

## **Agenda**

# Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee

Wednesday, 20 January 2021, 6.00pm



#### **CITY OF FREMANTLE**

## NOTICE OF A FINANCE, POLICY, OPERATIONS AND LEGISLATION COMMITTEE MEETING

#### **Elected Members**

A Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee meeting of the City of Fremantle will be held on **Wednesday**, **20 January 2021** in the North Fremantle Community Hall, located at 2 Thompson Road, North Fremantle commencing at 6.00 pm.

Matt Hammond

**Acting Director City Business** 

15 January 2021

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#### CITY OF FREMANTLE

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#### 1. Official opening, welcome and acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Whadjuk people as the traditional owners of the greater Fremantle/Walyalup area and we recognise that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important today.

#### 2. Attendance, apologies and leaves of absence

There are no previously received apologies or approved leave of absence.

#### 3. Disclosures of interests by members

Elected members must disclose any interests that may affect their decision-making. They may do this in a written notice given to the CEO; or at the meeting.

#### 4. Responses to previous questions taken on notice

There are no responses to public questions taken on notice at a previous meeting.

#### 5. Public question time

Members of the public have the opportunity to ask a question or make a statement at council and committee meetings during public question time.

Further guidance on public question time can be viewed <u>here</u>, or upon entering the meeting.

#### 6. Petitions

Petitions may be tabled at the meeting with the agreement of the presiding member.

#### 7. Deputations

#### 7.1 Special deputations

A special deputation may be made to the meeting in accordance with the City of Fremantle Meeting Procedures Policy 2018.

There are no special deputation requests.



#### 7.2 Presentations

Elected members and members of the public may make presentations to the meeting in accordance with the City of Fremantle Meeting Procedures Policy 2018.

#### 8. Confirmation of minutes

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee confirm the minutes of the Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee meeting dated 11 November 2020.

#### 9. Elected member communication

Elected members may ask questions or make personal explanations on matters not included on the agenda.



#### 10. Reports and recommendations

#### 10.1 Committee delegation

#### FPOL2101-1 70 PARRY STREET – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROCESS

Meeting date: 20 January 2021

Responsible officer: Manager Economic Development and Marketing

**Decision making authority:** Committee

Attachments: Nil Additional information: Nil

#### **SUMMARY**

The City's current administration building at 70 Parry Street will become vacant when the City relocates to its new premises at Kings Square later in 2021.

This report recommends that the Finance, Policy, Operations, and Legislation Committee, acting under delegation 1.1 authorise the Chief Executive Officer to seek expressions of interest for the leasing or licensing of the property via an Expressions of Interest (EOI) process.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Upon the completion of the City of Fremantle's new administration building at Kings Square, the City's current administration building at 70 Parry Street (Fremantle Oval) will become vacant.

The City of Fremantle has occupied the building for approximately 3 years, prior to which it was occupied by the Fremantle Football Club.

A future use for the building has yet to be determined and as such the City would like to seek expressions of interest from both commercial and community proponents in order to determine a suitable use for the building.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Should the building be made available via a lease or license, capital works may be required to be carried out in order to create multiple tenancies.

The estimated costs associated with capital works required by the City to deliver multiple tenancies have been provided below.

- Single tenant occupying all of the building approx. \$5,000
- Two tenants occupying a single floor each approx. \$35,000
- Three tenants with single tenant occupying the first floor and two occupying the ground floor \$ approx. \$49,000

Rent and outgoings will be payable by the tenant in line with market rates or community rates depending on the use.



#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The City will deliver a public expression of interest process in line with requirements of the Local Government Act 1995 and the City's Leasing of City property in a competitive manner policy.

#### **CONSULTATION**

The expression of interest process will be advertised via City of Fremantle corporate communication channels and via the City's Tenderlink website. Key stakeholders that currently utilise or are within the vicinity of 70 Parry Street will also be notified.

The outcome of the EOI process will be advertised inviting any submissions to be made wthin14 days of it being advertised in line with requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.

#### OFFICER COMMENT

An opportunity exists to lease or license the entire building or alternatively it can be divided in to at least three tenancies. This would include two tenancies on the ground floor with one totalling 351 square metres and one totalling 800 square metres. The first floor includes a single tenancy of up to 988 square metres.

The building has a floor area of approximately 2,322 square metres across 2 levels. The ground floor has approximately 1,334 square metres and an additional 900 square metres is available on the first floor.

The property includes secure gated car parking to the rear capable of incorporating over 45 car bays. Officers propose that a portion of this parking would be retained for use by the City's own fleet.

Depending on the level of interest in the property, Officers would also recommend that the City to retain some parts of the building for its own purposes which may suit a multiple tenancy scenario, although expressions of interest for the use of the entire building would still be considered.

To determine a suitable use officers will run a public EOI process to determine interest in eth use of the building. Officers may choose to engage with multiple proponents if a mix of aligned concepts/uses are proposed.

Given the property forms part of a masterplan process currently underway to determine the redevelopment potential of the broader oval precinct, it is assumed that some form of redevelopment may occur within the next 10 years resulting in the building no longer being available once redevelopment commences. Due to this potential for redevelopment it is preferable that any lease or license being offered for the use of the building is relatively short term and ideally no longer than 5 years. Commercial leases of up to 10 years could be considered on a case by case basis depending on the proposed use and fit out requirements. It is intended that a redevelopment clause will be included in any lease or license regardless of the outcome.



Whilst leasing the property presents a short term approach to activating the vacant premises, consideration is also being given to whether the replacement of the building with an interim at-grade car park may present an opportunity to address an impending reduction in parking supply in the area and also provide a greater return on investment than a commercial or community lease. Officers are currently assessing the cost benefit and opportunity cost associated with each scenario.

#### **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority required

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

#### Council:

- 1. Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to seek expressions of interest for the leasing or licensing of 70 Parry Street, while giving preference to the following outcomes:
  - a. A term that does not exceed 10 years
  - Multiple tenancies that achieve a mix of both community and commercial uses
- 2. Request that the Chief Executive Officer bring any expressions of interest received as part of the process back to council for further consideration.



#### FPOL2101-2 FREMANTLE BOAT SHOW AND SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Meeting date: 20 January 2021

Responsible officer: Manager Economic Development & Marketing

**Decision making authority:** Council Attachments: Nil Additional information: Nil

#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present for consideration a sponsorship proposal for the Fremantle Boat Show and Seafood Festival. The proposal seeks to enter into a 3-year sponsorship agreement with the City which requests the provision of in-kind support by way of event fee waivers.

This report recommends that Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a 3-year sponsorship agreement with the event organiser for the 2021, 2022 and 2023 events.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2018, The City of Fremantle in collaboration with the Destination Marketing Working group developed and launched the City's Destination Marketing Strategic Plan. Since this Officers have delivered a range of initiatives that seek to achieve objectives outlined in the plan, with a primary and overarching objective being to attract more visitors to Fremantle.

A key pillar within the strategy relates to major events. The strategy identifies events as being key drivers in stimulating the economy by giving people a specific reason to visit a destination while at the same time promoting the Brand. In recognising this the strategy includes the following strategic objective and associated action:

Ensure that Fremantle's spirit and vibrancy is reflected through major events that
increase visitation to the city or promote its Brand - to achieve this the City should
proactively seek out and bid for major events that will generate vibrancy, utilise
Fremantle's existing infrastructure and align with its unique Brand values.

Officers identified the Boat Show as a being a major event that achieves strong alignment with this strategic objective. As such Officers have been working with Premiere Events, the event management company that delivers the show to seek opportunities to attract the event to Fremantle.

In 2019 the State Government delivered a process that sought expressions of interest to host and deliver an international lobster festival. This was in response to a Government proposal to make more lobster available to the domestic market in order to support demand within the tourism sector. The City of Fremantle partnered with Fremantle Ports to submit a proposal to host the festival in Fremantle. Due to a series of challenging factors at the time, the State Government chose not to deliver the festival and the EOI process did not identify a preferred outcome.



Given the intent of the State Government to support the development of such an event, it was proposed by officers that an additional seafood festival component be added to the Boat Show concept in order to provide a freely accessible and family friendly activation. The event organiser was open to pursuing the opportunity and has subsequently built a Seafood festival component into the broader boat show event concept. The event organiser has experience in delivering the Fremantle Seafood Festival which has been held at Fishing Boat Harbour in the past.

Officers have since met with a variety of stakeholders to further develop the Seafood Festival component including the WA Fishing Industries Council, the WA Rock Lobster Council and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD). Officers have met with the Office of the Hon. Minister for Fisheries Peter Tinley and submitted a request for sponsorship to DPIRD to gauge their interest in supporting the Seafood Festival component. Officers are currently awaiting the outcome of the request.

Officers have now been able to arrive at a proposed sponsorship arrangement with the event organiser that will secure the event for Fremantle over a period of three years, as well as provide the value add of an additional seafood festival component.

#### OFFICER COMMENT

**Event Overview** 

The Fremantle Boat Show and Seafood Festival is proposed to be held at the Esplanade Reserve and Fishing Boat Harbour on the weekend of March the 6<sup>th</sup> 2021.

There will be a ticketed Boat Show component held at the Esplanade Reserve and a publicly accessible 'Big Boat Marina' and Seafood Festival component held at Fishing Boat Harbour.

The event organiser is currently working with the City's events team to seek approval via the standard event approval process.

The Seafood Festival component will be presented in conjunction with the Boat Show component and intends to celebrate WA's abundance of seafood and the role Fremantle has played and will continue to play in the history of the industry. With a strong focus on fresh organic local produce, the Fremantle Seafood Festival also intends to promote WA's premium wines, and boutique beverages.

The Festival is expected to attract locals and visitors, food and wine enthusiasts, and families. The Fishing Boat Harbour locations holds an iconic connection to the industry.

The Seafood Festival has so far received strong in-principle support from the WA Fishing Industry Council (WAFIC) and the Western Rock Lobster Council (WRLC).

The Seafood Festival intends to provide interactive experiences that facilitate the education of consumers and recreational fishers on:

 The industry, its supply chain, its sustainability credentials and building trust in industry practices



- The product the industry produces (i.e. fish, crayfish, seafood) and the value chain associated with it (i.e. restaurants, markets, gourmet product, chefs – where to buy local seafood)
- The environment and practices to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the fishery
- The success of the management of our recreational fishery and how this is achieved
- The soon to be launched Seafood WA brand
- The role of key DPIRD agencies and other industry bodies

Some of the concepts currently being considered in order to achieve these educational outcomes includes:

- Back of boat sales of fresh seafood product at the event
- Short boat rides for event attendees to experience pulling live crayfish up in pots
- Provide event attendees access to crayfish unloading, grading, sizing and processing activities given the event will align with a high catch period
- Display and demonstrations of how crayfish pots are manufactured and how they work
- Cooking demonstrations
- Educational talks on lobster and seafood lifecycles, supply chains, export processes, including the 'day in the life of' story telling from fisherman, captains, divers etc.
- Live cooking demonstrations, food theatre, tastings and casual/ala carte dining.
- How to cook it (i.e. simple essentials so people aren't scared of ruining it when they cook it)
- Marquees with educational opportunities including parts of the supply chain. This
  can include Dept. of Fisheries, Marine Safety, and other relevant agencies.

Noting that the above-mentioned concepts are still at varying stages of development, it has been confirmed that the 2021 Festival will at minimum include the following activations:

- Tastes of Fremantle Stage a stage area that will feature cooking demonstrations from local chefs who will all present their signature seafood dishes
- Seafood Masterclasses
- "Tastes of the Regions" display and barbecue
- Wine and seafood tastings
- Fresh seafood market visitors can buy fresh seafood off the back of the boat
- Festival village with food stalls
- Industry functions
- All food-based items used as part of these activities will be locally sourced from Western Australia in order to achieve alignment with Buy West, Eat Best principles

#### Target audiences

It is estimated that the Seafood Festival component could attract up to 20,000 people across three days. While there is potential for growth over a three-year period the 2021 Festival would mainly be targeted at local and possibly interstate visitors due to travel restrictions associated with COVID-19.



#### Target audiences for 2021 include:

- Local people who are visiting the Fishing Boat Harbour precinct
- Tourists/Visitors who are already in Perth/Fremantle
- Families seeking free entertainment
- Food and wine enthusiasts
- Interstate couples/individuals, families looking to travel within Australia

Because the Seafood Festival component coincides with the proposed Fremantle Boat Show, potential visitors could also include:

- People interested in buying a boat
- · People interested in fishing

Participants in the Festival are likely to include:

- Guest chefs
- Entertainers/Special guests
- · People involved in the fishing industry
- Wine producers
- Restaurateurs
- Exhibitors and their staff
- Local businesses
- Event staff and volunteers

#### Event aims and objectives

The Seafood Festival component will aim to:

- Celebrate and promote Western Australia's premium seafood and prosperous aquaculture industry
- Share the history of the Western Australian fishing industry and Fremantle's connection to the industry
- Build national and (in future years) international awareness around WA's seafood industry
- Foster new business to business relationships as well as strengthen existing partnerships on a local, national and international level
- Nurture the relationship between the wider community and Western Australia's marine life and the fishing industry
- Educate on the importance of sustainability and conservation of Western Australia's marine life
- Promote the 'brand' of Western Australian seafood and encourage people to 'buy fresh and buy local'
- facilitate the education of consumers and recreational fishers on:
  - The industry, its supply chain, its sustainability credentials and building trust in industry practices



- The product the industry produces (i.e. fish, crayfish, seafood) and the value chain associated with it (i.e. restaurants, markets, gourmet product, chefs – where to buy local seafood)
- The environment and practices to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the fishery
- The success of the management of our recreational fishery and how this is achieved
- The soon to be launched Seafood WA brand
- The role of key DPIRD agencies and other industry bodies

#### Event growth and sustainability

The event organiser has a broad 3-year plan for the Seafood Festival component which involves achieving the following goals:

#### Year 1 (2021) goals:

- Introduce the event and build an audience
- Develop promotions and awareness of the event to attract participants
- Present free aspects of the Festival
- Marketing the event will be locally focused, with some national media and promotions
- Strong focus on building on the existing Festival database for future marketing purposes
- Educating the public within Western Australia on WA seafood industry and fishing industry, including the increase in aquaculture and sustainable fishing
- Educating the public on cooking techniques for seafood

#### Year 2 (2022) goals:

As the Festival evolves and grows, it will present an ideal opportunity to convey the important message of sustainability and conservation to the public. In addition, the organiser intends to begin promoting the event to an international audience for 2022.

