf, initially for the three years to 30 June 2023. The contract has been extended to include the 2023-24 and 2024-25 financial years.

In accordance with section 7.12A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act), a local government is to meet with its auditor at least once each year. The Audit Committee met with representatives of the Auditor General and contract auditors RSM Australia on 22 April 2025 for the Audit Entrance Meeting (AC161) and receive the Audit Planning Memorandum for the year ending 30 June 2025 (Attachment B).

The interim audit was conducted by RSM on behalf of the OAG and included an onsite visit from 12 to 16 May 2025.

Section 6.4(3)(b) of the Act requires submission of the annual financial report by 30 September following each financial year. The 2024-25 Financial Report was prepared and submitted on 30 September 2025, in compliance with the Act.

The final audit was conducted by RSM on behalf of the OAG. The audit was mostly remote, with onsite visit from 13 to 17 October 2025. RSM performed testing on all areas of the accounts, with a focus on areas they consider to be of high risk.

A separate item for Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee consideration to receive the Annual Financial Report, the Audit Report and Management Letter for 2024-25 is presented to this meeting.

## **CONNECTED, LIVEABLE, THRIVING, LEADING –**

### **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **Connected:**

There are no adverse impacts.

#### **Liveable:**

There are no adverse impacts.

#### **Thriving:**

There are no adverse impacts.

#### **Leading:**

Holding an Exit Meeting provides opportunity for the Audit Committee to undertake its functions, including discussion of audit findings.

#### *Disclosure of Interest:*

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

### **RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Each year an audit entrance and exit meeting is held with the Auditor General, the contract auditor and the Audit Committee.

After the 2025 Council elections, the previous Audit Committee has been disbanded, and a new committee has been established and renamed Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee in accordance with the Local Government Reforms.

Item AC131 – Audit Entrance meeting with OAG and RSM (held on 26 April 2023).

Item AC132 – Audit Exit meeting with OAG and RSM (held on 12 December 2023).

Item AC144 – Audit Entrance Meeting with OAG and RSM (held on 23 April 2024).

Item AC159 – Audit Exit Meeting with OAG and RSM (held on 26 March 2025).

Item AC161 – Audit Entrance Meeting with OAG and RSM (held on 22 April 2025).

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

There has been no community/Council Member consultation.

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

*Local Government Act 1995, section 6.4 Financial report:*

- (1) *A local government is to prepare an annual financial report for the preceding financial year and such other financial reports as are prescribed.*
- (2) *The financial report is to —*
  - (a) *be prepared and presented in the manner and form prescribed; and*
  - (b) *contain the prescribed information.*
- (3) *By 30 September following each financial year or such extended time as the Minister allows, a local government is to submit to its auditor —*
  - (a) *the accounts of the local government, balanced up to the last day of the preceding financial year; and*
  - (b) *the annual financial report of the local government for the preceding financial year.*

*Local Government Act 1995, section 7.12A Duties of local government with respect to audits:*

- (2) *Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a local government is to meet with the auditor of the local government at least once in every year.*

*Local Government Act 1995, section 7.12AD Reporting on a financial audit:*

- (1) *The auditor must prepare and sign a report on a financial audit.*
- (2) *The auditor must give the report to —*
  - (a) *the mayor, president or chairperson of the local government; and*
  - (b) *the CEO of the local government; and*
- (c) *the Minister.*

*Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, section 16 Functions of audit committee:*  
*An audit committee has the following functions —*

- (a) *to guide and assist the local government in carrying out —*
  - (i) *its functions under Part 6 of the Act; and*
  - (ii) *its functions relating to other audits and other matters related to financial management;*
- (b) *to guide and assist the local government in carrying out the local government's functions in relation to audits conducted under Part 7 of the Act;*
- (c) *to review a report given to it by the CEO under regulation 17(3) (the **CEO's report**) and is to —*
  - (i) *report to the council the results of that review; and*
  - (ii) *give a copy of the CEO's report to the council;*
- (d) *to monitor and advise the CEO when the CEO is carrying out functions in relation to a review under —*
  - (i) *regulation 17(1); and*

