

Public Questions 2024 - Current

Meeting Date of Question	Meeting Date of Response	Meeting	Name	Question	Response
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 1: Page 23 of the annual report misleadingly refers yet again to only selectively the construction contract portion of \$43m for the new civic centre and disregards the architect fees of \$7m, management fees, fit-outs, still unfinished fit-outs and other blow-out project costs. How is this not spinning ratepayers given total project costs currently exceeds \$65m?	As quoted on page 23 of the Annual Report "A fixed contract for construction of the Civic Centre was awarded at \$43.05 million and commenced in 2019." This statement did not refer to the pre-construction costs. Additionally, this did not include the costs that resulted from the contractor entering administration and the resultant work to the Civic Centre to complete the project. A full breakdown of costs associated with the Walyalup Koort/Walyalup Civic Centre Project is publicly available in the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 August 2022.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 2: Page 36 of the annual report in the Finance section incorrectly refers to FY22 not FY23 and in other pages many figures quoted do not tie back correctly to the audited finance report. Has the annual report actually been properly proof-read by the finance department and when will the corrections be made?	The year ending shown as 2022 will be updated to 2023.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 3: Year on year budgeted capital projects are consistently and inefficiently delayed and FY23 is no exception. Why is the actual capital expenditure of \$10m so low compared to the budget of \$28m?	The construction industry has been highly impacted with staff shortages, cost increases on materials and transportations costs. These increases are impacting all entities that go out to tender for materials and constructions related services. The city has been experiencing cost increases and delays to capital works projects as a result of market conditions that are beyond our control. The city is continually considering different options to how we manage the market conditions and the impact on the city and will adjust our procurement practised where possible as appropriate. Noting that the funding related to underspend in capital works remains available to be spend in future years. Essentially, those capital items are budgeted for and would not impact budget setting decisions in a future year.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 4: With the sell-off of numerous income producing properties and car parks over the years, is the council deliberately raising rates and postponing budgeted capital projects due to a dwindling financial buffer which is highlighted by many examples such as cutting the CAT bus, inability to absorb South Beach changeroom costs, lack of maintenance of the Town Hall...etc?	Rates increases are imposed in line with the operational/project requirements of the City for that year, as well as market conditions which have included rapid inflation and increasing cost pressures across most developed economies. Further information regarding the rate increase is available in the media release on the City's website below, as well as the budget report adopted by Council in June 2023. Fremantle budget focuses on the fundamentals City of Fremantle
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 5: For the current year ratepayers have been levied rate increases of 9% based on budgeted capital expenditure that will not eventuate and no benefit received. Will ratepayers receive a refund in the next rates cycle?	It is the intention that all projects will be completed. However, for any projects that experience unforeseen delays the related budgeted capital expenditure is carried forward to the following financial year.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 6: In the council monthly financial update for the 5 months YTD FY24 capital expenditure is only a meagre \$2.7m. According to the council minutes response of 6 Dec 2023, 'for many of the capital projects the procurement strategy is to go out to tender early in the financial year and with action to occur later in the financial year'. Does the council still believe this is the best practice procurement strategy rather than a continuous rolling procurement program of capital projects?	Resource and capacity challenges has meant that there has been a tendency for Officers to design and deliver in one year; however there has been significant focus on better forward planning during this year's planning. Officers have lengthened project forecasting to 4 years as part of the annual business planning process, this will further improve project alignment, allow more time for scoping, tender documentation and cost estimating earlier in the project process.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 7: How are project managers held accountable for project delivery failures and poor budgeting such as the South Beach changerooms to ensure adopted capital expenditure budgets and project timelines are realistic and actually met?	Officers work within the parameters of the City's Project Management Framework, this includes project reviews and monthly project monitoring. Reasons for project delays and or budget challenges are reviewed and discussed as part of this process.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 8: Note 19 in the financial report refers to contaminated sites for remediation. In addition to the South Fremantle landfill site and the scandalous Jones St property acquisition what other sites are contaminated?	There are a number of contaminated sites across Fremantle falling under both State & Local Government ownership as well as private ownership. A database of contaminated sites is made available online by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation. It is noted that Jones St Property is not a registered contaminated site.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 9: In FY23 the council has belatedly acknowledged for the first time in an audited financial report a contingent liability. What event or circumstances triggered the now more forthcoming contingent liability disclosure on contaminated sites in Note 19?	The Annual Financial Statements were audited by Grant Thornton on behalf of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG). Both Grant Thornton and OAG agreed that the city's Financial Statements accurately reflect the city's finances. The contaminated sites and revaluation of assets information included in the statements were reviewed in detail by both auditors and the financial statements and notes is an accurate reflection thereof. The city is aware of the contaminated sites within its boundaries as declared by Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER). For city owned properties, there are management plans in place that requires monitoring of these sites. There are no contaminated sites that have been declared by DWER to be remediated at this stage, to that end note 19 accurately reflects that there are no contingent liabilities for the financial year.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 10: What is the current preliminary best guess estimate of the remediation costs for these contaminated sites?	As per response to question 9.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 11: What is the expected timeline for agreeing with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation the costs associated with remediation of the South Fremantle landfill contamination?	There are currently no plans to remediate the site and will continue to be monitored in line with the agreed management plan.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 12: In which year will the remediation of the Jones St property contamination be undertaken, and how much is currently included in future budgets?	As per previous responses above, Jones Street is not listed as a contaminated site. The site does contain as asbestos building. The asbestos located within the buildings at Jones Street will be addressed appropriately as and when redevelopment of the site occurs. There is no fixed date set for the redevelopment of the site.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 13: Note 17 of the financial report summaries a massive asset revaluation of \$241m containing multiple common-sense discrepancies, and given the paucity of public information, what were the valuation methodology/technique changes since the previous June 2020 valuation?	As part of the International Accounting Standards 16 Property, Plant and Equipment requires to be revalued at least every five years. As part of the Local Government Act 1995 the city is required to adhere to the International Accounting standards. The infrastructure assets were required to be revalued in the financial year ending 30 June 2023. The same methodology for revaluations was used, being replacement costs for infrastructure assets. The city engaged a registered valuer, Cushman & Wakefield, to undertake this work. The fair value increases are based on the City's infrastructure data. As part of the audit for financial statements ending 30 June 2022, OAG noted that if the city is aware of an assets class that might have significant changes in fair value, it is not appropriate to wait for five years to undertake a formal revaluation of that asset class. Accordingly, the city engaged with registered valuer to ascertain price per hectare for city owned land. Noting that the zoning for those land parcels was considered in deriving the price per hectare.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 14: For what reasons did the revaluation of Park properties in Note 9 inexplicably change from an opening carrying value of \$10m to \$70m in FY23?	During the financial year there were new assets to the value of \$2.8M added and existing parks assets increased in value due to revaluations of \$54M. Along with capitalisation of new assets to the value of \$4.2M and depreciation of (\$1.6M) the value of parks assets on 30 June 2023 is \$69.8M.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 15: Given the civic centre was specifically built for council purposes and will never have a ready commercial buyer now or in future years, why is this property valued purely at market approach?	It was valued based on building replacement cost in line with the Building Cost Index.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 16: What is the revalued amount for the disastrous multimillion dollar loss making Jones St property which has been sitting idle since 2014, and does the valuation take into account the required contamination rehabilitation?	The total value of land and buildings is \$8.8 million.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 17: In the absence of transparent information for the \$241m revaluation can a detailed property listing be made publicly available similar to three years ago (ARMC 2106-1 June 2021) for comparison?	While an extract of the list of building assets have been provided in the past, there is no requirement to make the list available as part of the annual financial statements.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 18: If the detailed property listing is not to be made publicly available, why not?	As per response to question 17.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 19: Given the Infrastructure carrying value doubled from \$158m in FY22 to \$339m in FY23, is the valuation technique wording actually correct in Notes 8 & 9 of the financial report?	Yes.

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5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 20: Who was the independent registered valuer performing the valuation?	The city engaged a registered valuer, Cushman & Wakefield, to undertake this work.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 21: The majority of public sector restricted use land in Australia is valued taking into account the restricted use and for a better example refer to the City of Perth. For what reasons is Fremantle using a market approach valuation without properly taking into consideration the public sector restrictions?	Due to the changes experienced in the construction industry, buildings were also revalued by way of a management valuation. Based on the building construction cost index published by the Australian Institute of Quantity surveyor (AIQS) the city's building portfolio was updated to reflect the relevant replacement cost for the components of city buildings. The indices are based on projects for buildings procured by competitive tender. 12 Quantity Surveying firms in Perth contribute their advice and data to the AIQS in compilation of the index. Noting that the subcomponents of a building remains the same regardless of the purpose of a building, On that basis, the increase due to revaluation for buildings of \$ 55.1M is accurate.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 22: Apart from Quarry St, what buildings, land, parks and carparks is the council intending to sell in the coming three to five years?	This is a decision that will require determination by council.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 23: Is the council intending to sell the Leisure Centre carpark?	This is a decision that will require determination by council.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 24: When will the incorrect YTD FY24 monthly accounts be updated for the increased multimillion dollar depreciation arising from the FY23 revaluation which significantly decreases operating results?	The Ordinary Council Meeting in February 2024 is the first opportunity to update the monthly financial statements following the adoption of the annual report and audited financial statements. Depreciation will be reflected in the January 2024 monthly financial statements provided in February.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 25: Note 22 of the financial report refers to a total \$3m loss in FY23 for the Resource Recovery Group investment, and given the withdrawal by Fremantle from this agreement and associated liabilities, would it have not been more accurate to write-down to \$nil the remaining \$2.3m carrying value in FY23?	The OAG estimated that the financial impact of potential changes in the RRG financial statement to that of the city's financial statement were insignificant. On that basis, the auditors agreed that an emphasis of matter note in the audit opinion is sufficient to close out the city's 2023 financial statement. Along with the note 24 of events occurring after the end of the reporting period.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 26: Given the auditor included an emphasis of matter paragraph in the audit report will the investment in the Resource Recovery Group carrying value now be written to \$nil in FY24?	As far as the city is aware the RRG financial matters are still to be resolved and the city will reflect future changes in the next years financial statements, once signed off by the OAG.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 27: Why is the \$3m investment loss and secretive significant variance to budget in FY23 not properly described in the council monthly financial updates and kept confidential?	As far as the city is aware the RRG financial matters are still to be resolved and the city will reflect future changes in the next years financial statements, once signed off by the OAG.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 28: As pointed out in prior years Fremantle fails to disclose Heritage Land and Heritage Buildings separately and loses meaningfulness to the readers of the financial report. So, asking yet again, why heritage assets are not shown separately and transparently in line with best practice in the Note 8 of the financial report to both highlight and showcase the heritage assets of Fremantle?	There is no statutory requirement to show heritage buildings separately and as such this has not been a priority, however the city is now considering this and will look at how it can be implemented in the future.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 1: What is the latest cost of the Kings Square project?	A full breakdown of costs associated with the Walyalup Koort/Walyalup Civic Centre Project is publicly available in the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 August 2022.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 2: How much of is it yet to be completed?	As per response to question 1.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 3: What is the estimated cost of to complete the Kings Square Project?	As per response to question 1.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 4: The Council's business plan was that the new civic centre was to make approximately \$900,000 annually, what is the actual revenue of the Kings Square business to date annually or year by year?	Two ground floor leases have been signed which generate 70K per annum in revenue. One of those leases is now open and operational the other will be open as at 1 July 2024 (fit out currently in process). The remaining space which is available to lease and currently being marketed via an externally appointed leasing agent is estimated to generate an additional \$544,950 per annum in line with current market expectations.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 5: What is the real total loss Resource Recovery Group to the city of Fremantle? Point 22 of the financial report refers to \$3 million loss in FY2023, given the withdrawal of East Fremantle this year, how much will this increase the operating loss for this facility and how much will this cost the rate payers?	The OAG estimated that the financial impact of potential changes in the RRG financial statement to that of the city's financial statement were insignificant. On that basis, the auditors agreed that an emphasis of matter note in the audit opinion is sufficient to close out the city's 2023 financial statement. Along with the note 24 of events occurring after the end of the reporting period. As far as the city is aware the RRG financial matters are still to be resolved and the city will reflect future changes in the next years financial statements, once signed off by the OAG.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 6: Why were the losses/next steps of the facility made confidential instead of opening discussing back in Mid 2023?	As per response to question 5.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 7: What other council properties/land are listed for sale in the coming 5 years?	This is a decision that will require determination by council.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 8: Is the Leisure Centre car park still for sale, and is the revenue for this sale listed in council documents or make up any part of future budgets?	This is a decision that will require determination by council.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Mark Woodcock	Question 9: When will the council properly establish the History library it promised to the rate payers?	An engagement process has just been concluded and options will be brought to council for consideration in the near future.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Ian Ker	Question 1: Referring to the statement on page 38 of the Annual Report being that 18,790 emails were received and responded to, 11,160 service requests were created for City business units to action, and the number of service requests was 2,740 fewer than the previous year; how many of the emails received were repeat emails, in response to problems or dissatisfaction with the 10-day delay, including the need for earlier responses?	The city does not have capacity to measure the amount of repeat emails or determine how many emails were regarding concerns about response times.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Ian Ker	Question 2: The Annual Report further states that satisfaction with the City's response to service requests was rated at 72%. How does this 28% level of non-satisfaction compare to previous years?	The average satisfaction level for service delivery over the last 5 financial years is 76%.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Ian Ker	Question 3: In relation to question 2, how does this 28% level of non-satisfaction compare to other local governments?	We are not aware of any other LGA's that measure satisfaction with regard to service requests. The standard measure for local governments is customer satisfaction with regard to customer service (front counter and phones).