- Increased marketing activity nationally and internationally
- Working with tourism agencies to promote the event as a reason to visit WA and Fremantle
- International guests invited to attend Festival
- Potentially extending the Festival over a longer time period (one to two weeks)
- Including corporate events such as sponsored events and lunches/dinners
- Engaging the community to encourage other local activities to coincide with the Festival
- Educating visitors across the country on the WA seafood industry and fishing industry, including the increase in aquaculture and sustainable fishing

#### Year 3 (2023):

The long-term plan is to continue to build the event and promote to an international market. The event has potential to be run over two weekends and can attract



international chefs to attend. Tickets will be sold for the event, with further ticketing for some activities within the Festival.

- Invite international celebrity guests
- Work with travel organisations and Tourism WA to promote the event to an international market
- Continue to grow the Festival in exhibitors and attractions
- With the Festival well established, corporate sponsorship can be expanded
- Higher visitor numbers and exhibitor numbers will increase revenue
- The Festival will become a major event in Western Australia for the fishing industry, hospitality and tourism
- National and International marketing will continue to be expanded

#### Planned marketing activity for the festival

The event organiser intends to promote the Seafood Festival component via an extensive advertising and marketing campaign through Seven West Media (WA); as well as via social and digital media, and relevant targeted media platforms. Marketing for the 2021 Festival will be focused on a local and national markets.

The Festival marketing plan will focus on promoting the Festival, personalities attending and the various activities and events taking place over the weekend. The marketing schedule will incorporate tv, radio, digital and print. Social media will play a major role in building awareness and creating an online community/forum for the event, to engage visitors and encourage interaction through promotions, and acting as a main driver for online ticket sales to ticketed events.

Proposed promotions are likely to include:

#### 7 West Media:

- 1 hour TV special on Channel 7 the week prior to the Festival. This will be based on the WA seafood and fishing industry and will include cooking segments with local and celebrity chefs
- 32 page lift out in the West Australian newspaper that focuses on the Seafood Festival and the WA industry, with advertising support from exhibitors.
- TV Advertising on 7, 7TWO and 7Mate.
- Print advertising in The West Australian newspaper
- · Digital advertising on thewest.com.au
- Posts on https://www.facebook.com/TheWestAustralianFood
- Articles on https://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/lifestyle/food

#### Other:

- Website www.fremantleseafoodfestival.com.au
- Social Media
  - Facebook A targeted advertising campaign will run through Facebook, linking viewers to the Festival's own Facebook page. Facebook promotions



- will include videos, photos and competitions, and will be "boosted" to reach a wider targeted audience
- Instagram The Festival has a strong Instagram page and regularly shares images relevant to Fremantle and to the Festival itself. Instagram competitions will run to encourage interaction with followers
- YouTube A schedule of short videos are planned featuring recipes brief instructions on how to cook particular seafood dishes will be promoted by the Festival's youtube channel. Future plans for youtube include a dedicated WA Seafood program, where a production team and recognised presenter will travel to different areas of WA to review and promote different seafood, and share recipes
- Local newspaper advertising Fremantle Cockburn Gazette and Fremantle Herald
- Digital promotions City of Fremantle events page, e-newsletters and blogs
- Links with the Festival's guests and personalities promotions via their networks
- Google advertising
- Radio promotions via 96FM, 6PR and Nova 93.7
- Public relations
- E-Newsletters to existing database

#### Proposed sponsorship arrangements

In order to support the achievement of both the Fremantle Boat Show and the Fremantle Seafood Festival as a combined event, the event organiser has requested support from the City by way of a sponsorship arrangement. The City's support is required in order to assist in establishing the event so it can continue to build its financial sustainability across a 3-year period.

The following support has been requested as part of a 3-year sponsorship agreement.

#### 2020/21 Financial Year

- Supply of Esplanade Reserve and Bathers Beach event area with a 100% reduction in event hire fees.
- The City of Fremantle will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of the lawn required as a result of the event.
- Premiere Events will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of infrastructure (retic points etc) required as a result of the event.

#### • 2021/22 Financial Year

- Supply of Esplanade Reserve and Bathers Beach event area with a 75% reduction in fees.
- Premiere events will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of the lawn required as a result of the event.
- Premiere Events will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of infrastructure (retic points etc) required as a result of the event.



#### 2022/23 Financial Year

- Supply of Esplanade Reserve and Bathers Beach event area with a 50% reduction in fees.
- Premiere events will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of the lawn required as a result of the event.
- Premiere Events will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of infrastructure (retic points etc) required as a result of the event.
- An additional three-year agreement will be considered based on the outcomes and performance of the first three years.

As part of the provision of this in-kind support under a sponsorship agreement, the City would expect to receive the following benefits in return:

- The Organiser may not operate "Fremantle Boat Show- incorporating the Fremantle Seafood Festival" (the brand) outside of Fremantle during specified event operating dates as agreed upon annually, within the term of this agreement without prior written consent from the City of Fremantle.
- City of Fremantle to be acknowledged and featured as a major sponsor / support on all media releases and communications across print, digital and social mediums in the following ways:
  - City of Fremantle logo and destination brand logo on corporate facing collateral including media releases and sponsors section of event website
  - The City of Fremantle destination brand to be acknowledged and featured as the Principal/Major Partner (whatever is the highest level of sponsorship) across all promotional and marketing materials including print, digital and social mediums as follows:
- City of Fremantle logo and destination brand logo in Principal Partner position on all marketing and communication collateral both corporate and consumer facing
- City of Fremantle logo and destination brand logo and link on website
- Verbal acknowledgement of City of Fremantle as Principal/Major Partner at event functions
- Incorporation of destination brand logo on event signage including but not limited to;
  - Event barriers
  - Marquee gables
  - Flags
  - Staff uniforms
- Additional engagement with the City's destination brand through;
  - o Inclusion of destination brand logo on all consumer facing collateral
  - Destination brand messaging included in website content and editorial pitches



- Ability to place destination brand signage, banners and collateral at the event
- Tag @cityoffremantle and destination brand social media handles (and hashtags) in all social media posts
- o Provision of 100 x complimentary tickets for consumer competitions
- Promotion of Fremantle as a destination using destination brand key messaging on event website and social media posts
- Ticket holder EDM's to include destination brand logos, messaging, destination offer and other city event information
- Unlimited access to any professional photography and videography taken during the event in years of the agreement, for use by the City for general distribution license free in perpetuity
- Consumer announcements throughout the event e.g. 'while you're in Fremantle... (City of Fremantle to supply content)
- Speaking opportunity at Launch events
- City of Fremantle resident discount on tickets
- Event organiser to engage with local Fremantle businesses, community groups and service providers to participate in the event as suppliers
- Use of the event's intellectual property –the right to use the logo in City of Fremantle communications, and the right to use event images (video and photography)
- City to have the option to supply and display destination marketing content in the ticketing area
- Opportunity for the City of Fremantle to contribute to post event survey and for that specific data to be shared with the City of Fremantle

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed sponsorship offering and associated sponsorship benefits to be received by the City has been determined in line with the City of Fremantle Events Sponsorship Policy.

An overview of the total in-kind financial contribution by way of fee waiver proposed over the three-year term is provided below.

Value of	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Waivers				
Value of event	\$88,320	\$66,240	\$44,160	\$198,720
hire fee waivers				
(Esplanade				
Reserve and				
Bathers Beach)				



Value of turf	\$17,500	Nil	Nil	\$17,500
replacement				
cost waivers				
Total	\$105,820	\$66,240	\$44,160	\$216,220

After waivers, the City estimates it will collect the following fees from the event organiser over the term of the agreement.

Fees Payable	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total
Est. event hire	\$0	\$22,080	\$44,160	\$66,240
fees				
(Esplanade				
Reserve and				
Bathers Beach)				
Est. value of	\$0	\$17,500	\$17,500	\$35,000
turf				
replacement				
charges				
Total	\$0	\$39,580	\$61,660	\$101,240

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Sponsorship will be provided under a contractual agreement between Premiere Events (the event organiser) and the City. The City will be recognised as the principal partner for the event. Provision of sponsorship will be subject to approval of the event by the City of Fremantle, and the event organiser seeking all other necessary approvals.

#### **CONSULTATION**

A variety of stakeholders have been engaged and consulted with throughout the development of the concept including but not limited to:

- Office of the Hon. Minister for Fisheries Peter Tinley
- Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development
- WA Fishing Industries Council (WAFIC)
- WA Rock Lobster Council
- Tourism Western Australia
- Department of Transport
- Fishing Boat Harbour Traders Group
- City of Fremantle Destination Marketing Working Group
- Fremantle Chamber of Commerce

Upon final confirmation of the event, the broader business community will be consulted in order to encourage businesses to engage with, participate in and leverage the event.

#### **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority



#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate a three-year event sponsorship agreement that includes:

- Year 1 (2020/21 Financial Year)
  - The City will provide a 100% reduction in event hire fees for the use of Esplanade Reserve and the Bathers Beach event area.
  - The City will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of the lawn required as a result of the event.
  - Premiere Events will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of infrastructure required as a result of the event.
- Year 2 (2021/22 Financial Year)
  - The City will provide a 75% reduction in event hire fees for the use of Esplanade Reserve and the Bathers Beach event area.
  - Premiere events will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of the lawn required as a result of the event.
  - Premiere Events will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of infrastructure required as a result of the event.
- Year 3 (2022/23 Financial Year)
  - The City will provide a 50% reduction in event hire fees for the use of Esplanade Reserve and the Bathers Beach event area.
  - Premiere events will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of the lawn required as a result of the event.
  - Premiere Events will be responsible for costs associated with any repair of infrastructure required as a result of the event.



#### FPOL2101-3 PROPOSED CITY OF FREMANTLE PARKING LOCAL LAW 2021

Meeting date: 20 January 2021 Responsible officer: Director City Business

**Decision making authority:** Committee

**Attachments:** 1. Proposed Parking Local Law 2021

Additional information: Nil

#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to present the Proposed Parking Local Law 2021 for consideration, prior to advertising.

This report recommends that Council give local public notice of its intention to make the City of Fremantle Parking Local Law 2021 as provided in Attachment 1, for the purpose and effect as follows:

Purpose: To enable the City to regulate the parking of vehicles within the

district and provide for the management and operation of parking

facilities under the City's care, control and management.

Effect: A person parking a vehicle within the parking region is to comply with

the provisions of the local law.

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee meeting held 11 September 2019, the Committee approved to initiate a review of the City of Fremantle Parking Local Law 2006. Following this decision, the City advertised its intent to review the Parking Local Law 2006 and invited the public to provide feedback, over a period of six weeks.

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 11 December 2019, the Council considered the public submissions received and determined that the Parking Local Law 2006 be amended and brought back to Council in 2020 for consideration. As outlined in this report, Officers have completed a comprehensive review of the parking local law and have recommended the adoption of a new Parking Local Law that will replace the previous local law.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

As part of the Parking Local Law 2006 review, it was identified that the modified penalty amounts have not been amended in eight years. Therefore, it is recommended that the lower level fines be increased, as listed in Schedule 1: Prescribed Penalties (p. 47). It is the City's intent to consider these changes by the time the new budget is adopted in late June 2021.



#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The process for making a Local Government local law, is set out in section 3.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, as summarised in the table below.

	Local Government Act 1995 Section 3.12: Procedure for making local laws		
3.12(2)	Council to initiate the process and give notice to repeal the 2006 local law and make a new local law (Current stage in the process).		
3.12(3)(a)	Local public notice to be given  The City will advertise its intent to repeal the 2006 local law and to make the proposed 2021 local law, calling for public comment over a 6-week public submission period.		
3.12(3)(b)	Notification of above, to be sent to the Minister.		
3.12(4)	Consideration of public submissions - a report will be brought back to Council to consider any public submissions received and seek approval to make the local law as proposed or consider further changes.		
3.12(5)	New local law to be published in the Gazette.		
3.12(6)	Local public notice to be given of the new local law and commencement date.		
3.12(7)	Explanatory memoranda to be submitted.		
3.14	Commencement of local law.		
3.17	Review by Government (Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation).		

#### **CONSULTATION**

As part of the local law review undertaken in 2019, the following two submissions where received in relation to the Parking Local Law 2006.