- (ii) *the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 5(2)(c);*
- (e) *to support the auditor of the local government to conduct an audit and carry out the auditor's other duties under the Act in respect of the local government;*
- (f) *to oversee the implementation of any action that the local government —*
  - (i) *is required to take by section 7.12A(3); and*
  - (ii) *has stated it has taken or intends to take in a report prepared under section 7.12A(4)(a); and*
  - (iii) *has accepted should be taken following receipt of a report of a review conducted under regulation 17(1); and*
  - (iv) *has accepted should be taken following receipt of a report of a review conducted under the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 5(2)(c);*
- (g) *to perform any other function conferred on the audit committee by these regulations or another written law.*

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

Provision is made in the annual budget to undertake the audit function.

### **INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

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

### **REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee is part of the lines of defence which work together to manage risks and ensure that controls are implemented and effective.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

No alternative options were considered.

*Mayor Clune noted that his name had been spelled incorrectly in the auditors' report.*

**COMMITTEE DECISION (AC174):**

**MOVED DEPUTY MAYOR CR COLLIVER, SECONDED MAYOR CLUNE**

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 7.1C. of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the Office of Auditor General overview of the audit findings for the year ended 30 June 2025 (as outlined in the draft Audit Closing Report); and
2. PROVIDE FEEDBACK to the Office of Auditor General on the findings and any other matter related to the Audit.

**Carried 5/0**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Presiding Member, M Librizzi</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mayor J Clune</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Deputy Mayor Cr N Colliver</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cr T Milnes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cr S Van Styn</b>	<b>Yes</b>

AC175	2024-25 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-25-142365</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>T Machukera, A/ Chief Financial Officer</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>N Jane, A/ Director Corporate Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>2 December 2025</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/11/0020-003</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x3) 2x Confidential</b>
	<b>A. 2024-25 Annual Financial Report</b>
	<b>B. Confidential – Management Letter (Same as AC 174 Attachment C)</b>
	<b>C. Confidential – Auditors Closing Report (Same as AC 174 Attachment D)</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is for the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee to consider and accept the 2024-25 Annual Financial Report and Auditor's Report.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 7.1C of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the Annual Financial Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2025;
2. RECEIVE the Auditors Closing Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2025;
3. NOTE that the Auditor has provided an unqualified audit opinion for the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2025;
4. RECOMMEND to Council the adoption of the audited Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2025;
5. NOTE the findings identified during the audit; and
6. REQUEST the identified findings to be listed for review until completed.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

Section 6.4.(3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) requires submission of the annual financial report by 30 September following each financial year. The 2024-25 Financial Report was prepared and submitted on 30 September 2025, in compliance with the Act.

The final audit was conducted by RSM on behalf of the OAG. The audit was mostly remote, with an onsite visit from 13 to 17 October 2025. They performed testing on all areas of the accounts, with a focus on areas they consider to be of high risk.

At the conclusion of the audit, the following final reports have been issued:

- Independent Auditor's Report
- Management Letter

- Auditors Closing Report

These reports along with the Audited Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2025 are attached for the information of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee.

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

**Connected:**

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

**Liveable:**

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

**Thriving:**

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

**Leading:**

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee plays a key role in assisting a local government to fulfil its governance and oversight responsibilities in relation to financial reporting.

*Disclosure of Interest:*

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

Item AC135 – 2022-23 Annual Financial Report (held on 23 January 2024)

Item AC160 – 2023-24 Annual Financial Report (held on 22 April 2025)

**COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:**

No community consultation has been undertaken.

The annual financial report and audit report are included in the City's Annual Report, which will be presented to Council for adoption, then released to the community as a public document.