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Ian Ker	Question 4: In relation to question 2, does the City of Fremantle regard this level of non-satisfaction to be satisfactory?	City of Fremantle target is 70% satisfaction for service delivery and 90% satisfaction for customer service. City of Fremantle exceeds these targets.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Ian Ker	Question 5: In relation to question 2, to what extent is the reduction in the number of service requests a result of a high level of dissatisfaction with the City's response to previous requests, in other words, have people given up?	The city does not have capacity to measure this.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Will Ody	Question 1: In relation to parks infrastructure on page 82 of the Annual Report, can you explain how parks can go from a valuation of \$9.6m in 2021 and increase in value by \$54m? What caused that massive increase?	During the financial year there were new assets to the value of \$2.8M added and existing parks assets increased in value due to revaluations of \$54M. Along with capitalisation of new assets to the value of \$4.2M and depreciation of (\$1.6M) the value of parks assets on 30 June 2023 is \$69.8M. Current market conditions have contributed towards an increase in values.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Cathy Gavranich	Question 1: Did the City question the independent valuers valuation of the parks infrastructure and the massive increase?	As part of the process, the City assesses the reports and works closely with the consultant to verify the information. The City will continue to verify the information throughout the next year as well as in line with market conditions.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Alan David Greenwood	Question 1: Why was the decision to change the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony date made by a non-elected "City administration" and to which executive body does this title refer?	In December 2022, the Department of Home Affairs announced an update to the Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code, removing the requirement for councils to hold Australia Day citizenship ceremonies on 26 January. The Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code sets out the requirements for conducting citizenship ceremonies in accordance with the Australian Citizenship Act 2007. Whilst the dates upon which to which schedule civic and community events does not require a council decision, Elected Members were informed of the scheduled date and no objections were raised.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 1: The Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries has recently undertaken a review, the Financial Better Practice review. Has the Council volunteered for an assessment and is there a report available from the department?	No.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 2: As a result of simplified financial reporting to commence from 1 July 2022, has the City implemented the changes as recommended by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG)?	Yes.
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 3: Has the City adopted a Rates and Revenue Policy to link the costs of service and maintenance of assets to the setting of Rates?	Rates increases are imposed in line with the operational/project requirements of the City for that year, as well as market conditions. Further information regarding the imposition of rates for the year ending June 30 2023 is available in the media release on the City's website below, as well as the budget report adopted by Council in June 2023. Fremantle budget focuses on the fundamentals City of Fremantle
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 4: Are the financial metrics reported on MyCouncil adjusted to reflect the underlying position of the City?	The My Council website is managed by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

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5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 5: As some of the matters that form the review will be passed in regulation, what is the City doing to prepare for this?	The City plans for and implements all legislative changes as per timelines required by the State Government.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 6: Has the City prepared for the new Model Financial Statements?	The City already utilises the model financial statement and implements any recommended changes to that model on an annual basis.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 7: Is the City preparing for the separation of waste rates from the general rate as will be required by 1 July 2024?	Yes.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 8: With regard to waste services, does the City have a plan for the future delivery of services, in-house or contracted services?	The City has recently concluded a review of its waste (collection and disposal) arrangements. It is anticipated that a report will be presented to Council with proposals in respect to services moving forward.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 9: As can be observed, the City trucks are old and possibly no longer fit of service. What system does the City have to determine if these trucks are no longer assets?	The city's fleet is included in the City's asset management plan and there is a fleet replacement strategy; funding requirements are included in the City's 10-year financial plan.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 10: What is the City doing to ensure that the waste services delivered are efficient and the City waste rates will be competitive?	This has been addressed in question 8.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	John Dowson	Question 11: What is the City doing to facilitate and manage fixed-interest loans to building owners undertaking environmental or heritage upgrades to their buildings?	The City does not currently have any programs it provides to financially support upgrades to heritage properties.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Craig Ross	Question 1: If we are asked to vote on Annual and Financial Reports, and we are asking legitimate questions, we expect a professional response. Will you answer my questions and other rate payers' questions much more seriously?	Yes.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1: Why can't the costs for the South Beach toilet and showers be consistent with other WALGA Councils, when recent examples are a third of that cost?	The City has undertaken an extensive engagement process with the community in respect to the place plan and the facilities required at South beach. The scope and quality of the change / toilet facilities tendered reflect those requirements.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2: In relation to the South Beach toilet and changerooms, why such expenditure on consultants and architects?	Consultant expenditure and commitments for the project are in line with industry and officer expectations.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3: In relation to question 2, who are these consultants and are there conflicts of interest reported?	The consultants include an architect, inc sub-consultant services and a quantity surveyor. There are no reported conflicts of interest.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Cathy Gavranich	Question 1: Am I correct in my understanding that the former Committee meeting structure gave the community the opportunity to discuss and debate critical issues before they went to a full Council meeting? If so, what benefit is it to the community to no longer have this platform to engage with Council decision making?	The ability for the community to engage in Council decision-making is essentially the same. Members of the community can raise questions and speak on items for the same amount of time – whether it was at a Committee or full Council. When there were Committees, there was only one Council meeting per month. Now there are two per month (to replace Committees).																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Helen Cox	Question 1: Can you please inform the citizens of our city what new regulations you (the Mayor) have implemented to improve the hygiene and cleanliness of our streets and public amenities; in particular sidewalks/walkways located in the West End, used by patrons of cafes and bars?	The City has adopted precinct approach to cleansing across the city; service levels for the CBD have been developed to provide a fast response to incidents whilst also maintaining a regular (daily) cleaning regime across the CBD area. Higher use / busy areas have a higher level of service (more intensive cleaning approach).																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Helen Cox	Question 2: Which regulations and policy guidelines are business owners required to meet to sustain the use of public street amenities?	Al fresco licenses are regulated through a Local Law and Al Fresco Policy. These include a requirement on the business to keep al fresco areas clean. All complaints about specific al fresco areas should be reported to the City so that appropriate action can be taken.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Helen Cox	Question 3: How often are business owners required to undertake the cleaning of City sidewalks outside their premises?	The regularity of cleaning is not specified.																		
5 February 2024	5 February 2024	Annual General Meeting of Electors	Helen Cox	Question 4: How often do Council employees or contractors conduct maintenance in the CBD area to ensure the highest of hygiene and safety is completed for the benefit of all residents, visitors, and tourists?	See response 1 above. Planned and responsive works and maintenance services are provided through the appropriate teams.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Chris Banasik	Question 1: Is there an updated timeline for the re-design and tendering of the South Beach Changeroom and Toilet Project?	The City is currently out seeking quotations for the works, the deadline for contractors to submit those is 5 March 2024. Following this, officers will go through an evaluation process, and we anticipate a report to come back to Council seeking approval for progression in April 2024.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Chris Banasik	Question 2: Has the cost of the recent construction of the six change huts and the landscaping of the demolition site, been deducted from the remaining approximately \$2.2 million dollar budget set aside for the construction of the new change rooms?	The six change huts will be funded through bought-forward funding, as they were part of a future phase of the South Beach plan, we have done this to facilitate the huts. The other maintenance of works and landscaping was dealt with through operation and maintenance budgets.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Chris Banasik	Question 3: If so, where are the extra funds to be sourced from to maintain the existing budget?	Please see above response.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Chris Banasik	Question 4: Has any thought been given to a community funding programme for part of the project (e.g. buy a brick)?	The City is not at that stage yet.																		
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 1: Please state the reasons why the City of Fremantle has cancelled the Easter High Street Markets without consultation?	Since returning from the three-year Covid hiatus, the festival team have been working really hard to maximise the curatorial impact of the street arts festival. The better the overall project is, the more audience we attract into Fremantle, and the greater the benefit is to all businesses. Some costs have gone up greatly, in particular, travel costs for interstate and international artists. Those artists are key to maintaining the national and international profile of the event. Also, unfortunately road closure costs have increased considerably after an announcement from Main Roads WA earlier this year. Our focus is on building the best program of artists that we possibly can, rather than allocating resources across other events within the festival and an ever-expanding festival footprint. All businesses are invited to apply for an extended trading permit, which means they can come out in front of their premise and trade on the street across the whole weekend.																		
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					Wilson Park remediation works are addressed through Parks Maintenance and are not part of the changeroom project. Current turf regeneration activities have been undertaken as part of the City's operations utilising internal staff assisted by a Contractor for approximately \$8,000. Costs for rubbish removal are accommodated through the waste service area – the approx. annual cost for this precinct is approx. \$20,000. The old toilet change facilities have been monitored through the building maintenance team over a period of time, costs for ongoing maintenance and inspections and reporting are accommodated through the City's maintenance budgets and are not part of the project cost or budget.
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Natalia Bozhanova	Question 1: We, the Artisan Store Fremantle, would like to know why Easter West End Markets were cancelled this year, considering the market was very successful in 2023 and that there is no additional work required for the Council to let us organise our traditional market with road closures already in place?	There is the opportunity for all the businesses along the street to come out in front of their own business and trade on that day. It was a programming decision to concentrate our resources on making the wider program, which attracts people to the City, the best we could possibly make it.
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 1: If the Council cares so much about trees, why don't you start with the CBD? Most trees have their root covered right up to the trunk, and if this is removed the trees would be much healthier and have an increased life expectancy.	City trees are inspected and maintained as part of the City's urban forest program, inclusive of town centre trees.