#### Parking Local Law Review - Public Submissions

#### Respondent 1

- We need better parking laws in our city, especially for older high percentage heritage areas like, Fremantle, South Fremantle and the Beaconsfield Ridge zone.
- Each residence needs to have at least 1 street parking spot, battle-axe blocks to have 1 space per house.



- A parking regulation / system designed to give residents in these streets priority to park a car in front of their own house. The narrow streets should be marked as "Street Permit Parking Only".
- A visitor parking permit with the address of the residence who sponsors that permit, that gives visitors access to park on any free spot in the street.
- If a car is parking on a street marked "street permit parking only" without a permit for that street, a parking law needs to exist to allow council to impose a fine.
- We need a better parking system for space limited streets that have numerous heritage homes not designed with car parking in mind.
- A system that allows for streets to be marked as being resident parking or "Street Permit Parking Only".
- A system that has, for streets that qualify, a resident street permit and street visitor permits which display the address of the permit holder or visitor permit sponsor.
- A system that gives residents priority to park at the front of their own house (no time limit). Visitor permits for the street should have a limited time period.
- Removes the risk of anyone else parking for an extended period of time in the spot directly in front of your own home.
- Enforces the need for anyone parking on such streets to display a valid permit, hopefully reducing the number of vehicles parking on these streets which will improve street appeal and safety.

#### Respondent 2

- Modified Penalties for an offences under clause 54(1) should be increased from \$120 to \$300 to be in line with Local Government (Parking for People with Disabilities) Regulations 2014.
- Clause 82 should remove the text "excepting clause 54 which shall not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)". The maximum amounts are specified under Local Government (Parking for People with Disabilities) Regulations 2014 and take priority over the City's LL.

If the proposed Parking Local Law 2021 is endorsed by Council, the City will advertise the proposed local law and invite public comment for a minimum of six weeks. Once the public submission period has closed, a report will be brought back to Council to consider the submissions received as required under section 3.12(4) of the Act.

#### OFFICER COMMENT

A review of the existing parking local law identified various improvements required to provide better controls and management of parking within the district, whilst also providing more flexibility for patrons.

A key improvement considered in the proposed parking local law, is to incorporate the use of electronic parking technology to enable more convenient payment options and parking permits. In addition, provisions that enable the City to set zones where parking fees are paid by electronic means only, via a mobile device through an app such as 'PayStay'. This would enable the City to introduce pay by phone only parking zones in areas like Marine Terrace, without the need to install ticket machines. Another



consideration included in the proposed parking local law, is to provide residents (in residential areas) the ability to control parking on the verge at the front of their own property.

Due to the complex nature of the parking local law and the changes required, officers have engaged the City's solicitors, to ensure it is lawful and meets the standards required by the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation. In order to meet this objective, the City's solicitors have recommended that the local law be rewritten to remove repetition, update in accordance with current legislation and to include the improvements required.

The proposed Parking Local Law 2021 has been prepared by City's solicitors in consultation with officers and is intended to repeal and replace the existing Parking Local Law 2006.

A summary of the intended improvements included in the proposed local law is provided in the table below:

Propo	Clause	
(1)	Expansion of the definition of <i>fee paying machine</i> in clause 1.5, to allow the use of any mobile device for the payment of parking.	1.5
(2)	Amendments to various definitions to ensure that a <i>parking</i> station may include all or part of a <i>pay by phone zone</i> or a <i>ticket</i> issuing machine zone.	1.5
(3)	Amendments to the definition of <i>pay station</i> to be flexible enough to encompass the City's adoption of plate recognition technology.	1.5
(4)	Amendment to include the definition of <i>parking app</i> , to enable the provisions relating to the use of the City's parking app, apply when using a similar process under the City's web browser.	1.5
(5)	Amendment to provide general powers to regulate parking.	2.1 – 2.4
(6)	Ability to establish Pay By Phone Zones where the only method of payment in that zone is "Pay By Phone". (Clauses)	3.1.c, 3.2.2.c, 4.2.d
(7)	Limiting the operation of clause 3.2 to the payment of fees in a fee-paying zone that is not in a parking station. The payment of fees in a parking station is governed by clause 4.2.	3.2
(8)	Amendments to the pay by phone provisions (in clause 3.2(2)(c) and in other corresponding provisions) to be consistent with the pay by phone process.	3.2(2)(c)
(9)	Including the permit and facility parking permit exceptions to the time restriction provisions.	3.8(1); and 4.8(1)



Propo	Clause	
(10)	Amendments to the free parking provisions to prevent vehicles from obtaining free parking multiple times unless the vehicle has been removed from the area for 4 hours on each occasion.	3.11
(11)	Removal of existing clause 5.7 that deals with motorcycles, to enable a motorcycle to be parked in any parking stall, provided the fee for a vehicle in that stall is paid.	Nil
(12)	Inclusions of a paragraph to prohibit the parking, on a verge, of a trailer, caravan or boat that is not attached to a motor vehicle.	5.18
(13)	Inclusion of a new section that deals with a 'Construction Site'.	5.8
(14)	Inclusion of a new provision to allow for the use of electronic parking permits.	6.3.1.d
(15)	Amendment to ensure that a permit is not transferrable.	6.8
(16)	Limiting clause 7.11 to prohibitions against leaving a vehicle in a public place – with the City's removal and impounding powers to be exercised under regulation 29 of the <i>Local Government</i> (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.	7.11
(17)	Amendments to the prescribed offences in Schedule 1, to increase infringement amounts.	Schedule 1
(18)	Amendments to Forms 2 and 3 in Schedule 2 to be consistent with the recent amendments to the Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Act 1994.	Schedule 2

It is recommended that Council endorse the proposed Parking Local Law 2021 in Attachment 1, to be advertised for public comment. On conclusion of the public submission period, a report will be brought back to Council for consideration of the public submissions received and final adoption of the local law.

#### **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority required



#### **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

#### Council:

1. Give local public notice, in accordance with section 3.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, of the City's intention to make a City of Fremantle Parking Local Law 2021 as provided in Attachment 1, for the purpose and effect as follows:

Purpose: To enable the City to regulate the parking of vehicles within the

district and provide for the management and operation of

parking facilities under the City's care, control and

management.

Effect: A person parking a vehicle within the parking region is to

comply with the provisions of the local law.



### FPOL2101-4 PROPOSED LEASE FOR WALYALUP CIVIC CENTRE – RETAIL SPACE

Meeting date: 20 January 2021

Responsible officer: Manager Economic Development and Marketing

**Decision making authority:** Committee

**Attachments:** 1. Selection Criteria Matrix – Confidential Attachment

(under separate cover)

Additional information: Nil

#### **SUMMARY**

This purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the proposed lease terms that have been negotiated with an applicant for the retail space within the Walyalup Civic Centre.

The applicant proposes a retail clothing store in a 220m2 portion of the new civic building. The space would be located on the corner of William Street and Newman Court.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In accordance to Council's Leasing of City Property in a competitive manner policy the City is obligated to advertise commercial properties in an open and competitive manner when they become available for lease.

The following is the approved weighted selection criteria used to assess expressions of interest for the retail premises.

#### Financials (Weighting 30%)

- a. Pay market rent.
- b. Proposed incentives requests if applicable.
- c. Requested lease term.
- d. Size of preferred retail space to max of 405m2.
- e. Financial investment of tenant fit out.
- f. Demonstration of financial sustainability.
- g. Completion of the Financial Assessment in the EOI Form.

#### Suitability of Business (Weighting 30%)

- a. Operating days and hours per day.
- b. Proposed look and feel of the concept including brand values and visuals.
- c. Customer demographics and demographics.
- d. Any initiatives or intentions to align and/or add value to the existing business mix.
- e. Design and fit out of the space.



#### **Experience & Personnel (Weighting 30%)**

- a. Information on retail locations which you have been and/or currently involved.
- b. Provide information on your role and length of time at each location.
- c. Provide an overview on how you intend to staff the offering.
- d. Are you an investor, independent operator or franchisee?

#### **Environmental Considerations (Weighting 10%)**

- a. Waste management
- b. Water consumption
- c. Energy consumption
- d. Materials used in plant operation, cleaning and general operations.
- e. Management, assessment and implementation of environmental initiatives.

Officers released a Tender for the leasing of the retail spaces in Walyalup Civic centre in late August 2020. The Tender closed 7 October 2020 with the City receiving no Tender submissions.

With the closing of the Tender, the City then advertised the property by Expression of Interest (EOI). The City has received a submission from Mr Jeremy Wild which meets the selection criteria of the EOI.

The process was carried out in accordance with section 3.58 of the Local Government Act.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed rent for the premises is \$39,600 per annum + GST. This is calculated at a rate of \$180m2 per annum +GST.

Outgoings for the property have been estimated at \$31,900 for the first year. This equates to approx. \$146m2.

The fit-out contribution from the City requested by the prospective tenant for the lease includes:

• Lessor contribution of up to \$120,000 towards lessee fit out.

There is no rent-free period so rent will be payable from the commencement of the lease.

The requested lease term is three years, with two further terms of three years each. The lease will also include a bank guarantee of \$18,000.

Rent reviews would occur annually based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) with market rent reviews to occur every three years.

The fit-out contribution payment of up to \$120,000 towards lessee fit out has been requested as a contribution from the City. This includes basic fit out to floors, ceiling and walls, electrical and plumbing installation as well as air conditioning.



Payment of the fit-out contribution will be paid upon completion of the works subject to the lessee providing paid invoices for reimbursement or alternatively directly to the contractor who is completing the works. Milestone payment amounts are still subject to the lessee finalising a detailed design.

Ownership of any works delivered via the \$120,000 fit-out contribution will be retained by the City at the conclusion of the lease. The applicant will undertake fit out within 60 days from commencement of the lease.

The fit-out contribution is currently budgeted for in the approved FY2020/21 budget.

Officers forecast that the net income for the terms of the lease, including council rates and factoring in the fit-out contribution, will be in the vicinity of \$703,000.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Two documents are required to be finalised as part of the proposed lease.

- 1. Lease: The lease must comply with the requirements of Section 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995.* Officers will ensure that this occurs.
- 2. Fit-out Contribution Agreement: The negotiated terms of this lease include a payment made by the City towards the lessee's fit out. The Fit-out Contribution Agreement will outline the agreed terms of how and when payments are made to the lessee for the fit-out contribution amount.

#### **CONSULTATION**

The property was marketed via the following methods;

- Advertising on realcommerical.com
- City's website and various media channels
- Google Adwords
- Advertisement in the West Australian and Business News
- Direct approach to potential candidates and use of Economic Development database.

#### **OFFICER COMMENT**

The Walyalup Civic Centre offers a substantial opportunity for retail operators to consider establishing a presence within new A-grade commercial space located adjacent to significant numbers of government workers.

Despite this significant opportunity, lettable commercial space offered as part of the Walyalup Civic Centre has come on to the market at a challenging time for the retail sector. Feedback collected directly from prospective tenants has suggested that operators who currently maintain a retail business have put a hold on considering any new premises or relocations. This is based on many operators deciding to consolidate



operations within existing locations to mitigate current risks associated with the recent impact of COVID, as opposed to making any moves to expand.

As the building is in the final stages of construction, prospective tenants have been able to determine the physical 'look and feel' of the space and consider the surrounding environment. This has provided some positive interest in the site, however due to the lack of current activation by foot traffic many have opted to 'wait and see' before deciding to make a submission.

Further anecdotal market feedback from prospective tenants has also suggested that there is currently a prevalence of 'turnkey' opportunities in the market which often include all fit out and equipment or financial contribution to match. To remain competitive in the market, the City has considered terms with this prospective tenant for the financial contribution towards the fit out of the retail space.

The presented proposal is for 220m2 of the 405m2 retail space located on Newman Court. The site will be located on the corner of William Street and Newman Court providing optimal frontage for an apparel store.

Wear 2 has operated in Fremantle for the past 11 years with the owner/operator having a vast experience in the retail sector. The table attached to this item captures the applicants weighting against the Council approved selection criteria.

Mr Wild's proposal for fit out is simple with the use of the existing industrial elements. Racks and shelving will be timber and the shop will adapt a theme of the America's cup which Mr Wild feels is a turning point in Fremantle's history. This will be shown by using memorabilia from the era such as rare bikes, sailboards and surfboards. Ultimately Mr Wild's aim is that the inventory be the 'hero' and main presence in the store.

The proposed trading hours will be 7 days a week with closure only occurring on Christmas Day.

The following tables outline the proposed terms for the three documents required to finalise an agreement between the City and Mr Wild. Mr Wild has accepted these terms and conditions.