The annual report is subsequently presented to an annual meeting of electors and made available on the City website

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

*Local Government Act 1995, section 1.4 Terms used:*

**auditor means —**

- (a) *in relation to an audit, other than a performance audit —*
  - (i) *in relation to a local government that has an audit contract that is in force — a person for the time being appointed under Part 7 Division 2 to be the auditor of the local government; and*
  - (ii) *in relation to a local government that does not have an audit contract that is in force — the Auditor General;*
- and*
- (b) *in relation to a performance audit — the Auditor General;*

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- (g) *to perform any other function conferred on the audit committee by these regulations or another written law.*

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

There are no financial or resource implications from receiving these reports.

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

<b>Strategic Theme: Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.
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#### **REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT:**

Findings outlined in the management letter have been assigned a risk rating by the auditor. These ratings are based on the audit team's assessment of risks and concerns with respect to the probability and consequences of adverse outcomes if action is not taken.

Consideration is given to potential adverse outcomes in the context of both quantitative and qualitative impact.

Management have provided responses to each of the findings.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

**COMITTEEE DECISION (AC175):****MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED DEPUTY MAYOR CR COLLIVER**

That the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 7.1C of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the Annual Financial Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2025;
2. RECEIVE the Auditors Closing Report for the financial year ended 30 June 2025;
3. NOTE that the Auditor has provided an unqualified audit opinion for the Annual Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2025;
4. RECOMMEND to Council the adoption of the audited Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2025;
5. NOTE the findings identified during the audit; and
6. REQUEST the identified findings to be listed for review until completed.

**Carried 5/0**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Presiding Member, M Librizzi</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mayor J Clune</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Deputy Mayor Cr N Colliver</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cr T Milnes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cr S Van Styn</b>	<b>Yes</b>

*Amit Kabra, RSM, and Mark Ambrose, OAG, left the meeting at 3:18 PM.*

AC176	OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL – PERFORMANCE AUDIT – MAINTAINING REGIONAL LOCAL ROADS
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<b>AGENDA REFERENCE:</b>	<b>D-25-145840</b>
<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>C Edwards, Manager Project Delivery &amp; Engineering</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	<b>C Lee, Director Infrastructure Services</b>
<b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>2 December 2025</b>
<b>FILE REFERENCE:</b>	<b>GO/11/0020</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	<b>Yes (x2)</b> <b>A. OAG – Performance Audit – Maintaining Regional Local Roads</b> <b>B. Letter Response to Auditor General - Performance Audit: Maintaining Regional Local Roads</b>

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The purpose of this report is to present to the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee the performance audit report from the Office of the Auditor General on Maintaining Regional Local Roads.

**EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 7.1C of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the performance audit report from the Office of the Auditor General on Maintaining Regional Local Roads; and
2. REQUEST an update on progress implementing the report recommendations at the next Audit Committee meeting.

**PROPONENT:**

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

**BACKGROUND:**

The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) undertook an audit to assess if regional local government entities (LG entities) effectively managed the maintenance of their local roads. The OAG considered if entities had a structured and risk-based approach to managing their roads, including if they had appropriate information on road condition and understood the funding available to maintain roads.

The OAG audited five (5) regional entities: City of Greater Geraldton, Shire of Derby-West Kimberley, Shire of Dumbleyung, Shire of East Pilbara and Shire of Manjimup. The OAG also audited the Commissioner of Main Roads WA (Main Roads) and the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) and conducted a survey of regional road users to seek community feedback.

The report highlighted that the City's asset management system had condition information on its sealed roads but not for nearly all of its unsealed roads. The report also found that the City's asset management strategies and plans were last updated 15 years ago.

The OAG report highlighted that there was increasing pressure on regional roads making the need for road maintenance more frequent and putting financial strain on LG entities. These changes included an increase in and frequency of traffic and the growing impact of heavy haulage vehicles resulting in:

- accelerated wear on road surfaces leading to rutting, cracking and edge failures;
- safety concerns particularly where there are multiple local road users and narrow winding roads;
- amenity issues with noise complaints, dust, pollution and reduced quality of life;
- economic strain as poor road conditions increase vehicle operating costs and time taken to travel along routes; and
- the risk of secondary freight routes developing, leading to trucks using roads that were not designed for this purpose.