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	May-Ring Chen	Question 2: I have a pink pepper tree on my verge. It continuously sends out suckers, which need constant pruning. It is an invasive species and has reached the height of the powerline. Why does the Council refuse to remove it and replace it with a smaller native tree?	Pruning of street trees near power lines is undertaken in accordance with Australian Standards AS4373: Pruning of Amenity Trees and Guidelines for the Management of Vegetation near Power Lines (Government of Western Australia).
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elizabeth Megroz	Question 1: It is of concern that the responsibility/obligation of creating an increased canopy across the city seems to have been shifted away from the council to ratepayers. It is a given that vegetation in built up spaces requires regular maintenance. Irrespective of who carries out the maintenance, it is a major financial and ongoing commitment, as also acknowledged by the proposed financial incentive as a way to help offset the costs currently shouldered by a landowner. I refer to p. 123 C2402-10 TREES ON CITY OWNED OR MANAGED LAND POLICY the 'responsible management of trees' and that the 'property line pruning has been removed as a valid reason to prune City trees'. Can you provide a definition of 'responsible management of trees'?	The "Trees on City Owned or Managed Land Policy" states trees will be pruned as part of the City's program to: •clear the crown from interfering with overhead powerlines, electrical feeder lines to individual properties and other utilities. •remove branches that present an unacceptable risk to road or pedestrian traffic, buildings or structures. •improve aesthetic form and structural architecture. •remove dead, dying, damaged or pest/diseased impacted branches or abnormal growth.
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elizabeth Megroz	Question 2: Is it pruning off the entire canopy on the street side and leaving the remaining canopy on the other side to touch the power lines crossing private property of an already fragile tree?	Refer to the response for Question 1.
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elizabeth Megroz	Question 3: Is disregard for a property line a move to confiscate private land to accommodate the canopy of City owned trees, so that the City appears to be increasing tree canopy coverage, while not actually having to plant the trees as promised?	Refer to the response for Question 1.
14 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elizabeth Megroz	Question 4: Given that trees near buildings need regular pruning maintenance with regard to preventing costly maintenance works to roofs and gutters, and health and safety issues, and the fact that one is fined for pruning a City owned tree, can you advise and clarify what the practical and financial implications are for ratepayers, by covering all aspects that concern the removal of unwanted overhanging branches from City owned trees into private property?	Refer to the response for Question 1.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 1: (a) Is the City of Fremantle willing to consider adopting the City of Mandurah's approach to toilet block construction, including design and vendor selection, to achieve similar cost savings for ratepayers? Provide the reasons why you will adopt or reject the City of Mandurah model. (b) Given the City's assertion that consultant expenditure aligns with industry and officer expectations, give a breakdown of the costs to date, and for F2324 for the design and vendor can it be clarified why Mandurah achieved similar outcomes for \$35,000 while Fremantle's costs differ?	(a) The scope, size and quality of the changeroom/toilet facilities at South Beach have been developed through significant consultation with the community. The City's project proposal reflects the requirements of the community; the budget and the cost of the works reflect this. (b) A detailed response with this information has been provided (page 20) of responses to previous public questions taken on notice, in the Council Agenda for 28 February 2024. The Mandurah toilet project is of a different scale and scope, and is not considered to be a similar outcome.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 2: The City response to my second question from the Annual Electors meeting was "Consultant expenditure and commitments for the project are in line with industry and officer expectations." If this is so, then how can the City of Mandurah using similar industry expectations not be able to do for a similar amount of \$35,000? What is it with the City of Fremantle officer expectations that are so different to that of Mandurah and the expectations of the ratepayers?	The City is satisfied that the expenditure and commitments are appropriate for a facility of this size and nature. The Mandurah toilet project is of a different scale and scope, and is not considered to be a similar outcome.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 3: The City of Mandurah accomplished similar project objectives for \$35,000 while adhering to comparable industry expectations. State reasons why the City of Fremantle cannot deliver similar costs for a comparative build. What makes the City of Fremantle unique?	As per response to question 1.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 4: Please provide the names, and roles of the consultants, architects, and quantity surveyors involved in addressing the inquiry from my third question at the Annual Electors meeting?	The City does not release consultant / third party information or their contact details.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Andrew Luobikis	Question 5: On 12 December 2023 at 3:54pm, the City of Fremantle was presented with a summons by The Greater Fremantle Community and Business Association to attend Fremantle Magistrates Court 10 January 2024 at 9:30am. (a) Why and what reasons did the CEO and the City have in not attending on this day? (b) Was a confidential meeting held to discuss this summons with was a decision made for Councillor Williamson Wong to show up with intentions as an interested party and is she being assisted by the City?	This process relates to the WA Electoral Commission and does not involve the City of Fremantle.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Question 1: In regard to the review for the cancellation of the Westend Weekender event, can you please advise: (a)Who conducted the review? (b)What data was utilised to compile the review? (c)Which High Street businesses were consulted? (d) What was the Executive Summary of the review?	(a) Staff from the Business Engagement and Festivals Team. (b) Feedback from businesses on High St within the road closure from the 2023 Festival and staff feedback including a review of the event budget, staffing allocations and communications, and Culture Counts audience survey. (c)Businesses were visited prior to the 2023 festival seeking feedback on the artisan market. In the last month staff have visited businesses in the High St road closure twice seeking further feedback on the artisan market and gauging interest in taking up the city's offer of extended trading permits for their own businesses. (d)The City has made a commitment to all businesses in the event road closure to allow them to trade with an ETP if they wish too and the set up is suitable for a festival environment. FISAF is in a re-build phase post the covid interrupted years and the City is focusing its resources on artist programming and a business engagement strategy to foster long term relationships with the festival across more businesses in a way that is fair and equitable for years to come.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 1: What do you mean by maximising our curatorial budget? What is the curatorial budget?	This relates to budget allocated towards artists and programming.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 2: How can you suggest the overall event will be better by cancellation of such a successful initiative, particularly one that has fostered such a strong sense of community among the west end businesses?	The City allows all businesses to extend in to and trade in the road closure area via the standard extended trading permit (ETP) process. FISAF is in a re-build phase following the impacts of COVID in prior years and the City is focusing its resources on artist programming and broader business engagement in order to grow the event.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 3: How could this decision be a greater benefit to all businesses when it negatively affects an entire street full of businesses, a couple of which when combined represent over 200 local artists?	As per response to question 2.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 4: How does the considerable increase in Main Roads closure costs transfer to Council costs and can we please be provided with these details?	Traffic management and road closure costs come directly out of the festival event budget.

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28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 5: What did you mean by rather than allocating resources across other events within the festival, when this event comes to no cost to Council and the street will already be closed?	In 2023 Festival staff spent more than 50 hours facilitating the West End Weekender in addition to the event delivery itself. This included specific tasks related to setting up the market such as: •Coordination with Ms Mitchell's and other businesses; •Liaising with key stakeholders (Police, DFES, Community Safety, Environmental Health etc.); •Coordinating traffic management and providing safe access for stallholders, including providing a dedicated Event Marshall for the market. The city is responsible for safety and activity within the road closure; •Providing reserved parking bays to stallholders on Pakenham Street; •Extending private security to stallholders who left their infrastructure in place overnight; •A tow truck fee for abandoned vehicle
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 6: Please provide evidence of Council funds and resources that have been allocated to this event in the past?	As per response to question 5.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 7: What did you mean by rather than allocating resources to an expanding festival footprint, when in next sentence you said that all businesses have been invited to apply for an extended licence to trade outside their premises? How does this invitation decrease the Festival footprint?	An expanding festival footprint refers to the perimeter of the road closure and the 'pitch' (performance sites) located across the city. The City allows all businesses on the street to extend in to and trade in the road closure area via the standard extended trading permit (ETP) process.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 8: The City is funding International Street Arts Festival in light of Fremantle Council's stance on Climate change. Could you please justify the carbon footprint of this Festival?	A number of council policies are in place to ensure environmental impacts associated with any major event are mitigated.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Natalia Bozhanova	Question 1: Was the Artisan Store conducted in community consultation?	The Artisan store was engaged and corresponded with multiple times throughout the process.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Natalia Bozhanova	Question 2: What can local businesses do to reduce the cost for conducting Westend Weekender event?	There is no cost for non-hospitality traders to conduct business in front of their outlets as part of an approved ETP. Local businesses may wish to seek sponsorship from partners and participating businesses who are interested in running the event.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 1: Seeing the markets have been such a success and no cost to the Council, why have they been cancelled?	The City allows all businesses to extend in to and trade in the road closure area via the standard extended trading permit (ETP) process. FISAF is in a re-build phase following the impacts of COVID in prior years and the City is focusing its resources on artist programming and broader business engagement in order to grow the event.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 2: The rich heritage of the West End is one of the main reasons that live, work in and visit Fremantle, so why would Council want to close off access to this, by cancelling the markets when many visitors are visiting Fremantle?	As per response to question 1.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 3: Business owners and staff say that Easter is their best trading weekend of the year, due to the markets of the past years, so why would you want to stop this extra trade, by cancelling the markets?	As per response to question 1.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 4: What businesses were visited in the sample survey? Why was they Artisan store not visited during the survey?	Businesses were visited prior to the 2023 festival seeking feedback on the artisan market. In the last month staff have visited businesses in the High St road closure twice seeking further feedback on the artisan market and gauging interest in taking up the city's offer of extended trading permits for their own businesses.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Given that Victoria Hall was bought and restored by the ratepayers and meant to be used by the community, when will this national treasure be offered to interested/proven business/community enterprises to tender for, in return for a reasonable rent to the ratepayers, before it is proposed to be flogged off by this council and the City administration of Fremantle?	If a proponent is interested in leasing the property they can express interest in doing so via the expression of interest process that council have agreed to.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Why is the valuation and its author a confidential matter, not to be disclosed to the ratepayers who funded this asset in the first place?	It is standard practice that valuations remain confidential in the lead up to a potential sales process, as not to prejudice any potential future negotiation for the sale of the property.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Does the Fremantle Council, who has leased the space since 2021, pay also a peppercorn rent for the Victoria hall? What do they pay in rent?	The City of Fremantle owns the property and therefore does not pay rent. The organisation currently occupying the hall pays a peppercorn rent and holds a license for the premises for a 12-month period.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1: Can the City please advise how many millions have been spent on the Kings Square project since then (2022)?	Expenditure relating to the Walyalup Civic Centre building from 2022 onwards has included: -General maintenance expenditure as per the adopted budget. -\$187,000 for upgrades to tenancies as part of lease requirements for new tenants as per the adopted budget. -\$364,000 relating to outstanding Pindan contract works funded through contract retentions from the original WCC project budget.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2: Can the City please advise how does a question asked at OCM in February 24 about a current ongoing unfinished development warrant an answer from 24 August 2022?	See response 1 above.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: What, if any, community consultation the City of Fremantle envisage with regards to the current disposal of Victoria Hall?	The City will undertake any consultation that is considered appropriate in line with the outcome of the initial expression of interest process.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: In regard to the South Beach Changerooms: 1.What changes were made to the Specifications? 2.When and by whom were the changes approved? 3. Was there any Council or community input to these changes?	The tendered proposal was developed by officers through engagement with the community; the design was further refined and developed following the schematic design report to Council. Increased changing areas / facilities were included via a CEO working group which involved representative Councillors and members of the community. This proposal was subsequently tendered.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Gary Adams	Question 1: (a)As it is unlikely that the owners will comply with the orders, what will be done in the meantime to secure the property and prevent access from both the front and the back? (b)As per the report, in 2016, the City previously issued building orders for this property that required the reinstatement of our shared driveway and parking area at the back. The work was not undertaken until 2021. What timeframe will the City give the owners to comply this time before prosecuting commences?	City Officers are in regular communication with Police and our community safety officers attend the site on a regular basis. The City is also in contact with the owners and we will continue the dialogue on the condition of the site and seek their cooperation in having it secured. Officers have also undertaken repairs to the front gate on a regular basis further to unlawful trespassing. In relation to the timeframe of the Building Order –12 months would be reasonable for the order to be complied with given the size of the building and demolition. If the Order is not complied with, Council has the ability to prosecute, which has been delegated to the CEO in part 2 of the Officers recommendation.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Donna Ayriss	Question 1: Will Council consider an additional recommendation that the owners keep the site secure and free of rubbish, squatters and debris and ongoing maintenance should the demolition occur?	Yes, this can be a condition of the building order.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Donna Ayriss	Question 2: Could we be consulted about future items coming to Council so that we have an opportunity to attend and make presentations on items?	Yes.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1: Will Council investigate ways to have 195 High Street valued as a future, significant tourist asset, given the magnificent tree, the story of the Phantom Planter who planted it and the rare pre gold rush villa he built on the same site?	This suggestion has been noted.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 2: (a)Will Council put together a brief that emphasises the values of Victoria Hall and Town Hall and invite the Minister of Arts to tour both properties with a view that the Government fund their restoration and help with maintaining the assets? (b)What grant applications have been made for securing funds for Victoria Hall and Town Hall?	The City is currently in discussion with State Government regarding opportunities for investment in to arts and culture related facilities in Fremantle such as the Town Hall.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Dr Robert Dobson	Question 1: Will Council consider looking closely at how effective radar would be in deterring Bats from the launchpad driving range.	Radar systems on golf courses are designed for low power use and are active only briefly when tracking golf balls. This intermittent exposure produces EMF levels significantly below thresholds considered to have any adverse effects on health, including that of wildlife such as bats. International bodies, such as the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) and the World Health Organization (WHO), have established guidelines that ensure EMF emissions from various sources, including radar systems, are within safe limits. These guidelines are based on extensive research and are designed to protect all living beings, ensuring minimal impact on bats and other wildlife. While specific research on the impact of EMF from golf course radar systems on bats is limited, the broader scientific consensus, backed by rigorous international guidelines, provides strong reassurance that any impact is minimal.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 1: Did Councillors follow due process in cancelling this procedure regarding the placing of the tree from a private property on the significant tree register at this time?	Further clarification is required in order to respond to this question. Officers will contact the Cattalini family for clarification.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 2: Was there a Council Quorum at the 14 February meeting when Council voted and endorsed report C2402-5?	Yes.