#### **Key Lease Terms and Conditions**

Land Description	
Premises	Retail Portion – 8 William Street, Fremantle – address to be confirmed.
Lessor	City of Fremantle
Lessee	TBA
Guarantor	TBA,
Bank Guarantee	\$18,000
	This will be provided by bank guarantee or bond.
Site Area	220m2
Lease	TBA
Commencement Date	



First Term	Three (3) years
Second Term	Three (3) years
Third Term	Three (3) years
Annual Rent	\$39,600 per annum + GST
Rent Review	Rent will be determined by Consumer Price Index annually
	on the Lease Commencement Date.
	A market rent review will occur every third year of the lease
	terms (including options).
Variable	Outgoings on demand will include but not be limited to;
Outgoings/Outgoings	
	Council Rates
	Emergency Service Levy
	Land Tax
	Statutory fees and charges
	Building Services, repairs and maintenance.
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	Current rate of budget is estimated at \$146m2. The
	determination of actual Council Rates and Land Tax may vary
	this figure.
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Legal Fees	Each party will be responsible for their own costs.
Public Liability	Minimum of \$20 million
Permitted Use	Retail
Special Conditions	Retail
Opecial Conditions	1. Lessee's Fit Out
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	Fit out to Ground floor and First floor must occur within 60 days of
	the commencement of the Lease.
	2. Lessee's Works
	Lessee's works definition;
	(a) Any alternation, improvement or development of the
	Premises including but not limited to the erection of any
	building, structure or fixture on the Premises (including
	tenancy fit out).
	(b) The excavation or demolition of any part of the Premises;
	(c) The removal, sale or disposal of any materials from the
	Premises.
	(1) The Lessee must not undertake works unless;
	(a) Prior written consent is obtained from the Lessor which
	will include the submission of a design of the proposed
	works and certified quantity surveyor (QS) estimate.
	Consent may be withheld at absolute discretion or
	granted subject to conditions as the Lessor sees fit
	including but limited to any condition requiring
	amendment of the plan for the proposed Lessee's Works
	in a manner deemed appropriate by the Lessor.



- (b) Planning approval under the local planning scheme (if applicable) and;
- (c) A building permit under the *Building Act 2011* (if applicable).
- (2) With the exception of the Lessors fit-out contribution, the Lessee shall be responsible for all costs of, or associated with, the Lessee's Works including but not limited to costs of or associated with:
  - (a) an application for planning consent;
  - (b) an application for a building permit;
  - (c) obtaining any other statutory approval required, including Water Corporation approval where necessary;
  - (d) construction or installation of the Lessee's Works; and
  - (e) Installation or upgrade of any services.
- (3) The Lessor reserves the right to appoint a Lessor representative to oversee all Lessee Works at the Premises and sign off on the completion of key items within the Lessee proposed design.
- (4) The Lessee will provide certification and public liability for all the Lessee contractors undertaking the Lessee Works at the Premises.
- (5) The parties acknowledge and agree that any Lessee's Works comprising structural improvements, or are financially funded by the Lessor's fit-out contribution payment, shall vest to the Lessor upon Termination of the Lease without cost.
- (6) Should the Lessee and Lessor not agree to the QS estimate provided by the Lessee then this will be mediated by an independent QS being agreed to by both parties whose determination will be accepted by both parties.
- 3. Assignment or Sub Letting
- (1) The Lessee must not assign or sublet any part of the Premises without prior Lessor approval. The Lessee will not unreasonably withhold consent to an assignment or sublease if:
  - (a) The proposed assignee or sub-lessee has been demonstrated by the Lessee, to the satisfaction of the Lessor, has the ability to meet the financial and premises operations obligations under the Lease.
  - (b) All accounts are paid in full up until the date of the assignment or sub lease.



- (c) The Lessee pays all costs associated with an assignment or sublease.
- (d) The assignee or sublessee (if required) has provided the Lessor with a bank guarantee in an amount equivalent to equivalent to six months gross rental including GST.

#### 4. State of Emergency Clause

The Lessor and Lessee will act in good faith to follow all actions determined by State or Federal Government in relation to a State of Emergency situation.

#### 5. Use of Confidential Information

"Confidential Information" means any information relating to the Lease, including but not limited to the provisions of the Lease.

- (a) To the extent permitted by law, both parties agree to keep the Confidential Information confidential and to use such information only for the purposes of performance of their respective obligations under the Lease.
- (b) The obligations of confidentiality in paragraph (a) will not apply to information which:
  - (i) is generally available in the public domain except where such availability is as a result of a breach of this agreement; or
  - (ii) is required to be disclosed by an applicable law, including but not limited to the *Local Government Act 1995* or *Freedom of Information Act 1992*, or by court order.
- (c) The obligations imposed will survive the termination of the Lease.

#### 6. Parties to act in good faith

Each party agrees to act in good faith throughout the term of the Lease and to not publicly disparage, denigrate or criticize the other party.

#### 7. End of Lease

At the end of the lease the Lessor reserves the right to advertise the premises available to Lease. The Lessee will be advised of this process not more than 12 months, no less than 6 months prior to the expiry of the last lease term. The Lessee, subject to no default against the lease, will be



e	entitled to reapply to lease the premises through the public
p	process.

#### **Fit-Out Contribution Agreement**

Parties	Company TBA (the Lessee) and the City of Fremantle (the City)
Fit-Out Contribution Amount	\$120,000
Agreed terms	<ol> <li>The Fit-Out Contribution Agreement will be in conjunction with the terms and conditions of a Lease between the City and Lessee in particular "the Lessee's Works".</li> <li>Milestone payments of the contribution will be;         <ul> <li>Subject to evidence proving contractor payment for the milestone works or;</li> <li>Paid directly to the Lessee's contractor who completed the milestone works.</li> <li>If the latter, an invoice in the City's name will be provided by the Lessee's contractor for payment.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

#### **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority required

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

- 1. Approve a Lease between the City of Fremantle and the Jeremy John Wild for a portion of the retail space within the new Walyalup Civic Centre; and authorise the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate the terms and conditions of the lease based on the following:
  - a. Lease area: 220m2
  - b. Lease commencement date: TBA
  - c. First term: three yearsd. Second term: three years
  - e. Third term: three years
  - f. Rent: \$39,600 per annum + GST
  - g. Rent Review: Consumer Price Index annually on the Lease Commencement date. Market rent review every third year.
  - h. Permitted use: Retaili. Bank Guarantee: \$18,000.
- 2. Approve a Fit-out Contribution Agreement between the City of Fremantle and Jeremy John Wild for a portion of the retail space within the new Walyalup Civic Centre based on the following:



- a. Fit-out Contribution Amount: \$120,000
- b. Agreement Commencement Date: Commencement of the Lease
- c. Agreed Terms:
  - i. The Fit-out Contribution Agreement will be in conjunction with the terms and conditions of the Lease, in particular the "Lessee's Works".
  - ii. Milestone payments of the fit-out contribution will be;
    - 1. Subject to evidence proving contractor payment for the milestone works or;
    - 2. Paid directly to the Lessee's contractor who completed the milestone works.
  - iii. If the later, an invoice in the City's name will be provided by the Lessee's contractor for payment.



#### FPOL2101-5 COVID 19 COMMUNITY RECOVERY PLAN UPDATE

Meeting date: 20 January 2021

Responsible officer: Manager Strategic Planning

**Decision making authority:** Committee

**Agenda attachments:** 1. COVID 19 Community Recovery Plan – Interim

**Update Table** 

Additional information: Nil.

#### **SUMMARY**

Council adopted the COVID 19 Community Recovery Plan on 26 August 2020. This report provides an update on implementation of the Plan.

This report recommends that Council note the progress being made in the implementation of the COVID 19 Community Recovery Plan.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The COVID 19 pandemic has caused enormous global disruption, with a State of Emergency declared in Western Australia on 15 March 2020.

As part of its response to the crisis, Council established 3 COVID 19 Recovery Working Groups to provide advice on how it support recovery across the areas of 'Economy', 'Community' and 'Infrastructure'.

On 26 August 2020, Council considered the recommendations of the Working Groups and resolved to:

- 1. Note the recommendations and potential response initiatives identified by the Economic, Community and Infrastructure Recovery Working Groups.
- 2. Adopt the COVID-19 Community Recovery Plan provided in Attachment 1 to guide the direction of resources and pursuit of priority initiatives.
- 3. Note the intention to pursue other initiatives where resources are available.
- 4. Note the intention to further consider other initiatives requiring budget allocation against other priorities through regular budget reviews throughout the 2020/21 financial year. (C2008-1)

The purpose of this report is to provide Council an interim update on the implementation of the Plan.

A copy of the adopted Recovery Plan can be viewed on the City's website under 'Strategies, plans, local laws and policies' in the 'action plans' section. <a href="https://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/COVID%2019%20recovery%20plan.p">https://www.fremantle.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/COVID%2019%20recovery%20plan.p</a>

#### OFFICER COMMENT



The Recovery Plan centres around the following the key themes and approaches:

- 1. Support: Provide assistance to community members, groups and businesses to access the support they need to recover.
- 2. Activate: Activate places and spaces to bring people back to Fremantle and provide them opportunities to interact and connect.
- 3. Leverage/ Collaborate: Work with our unique attractions, assets, networks and people.
- 4. Renew: Invest in a positive future.

It identifies a series of priority initiatives under each (some subject to budget allocation), whilst recognising the potential for many others to also materially contribute to recovery.

This update provides an overview of the status of priority initiatives and flags several others which have also been implemented. It notes the solid progress made in pursuit of priority initiatives, including:

- Business Capacity Building program content redesigned and launched to support development of recovery roadmaps.
- Targeted support for the creative industries, including pivoting to digital to meet restrictions (eg 'Revealed' catalogue), stream added to Business Capacity Building program, and first round of annual grants program.
- Working with partners including WAAMH, Imagined Futures, Fremantle Mind Inc and Fremantle Mental Health Unit to increase awareness of and provide support for mental health.
- Technical outreach sessions and securing of BeConnect grant to increase digital literacy to reduce digital divide.
- Activation events including the Lego Adventure Trail, Superheros Secret Mission Trail and Santa Beach photos delivered, attracting approximately 20,000 people.
- Hidden Treasures Festival delivered, and Arts Centre and Moores Building programs reactivated.
- Marketing campaigns including two major TV campaigns delivered.
- Promotion and delivery of several club capacity building initiatives including 'Inclusion Solutions Club Renovation Toolkit' and Grant Writing training. Club Development Plan prepared for 21/22.
- Launch of Neighbourhood Quick Response Grants and first round of broader Community Grants program
- Volunteer portal launched and grant for expansion of Neighbour to Neighbour program lodged.
- Financial Hardship Policy adopted
- Street Activation Policy adopted.
- Kings Square public realm works and play space construction progressed (under construction, and tendered, respectively).
- Gil Fraser Sports Oval lighting funded (partially by grant).
- Library Connect Program launched.



- Working with Fremantle Homeless Interagency Working Group.
- Arthur Head Conservation Works commenced.
- Booyeembara Park Mountain Bike Trail Concept adopted by Council.
- Masterplanning process for Fremantle Harbours commenced (led by Department of Transport).

A further report including consideration of the effectiveness of initiatives and the plan overall will be submitted to Council at the plan's conclusion, early next financial year.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Recovery initiatives being pursued have budget allocation. Regular budget updates will continue to occur to match priority items with resources available as the financial year progresses.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

# **CONSULTATION**

The Plan was prepared within the input of 3 x COVID 19 Recovery Working Groups, and informed by consultation undertaken by them, and as part of the broader response.

# **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority required

#### OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council receive the COVID 19 Community Recovery Plan Initiatives update provided in Attachment 1 and note the progress made in pursuit of these.



#### 10.2 Council decision

#### FPOL2101-6 BUDGET AMENDMENTS - DECEMBER 2020

Meeting date: 20 January 2021 Responsible officer: Manager Finance

**Decision making authority:** Council Attachments: Nil Additional information: Nil

## **SUMMARY**

To adopt various budget amendments to the 2020/2021 budget account numbers as detailed below in accordance with the Budget Management Policy. The budget amendments have nil effect to the overall budget.

This report recommends that Council approves the required budget amendments to the adopted budget for 2020/21 as outlined in the report.

# **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with the Budget Management Policy this report provides details of proposed amendments to the 2020/2021 budget on a monthly basis to Council (via FPOL) to adopt budget amendments to:

- 1. Consider an additional purpose or grant acceptance or release of quarantined funds.
- 2. Reflect any expenditure above the budget amount agreed by the CEO in the previous month, and to adjust other accounts to accommodate the value of these.
- 3. Make amendments to the carried forward budget to reflect the final position at the end of financial year.

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are detailed in this report.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

## Local Government Act 1995:

## **Section 6.2 (1)**

The Council is required to prepare and adopt, by Absolute Majority, an annual budget for its municipal fund by 31<sup>st</sup> August each year.

# **Section 6.8 (1) and (2)**

The Council cannot incur expenditure from its municipal fund for a purpose for which no expenditure estimate is included in the annual budget (known as an 'additional purpose') except where the expenditure —



- (a) is incurred in a financial year before the adoption of the annual budget by the local government;
- (b) is authorised in advance by resolution by Absolute Majority; or
- (c) is authorised in advance by the July or president in an emergency.

Where expenditure has been incurred;

- (a) under S 6.8 (1) (a) it is required to be included in the annual budget for that financial year; and
- (b) under S 6.8 (1) (c), it is to be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the council

# Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996:

# Regulation 33A

A formal review of the annual budget is to be presented and adopted by Council, by Absolute Majority, between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 31<sup>st</sup> March each year.

## CONSULTATION

There are no community engagement implications as a result of this report.

## **OFFICER COMMENT**

The following amendments to budget account numbers to the adopted budget for 2020/2021 are submitted to Council for approval as outlined below.

# 1. Budget amendments for proposed expenditure for an additional purpose

The proposed budget amendments below are for expenditure for an additional purpose to be determined by Council as required by S6.8 (1) (b) of the Act. The decision will amend the budget by creating a new budget account number to accommodate that proposed expenditure, and by transferring the required funds from one or more existing accounts to the new account.