The OAG report also found that outdated and rigid road maintenance funding programs can be barriers to regional LG entities accessing adequate road maintenance funding with the asset preservation gap growing.

The City responded to the OAG report welcoming its conclusions, commending the report for recognising the complexities of maintaining an extensive regional road network and the importance of robust asset management and sustainable funding models, and committing to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to implement its recommendations.

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

### **Community:**

There are positive community impacts to the City adequately maintaining its road network.

### **Economy:**

There will be positive economic impacts on the community and businesses in the region if the City adequately maintains its road network. Funding spent on road maintenance is likely to be spent with local businesses and contractors

### **Environment:**

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

### **Leadership:**

The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee plays a key role in assisting a local government to fulfil its governance and oversight responsibilities in relation to risk management, internal controls, and legislative compliance.

*Disclosure of Interest:*

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

**RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:**

There are no relevant precedents.

**COMMUNITY/COUNCILLOR CONSULTATION:**

There has been no community/councillor consultation.

**LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The OAG report was prepared for submission to Parliament under the provisions of sections 24 and 25 of the Auditor General Act 2006.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

Provision is made in the budget to undertake the implementation of the City's asset management systems, processes, strategies and plans as required. Provision is also made in the budget to undertake the necessary maintenance on the City's roads once the outcomes of the road condition assessment have been completed.

**INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:**

<b>Strategic Theme: Liveable</b>	<b>A protected and enhanced natural environment with facilities and services to support community health and wellbeing.</b>
Goal 2	Improve maintenance and connectivity of the City's transport network, including expanded active transport opportunities.
Goal 6	Support the community by advocating to State and Federal Government for better access to programs and services that improve community health and wellbeing.
<b>Strategic Theme: Leading</b>	<b>A progressive City where informed decisions, strong advocacy and an enabling culture drives sustainable regional growth.</b>
Goal 2	Efficiently and effectively deliver community services and projects, through optimal use of our resources.
Goal 3	Financial sustainability, actively seeking and leveraging external funding to deliver for the community.
Goal 4	Continued focus on strong advocacy to ensure that Federal and State projects, programs and funding are aligned with our community's priorities.
Goal 5	Provide the community with clear and accessible information about the City's programs, services and decisions.
Goal 6	Ensure high quality governance activities enabling transparency and accountability.

**REGIONAL OUTCOMES:**

There are significant positive impacts to regional outcomes for a well-managed and maintained road network.

**RISK MANAGEMENT:**

The report recommended that the City should:

- ensure road condition data is up to date and used in up-to-date asset management plans and work programs to enhance preventative road maintenance; and
- promote transparency and understanding of maintenance prioritisation decisions with stakeholders by determining and reporting the road condition and maintenance backlog, defining service level standards for road maintenance, and reporting on delivery of road maintenance against agreed service levels.

To mitigate these risks the City has appointed a Manager Strategic Asset Management who has been tasked with establishing the City's asset management systems, processes, strategies and plans in line with international best practice. The City is also in the process of implementing its enterprise asset management database and system. It is anticipated that this process will take two (2) years to implement.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:**

No alternative options were considered.

**COMMITTEE DECISION (AC176):****MOVED CR VAN STYN, SECONDED DEPUTY MAYOR CR COLLIVER**

That the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 7.1C of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the performance audit report from the Office of the Auditor General on Maintaining Regional Local Roads; and
2. REQUEST an update on progress implementing the report recommendations at the next Audit Committee meeting.

**Carried 5/0**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Vote</b>
<b>Presiding Member, M Librizzi</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Mayor J Clune</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Deputy Mayor Cr N Colliver</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cr T Milnes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Cr S Van Styn</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**6 GENERAL BUSINESS LATE ITEM**

Presiding Member Librizzi advised that the current Council-approved Terms of Reference may be subject to amendment to accommodate changes arising from legislation anticipated to be enacted in 2026.

**7 MEETING CLOSURE**

There being no further business the Presiding Member closed the meeting at 3:39 PM.