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28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 3: When is a Quorum a Quorum? Can you please advise if this is now the precedence for the City of Fremantle decision making process and you will revoke decisions when all Councillors are not present or a larger cohort be of more benefit?	The quorum for a meeting of a council is at least 50% of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of members of the council. The rescission of decisions is not taken lightly and will not become the norm when all Councillors have not been present at a meeting.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 4: Is it the City of Fremantle intention to stop development on sites around Fremantle and to make it more difficult to take any action?	No.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 5: (a) In receiving the Petition has the Council, as according to their drafting a Petitions procedure dealt under part 5.15 of the City's meeting procedures been followed? (b) Can you please confirm as stated in the Petition, have we put in a proposal for the proposed demolition of the tree? (c) Is the Council bias and being led by an incorrect and misleading petition, along with signatures on it? (d) Please confirm on these grounds of this misleading and incorrect information on the Petition, if the Council will be accepting it?	(a) Yes (b) No proposal to remove the tree has been put forward at this time. (c) This question is considered to be rhetorical. (d) Council received the petition and officers will consider if any further action is required.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 6: Given that the demolition potential of the property is reduced by approximately 50% due to the tree and heritage house retention, it is only fitting that Council allow for doubling of plot ratio for the site?	Should the owner or any future developer seek to increase the development potential of the site via a plot ratio increase, they would be required to lodge an application to amend the Local Planning Scheme for consideration.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 7: Also given that the root locations, etc underground parking would be problematic and therefore car park relaxation would also be appropriate?	Car parking variations are considered on a case-by-case basis.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 8: Can the Mayor please provide us with a copy of the advice reasoning why the Morton Bay Fig tree could not be removed and transplanted to Walyalup Koort which outlines that the extensive root system would make it impossible?	The City received verbal advice that a number of trees were unsuitable because of their root system to transplant to Walyalup Koort.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 9: Why was this information not taken into consideration when Council officers made their recommendation on our application to remove the tree from the Significant Tree Register? Is this an indication of bias by the Council?	As the proposal was to remove the tree from the Register with no formal proposal to transplant the tree, this was not relevant to the report.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 10: Can the Mayor advise why the resolution to remove the tree from the register has not been implemented?	The minutes of the 14 February 2024 OCM were not published until the 22 February. A motion to rescind the decision was foreshadowed at the start of the following week and it was decided to wait for the outcome before actioning any resolution.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 11: Can the Mayor advise if any other Motions from the Council meeting on 14 February 2024 have not been implemented?	The minutes of the 14 February 2024 OCM were not published until the 22 February and the implementation timeframe for each motion may vary depending on the action required.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 12: Can the Mayor advise the usual length of implementation of a resolution after a Council meeting and the minutes are posted?	There are no set times for the implementation of a resolution, though typically City officers will not implement a resolution until the unconfirmed minutes of the Council meeting have been published, however, the timeframe for implementation of council decisions may vary depending on the action required.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 13: Can the Mayor advise the timeframe of implementation of a resolution as required by the Act and the regulations?	As per response to question 12.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 14: Can the Mayor advise if posting of the Minutes does or does not constitute advertisement?	Publication of minutes would not constitute advertisement. There are separate regulated processes for the advertisement of proposals and public notice of determinations.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 15: Mayor you stated on 6PR and the Herald that the City does not have a policy that allows it to list trees on private property where the landowner does not give consent – since making this statement what Policy has appeared?	No new policy has been created. Notwithstanding, Council may rescind a decision. In this instance, rescission of the decision to remove the fig tree from the Register would have the effect that it had not been removed from the Register, meaning that owner's consent would not be required.
28 February 2024	28 February 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	The Cattalini Family	Question 16: Can you please advise, based on the reasons for the Motion, when a Quorum is not a Quorum?	A quorum for a meeting of a council is not achieved when fewer than 50% of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of members of the council are not in attendance.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 1: Would Council please itemise the key factors which lead to the cancellation of the Weekend Easter Markets for 2024?	A review was conducted post the 2023 FISAF event and the decision was made to concentrate staffing efforts and resources on the 2024 artist programming and allowing all businesses equal opportunity to trade via an Extended Trading Permit (ETP).
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 2: Would Council please also provide the data that supports these key factors?	Data referenced was gathered from feedback from businesses on High St within the road closure from the 2023 Festival and staff feedback including a review of the event budget, staffing allocations and communications, and Culture Counts audience survey.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 3: Would Council please provide the data collated on Council's 2 visits to the High Street businesses, in the last month, seeking further feedback about the cancellation, gauging interest in the 2024 event and businesses taking up the City's offer of extended trading permits?	Please see above. Data collected is provided anonymously and collated for internal use.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 4: This year did anyone from Council engage face to face with Rowena Mitchell, to talk to her about the event cancellation and reasons for it, before it was cancelled? And work on a solution with her, to promote business along High Street on the Easter weekend 2024, so that it is fair and equal for all businesses and so that it is a win/win outcome for everyone?	Staff communicated to Rowena via email to explain the City's decision and offer access to an ETP and suggest alternative funding for the markets.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Lyn Wicks	Question 5: Why doesn't Council want to support these businesses by including their Easter Market event in the Fremantle International Street Arts Festival? Please clearly explain what was so wrong with this event over the past 7 years, for Council to cancel it this year?	The market event has changed over recent years, with interruptions due to Covid and a change in focus of the markets from the original event plan and footprint. The City is committed to offering the opportunity to all traders to apply for an ETP to trade during the festival.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 1: Could you please explain how the cancellation of the Westend Weekender contributes to "improving the overall FISAF event"?	A review was conducted post the 2023 FISAF event and the decision was made to concentrate staffing efforts and resources on the 2024 artists programming elements and allowing all businesses equal opportunity to trade via an Extended Trading Permit (ETP).
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 2: Please clarify how the Westend Weekender affects the "rebuild" of FISAF?	Please see above.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 3: Please provide the total curatorial budget, as well as the festival programming budget?	The City's adopted operational budget for FISAF artist payments, accommodation and travel is \$131,006.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 4: Please provide an itemisation of the costs for the national and international artists, including airfares, accommodation and any additional costs?	Please see above.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 5: Please provide information on what measures have been implemented by the City to mitigate the environmental impact associated with major events to date, as well as the specific measures implemented to mitigate the environmental impacts of the International airfares generated by FISAF over the years?	The City adheres to the City of Fremantle Sustainable Events Policy
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 6: Please provide a copy of the Main Roads communications in regards to the "considerable increase in costs" for road closures in 2024?	Please see link to the website, with an information sheet and supporting documents. Changes to the Traffic Management Company Registration Scheme Main Roads Western Australia
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 7: It is my understanding that if an announcement is made in early 2024, it would not take effect until July 21st. Is that correct?	The announcement was published in October 2023, to be implemented between that date to July 2024.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Cathy Gavranich	Question 8: Could you please provide more information on the towing of a vehicle mentioned in the answer provided to my questions at the previous council meeting?	All traffic management companies are to ensure they meet the new requirements conditions that include the increase in salaries and updating employment conditions. A tow truck was called to tow a vehicle left in the event area. The vehicle was eventually moved but the tow truck fee still applied.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Question 1: Who were the individuals responsible for the decision to cancel the Westend Weekender?	Directors, Managers and operational staff from the Creative Arts and Community Directorate and the City Business Directorate.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Question 2: Can we meet with the decision makers to have a conversation?	Yes, there will be an event wide business de-brief meeting post the 2024 festival, in addition to this staff can meet with you as an individual business owner.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Question 3: How do we get the Westend Weekender reinstated?	The City has made the decision not to proceed with the market for the 2024 festival.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Is it the case that questions asked by electors in person during official question time are required to be answered in the chamber at the time?	In accordance with Section 5.24(2) of the Local Government Act 1995 and Regulation 7(1) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the procedure for asking and responding to questions is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting. Therefore, the Mayor as the presiding member, may choose to take questions on notice or ask an officer to respond to the question in the meeting.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: I note the outcome of the motion of the receipt of the Annual Report, moved by Cr Doug Thompson and Seconded by Cr Jennifer Archibald from the floor (as electors), was that it was not accepted by the electors for the 4th year, the matter remains unresolved, and As such were voted for by all councillors in an enbloc process, as a mere "includes 19", without any verbal/visual reference to the item, and Having observed that not one single elected member had anything to say to 44 questions in relation to the annual report, 21 general questions and 13 motion raised, State how this conduct is in accordance with the spirit of the legislated Local Government Act of dealing with all decisions made at the AGME?	The Meeting Procedures Policy provides that reports to council may be voted "en bloc" if the meeting determines there is no debate required or questions to be asked on these items.