Item	Account #	Account Details	2020/21 Adopted Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	(Increase)/ Decrease	2020/21 Amended Budget
				Revenue	(Expenditure)	
1.1	The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) grant received for the continuation of the work (site environmental condition investigation) at the Northbank for the stabilisation of the foreshore. Request for muni funds to match the approved grant funding.					
	200xxx.1606	P-11970 - Design and Construct  - Northbank Foreshore  Stabilisation Project (Stage 2)			(28,404)	(28,404)
	200xxx.4311	P-11970 - Design and Construct  - Northbank Foreshore Stabilisation Project (Stage 2)		14,202		14,202
	200xxx.3915	P-11970 - Design and Construct  – Northbank Foreshore Stabilisation Project (Stage 2)		14,202		14,202
1.2	Project to implement waste education and guidance to support the FOGO kerbside collections, fully funded through Better Bins Plus scheme.					



200791.4326	P-11963 - Better Bins Plus - Go FOGO	168,825		168,825
200791.6823	P-11963 - Better Bins Plus - Go FOGO		(168,825)	(168,825)

1.3	In August 2020, the State government announced as part of the \$5.5 billion WA Recovery Plan, it would allocate \$3.25 million to City of Fremantle for a Port Beach large-scale sand nourishment project to provide up to 10 years of protection. The purpose of sand placement is to nourish Port Beach to protect adjacent assets from the impact of coastal erosion while maintaining public beach amenity for ongoing public recreation.					
	300110.1606	P-111823 - Design and Construct - Port Beach – Coastal Adaptation			(3,250,000)	(3,250,000)
	300110.4211	P-111823 - Design and Construct - Port Beach – Coastal Adaptation		3,250,000		3,250,000

# 2. Budget amendments for proposed expenditure for a purpose identified within the budget for which there are insufficient funds allocated

CEO has the delegated authority under the Budget Management Policy to incur expenditure for a purpose identified within the budget for which there is insufficient funds allocated, where:

- a) The proposed expenditure is a maximum of 5% or \$50,000 (whichever is the lesser) above the budgeted amount, and
- b) There are sufficient funds equivalent to the value proposed to be sent allocated to other budget line items within the overall budget, and which, in the opinion of the CEO, are not expected to be spent during that financial year.

The budget amendments below are to reflect any expenditure above the budget amount agreed by the CEO during the previous month, and to adjust other accounts to accommodate the value of those.

Item	Account #	Account Details	2020/21 Adopted Budget	Revenue Increase/ (Decrease)	Expenditure (Increase)/ Decrease	2020/21 Amended Budget
Nil						

# 3. Carried forward projects estimate budget amendments

The budget amendments below are to adjust the carried forward project estimates and to amend the carried forward budget to reflect the final position at the end of financial year.

Item	Account #	Account Details	2020/21 Adopted Budget	Revenue Increase/ (Decrease)	Expenditure (Increase)/ Decrease	2020/21 Amended Budget
Nil						



End of financial year adjustments for 30 June 2020 are still ongoing therefore further budget amendments for carried forward projects will be presented to Council next month. Once completed the final overall effect on the end of year surplus, unspent grant funds and reserve funds movements for carried forward projects will be reported to Council through the budget amendment report.

# **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute majority required

# **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

# Council approve the required budget amendments to the adopted budget for 2020/2021 as outlined below:

Item	Account #	Account Details	2020/21 Adopted Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	(Increase)/ Decrease	2020/21 Amended Budget
				Revenue	(Expenditure)	
1.1	The Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) grant received for the continuation of the work at the Northbank for the stabilisation of the foreshore. Request for muni funds to match the approved grant funding.					
	200xxx.1606	P-11970 - Design and Construct  – Northbank Foreshore  Stabilisation Project (Stage 2)			(28,404)	(28,404)
	200xxx.4311	P-11970 - Design and Construct  – Northbank Foreshore Stabilisation Project (Stage 2)		14,202		14,202
	200xxx.3915	P-11970 - Design and Construct  – Northbank Foreshore Stabilisation Project (Stage 2)		14,202		14,202
1.2		ement waste education and guidan Bins Plus scheme.	ce to support	the FOGO ker	bside collections,	, fully funded
	200791.4326	P-11963 - Better Bins Plus - Go FOGO		168,825		168,825
	200791.6823	P-11963 - Better Bins Plus - Go FOGO			(168,825)	(168,825)



# FPOL2101-7 ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF FREMANTLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY AMENDMENT LOCAL LAW 2021

Meeting Date:20 January 2021Responsible Officer:Manager Governance

**Decision Making Authority:** Council

Attachments: 1. City of Fremantle Local Government Property

Amendment Local Law 2021

2. Consolidated Local Government Property Local Law

with changes indicated

Additional information: Nil

## **SUMMARY**

For council to consider the adoption of the City of Fremantle *Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2021.* 

This report recommends that Council consider the submissions received during the public consultation period and adopt the City of Fremantle *Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2021.* 

The purpose and effect of the City of Fremantle Property Amendment Local Law 2021 are as follows:

Purpose: To provide for the regulation, control and management of activities

and facilities on all local government property within the district.

Effect: To establish the requirements with which any person using or being

on all local government property within the district, must comply.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Fremantle's Local Government Property Local Law was originally gazetted in 2002.

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 14 October 2020, Council resolved to give notice of its intention to make a City of Fremantle Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2020 (since renumbered to 2021) and to consider the submissions received.

Public notice of the proposed Local Government Property Amendment Local Law was advertised as prescribed and, in accordance with s13.2(3b) of the Act, a copy of the local law was provided to the Minister for Local Government.

At the closing date for receipt of public submissions Wednesday 9 December 2020, one public submission on the proposed local law had been received.

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries suggested that the City change the year in the title from 2020 to 2021 as final adoption was more likely to happen in 2021.



The Department also provided feedback on other minor typographical and preferred styles of the amendment local law, which has no effect on the application of the local law and has been included as recommended.

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial implications may include the cost of City officers responding to complaints and potentially issuing penalties under the additional penalties included in the amendment local law.

# **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

If Council resolves to amend the local law (by adopting the recommended amendment local law) the procedure is the same as the procedure for making a local law and is set out in Section 3.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

## **CONSULTATION**

Notice and invitation to make a submission on the proposed amendment local law was given as follows:

Fremantle herald on 24 October
My Say Freo 23 October – 9 December
City notice boards from 23 October – 9 December
Sent to the Minister for Local Government.

One submission was received during the public consultation period as follows:

	Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2019				
	Submissions received for submission period ending 9 December 2020				
No.	Date	Submission			
1.	20/11/20	I could not Download the document from the email you sent. I would like provisions made for smokers too (with ashtrays). As in done in many European cities worldwide. They can smoke in convenient locations without impacting on other people.  I would prefer the Council to take more interest in control the impact of Alcohol. A far more dangerous drug to the community yet overlooked by governments as Having a beer is considered True Blue!!  Also, noise within residential settings in Fremantle. With smaller block sizes noise transference is a real issue for people who struggle with noise neighbours, loud music and screaming from drunk neighbours. Takes up lots of police time tooo!!!  Smoking seems to be focused on whilst these other way more significant issues are overlooked!!!!			



# **OFFICER COMMENT**

In reviewing the City of Fremantle Leisure centre operations in line with the Department of Health and Royal Life Saving Society's codes of practice and guidelines for safe pool operations, and uncertainty relating to lost and abandoned property on Fremantle local government property it is considered that the City's Property Local Law contains some provisions that are outdated and do not align with best practice provisions specifically for the operation of swimming pool management but also in some other areas of the local law.

In addition to updating some provisions in the local law it is considered desirable to adopt a new provision to enable the City to make a determination controlling smoking in specific areas of local government property. With the ongoing development in the City and the existing preference for the City's property to be available to be used for social activities for all, it is considered desirable to be able to restrict certain areas of local government property as smoke free areas. It is anticipated that smoke free areas will improve the amenity in Fremantle by reducing litter from cigarette butts and to eliminate exposure to cigarette smoke by users of local government property.

The proposed changes are detailed in the below table and the City of Fremantle Local Government Property Local Law 2002 (consolidated) is attached to this report, with green text highlighting the proposed additions and red, struck through text highlighting the proposed removals.

As a point of clarification, this report is not recommending that smoking be banned on all local government property, but that the City be able to make a determination to restrict smoking, at a later date, in specific areas, where it is believed that smoking is causing significant adverse environmental impacts due to cigarette butts or it is in the interest of better community health and amenity.

	Council Report explanatory table				
	Amendment	Justification			
1.2 (1) Amended definition	"local government property" means anything except a thoroughfare —  (a) which belongs to or is leased or licensed by the local government;  (b) of which the local government is the management body under the Land Administration Act 1997; or  (c) which is an 'otherwise unvested facility' within section 3.53 of the Act;	This amendment is intended to allow the provisions of this local law to apply to all property under the control or management of the City of Fremantle.			
2.8 (k) New subclause	(k) smoking in contravention of a sign which prohibits the act of smoking.	This amendment is intended to allow the City to make a determination to prohibit smoking in specific areas of the City as sign posted.			
3.2 (5) Amend clause	(5) The local government may refuse to consider an application for a permit which is not in accordance with subclause (2) or where the requirements of subclause (3) or (4) have not been	This amendment is intended to clarify the expectations relating to the responsibility of permit applicants to comply with all			



	satisfied.	provisions as required by the City.
3.3 (4) new clause	(4) The local government may, at any time, amend a condition of approval and the amended condition takes effect 30 days after written notice of it is given to the permit holder.	This amendment is intended to allow the City to amend permit conditions when necessary.
3.9 (2) Amend clause	(2) The provisions of this Part shall apply to an application for the renewal of a permit mutatis mutandis. as though it was a new application for a permit.	This amendment is intended to promote 'plain English' principles.
4.1 (1)(c) New subclause	<ul> <li>(1) A person shall not in or on any local government property behave in a manner which –</li> <li>(a) is likely to interfere with the enjoyment of a person who might use the property; or</li> <li>(b) interferes with the enjoyment of a person using the property.</li> <li>(c) places the public at risk or interferes with the safety of others.</li> </ul>	This amendment is intended to expand restrictions on behaviour on local government property that places the public at risk or interferes with the safety of others.
4.3 Amend Title	4.3 Taking, or injuring or damaging any fauna or flora	This amendment is intended to include flora within the clause to allow the local government to issue a penalty for the damage/removing flora or fauna from local government property.
4.3 (3) & (4) New clauses	<ul> <li>(3) A person must not remove or damage or attempt to remove or damage any flora which is on or above any local government property, unless that person is authorised to do so under a written law or with the written approval of the local government.</li> <li>(4) In this clause "flora" means all vascular plants.</li> </ul>	This amendment is intended to include flora within the clause to allow the local government to
Delete Part 5, Division 1	Division 1 - Swimming pool areas 5.1 - When entry must be refused A Manager or an authorised person shall refuse admission to, may direct to leave or shall remove or cause to be removed from a pool area any person who in her or his opinion is - under the age of 6 years and who is unaccompanied by a responsible person over the age of 14 years; suffering from any contagious, infectious or cutaneous disease or complaint, or is in an unclean condition; or under the influence of liquor or a prohibited drug; or is to be refused admission under and in accordance with a decision of the local	Aquatic Facilities are governed by the following legislation and Code. Where a local law is inconsistent with the legislation, or legislated code, by default, it is invalid.  The provisions in the City's local law are inconsistent with the prevailing legislation and are considered redundant. Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911 Health (Aquatic Facilities) Regulations 2007



	government for breaching any clause of this local law.  5.2 Consumption of food or drink may be prohibited  (1) A person shall not consume any food or drink in an area where consumption is prohibited by a sign.	"Code means the "Code of practice for the design, construction, operation, management and maintenance of aquatic facilities", published by the Chief Health Officer under the Act on 1 June 2007 as amended by the Chief Health Officer from time to time, and any code of practice under the Act that replaces the Code;
		6. Adoption of Code and relationship to these regulations (1) The Code is adopted to the extent to which it is applied by these regulations. (2) These regulations prevail over the provisions of the Code to the extent to which the provisions of the Code are inconsistent with these regulations."  Department of Health – Code of Practice for the design, Construction, Operation, Management & Maintenance of Aquatic Facilities
Update title	Division 2 Division 1 - Beaches	Amending a title.
Renumber clauses	Renumber existing clauses 5.3 – 5.6 AS 5.1 – 5.4 respectively	Renumbering
Delete Part 5, Division 4	Division 4 - Toilet blocks and change rooms 5.7 Only specified gender to use entry of toilet block or change room Where a sign on a toilet block or change room specifies that a particular entry of the toilet block or change room is to be used by females, then a person of the male gender shall not use that entry of the toilet block or change room; or males, then a person of the female gender shall not use that entry of the toilet block or change room.	This local law allows the City to erect signage if conditions of use are necessary. Therefore, this provision is considered unnecessary.
Update Title	Division 5 Division 4 - Golf course	Amending a title.
Renumber clauses	Renumber existing clauses 5.8 and 5.9 AS 5.5 and 5.6 respectively	Renumbering
9.2 (1) Replace clause	(1) An authorised person may direct a person to leave local government property where she or he reasonably	This amendment is intended clarify the conditions by which the City may address any



	suspects that the person has contravened a provision of any written law.  (1) If the CEO or an authorised person reasonably suspects that a person is breaching, or has just breached, a provision of this local law or any other written law, the CEO or authorised person may —  (a) refuse to allow that person to enter local government property; and  (b) if the person is on local government property, direct the person to leave the local government property.  (2) A person who has been refused entry or who has been directed to leave under subclause (1) must immediately leave the local government property quickly and peaceably.  (3) If a person fails to comply with subclause (2), the CEO or an authorised person may remove the person, or arrange for the person to be removed,	potential anti-social activity by enabling authorised officers to restrict access of individuals to local government
	from the local government property.  (1) An article left on any local government property, and not	
9.3 (1) Replace clause	claimed within a period of 3 months, may be disposed of by the local government in any manner it thinks fit.  (1) An article left on any local government property, and not claimed within a period of 1 month, may be disposed of by the CEO or an authorised person –  (a) if the value of the property is reasonably believed to exceed the amount prescribed by regulation 30(3) of the local government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, using the process under section 3.58 of the Act for the sale of the article as if it was property referred to in that section;  (b) if the article is reasonably believed to be of a negligible or little value or likely to be of no interest to a not for profit body, in any manner they think fit; or  (c) in any other case, by donation to a not for profit body incorporated under the Associations Incorporations Act 1987.	This amendment is intended to clarify the way in which any unclaimed property left on local government property may be disposed of.
New penalties	<ul><li>8 4.3(1) - Taking or injuring any fauna -125</li><li>9 4.3(3) - Removing or damaging any flora - 125</li></ul>	Introduction of 2 new penalties relating to the taking or injuring of flora or fauna from local government property.



Renumber	Renumber existing penalties 8 - 27 AS 10 - 29	Ponumboring
Penalties	respectively	Renumbering

# **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute Majority Required

# **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Council, in accordance with the provisions and processes of the *Local Government Act 1995*; adopt the proposed City of Fremantle Local Government Property Amendment Local Law 2021 (attachment 1), which incorporates the changes suggested by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and considers the submissions received through the community consultation period - the purpose and effect of which is as follows:

Purpose: To provide for the regulation, control and management of activities

and facilities on all local government property within the district.

Effect: To establish the requirements with which any person using or being

on all local government property within the district, must comply.



#### FPOL2101-8 FREMANTLE PARK CARPARK

Meeting date: 20 January 2021

Responsible officer: Manager Infrastructure Engineering

**Decision making authority:** Council

Attachments: Attachment 1: Original at-grade carpark (Drawing

Reference 401-C-10865-20-001)

Attachment 2: Additional at-grade laneway carparking

(Drawing Reference 401-C-10865-20-003)

Attachment 3: Location Map of full car parking proposal

(Drawing Number 401-C-10865-20-004)

Additional information: Nil

## **SUMMARY**

As part of the Fremantle Park Sport and Community Centre (Clubs) project, there was a budget allocation for the provision of a new public carpark.

At Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation (FPOL) Committee dated 9 October 2019, officers were requested to investigate further options for increased parking capacity to the site.

At FPOL Committee dated 11 November 2020, options for additional parking capacity were presented and a preferred option recommended, however, the item was deferred to the next appropriate FPOL Committee meeting to allow further consultation with the Clubs.

Subsequent to this City officers met with the Clubs on 6 January 2020 and further consulted with them on the car parking location options to Fremantle Park. The clubs also highlighted their increased requirements for parking passes due to their increased membership.

This report recommends that Council progress with the construction of the original design of at-grade carpark. It also recommends that Council approve an additional budget from the parking reserve to progress with the construction of both an additional at-grade carpark to the laneway and also a temporary surface treatment to the Fremantle Park area currently licenced to the Clubs for informal parking.

Subject to approval, officers propose to work collaboratively with the Clubs on the timing of the construction works to minimise disruption. It is currently estimated that the start date for construction would be mid to late April 2021.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 24 May 2017, Council endorsed the concept design for the Fremantle Park Sport and Community Centre (Club), this included provision of an at-grade carpark.



The works contract was awarded to McCorkell Constructions (WA) Pty Ltd on 22 March 2019 and the carpark aspect of the project was separated (to be delivered as a separate project) at the request of the Clubs.

Council subsequently adopted a budget of \$350 0000 for the provision of a carpark at Fremantle Park during the 2019/20 financial year.

During the design process of an at-grade carpark, officers requested Council approve the transfer of \$75 000 from the parking reserve to increase the Fremantle Park carpark budget to \$425 000, to allow the carpark to be delivered in accordance with best practice sustainable One Planet Living principles.

Council approved of this budget increase and requested officers investigate further options for increased parking capacity to the site of the proposed at-grade carpark on Parry Street, including the possibility of multi-story car parking options.

At FPOL Committee dated 11 November 2020, options for additional parking capacity were presented and continuation of a grade solutions recommended by officers. Following debate, the item was deferred to allow further consultation with the Clubs. For full details on options investigated, please refer to FPOL Committee item FPOL2011-7.

# **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Total adopted carry forward budget allocation for the proposed carpark for this financial year is \$425,000.

Increased provision of car parking capacity will require an increase to the adopted budget.

# **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The City have previously been advised by The Department of Planning Lands and Heritage (DPLH) that Lot 1826 is held in freehold title by the City of Fremantle to be used and held in trust for the purpose of Park, Recreation and Community Centre. DPLH also advised that the construction of a carpark for patrons and the general public is consistent and ancillary to the purposes of park, recreation and the community centre.

Once a preferred option is determined and agreed, Officers will seek formal confirmation of this position prior to project commencement.

# **CONSULTATION**

The carpark project has been developed in consultation and with active participation of the Clubs who have provided input on the carpark concepts.

Following the deferred FPOL Committee item (FPOL2011-7) dated 11 November 2020, officers subsequently met with Clubs on 6 January 2020 and further consulted with them on both car parking locations to Fremantle Park and the Clubs increased requirements for parking passes due to their increased membership.



# **OFFICER COMMENT**

The original carpark design was an at-grade solution and contained 101 car parking bays with two additional ACROD bays (See Attachment 1 for drawing number 401-C-10865-20-001). The cost estimate to construct the original carpark design was \$425 000.

Following further consultation with the Clubs, Officers can confirm that the Clubs are collectively supportive of the original carpark design and location (See Attachment 1), although they did request officers investigate the possibility of relocating it to the corner of Parry Street and Ellen Street. Following investigation, officers confirm that this is a possibility, but do not recommend it for the following reasons;

- Reduced width of existing corner plot, resulting in a net loss of approximately 21 of the overall 103 parking bays.
- Reduced line of sight along Parry Street from existing on-street parking negatively impacting road safety and resulting in a potential reduction of existing on-street parking bays to Parry Street.
- Greater visual impact to residents as opposed to the original location.

The clubs have been informed of this outcome.

The Clubs are also collectively supportive of the concept design option and location for additional car parking to the Fremantle Park laneway (parallel to the existing soccer pitch), which is an at grade solution, containing 44 car parking bays (See Attachment 2) with a cost estimate to construct of \$361 000. Officers can confirm that the laneway carpark park can be constructed whilst maintaining the minimum soccer pitch dimensions in accordance with FIFA Specifications.

The Clubs have requested that officers consider the laneway carpark proposal be designed with both pedestrian and vehicle safety in mind. Officers have already allowed a provision for lighting the laneway carpark in the budget request and if approved, will also consider low cost options for keeping vehicle speeds on the laneway to a minimum.

The Clubs have also requested that the surface of the area currently licenced to them for informal parking be improved due to its current poor condition. Officers propose that the vegetation and topsoil could be easily removed and replaced with a recycled road material to create a hardstand for the informal use of parking (See Attachment 3). The cost estimate to complete these improvements is \$20 500.

Below is a summary of the costs for the full proposal as supported by the Clubs;



# **Summary Table of Proposed Costs**

Option	Number of bays	Estimated Cost	Treatment inclusions
Original	103 (formal)	\$425,000	Drainage, asphalt surface treatment, line marking, solar lighting and soft landscaping.
Laneway	44 (formal)	\$361,000	Drainage, asphalt surface treatment, line marking, solar lighting and retaining wall.
Licenced Area	Approx. 45 (informal)	\$20,500	Temporary surface treatment (hardstand from recycled road material) only.

# **Car Parking Provision (for the Clubs)**

In respect to previous agreements with the Clubs, Council have approved parking allocations of:

- 5 (dedicated) free Club car parking bays
- 35 Club free car parking permits for weekdays
- 45 Club free car parking permits for weekends
- A license for the corner of the block (end of the laneway) currently used as short-term parking (hold approx. 30-40 cars depending on positioning).

Following further consultation with the Clubs, the Clubs have confirmed that their membership numbers have subsequently grown and have requested additional parking permits.

Officers propose that the matter of increased Club parking passes be the subject of a further report to Council.

## **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute majority required



# **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

## Council:

- 1. Approve the construction of the original Fremantle Park at-grade public carpark design as shown in Attachment 1 (drawing number 401-C-10865-20-001).
- 2. Approve the construction of the additional Fremantle Park at-grade public carpark to the laneway as detailed in Attachment 2 (drawing number 401-C-10865-20-003).
- 3. Approve the construction of a temporary surface treatment to Fremantle Park area currently licenced to the Fremantle Park Sport and Community Centre for informal parking.
- 4. Include the following budget re-allocation to progress the works.

Account	Account Details	Adopted Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)	(Increase)/ Decrease	2020/21 Amended Budget
Increase budget for P-10865 Construct Fremantle Park carpark by an additional \$381,500 for provision of increased parking capacity to the site of the proposed at-grade carpark on Parry Street, being funded from the Parking Reserve Fund.					
300115.3923	P-10865 Construct- Fremantle Park carpark - Parking Reserve	(425, 000)		(381, 500)	806,500
300115.1606	P-10865 Construct- Fremantle Park carpark - Capital Expenditure	425, 000		381,500	806,500



# FPOL2101-9 SOLE SOURCE OF SUPPLY – AUSTRALIAN PARKING AND REVENUE CONTROL

Meeting date: 20 January 2021 Responsible officer: Manager Finance

**Decision making authority:** Council

Attachments: Nil Additional information: Nil

# **SUMMARY**

This purpose of this report is to seek approval from Council to enter into a sole source of supply contract with the incumbent supplier of parking pay and display machines to the City.

This report recommends that Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter in to a two year contract for the sole source of supply of technical support and hardware maintenance for pay and display machines in the City.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the 25 March 2009 Ordinary Meeting of Council, Council approved the award of tender FCC321/08 for the supply, installation, commissioning and ongoing support of parking pay and display machines to Australian Parking and Revenue Control (APARC), for a 5-year term with extension options. The contract was entered in to on 25 August 2009 following the successful trial and testing of 15 machines.

The current contract reached its term at 1 December 2020. The supplier APARC has provided pricing options for the further extension of this contract.

# FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

APARC has agreed to hold pricing at current levels for a further 2-year term (excluding annual CPI increases).

Expenditure with APARC for the ongoing support of the hardware and software and licensing and credit card fees in the current financial year and estimated expenditure in future years is shown in the table below:

Account	Description	Budget 20/21	YTD 20/21	Forecast* 21/22	Forecast* 22/23
IP 100099	Printing - Ticket rolls	\$15,000	\$0	\$41,200	\$44,908
IP 100736	Licencing – Hosting and Communications	\$109,400	\$50,010	\$119,246	\$129,978
IP 100566	Credit Card Payments	\$115,000	\$50,530	\$125,350	\$136,631

Note – YTD figures are for July 20 – Nov 20.



Forecasts make the following assumptions:

- The requirement for ticket rolls will return to a normal level in 21/22
- CPI 0.9% per annum added to ticket rolls, licencing and credit card payments
- Printed ticket use is likely to increase as the economy recovers from the effects of Covid 19

\*note –future budgets will be required to be adopted during the annual budget process to ensure ongoing service delivery.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The ability for Council to enter into sole source of supply agreements is covered under Regulation 11(2)(f) of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, which states:

# 11. When tenders have to be publicly invited

- (2) Tenders do not have to be publicly invited according to the requirements of this Division if —
- (f) the local government has good reason to believe that, because of the unique nature of the goods or services required or for any other reason, it is unlikely that there is more than one potential supplier;

As the sum of this contract is above the delegation to CEO to enter in to sole source of supply contracts, Council approval is required.

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil

## OFFICER COMMENT

The City believes APARC are a sole source supplier for the following reasons:

- The hardware and software supplied by APARC is proprietary to APARC as the sole distributor in Australia. The City is unable to source hardware or software from alternative sources
- ii) Consumables required to operate the parking pay and display machines is only available from APARC

As the City is not intending to replace the current parking machines at this time, then it is required to purchase upgrades, consumables and hardware from the current supplier.

By entering in to a two (2) year contract with APARC, further time is afforded to consider the future parking requirements of the City.



# **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute majority required

# **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a two (2) year contract with Australian Parking and Revenue Control Pty Ltd (ABN 35 131 621 666) for the estimated contract sum of \$380,600 (excluding GST and annual CPI rises).