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13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Has the officer the authority to act on behalf of elected members?	Officers author reports to council with recommendations, the role of the Council is to consider these recommendations and accept, amend or modify the recommendations as they determine.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: In relation to the Officer's recommendation to confirm the minutes dated the 28 February 2024, state on what grounds the officer is justified in recommending these minutes be confirmed? • in fact the heading and a question that I presented were reedited and recorded incorrectly and in error, also • some 250 words (the entire context) in relation to my questions regarding Victoria Hall were excluded from the minutes, and • there is no record in the minutes that live-streaming was turned off during mine and other people's presentations, and • acceptance of minutes and considerations of motions from the AGME as presented in the minutes is false, as in fact it was a mere utterance of "includes 19" without naming the item, tagged on to en bloc voting. • the outcome of the motion of the receipt of the Annual Report (that is, it was not accepted by the electors for the 4th year) remains unresolved, and excluded as a motion from the current minutes?	Minutes of meetings are not a verbatim record, questions are summarised as provided for under the Local Government Act.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 1: During the last Council meeting, any reference to the Annual General Meeting of Electors was noted with Number 19, no name or title and subsequently voted upon by Councillors and Mayor Fitzhardinge " En Bloc". Are these actions considered to be appropriate and do they "pass the pub test" by employees acting in good faith on behalf of the Fremantle City Council?	As per response to Ms Megroz above.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 1: During a meeting with the Mayor, CEO and Director of Planning, the Director of Planning stated that the tree at 195 High Street had been placed on the Significant Tree Register prior to the adoption of LPP2.23, meaning the condition to notify the owners and occupiers of the place where a tree is located was not applicable. Is the above statement by the Director of Planning correct?	These responses will be provided to you in writing before the next Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on 10 April 2024 and will be tabled in the Agenda of that meeting.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 2: Can the Mayor advise by what mechanism the tree at 195 High Street was placed on the Significant tree register prior to the adoption of LPP2.23 on the 27/02/2019?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 3 Can the Mayor advise the date that the Moreton Bay Fig Tree located at 195 High Street was placed on the register?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 4 Can the Mayor advise if the Community Engagement carried out by the City through its Officers or any other means with regards to LPP2.23 between 06/11/2018 and 04/12/2018 met all the requirements as prescribed in LPS4 Clause 13(A)?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 5 Can the Mayor advise if all the occupiers of 195 High Street were contacted by the City through its Officers or any other means as prescribed in LPS4 clause 13(a) during the Community Engagement for LPP2.23 carried out between 06/11/2018 and 04/12/2018?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 6 If the Mayor can confirm that all occupiers were contacted by the City through its Officers or any other means as per question 5, can the Mayor provide evidence confirming the contact?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 7 Can the Mayor please advise if the occupiers of 195 High Street were given notice by the City through its Officers or any other means of the adoption of resolution SPD1902-3 as passed on 27/02/2019?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tony Cattalini	Question 8 If the Mayor can confirm that all the occupiers were given notice as per question 7? Can the Mayor provided evidence confirming the contact?	Refer to response 1.
13 March 2024	27 March 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: The following question in relation to South Beach Toilets was not captured at the 28 February 2024 meeting therefore is asking it again. What changes were made in January 23 and hence in the tenders advertised in October 23 to the schematic design presented to council on 26 October 2022 and what further changes were in the revised tenders that closed in February 2024?	Following Council approval of the schematic design in October 2022, the following changes have been made to the design, in consultation with the CEO Reference Group: 1.The changing room layout was revised to provide a mix of open and enclosed showers, increased bench space and the facility was widened approximately 300mm to improve internal circulation. Privacy and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design was to be further developed through the Design Development phase. 2.The location of the Changing Place facility was tested and the Reference Group preferred it to be attached to the change facility. The legibility and access to the Changing Place facility was to be confirmed through Design Development with input from 'lived experience' facilitated by Community Development. 3.To increase gender-inclusive facilities accessible from the breezeway and add additional peak capacity one universal accessible family room was split in to two universal accessible toilets. This was supported by the incorporation of urinals in the men's bathroom space. 4.The desire to improve circulation in and around the hand basin while prioritising bench space was addressed. 5.The roof design achieved the requirements for natural light, ventilation and functional requirements. 6.The development of landscape and civil works design should provide informal meeting places suitable for a range of weather conditions (sheltered, open, shady, sunny etc.) and provision of sufficient foot wash and shower amenities located logically near the facility and path from the beach. The revised schematic design (as noted above) was used for the tender process in 2023 and the recent RFQ process that was undertaken. The contractors that were engaged as part of the RFQ process, were also given an opportunity to provide an alternative proposal that maintains quality and a value proposition within the allocated budget.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Response 1: How can we address the lack of action from the Council and ensure our voices are heard?	This question is taken as rhetorical.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Question 2: When can we expect a review and meeting to discuss the Westend Weekender and work a way forward?	Director Creative Arts and Community has corresponded via email with you to set up this meeting.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Rowena Mitchell	Questions 3: How can we get our council to engage on matters important to the local community?	This question is taken as rhetorical.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Cole	Question 1: What is the audited total project cost of the Walyalup Civic Centre?	This has been previously answered, please refer to the minutes from Council Meeting 24 August 2022
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Cole	Question 2: Why did you not consider remediation or fixing the amount of "concrete cancer" as a cost-effective option?	The condition of the South Beach toilets had been assessed as poor and there were a number of maintenance issues; this, coupled with the remediation works required to rectify the "concrete cancer" found within the building, concluded remediation was not considered to be a cost-effective option.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Cole	Questions 3: Who in Council decided to demolish and replace the toilets instead of remediating?	Demolition and replacement of the building was considered as part of the South Beach Place Plan and subsequent design of the new South Beach change facilities, which included extensive consultation with the South Beach Place Plan Reference Group. The reference group included participants from various community stakeholder groups. As noted in the report to Council on the 26 October 2022 (Council Minutes - 26 October 2022), due to the poor condition of the building, demolition and replacement of the building was considered to be the most viable option.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Cole	Question 4: Why did the public not hear that there was another option to remediate?	As per the response to question 2 and 3.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sarah Cole	Question 5: Can the Mayor confirm or deny that the ratepayers are paying the Hammond Legal fees of Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong's legal representation in the election challenge?	The City is not currently paying any legal fees for Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Given it is legislated that the matters to be discussed at an AGME, before anything else, are the contents of the annual report, and given the annual report - having been rejected for the 4th time at the AGME - remains with neither a consideration by council nor a reference as a motion in the minutes of the 28 February 2024 (a mere note in the minutes of the 5 February 2024 p. 14, not worthy of commenting!), explain the reasons why this motion was treated in such a dismissive manner?	The Mayor advised this question was asked at the Council meeting on 13 March 2024. The response can be viewed in the Council Agenda for the meeting held on 27 March 2024.

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27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Given that live-streaming of 3/7 meetings did not live up to the minimum requirements of enabling people to actively watch and listen, explain the reasons why the meetings were unable to be broadcast according to the regulations as would be required from 1 January 2025?	The CEO responded advising the Act will require the City to provide live streaming as of 1 January 2025. The City has been experiencing some technical difficulties with the system and is working towards resolving these issues. This may require the City to upgrade the system and AV equipment in the chamber.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Questions 3: What was the 'improvised' recording as would be required from 1 January 2025?	As stated in response above, the review of the system is currently being undertaken and will be finalised before the required date.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: What is the cost of the livestreaming service to the ratepayers?	There are no costs associated with the livestreaming service to ratepayers at this point in time. The costs associated with upgrading the system and equipment is unknown at this stage.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: Again, the minutes from the 13 March 2024 to be confirmed tonight will be repeating the practice of including incorrect statements as well as omissions. I strongly object to the publishing of anything that is not in accordance with what I/others said or did, as it impedes transparency and accountability. Advise to whom I should direct my formal objections to the above matter, since you ignored my concerns?	The Minutes of a Council meeting is not a verbatim record of the meeting and is recorded in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6: You referred to the LG Act. There is no reference to questions on notice in the act. The minutes as presented, read as if the questions were responded to directly at the meetings. Clarify how the Act relates to questions on notice, and why do minutes not state when questions were taken on notice at meetings?	The procedure for public question time is dealt with in the City's Meeting Procedures Policy. As outlined in the City's Policy, 'A question may be taken on notice by council or committee for later response'. Questions taken on notice at a Council Meeting will be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting in which they were asked and a response to the questions will be provided in the Agenda of the next Council meeting, under the section "Responses to previous questions taken on notice".
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 1: Will item C2402-19 of the Annual General Meeting of Electors be revisited and the motion tabled in chamber at the 10th April 2024 Council Meeting for the consideration of each motion and question by elected members and be followed by a vote?	Mayor advised there is no mechanism under the Act for any item to come back given that we have already dealt with it.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Request that the recommendation tonight be modified to make signing of a contract be subject to final approval of the design and specifications including materials and timelines by Council and a requirement to actively inform the community of timelines and progress?	This question was taken as rhetorical to be considered by Council during debate on the item.
27-Mar-24	10-Apr-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Request that the recommendation tonight be modified to make signing of a contract be subject to final approval of the design and specifications including materials and timelines by Council and a requirement to actively inform the community of timelines and progress?	This question was taken as rhetorical to be considered by Council during debate on the item.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Stacey Cattalini-Towne	Question 1: After a prolonged delay, we now have incomplete responses to questions raised at the OCM on 13 March 2024. According to staff, delays in getting our responses were blamed on the need for further investigation. We asked 8 questions on 13 March 2024 but only one has been satisfactorily answered. Please advise why the additional delays were required when they achieved no further outcomes or responses other than creating some obstruction to our family taking further action?	While we understand that the family is seeking answers, the City is undertaking a thorough investigation of the process to ensure all answers provided are correct as well as can be determined. There are no remaining staff members that were part of the process in 2018/2019. This means we are relying on the records in the City's system and then cross-checking it against other data. Once the investigation is complete, responses will be provided to the Catalini family in relation to any matters related to the questions where the response referred to the investigation.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Stacey Cattalini-Towne	Question 2: Local Planning Scheme No. 4 requires the Council to notify all owners and occupiers of a place where a tree is proposed to be included in the Significant Tree Register. The landowner has no record of correspondence being received regarding this initial proposal, nor the occupiers of 195 High Street. Can you please confirm if the City followed their own requirements of Local Planning Scheme No. 4 by notifying the occupiers of 195 High Street when creating the Significant Tree Register, or not?	This is one of the questions that will be provided at the conclusion of the investigation identified in question 1 above, and this advice has already been provided to Mr Tony Catalini.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 1: Local Planning Scheme No. 4 requires the Council to notify all owners and occupiers of a place once a tree has been included in the Significant Tree Register. The occupiers of 195 High Street were not notified that tree was determined to be listed on the register, as was required by LPS4. Can you please confirm if the City followed their own requirements of Local Planning Scheme No. 4 by notifying the occupiers of 195 High Street when the Significant Tree Register had been created, or not?	Please refer to the response to question 2 from Stacey Cattalini-Towne above.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 2: We believe that the Council did not carry out the procedure as required under the provisions of its own Local Planning Scheme No. 4 in creating the Significant Tree Register. Please confirm if this is the case?	Please refer to the response to question 2 from Stacey Cattalini-Towne above.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 3: Is the City aware that when a procedure outlined in a provision under a local planning scheme is not followed, that the outcome has no statutory effect and is null and void?	The City is aware of the need to follow statutory requirements and the outcome of not following process.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 4: LPP 2.23 clearly states that trees will not be placed on the Significant Tree register without the landowner's consent. This consent was not given. Can you please confirm that you have received legal advice to suggest that the landowner's permission was not required?	The City is not required to not generally shares its legal advice on matters and will not do so on this matter.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 5: Is the City aware and concerned, as the Mayor quite rightly commented at Council Meeting on 20 February 2024, that listing significant trees and vegetation without private landowner permission will encourage the removal of trees and vegetation that would have otherwise likely remained?	The City does not generally make comment on general debate commentary from Council meeting discussion.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 1: We are aware that the occupiers of 195 High Street were not notified of the proposed or final decision to list the Moreton Bay Fig tree on the Significant Tree Register. The Council is also aware of this. Why is the City refusing to be open, honest, upfront, and transparent by admitting to this?	As per the response to the previous council meeting query, the City is investigating the process undertaken in 2018/19 and the process for notification. A response will be provided when the investigation is complete.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 2: Is it true that the trees located on the park adjacent to 195 High Street are infected by the Polyphagous Shothole Borer, which is highly contagious and for which there is no remedy, and are to be removed over the coming weeks?	The City has been notified there are a number of trees in Queens Square which have been infected and we've been liaising with the relevant state government agency (DPIRD) in respect to when and how these will be addressed.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: What is the total cost of running an OCM, covering all elected members, all admin personnel present, and absolutely every other aspect that requires payment, for example catering, parking, serviced vehicles, travel allowances, childcare, and so on?	Note 13 of the 2023/24 budget identifies the costs associated with payments to elected members for the year. This comes to \$603,000. The City also has a catering budget of \$40,000. Generally, any other costs are incidental to the meeting and required for general operations of the City.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Livestreaming/recording was resolved to be implemented in the new Civic Centre at the AGME on 9 March 2020, where the first OCM was held on 15 Dec 2021. Is it reasonable that after 2 years in this new 20 plus million more than budgeted building, that ratepayers have to put up with 'technical difficulties' in livestreaming/recording?	Livestreaming will be compulsory for all Local Governments from the 1st of January 2025. The City have been livestreaming since occupation of the Walyalup Civic Centre. The system in place now will require an upgrade to meet requirements from 1 January 2025.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Who is funding the livestreaming and recording arrangements, if not ratepayers?	This is considered to be rhetorical.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: What were the considerations made at the OCM on 28 Feb 2024 by Council in relation to the motion of the rejection of the Annual Report?	A report on the AGM was included in the agenda of the Ordinary Council meeting for 28 February 2024. This report was provided for council consideration.