FPOL2101-10

PROPOSED DETERMINATION - INTENTION TO MAKE A
DETERMINATION - PERMIT REQUIRED TO USE MOTORISED
MODEL AIRPLANES, HELICOPTERS, DRONES OR OTHER
SIMILAR REMOTELY PILOTED DEVICES ON MONUMENT HILL
RESERVE - LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY LOCAL LAW

Meeting date: 20 January 2021 Responsible officer: Manager Governance

**Decision making authority:** Council **Attachments:** Nil

Additional information: Nil

## **SUMMARY**

The City has recently given local public notice of its intention to make a determination under the Local Government Property Local Law 2002 to prohibit persons from flying motorised model airplanes, helicopters, drones or other similar remotely piloted devices on or over Monument Hill Reserve without a permit from the City of Fremantle and riding a skateboard, rollerblades, a sandboard or a similar device on any of the Monuments, or their surrounding bases, on Monument Hill Reserve, without a permit.

This report recommends that Council, having considered the submission received during the public notice period, continue with the determination and give local public notice of its final adoption.

#### **BACKGROUND**

At the Finance, Policy, Operations and Legislation Committee held on 14 October 2020 Council moved the following motion to begin the process of making a determination Monument Hill Reserve within the City of Fremantle.

Council gives local public notice of its intention to make a determination to prohibit persons from flying motorised model airplanes, helicopters, drones or other similar remotely piloted devices on or over Monument Hill Reserve without a permit from the City of Fremantle and riding a skateboard, rollerblades, a sandboard or a similar device on any of the Monuments, or their surrounding bases, on Monument Hill Reserve.

Purpose: To prohibit:

- flying motorised model airplanes, helicopters, drones or other similar remotely piloted devices on or over Monument Hill Reserve without a permit from the City of Fremantle; and
- 2. riding a bicycle, a skateboard, rollerblades, a sandboard or a similar device on any of the Monuments, or their surrounding bases, on Monument Hill Reserve.

Effect:

The effect of the determination is to maintain Monument Hill Reserve as an area for remembrance and quiet solitude and to protect the Monuments from potential damage.



Monument Hill is considered the perfect place to take some time out to relax on the lawns and enjoy the view whilst reflecting the true meaning of the memorials and appreciating the meaningful architecture. However, this quiet enjoyment is sometimes disturbed and disrespected by use of motorised model airplanes, helicopters, drones or other similar remotely piloted devices

The intention of adopting this Determination is to enable the City to maintain Monument Hill Reserve as an area for remembrance and quiet solitude.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is estimated that 8 signposts will be needed to cover entrances to Monument Hill Reserve advising of the requirement to obtain a permit before flying motorised model airplanes, helicopters, drones or other similar remotely piloted devices

Each signpost costs approximately \$400 to manufacture and install, for a total initial installation cost of approximately \$3,200. There will also be additional ongoing maintenance costs for signage.

Additional financial implications will include the cost of City officers processing permit applications, responding to complaints and potentially issuing infringements.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

In accordance with the City of Fremantle Local Government Property Local Law 2002, the City may make a determination providing that a person is prohibited from pursuing specified activities on specified local government property. The local law also allows the City to specify the extent to which a person is prohibited from pursuing an activity and whether the prohibition is in relation to a specific class of people.

The intended outcome of the proposed Determination is to prohibit the use of motorised model airplanes, helicopters, drones or other similar remotely piloted devices on or over Monument Hill by the class of persons who do not hold a permit issued by the City of Fremantle.

Procedure for making a determination 2.2

- The local government is to give local public notice of its intention to make a determination.
- 2. Council is to consider submissions received and give public notice of the outcome of its consideration:
  - a. Adoption of the proposed determination
  - b. Amendment and further advertising of the proposed determination
  - c. Not to continue with the proposed determination.



## **CONSULTATION**

In accordance with the local law, the intention to make a determination must be advertised in the local newspaper and public submissions being received for a period of twenty-one (21) days. Submissions are then considered by Council before a final decision is made and further public notice given.

Public notice of the proposed determination was given in the following way:

Publication on the City's notice boards
 Publication through the City's 'MySay' Portal
 23 October – 18 November 2020
 22 October – 17 November 2020

Advertisement in the Fremantle Herald newspaper 24 October 2020

Public notice of the proposed determination was given, including publication on the City's notice boards, publication through the City's 'MySay' Portal, and an advertisement in the Fremantle Herald newspaper.

A total of 10 submissions were received during the public notice period. Eight of the ten submissions received (shown in green) were supportive of the proposal and two of the ten (shown in orange) were not supportive of the proposal:

	Determination Submissions
(pro	shibiting the use of motorised model airplanes, helicopters, drones or other similar remotely piloted devices on or over Monument Hill Reserve, without a permit.)
1.	Although it is already an offence to skateboard on Monument Hill without a permit (vehicle includes skateboard in definitions) it's a good move to make it clear, and to prohibit other disruptive, potentially damaging and intrusive activities.
2.	Today is Remembrance Day yet even today there are loud motorbike persons, no doubt believers but the noise is too much. Park and walk as others do. Drones, electric flying bizzos, whatever, should not be allowed. It should be an area of quiet contemplation to remember those who gave their lives and service.
3.	"This is something I already would have thought should be in place and enforced. The area should be respected as a place of reflection and not a play zone for people's hobbies.
	Not only should this policy be enacted it should be enforced with regular Ranger patrols and fines if applicable."
4.	I agree with the proposals to maintain the monument as a place of quiet reflection.
	"In 2018 the council's own permitted drone photographer ruined the ANZAC ceremony by flying over continuously. Could the council also not issue permits (including to itself) on days of remembrance?
5.	Banning flying remote vehicles doesn't stop the motorised remote cars, Segway's, parked vehicles playing loud music, picnic people having music, informal sport (kicking a ball or slack lining) etc. The monument isn't just a place of reflection. It's a daytime picnic area, sunset gathering place, a local open space for children, a foot and cycling transit thoroughfare. Banning 2 activities and not others, on every day of the year seems excessive.
	Signage prohibiting these activities should not detract from the monuments themselves. We live right next to Monument Hill and rarely if ever see people cycling or skateboarding on the monuments so not sure what formal evidence there is about this being an issue warranting more rules."
6.	"I agree with the proposal to make Monument Hill a place of quiet reflection. As a long-time resident of Fremantle, this historic and beautifully situated place of tranquillity has been a favourite area for picnics and wedding photos, as well as the yearly remembrances for our fallen soldiers and other wartime personnel. I believe it is totally unsuitable as a venue for rock concerts with very large crowds as well as a place for young people to use their skateboards and bikes in the monument area or on the manicured lawns. Please keep this as a sacred place for meaningful celebrations and events. Many thanks."
7.	Monument Hill needs to remain a place where quiet contemplation can occur. The space allows us to reflect on our lives and the lives lost in world conflict. Noisy pastimes can happen elsewhere.



- 8. I support the proposed prohibited activities. The type of activities allowable should encourage quiet reflection, such as walking, sight viewing, yoga and prayer. However, I would also mention family gatherings and special events such as picnics and wedding photography.
- Don't be such a wowser

"WE need to protect the historic Monument for all the reasons cited above. This is an area popular with families and those who want a peaceful place for reflection and activities such as picnics and get togethers. The Hill was vested in the City for its management as an area for quiet reflection and passive community use. The Monument is made of vulnerable materials that are extremely costly to upkeep from inappropriate activities and usage. Let's keep it that way. There are many other areas dedicated to activities that have more robust needs.

The current state of the Monument is very very poor. Chunks are taken out of the stone and render in many many places. This is exacerbated by cars and inappropriate activities such as skateboards, bikes etc.

There is very little surveillance and the signage is dilapidated and virtually illegible as well as only visible from one aspect for users of the Memorial Park. This means that Memorial Park users are completely unaware of the activities that need to be discouraged.

10. The increase in use of recreational drones is very unwelcome, irritating, noisy and dangerous. The drone users aim at the trees scaring the birds and barely are above the ground. The people and dogs that may be using the grassed area are in danger. The noise is frightening. Most of the users if these mechanised devices are novices practising and have very little control.

Drones are also extremely invasive and without any value as a community activity, mostly with solo naïve inexperienced pilots.

There needs to be complete clarification that the Reserve is NOT a dog exercise area; it is for walking dogs on leads. Signs indicating this would help, as would information online as to where the official dog exercise areas are in Fremantle, as well as a guide to the 8 skateboard areas in Fremantle. Skateboarders are not deprived.

Please keep the use of Monument Hill Memorial reserve and the Monument for discrete activity and opportunity for simple community passive activity such as picnics and observation and reflection."

#### **OFFICER COMMENT**

This determination is not intending to ban motorised model airplanes, helicopters, drones or other similar remotely piloted devices from being able to be used on or over the Monument Hill Reserve but to restrict their use to permit holders only. The use of motorised model airplanes, helicopters, drones or other similar remotely piloted devices on or over Monument Hill may be useful or necessary for photography or filming purposes and the City wants to be able to accommodate these uses by permitting the activity by qualified and conscientious pilots, during periods of time considered appropriate by the City.

Even when permitted by the City, motorised model airplane, helicopter, drone or other similar remotely piloted device operators will need to comply with the CASA rules in addition to any requirements set out by the City.

If Council approves the continuation and implementation of this Determination, it will come into effect when the advertisement appears in the Fremantle Herald. However, no penalties will be issued until the City has erected signage advising visitors to Monument Hill of these new restrictions.

It is anticipated that appropriate signage will be in place by the end of February.

## **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority required



# **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Council, in accordance with the process outlined in the City's Property Local Law and having considered the submission received during the public notice period, give local public notice that the Determination prohibiting:

- a. flying motorised model airplanes, helicopters, drones or other similar remotely piloted devices on or over Monument Hill Reserve without a permit from the City of Fremantle; and
- b. riding a bicycle, a skateboard, rollerblades, a sandboard or a similar device on any of the Monuments, or their surrounding bases, on Monument Hill Reserve.

will come into effect on the date of its publication.



FPOL2101-11 APPOINTING THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL

COMMISSION / METHOD OF CONDUCTING ELECTIONS 2021 -

2023

Meeting date: 20 January 2021 Responsible officer: Manager Governance

**Decision making authority:** Council **Agenda attachments:** Nil

Additional information: Nil

#### **SUMMARY**

For Council to consider the appointment of the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) and the preferred method for conducting all future local government elections to the end of 2023.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Western Australian Electoral Commissioner, Robert Kennedy, has written to the City offering to undertake the 2021 election as a full postal election. In order to accept the Commissioner's offer, the Council is required to adopt a resolution, by absolute majority, declaring the Electoral Commissioner responsible for the conduct of the election by a postal ballot.

The recommendation in this report provides for the Western Australian Electoral Commission to be responsible for the 2021 ordinary election and for any other election or poll that may arise prior to the 2023 ordinary election, this means that if any extraordinary vacancies should arise, the approvals are in place to proceed with an extraordinary election in the same format.

It is common practice by many local governments to conduct an election in this manner as the resources involved to conduct an election in-house can be more costly and have a greater impact on the City's resources and core business.

In a postal voting election, election packages are posted to all eligible electors on the City of Fremantle Electoral Roll approximately three weeks before Election Day. Electors vote and then return the completed ballot papers and elector certificates by post to the Returning Officer by 6:00pm on Election Day.

At an in-person election, electors vote at polling places within their district on polling day; Votes can also be posted or delivered in accordance with regulations.

Local governments or, by request, the Electoral Commissioner can conduct voting inperson elections, however, the Electoral Commissioner has previously declined to conduct voting in-person elections.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Western Australian Electoral Commissioner has estimated the cost for the 2021 election, if conducted as a postal ballot, as \$118,000 including GST.



The estimate has been based on the following assumptions:

- 24,250 electors
- response rate of approximately 50%
- 7 vacancies
- the count to be conducted at the offices of the City of Fremantle
- appointment of a local Returning Officer
- regular Australia Post delivery service to apply for the lodgement of election packages.

This does not include the following costs:

- additional non-statutory advertising;
- any legal expenses other than those that are determined to be borne by the Western Australian Electoral Commission in a Court of Disputed Returns;
- one local government staff member to work in a polling place on election day;
   and
- any additional postage rate increase by Australia Post.
- Any unanticipated costs arising from public health requirements for the COVID-19 pandemic.

Under the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Commission is required to conduct local government elections on a full cost recovery and recent experience has demonstrated that the final costs have been within the Commission's estimate.

Provision will be made during the 2020/2021 budget preparations.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Section 4.61 of the *Local Government Act 1995* allows local governments to choose their preferred method of voting.

The election can be conducted as a:

- Postal election which is an election at which the method of casting votes is by posting or delivering them to an electoral officer on or before election day; or
- Voting in-person election which is an election at which the principal method of casting votes is by voting in-person on election day but at which votes can also be cast in-person before election day, or posted or delivered, in accordance with regulations.

Section 4.20(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides that by default the Chief Executive Officer is the returning officer of a local government for each election. The default method for conducting an election is by in-person voting.

Section 4.20(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* states that a local government may, having first obtained the written agreement of the Electoral Commissioner, declare the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of an election, or all elections conducted within a particular period of time, and, if such a declaration is made, the



Electoral Commissioner is to appoint a person to be the Returning Officer of the local government for the election or elections. An absolute majority is required.

Section 4.61(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* states that the local government may decide to conduct an election as a postal election. An absolute majority is required.

Section 4.61(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* states that a decision under subsection (2) has no effect unless it is made after the declaration under section 4.20(4) that the Electoral Commissioner is to be responsible for the conduct of the election or in conjunction with such a declaration.