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: To whom specifically will I formally address my grave concerns about your published minutes?	There is information on the website regarding complaints Feedback and complaints City of Fremantle
10 April 2024	24 April 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Will Fremantle Council follow the lead of the City of Nedlands Council and appoint an independent forensic auditor to identify, and where possible, correct the many errors, inconsistencies, and other problems that have been identified by community members over recent years in the Annual Report/s?	No. The City of Fremantle, like all local governments, is independently audited by the Office of the Auditor General. The City has received unqualified audit reports from the OAG since this process began. It is not considered that there is a credible need to undertake further analysis beyond any matters raised by the OAG in its assessments. The City has also been identified by the Department of Local Government as having improved its Financial Health Indicator (FHI) to a rating of 94.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Is the construction budget now more than one of the original tenders? If so, why was that tender not revisited?	Yes, there was an increase in budget which was reported to Council on the 27th of March 2024.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Were both original tenderers given equal opportunity to respond to the recast tender specifications? If not, why not?	Our approach was detailed in the report to Council on the 27th of March 2024. Request for quotations did not include both original contractors, and the specifications and scope of the tender did not change in the recast tender.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3: Why has the construction time increased from the original estimate of 6 months to 12 months?	The construction timeline has not increased to 12 months, this report (C2404-13) references provisional dates and touches on site possession in June and completion early 2025.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 4: How did ICS demonstrate meeting the 'relevant experience' and 'key personnel, skills and resources' criteria?	All proposals were scored in accordance with the City's procurement policy, which was detailed in the report to Council on the 27th of March 2024.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 5: What similar projects (ablation block; exposed coastal location) is the City of Fremantle aware of that have successfully used Recycled Concrete Aggregate for the main structure?	The City can confirm that officers have researched materials and their use in coastal locations, and equally the contractor has experience in using recycled concrete on projects.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 6: Does 'no reduction in building footprint' relate to external or internal area?	There is no reduction in the internal building areas.

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24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 7: In relation to the above question, if it relates to external area, what is the reduction in internal floor space and how is this distributed?	Please see response to question 6 above.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 8: How does the corrosion resistance of High-Density Galvanised steel compare to the previously specified stainless steel?	Galvanised steel is commonly used in coastal settings, and with painting and coating is suitably protected. It is used in environments with poxy resin, which we anticipate will give a lifespan of 20-25 years. Stainless steel provides slightly more. It is important to note that both products require cleaning and maintenance. It is important to the City that regimes are put in place so that the City meet and exceed the anticipated life expectancies.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 9: Has the City of Fremantle budgeted for effective cleaning and maintenance of the new facilities to ensure the problems repeatedly reported on the previous facilities do not arise again?	The City has budgets for effective cleaning and maintenance of facilities. A suitable cleaning regime will be established once the facilities are constructed.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 1: Can you please advise why the City is stating that it "may not", with regard to the City having undertaken all administration processes in this instance, means?	The City has undertaken an investigation regarding who was notified of the plan to register significant trees in late 2018. At this time it is only owners that can be confirmed as being notified.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 2: Can you please confirm that the City contacted all owners in the 2018-2019 period?	Please see response to question 1.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 3: Would the City have used the same system for notifying owners and occupiers? If so, why is it that the City cannot confirm the occupier were contacted in the same way that the owners were contacted?	The City is of the opinion that the same system should have been used for notifying both owners and occupiers of a significant tree registration.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 4: Can you please advise how many, if any, occupiers were contacted during the process in 2018-2019?	Please see response to question 1.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 5: In relation to the above question, is the City going to continue with the investigation into this matter?	At this time, the City will pause any further investigation if council agree to undertake a new process for the registration of trees from the Heritage List to the Significant Tree Register.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Keryth Cattalini	Question 6: Would it be reasonable to assume that given the lack of evidence of contact with occupiers who were not owners, that it did not happen?	The City acknowledges there is doubt in this area of the process.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kristian Morris	Question 1: In relation to question 6 above, can you advise if this is the case with the trees in the motion being considered tonight?	Please see response to question 6 above.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Kristian Morris	Question 2: Can you please provide the City's definition of "registration" and "re-registration" for the record? Please also advise where the definition is obtained from?	"Registration" is when the City places a tree on the Significant Tree Register, under provisions in its Planning Scheme No.4. The City is using the term "re-registering" in reference to re-running the administrative process to remove any doubt that may exist around the original process followed in 2018-19.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 1: While LPS 4 provides a process for the inclusion of trees of the Register of Significant Trees, there is no process under LPS 4 for the transfer of trees from the Heritage List to the Register of Significant Trees. Could the Council advise which clause of LPS 4 provides a transfer? Noting that the CEO is required to carry out the exact resolution of the Council, not the intent of the resolution.	The Scheme provides a mechanism to register trees. The reference to "transferring" is simply used to acknowledge that certain trees had already been identified as having cultural significance and that the Council's intention was to place these onto the Register to ensure they had a level of protection.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Pameia Cattalini	Question 1: Can you please inform me again why you are not following your own policy and processes?	Council will make a decision at the meeting tonight (24 April 2024) on undertaking the process again.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Pameia Cattalini	Question 2: Can you also please inform me why for the past five years after putting our tree at 195 High Street on the Significant Tree Register without my consent, has the Council only listed one other tree on the register, which has been nominated by the owner? Is it because you need the owner's consent to do so?	The Council approved one further tree being added to the Register which occurred earlier this year.
24 April 2024	8 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Pameia Cattalini	Question 3: Why are you still actively pursuing me in relation to my tree?	The Council is being asked to reconsider the process for registering all trees from the 2018 process as there is doubt as to whether all components of the process were followed.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Mr Ker noted that he believed the responses given to the questions asked at the last meeting failed to answer the questions, and asked that a proper response be given to questions 1,2,3,4,5,8 and 9.	The responses that were provided in the Agenda of the 8 May 2024 Ordinary Meeting of Council are considered to be sufficient.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Why is the service charge hidden in an item on differential rates, as there is no indication on the agenda that it is there at all?	The differential rate item is seeking approval from Council to advertise in accordance with the Local Government Act requirements. The City welcomes feedback from the community over the next few weeks. The City is not required to advertise service charges but has included these to be prudent in advising the community of the service charges that are being considered as part of this project.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1: Why was the budgeted capital expenditure for 2023/24 reduced from \$25.8m to \$12.4m at the mid-year budget review?	This occurred due to some large and/or higher value projects being delayed. These funds were transferred to reserve but remain allocated to those projects. The level of capital expenditure is typically dependent on progress with project design, successful procurement, and contractor availability. Resourcing, market availability and some complex contractual and regulatory requirements has meant that some significant projects have been phased or re-phased, for spend/site works later in the year and will, therefore, carry into the next budget.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 2: Why is the actual capital expenditure for 9 months to 31 March 2024 only a mere \$4.3m?	Please refer to response to Question 1.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 3: Item C2405-9 refers to a proposed increase in rates of 5.4% for 2024/25 year. Combined with the 9% increase levied in 2023/24 represents an increase of 14.4% over 2 years based on budgeted capital expenditure projects that are delayed or simply abandoned and why don't ratepayers receive a refund in this rates cycle for those abandoned or non-existent projects that no benefit is received?	Notwithstanding some delays and as explained in the response to Question 1, the projects that have been budgeted for are required to be delivered and therefore still require the funding as originally allocated.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 4: Item C2405-9 refers to the proposed differential rates for the 2024/25 year. a)How much is budgeted depreciation for 2024/25 and is it approximately \$22m? b)The City has stressed the importance of the Asset Sustainability Ratio for the renewal of existing assets, and based on the proposed capital expenditure of \$8m what is the estimated Asset Sustainability Ratio of existing assets for 2024/25? c)Why does the City consider this a strong investment into the renewal of existing assets given renewal should be based on the City's suggested ratio range of between 90- 110% of depreciation? d)Will the South Beach Changeroom project receive half of the proposed \$8m in new capital expenditure projects for 2024/25 year? e)Why is there no commentary on improving the productivity of employees and operational efficiency of service delivery expenditure?	(a-e) As reported in the Mid-year Budget Review, depreciation for 2024/25 is currently estimated at approximately \$22 million. Asset sustainability ratios are a guide and provide a target range for the City to work towards. It is intended that the City will continue to increase investment in capital renewal as a way of working towards the achievement of this guiding range. The South Beach change rooms project is an existing project and already funded as explained in the response to Question 1. As such, it is not expected to receive any of the municipal allocations of \$6m proposed for new capital projects in the next budget. Workplace efficiency is always being considered in the delivery of every budget to ensure the most effective allocation of resources.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 5: Item C2405-9 refers to the Targeted Underground Power Project service charges. a)What is the total project cost including the Western Power component? b)What proportion of the total project cost is being borne by Western Power, City of Fremantle and ratepayers? c)How does the proportion borne by the City of Fremantle and ratepayers compare to other metropolitan councils? d)Has a cost benefit analysis or business plan been prepared and is the information available to ratepayers? e)Why was the repayment period of 7 years for ratepayers chosen and how does this compare to other metropolitan councils?	a) Current Estimate from Western Power – Note: this estimate is subject to review as further design and project development is undertaken: - Undergrounding = \$30.9m - Connection Charge = \$4.9m TOTAL = \$35.8m b) Undergrounding – Western Power Estimate = \$21.9m LG / ratepayers = \$9m Connection Charge = LG / ratepayers also pay + \$4.9m Current estimated LG / ratepayer cost = \$13.9m c) The TUPP uses the same methodology and approach across other LGAs. However, it is difficult to compare at this stage - under this scheme, the LGA/ratepayer proportion may vary. Factors that may affect this are: - the cost and complexity of undergrounding, and - where an area attracts a State Government funding contribution, which is determined against property values, Fremantle project does not fall within the eligible banding. d) This is a Western Power project related to the renewal of its assets. As such, a cost benefit analysis or business plan has not been prepared by the City. The options available are that WP will replace poles or is open to undertaking the underground power option if the City and community are supportive. e) The City is part of a working group for the TUPP project, which is organised through WALGA. Officers have looked at the cost per meter / year and benchmarked and liaised with other LGAs. Although some LGAs are proposing a shorter period, a 5-7 year repayment term is generally considered most favourable.
8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 6: In relation to the 28 Cantonment Street item, what is the Fremantle Council doing to protect the human scale of Fremantle from such outrageous proposals in the historic town?	Item C2405-2 Cantonment Street No.28 is solely related to whether the condition of planning approval for percent For Art contribution is retained or waived.

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8 May 2024	22 May 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 7: Can the developer be encouraged to spend the \$140,000 on heritage works, either for example inside the magnificent Town Hall, or as urban design enhancements along Queen Street with for example high quality appropriate lighting as exists in High Street in the West End?	The City's Percent for Art Policy stipulates that 1% of the estimated development costs of relevant development types within specified areas be attributed to commissioning an original site specific public artwork. The Policy also allows for contributions to heritage, this is at the discretion of the developer as to whether it is used for art or heritage.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Barry Healy	Question 1: When will the Nanine Common Community Garden Group get the green light to design and construct the food productive garden?	The City has engaged with the community and developed a concept masterplan for Nannine Commons. A final decision in respect to the scope of the community garden project proposal is now subject to a review of Sullivan Hall Community facility and its potential development / integration with the external spaces.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Barry Healy	Question 2: I believe there is a report being generated by Council staff on where to situate a community centre, can this be located next to the existing golf course? A large number of people are moving into that area, why not provide a community centre for them.	The City is currently reviewing the provision of its community facilities in the area. A report will be developed for Council consideration at the completion of this exercise.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Bill Ody	Question 1: For how long has the Council been aware of the forth coming Western Power upgrade? When did the Council become aware that the Western Power project was going to occur?	Western Power initially approached us about 18 months ago in respect to a potential project. The City was then asked to sign an memorandum of understanding for WP to commence initial design and costs. The City then commenced work with Western Power over a period of time, for them to develop the project and better understand the cost and implications of the scope of the project. They've been doing that for about 12 months.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Bill Ody	Question 2: Assuming it wasn't last week Tuesday, it was a few years ago one would have thought, why is no sinking or saving cash fund been setup by the Council to mitigate the effect of this \$16.5m hit to the rate payers? You surely had plenty of time to start saving up.	The purpose of putting forward the service charge now is for the specific purpose of forward funding money into a reserve so that the project can be funded by limiting or eliminating the need to borrow funds to meet Western Power payment schedules.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Bill Ody	Question 3: There have been questions regarding the cost benefit analysis to be prepared by the Council on this and yet the council has steadfastly stated it doesn't need a cost benefit analysis. Why would this be so? Has any financial planning been made in respect of this massive expenditure of 16.5m other than hit the rate payers when we need the cash, that appears to be the approach. Do you have any answers please.	The TUPP program is specifically provided as an option to the standard replacement of end-of-life poles and wires. If the TUPP isn't undertaken, Western Power will simply replace poles and wires. Any future opportunity cost for a project like this may not be subsidised by Western Power.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: As the question was asked at the previous council meeting discussing the 2024/25 rate setting amounts and was not answered, it is being asked again. What is the Asset Sustainability ratio for 2024/25?	The statutory budget document is being prepared for presentation to the council meeting on 26 June for consideration. Ratios will be calculated as part of that process and will be available then.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Will the Underground Power project impact available funding that would otherwise have gone towards other items such as infrastructure asset renewal and any associated infrastructure backlogs?	No.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: The capital expenditure (\$4.6m for the year to date ten months to 30 April 2024) is clearly inadequate given depreciation for FY23/24 is \$22.4m, and will the council formulate an Asset Sustainability policy to address the growing maintenance backlog?	The City reports monthly on the progress of capital projects through the agendas for council meetings and quarterly through corporate plan reports.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: The responses by the City about the lack of actual capital expenditure compared to budgets and the constant excuses over many years about external factors is extraordinary. The capital expenditure budget process clearly has problems in assessing current market conditions, and how is the Mayor and officers held accountable for the clearly poor capital expenditure budget amounts?	The City reports monthly on the progress of capital projects through the agendas for council meetings and quarterly through corporate plan reports.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: In relation to the response provided to question 1 asked during Ordinary Council Meeting 24 April 2024, did the increase in budget, in effect, make the Schlager tender a complying one? If so, why was the Schlager tender not revisited and why were the Schlager not even invited to the second-round process?	The increase in budget was approved by Council after the rejection of tenders from the initial procurement exercise. Both original tender submissions are higher than the increase in budget provided through the mid-year budget review, and both did not take the opportunity to offer alternative proposals in the original process. Neither of the original tenderers were invited to submit proposals in the second procurement exercise. However, one of the original contractors subsequently approached the City and requested an opportunity to be included in the process. This request was accepted.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: In relation to the response provided to question 2 asked during Ordinary Council Meeting 24 April 2024, simply saying "Request for quotations did not include both original contractors" in no way answers the question of why this was so. Can you please provide a response?	Please refer to response provided to question 1 above.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3: In relation to the response provided to question 3 asked during Ordinary Council Meeting 24 April 2024, City of Fremantle project page FAQs says "expected to finish the build by mid-2025" - not "early 2025". A few months ago, the mayor said "by next summer". Please clarify?	Provisional dates are that site possession is anticipated in June 2024, and completion is expected in the first half of 2025.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 4: In relation to the response provided to question 4 asked during Ordinary Council Meeting 24 April 2024, ICS have no experience in construction of amenities/ablutions. Nor does their website list any comparable facilities under the heading of 'interior fitout'. Can you please provide a detailed response on how the criteria was met?	Tenderers are required to provide evidence of previous experience and capacity / personnel etc. as part of their submissions. The City's assessment panel reviews each submission against these qualitative criteria as part of the tender evaluation exercise. Scoring and assessment outcomes were provided as part of the tender acceptance report to Council.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 5: In relation to the response provided to question 5 asked during Ordinary Council Meeting 24 April 2024, please provide examples of where similar projects (ablution block; exposed coastal location) have successfully used Recycled Concrete Aggregate for the main structure?	The City and its consultants have researched and reviewed materials / performance and their use in coastal locations – this being in regard to the construction of the facility at South Beach. It has not been necessary to reference 'similar' types of structures elsewhere.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 6: Does 'no reduction in building footprint' relate to internal or external area?	Please refer to the response provided within the 24 April 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting minutes.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 7: In relation to the above question, if it relates to external area, what is the reduction in internal floor space and how is this distributed?	Please refer to the response provided within the 24 April 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting minutes.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 8: In relation to the response provided to question 8 asked during Ordinary Council Meeting 24 April 2024, what 'regimes' will be put in place "so that the City meet[s] and exceed[s] the anticipated life expectancies" and does the anticipated lifespan of 20-25 years mean that substantial rehabilitation or reconstruction works are likely to be required at the end of that time?	The City will establish and implement a suitable cleaning regime at completion of the facility, the details of this are to be determined. It would be anticipated that during its lifetime there will be planned maintenance activities that will be required to ensure the facility meets its expected lifespan. These works will likely become more substantial as the facility ages.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 9: In relation to the response provided to question 9 asked during Ordinary Council Meeting 24 April 2024, the cleaning and maintenance regime' was clearly inadequate for the previous South Beach facilities. What is being done to ensure that the same doesn't happen with the new facilities?	The City will monitor and review as appropriate, service standards to ensure the facility is suitably cleaned and maintained.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 10: Does the estimated service charge per property apply to all properties, including those that already have underground power?	The City will determine suitable service charges for each property. Properties that already have underground power connections on their property would not be expected to pay the connect cost element as part of the service charge.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 11: Will the service charge differentiate between properties, depending on the requirements of the street and individual residences?	Yes. There is now a two component service charge on this basis.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 12: When and where have the service charges been advertised?	The service charge has been advertised as part of the differential rate advertising program in the state newspaper. To date information about the estimated service charge has been provided in the public council agenda, shared at the most recent South Fremantle precinct meeting and is available on the City's website. The City will soon be writing to property owners in the project area which will outline information relating to the project. This will include details on the two separate service charges as well as details of an upcoming community information session.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 13: When and where will the public information sessions, co-hosted by Western Power and the City of Fremantle, to "engage with the community on the funding model and service charges" promised for May and June 2024 be held?	The City intends to host a community information session in late June. Dates will be confirmed shortly and circulated to residents within the project area via letter and the City of Fremantle's communication channels.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 14: When is Fremantle Council expected to make a final decision on the charges?	The final decision on service charges will be made as part of the adoption of the 2024/25 annual budget, which will be considered by Council on Wednesday, 26 June 2024.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 15: "Construction [is] anticipated to start in 2026" (CoF FAQs). When is it proposed to start levying the charges?	Please refer to response provided to question 14 above.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 16: Why are South Freo residents being charged interest when Hilton ones were specifically NOT (Council resolution of 20th July 2022)?	The Hilton underground project was different to this project. The project was much smaller and Western Power only charged the property connection fee, meaning the City was able to accommodate this without loan funding. For the City South/ South Fremantle project, interest is currently factored into the estimated total cost of the project, due to the project cost. It is the City's preference that the timely collection of a service charge ahead of the project being delivered will minimise any financing and subsequent interest requirements, thus reducing the overall cost for ratepayers.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 17: Will those who are willing and able to pay the full cost upfront, be exempted from the interest component, as in City of Vincent?	Given the total cost of the project is yet to be determined, there will not be an option to pay the full cost up front at this time. Charges will be adjusted annually based on the actual cost of the project as it becomes known.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 18: Why is there no mention of WA Government rebates on connection charges for seniors (up to 25%) and pensioners (up to 50%)?	Government that relate to this specific underground power project will be communicated to property owners as part of the program of community information that is being delivered.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 19: How could you approve "advertising of the proposed service charges for the South Fremantle Targeted Underground Power Project" on 8th May, when key issues affecting the level and distribution of charges have not been thought through or agreed?	The City is seeking to ensure it can meet WP payment schedules without the need to borrow and add further costs. To meet this need, it is proposed to raise funds starting from the upcoming financial year.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Margaret Ker	Question 1: In reference to the City of Fremantle's media release on the 18 July 2023, can the city advise whether Western Power did provide the 'expected' information in the state timeframe?	Western Power provided information back to the City in mid-late March 2024. An evaluation of the estimates was undertaken and then put that into the process in preparation for the rates.