## CONSULTATION

Nil

## OFFICER COMMENT

Council has previously appointed WAEC to conduct the City's elections via postal election. In 2017 and 2019 Council declared the Western Australian Electoral Commission responsible for all elections in the City, and for the method of voting to be postal.

Postal elections encourage greater voter participation and are generally considered to be more representative of the community. Although the City is responsible for the coordination of the postal election, the process is less demanding on the City's resources than an in-person election.

One of the benefits of the Electoral Commission conducting the City's elections is that the process and the Returning Officer are largely independent of the City. This separation may improve the community's perception and confidence in the election process. In addition, postal voting is more convenient for electors and typically achieves a higher rate of voter participation.

Conducting elections as voting in-person elections presents a number of challenges, particularly on account of the role of the CEO who is also the Returning Officer. The requirements and expectations placed on the Chief Executive Officer in taking on this dual role can be both contentious and time consuming. In addition to dealing with complaints received during the election period, that dual role can lead to an unwelcome perception of conflict of interest and bias from the community.

It is the prerogative of Council to decide, as a matter of policy, to conduct elections by postal vote and to make a declaration that the elections are to be conducted by the Electoral Commission.

## **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute majority required



# **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

# **Council determines that:**

- 1. In accordance with section 4.20(4) of the Local Government Act 1995, the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner is declared responsible for the conduct of all elections, polls or referendums, including extraordinary elections, for the City of Fremantle until the end of 2023, subject to acceptance by the Western Australian Electoral Commission.
- 2. In accordance with section 4.61(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, the City of Fremantle's elections, polls or referendums including extraordinary elections, will be conducted as postal elections.



# FPOL2101-12 APPOINT A COUNCILLOR TO ACT AS REPRESENTATIVE FOR MAYORS FOR PEACE

Meeting date: 20 January 2021 Responsible officer: Manager Governance

Decision making authority: Council

Attachments: Nil Additional information: Nil

# **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to appoint a councillor to act as Mayors for Peace representative for the City of Fremantle, during Mayor Brad Pettitt's upcoming leave of absence and through the possible Mayoral vacancy, when the Deputy Mayor is unable to perform those functions.

## **BACKGROUND**

Mayors for Peace is a global movement formed in 1982 by the Mayor of Hiroshima to raise awareness and push for the abolition of nuclear weapons. The City of Fremantle is the lead city for Mayors for Peace in Australia and has been a member of Mayors for Peace for many years. Mayor Pettitt himself, has been a committed member since his election to Mayor for the City of Fremantle more than 10 years ago.

"The purposes of the "Mayors for Peace" are to contribute to the attainment of lasting world peace by arousing concern among citizens of the world for the total abolition of nuclear weapons through close solidarity among member cities as well as by striving to solve vital problems for the human race such as starvation and poverty, the plight of refugees, human rights abuses, and environmental degradation."

Mayorsforpeace.org

On 24th October 2020 the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), celebrated the landmark occasion of the 50th signatory to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which means that the Treaty will become International Law on 22 January 2021.

"On the 24th of October 2020 the world received the news that Honduras formally ratified the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, a day after Jamaica and Nauru submitted their ratifications. Honduras became the 50th state party, triggering the entry into force of the treaty 90 days later on 22 January 2021."

Icanw.org.au

"Mayors for Peace wholeheartedly welcomes the momentous occasion of the number of states ratifying the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW) reaching fifty, ensuring its entry into force in ninety days. We would like to rejoice at this moment from the bottom of our hearts with our member cities, their citizens, our partner peace NGOs, and most importantly, with the hibakusha, who long more than anyone else for a world without nuclear weapons."

Mayorsforpeace.org



In recognition of this important milestone there is likely to be several important events arranged with Mayors for Peace in the coming months, for which representation of the City of Fremantle will be important.

As it is important for the City to continue its strong representation without interruption at this exciting time and in the coming year, it is suggested that Council appoint an elected member to act as representative during the period in which the Deputy Mayor is undertaking the functions of the Mayor's role, to act as representative when the Deputy Mayor is unable to.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil

## **OFFICER COMMENT**

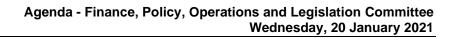
The Mayor currently attends a number of events and occasions throughout the year as the City's representative for Mayors for Peace working closely with Elizabeth Po and Adrian Glamorgan who work tirelessly to activate and support Mayors for Peace initiatives and membership in Australia.

Following is a small taste of some of the events which have been or are planned to be, supported by Mayor Pettitt and Mayors for Peace:

- Online hibakusha testimony session 'Every Second Counts for the Survivors!' in conjunction with the Peace Boat
- Peace Park Opening Ceremony on International Day of Peace
- Video message from the Mayor Pettitt commemorating the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombings.
- The planting of the now-six-year-old Gingko biloba saplings grown from second generation a-bombed Hiroshima seeds.
- Short video recording by Mayor Pettitt supporting Mayors for peace cities appeal

#### **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute majority required





OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION	
Council appoint Councillor representative for Mayors for Peac	to act as the City of Fremantle e, as required, during the absence of the Mayor.
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# FPOL2101-13 SUBMISSION TO THE SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES TRIBUNAL – DEPUTY MAYORAL ALLOWANCE INCREASE

Meeting date: 20 January 2021
Responsible officer: Manager Governance

**Decision making authority:** Council **Attachments:** Nil

Additional information: Nil

# **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to make a submission to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (the Tribunal) requesting that the Tribunal consider increasing the allowance paid to the Deputy Mayor in the event that they undertake the duties of the Mayoral role should the position remains vacant for an extended period of time.

## **BACKGROUND**

Mayor Brad Pettitt has announced his decision to run for State Election in March 2021. If the Mayor is elected to State, his position as Mayor for the City of Fremantle will become vacant. In that event, it is likely that the City will request that the Electoral Commissioner allow the position of Mayor to remain vacant until the Ordinary Local Government Election due to be held in October 2021 as the cost to hold an additional election (Mayoral) has not been included in the City's 2020-21 budget and the estimated cost to hold an additional election would be around \$74,000.

If the Electoral Commissioner allows the position of Mayor to remain vacant until the Ordinary Election, the Deputy Mayor will be expected to undertake the duties of the Mayor during the extended period of the vacancy. It is estimated that the Deputy Mayor will be expected to fulfil Mayoral duties, full-time, for approximately seven months.

While it is acknowledged that the Deputy Mayor is ordinarily paid an allowance to fulfil the duties of the Mayors role when the Mayor is unavailable, this allowance (25% of the Mayoral Allowance) does not appear to anticipate occasions where the Deputy Mayor is called on to undertake the duties of the Mayors role for several months.

Given that the Deputy Mayor will be expected to commit to a considerable increase in their availability, to attend to Mayoral functions while the Mayoral role is vacant, it is considered appropriate that that the City attempt to arrange appropriate renumeration during this time.

The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal is responsible for inquiring into and setting the remuneration for Local Government Elected Members.

"Pursuant to section 5.98(5) of the Local Government Act 1995 (LGA), the mayor of a local government is entitled to be paid an annual allowance

Pursuant to section 5.98A(1) of the LGA, a local government may decide, by an absolute majority, to pay the deputy mayor of the local government, an allowance



of up to the percentage that is determined by the Tribunal of the annual allowance to which the mayor is entitled under section 5.98(5) of the LG Act. That percentage is determined as 25%."

A preliminary approach has been made to the Tribunal who have stated that they essentially agree to consider the question of increasing the allowance to be paid to the Deputy Mayor, but that they would need to be convinced of the rationale to alter their current determination.

The Tribunal have also indicated that their preference would be that the question of increasing the allowance be considered by full council, including the current Mayor.

#### Rationale

The rationale for requesting an increase to the allowance permitted to be paid to the Deputy Mayor, for the period that they are undertaking the duties of the role of Mayor, is as follows:

1. There is an expectation that the level of service and availability of the Mayor of the City of Fremantle, a 'Band 1' and arguably Perth's 'second capital City', will remain unchanged. Therefore, the Deputy Mayor will be required to fulfil the duties of the Mayor on a full-time and long-term basis.

The Deputy Mayor will be expected to:

- provide an increased availability and commitment to the role;
- familiarise themselves with all current affairs, issues and other necessary 'knowledge' basis relevant to the role;
- perform the leadership role of the mayor;
- perform the statutory functions for which the mayor is accountable;
- undertake the ceremonial and civic duties required of the mayor, including local government business related entertainment;

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

If the Tribunal approves an amendment allowing the City to pay the Deputy Mayor an increased allowance, there will be no additional expense for the City as the Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral allowances are included in the budget.

It is considered likely that Council will request that the Mayoral position remains vacant (if it becomes vacant) until the Ordinary Election 2021 in order to avoid the cost of an additional Mayoral election being held in 2021.

The Western Australian Electoral Commission have advised that the cost to hold a standalone Mayoral election would be approximately \$74,000 based on the following assumptions:

- 24,000 electors across 6 all wards
- 40% participation rate
- Regular Mail Delivery



# **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

Under Section 5.98A of the Local Government Act 1995 A local government may decide (by absolute Majority) to pay the deputy mayor of the local government an allowance of up to the percentage, that is determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal, of the annual local government allowance to which the mayor is entitled.

The determined percentage is 25 per cent.

Under Section 7B(2) of the Salaries and Allowances Act 1975 the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal must inquire into and determine the amount of:

 allowances, or the minimum and maximum amounts of allowances, to be paid under the LG Act to elected council members.

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil

#### OFFICER COMMENT

This report is being presented to council at this early stage as the Tribunal have advised that they would prefer that a request to amend their determination to increase the Deputy Mayors allowance be considered by full council including the current Mayor.

As the Mayor is planning to request a leave of absence in the lead up to the State Election and may not return in the Mayoral position if successfully elected to State Government, it was considered prudent to prepare a pre-emptive report for consideration of full council while he is available.

Should council adopt the recommendation in this report the decision will not be acted upon until and unless, following the State Election on 13 March 2021:

- 1. the position of Mayor becomes vacant; and
- 2. the position of Mayor is permitted to remain vacant, by the Electoral Commissioner, until the Ordinary Election to be held in October 2021.

At which time a request will be made to the Tribunal to consider an increase in the Deputy Mayor allowance.

No increased payment of the allowance would be made until approved by the Tribunal, and no request for increase will be made to the Tribunal unless the Mayoral position becomes vacant until the ordinary election to be held in October 2021.

## **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Absolute majority required



# **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

Council, in the event that the position of Mayor becomes vacant and is permitted to remain vacant until the ordinary election to be held in October 2021, request that the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal alter their Determination to allow the City to pay its Deputy Mayor the full Mayoral allowance, or an increased percentage of that allowance, while they are fulfilling the duties of the Mayor during the extended period of time that the position remains vacant.



# 11. Motions of which previous notice has been given

A member may raise at a meeting such business of the City as they consider appropriate, in the form of a motion of which notice has been given to the CEO.

FPOL2101-14 ELECTED MEMBER MOTION – INCREASING CANOPY COVER

AND BIODIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF FREMANTLE -

**COUNCILLOR ADIN LANG** 

Meeting date: 20 January 2021

**Responsible officer:** Chief Executive Officer

**Decision making authority:** Council

Attachments: Nil
Additional documents: Nil

#### **ELECTED MEMBER SUMMARY**

The aims of this motion are to:

- Increase budget to support the implementation of the Green Plan and Urban Forest Plan
- Deliver more trees and biodiversity through tree planting, natural areas planting program and green corridors
- Involve community in ownership of street/public trees more.

# **VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority Required

# **MOTION**

With the objective of increasing canopy cover and biodiversity, the City of Fremantle should investigate the following and return a report to FPOL on 14 April 2021:

- 1. Review and update the existing Street and Reserve Tree Policy.
- 2. Provide an update on the actual number of trees planted annually against the annual planting targets in the Urban Forest Plan.
- 3. Review the Local Law regarding damage to City Property in relation to damage or removal of trees.
- 4. Suggest new planting targets based on a review to achieve the Urban Forest Plan targets.
- 5. Suggest how the Green Corridors in the City can be improved.
- 6. Review the existing Verge Garden Scheme and suggest how the scheme can be reinstated and expanded following Covid budget reduction.
- 7. Suggest how 'Friends of' groups can access and utilise more financial support
- 8. Review the types of tree species planted, with a view to plant more endemic and local species
- 9. Review reporting methods for tree planting and revegetation planting to simplify data presentation. E.g., note more accurate numbers on how many trees and shrubs are planted each year.



# **OFFICER COMMENT**

Officers are supportive of investigating the actions proposed in the Motion. The proposals will help support the implementation and reporting against targets in the Urban Forest Plan, improve greening and biodiversity across the City and further support community involvement.

Officers confirm they can provide a return report to the FPOL meeting on 14 April 2021 responding to the individual points and providing a response, or if a longer timeframe is required, a proposal as to how the recommendation can be addressed. Officers can also prepare budget submissions where required for consideration in the 2021/22 financial year or future budget processes.



# 12. Urgent business

In cases of extreme urgency or other special circumstances, matters may, on a motion that is carried by the meeting, be raised without notice and decided by the meeting.

Nil

## 13. Late items

In cases where information is received after the finalisation of an agenda, matters may be raised and decided by the meeting. A written report will be provided for late items.

Nil

# 14. Confidential business

Members of the public may be asked to leave the meeting while confidential business is addressed.

# 15. Closure