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22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Margaret Ker	Question 2: If so, why nothing at all has been shared with ratepayers until the beginning of May 2024?	Please refer to the response to question 1 above.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1: The City of Fremantle's investment in Resource Recovery Group has been a financial disaster for Fremantle ratepayers. Resource Recovery Group has finally provided a 30 June 2023 financial report. The report is long overdue and shows a net loss of \$16m for FY23. The City of Fremantle is the last remaining member participant and based on the financial report is looking to commence a wind-up process. Why is the City of Fremantle the only remaining member participant?	The City considers the outcomes associated with the RRG have been successful. It has consistently diverted approximately 50% of our community waste from being placed into landfill for the last 20 years. In recent years this diversion rate has increased to 63%. The City of Fremantle is working towards a succession plan for the RRG with the remaining partners and City of Canning. Any decision on the future will include all current remaining members.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2: Does the City of Fremantle have a substantial financial liability by being the last remaining member participant?	The City of Fremantle is working with current and previous members in relation to the next phase for operations with the impending wind up of RRG.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3: What independent investigation has been commissioned by the RRG to be informed of any remedial liability the RRG will have on any make-good land leases?	Please refer to the response to question 2 above.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4: As the other participating Councils have understood the financial problems much earlier, how much could have been saved by Fremantle (CoF) utilising other cheaper waster recovery options existing and not using the RRG service model?	The City is continually reviewing the costs associated with waste recovery to ensure waste is diverted from landfill at the most efficient cost available.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 5: When reviewing the SMRC/RRG Council meeting minutes page on the 21 May at 4pm, I saw there was no agenda posted on its site for a meeting at 4pm on the 23 May. Is this the correct procedure for holding meetings. Also, the meeting is not live streamed, is this the level of transparency the City of Fremantle accepts?	The agenda for RRG is posted on their website in accordance with Local Government Act provisions. Live streaming is not a formal requirement under the Act until January 2025.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 6: Have any loss adjustments for the investment carrying value been booked in the City of Fremantle's YTD 23/24 financial records?	This will be reviewed with the completion of the annual statements at end of year and, if required, will be noted in accordance with the accounting standards.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 7: Why was the 30 June 2023 financial report produced so late and why is there so little publicly available information to ratepayers for this failed investment despite Cr Doug Thompson receiving \$27,400.00 in annual RRG chairman sitting fees to represent the City of Fremantle's interests?	It is presumed this question relates to the RRG financial report. The City is satisfied that there is adequate information available on the RRG. The City acknowledges that the council representative on the RRG is paid a sitting fee.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 8: When reviewing the SMRC/RRG Council meeting minutes page on the 21 May at 4pm, I saw there was no agenda posted on its site for a meeting at 5pm on the 23 May. Is this the correct procedure for holding meetings. Also, the meeting is not live streamed, is this the level of transparency the City of Fremantle accepts?	Please refer to the response to question 5 above.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 9: Why is item C2405-20 considered confidential? Was the meeting set for 22 May 2024 put to vote for councillors to vote it as confidential? What is the City's policy on this? Is this section of the meeting being made confidential following the Local Government Act 1995 part 5.23?	The report on the Resource Recovery Group is confidential business because it affects a legal contract with a third party, so it will be confidential until Council make a decision.
22 May 2024	12 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1: Could council defer the item pending council officers detailing the changes made to the draft conservation plan?	Significant changes were made to the report through both the contributions of the Fremantle Society as well as a number of other stakeholders including DPLH, State Heritage Office, Fremantle Prison and Fremantle Historical Society, just to name a few. We do acknowledge that the receipt of the Fremantle Society's input could have been better handled at the time, but it was considered and shared with the consultant. The consultant was directed to respond to that feedback, which reflected feedback from other stakeholders mentioned above. The best has been done by the consultant in responding to the advice recommendations from the Fremantle Society.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: "Minimising financing and interest requirements" and "ensuring it can meet Western Power payment schedules without the need to borrow" were reasons provided for imposing the charges two years in advance of the works commencing and first payments to Western Power. Can the City please explain how this is consistent with including \$2.5 million in interest costs in the proposed charges, especially when that amount can only be based on a seven-year loan of the full \$13.9 million taken out at the time the charges are first imposed; two years before any payments to Western Power?	The interest costs are an estimate at the moment and the City is simply providing that information ahead of the project. As stated above, it's the City's preference that any borrowing for the project is kept to a minimum, but at this point the estimated cost has included it at the full amount. Also as mentioned in the response above, as the project costs are refined and any charges or earnings accrue the City will make adjustment to the total project costs and then service charges for the following financial year.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Can the administration also explain why the proposed charges do not include the accrual of interest on positive balances in the reserve fund totalling over \$1 million over the period in which the charges will be levied?	The project figure that the City will collect via the service charge is currently an estimate only. More detailed information such as interest accrued from the reserve balance will be calculated annually as part of the standard budget process, and more detailed data is received from Western Power as the project progresses. As mentioned previously, these service charges will be adjusted annually to account for changes to in interest earnings and cost adjustments.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3: Has the City of Fremantle complied with the Western Power requirements set out in the Program Guidelines for the Targeted Underground Power Program, particularly in respect of community engagement? a. Phase 2: Scoping. To ensure that the local government has community support for undergrounding power. b. Phase 3: Planning i. Communications announcing the project ii. Gauging interest and support for the project (co-hosted with Western Power) iii. Other mechanisms for community members to provide feedback iv. Media materials v. Regular project updates vi. Community information sessions (co-hosted with Western Power)	The City has actively liaised with Western Power through the initiation and scoping stages of the project; the process for the City to date, has been as detailed in the guidelines produced by Western Power in April this year. As we now move through the planning/ detailed design stage the City has commenced its engagement with the community, this approach remains consistent with the guidelines for the Targeted Underground Power Program.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 4: Why were the 'Information Sessions (co-hosted with Western Power)' for May and June: a. Not held prior to the close of the comment period on 1st June, so that ratepayers could provide fully informed responses? b. Reduced to a single session to be held on an unspecified date in June? c. And the single session not to be held until the day after the 26th June Council Meeting at which Council will be asked to approve the proposed service charges as part of the 2024-25 budget?	The information session is one of a number of ways for the community to receive information on the project, prior to council voting on the budget. The Budget adoption is now planned for early July. The City will continue to run information sessions throughout the project, as more detail from Western Power comes to hand. It is the current intention that the budget will be presented to the ordinary meeting of council on Wednesday the 10th of July.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 5: Why did the Director City Business advise the CEO and others, via email on 21st May, that the proposed charges "have been advertised in the Herald"? No such adverts have, even now, appeared?	The email was in relation to the advertising of proposed differential rates. The email referenced 'the Herald' as it is usual practice for the City to advertise the differential rates in the Herald, however due to an internal miscommunication the only newspaper advertising appeared in the West Australian. While the advertising still met statutory requirements the City acknowledges the Herald is a more suitable method of advertising for the community, and this has now been clarified with relevant staff for future advertising processes. Further advertising will occur in the Herald over the next two weeks in the lead up to the adoption of the budget.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 6: Will the City of Fremantle now place adverts in the Herald and extend the comment period to allow those who do not follow the City of Fremantle online to be aware of what is proposed and to have their say?	The City regularly advertises in the Herald as a means to keeping the community informed on upcoming projects and initiatives. Information regarding the TUPP project, as and when more detail is received from Western Power will be provided in the City's regular advertising space in the Herald. Details regarding the TUPP program is scheduled to be advertised in next week's edition of the Herald as part of the broader and ongoing community information program. Information about the differential rates being considered as part of this years annual budget adoption process is also being provided in upcoming editions of the Herald. The City has provided a mailout letter directly to property owners contained within the project area to advise them of how to access TUPP information and advise of the community information session.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 7: In view of the City's change to the proposed charges to exempt owners of properties that already have an underground power connection, presumably on the basis that they should not be required to pay twice, will the City provide equitable treatment to property owners who already have power distribution cables undergrounded past their properties?	Information regarding properties that may already have underground power connections past their property or within their property is publicly available on the City's website at South Fremantle Targeted Underground Power Program (TUPP) City of Fremantle. The City has also amended the proposed service charge into two charges for works in the "street" and on "properties" to provide for greater flexibility in charging depending on current connection.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 8: Will the City of Fremantle release the financial modelling on which the proposed charges are based, so that ratepayers can make informed comments and assure themselves of the validity of the analysis?	As already advised, estimated service charges have been determined based on a Gross Rental Value (GRV) range that each property falls within, the number of properties that fall within that range, and the total project cost that City is required to recover. The project figure that the City will collect via the service charge is currently an estimate only. Project costs and resultant service charges will be recalculated annually as the project progresses, and more detailed data is received from Western Power. As above this information is publicly available on the City's website at South Fremantle Targeted Underground Power Program (TUPP) City of Fremantle.

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12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 7: If City of Fremantle will not release the financial modelling, will it at least tell us: a. When and in what amounts loans are assumed to be taken out? b. What the rate of loan interest is assumed to be? c. How much interest will accrue via positive balances in the reserve fund during the seven years over which the charges are proposed to be levied?	The current cost estimates for property owners in the project area being provided on the requirement to borrow the full amount (\$13.9m) over the term of the 7 years at an interest rate of 4.5%. Information regarding estimated loan amounts should they be required is publicly available on the City's website at South Fremantle Targeted Underground Power Program (TUPP) City of Fremantle. The initial estimate has been determined based on the current interest rate offered by Treasury, however is subject to change based on if and when a loan would be required and the total cost of the project. As advised previously, it is the intention to seek charging the service charge in the 2024/25 financial year to allow the City to accumulate funds early so that the requirement to borrow is either diminished or eliminated altogether. These funds will be placed into an interest bearing reserve account whilst being held by the City in accordance with the City's Investment Policy requirements. If these funds are able to be held and accumulate interest, then this interest earned will be used to fund the TUPP and reduce the service charge total. The service charge itself can be amended each year to reflect these changes. As project costs refine and any charges or earnings accrue the City will make adjustment to the service charges for the following financial year
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Margaret Ker	Question 1: Has the City of Fremantle yet entered into a binding agreement with Western Power to proceed with the Project	As part of the scoping phase, the City has only signed a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at this stage.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Margaret Ker	Question 2: In relation to the above question, if not, when does the City expect to do so?	Timing is dependent on Western Power's progress with the detailed design but at this point in time, the City would anticipate a report to Council to consider a formal co-funding agreement in the first quarter of 2025.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Margaret Ker	Question 3: Is the City satisfied of the legality of levying service charges in relation to an unconfirmed project?	Yes.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Why is it that people have to repeatedly ask the same questions over again because they receive non-answers from this council; for example, the questions in relation to the AGME and how it was handled all together still remain unanswered and unresolved?	The City has provided an answer on multiple occasions in relation to the AGME, there will be no further answer provided.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Please clarify what items specifically are tourist destination expenditures that could otherwise be saved, were Fremantle not a tourist destination?	The City regularly invests in the development and promotion of Fremantle as a tourist destination to ensure the additional trade for businesses that is generated via tourism is sustained into the future. This includes but is not limited to destination marketing, events and activations, the Fremantle Visitor Centre, visitor infrastructure such as wayfinding signage. The City also commits human resource to the management of increased activity and compliance requirements associated with high rates of tourism visitation. The City does not consider these destination outcomes a "tactic" for the City's financial needs.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: As the custodians and managers of the Victoria Hall performing arts venue, please state what steps were taken by Council to promote this resource, and how it was made available for community use from when it was acquired from heritage funds in 2001?	Victoria Hall has been made available to a number of community organisations via leases and licenses since it was purchased in 2001. This has included but not been limited to Deckchair Theatre, Fly by Night music Club, Spacemarket, Fremantle Theatre Company. Each of these organisations made the facility available to the public as an events and performance venue.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: Please explain why a venue of this nature could only ever accommodate one Tenant? For example, Deckchair would not stage a performance every day, all year long.	Both Spacemarket and Fremantle Theatre Company made the facility available to multiple sub tenants.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: Was there a tender process applied before a lease was awarded to the Fremantle Theatre Company in April 2021? If not, why not?	The Fremantle Theatre Company was only provided with a temporary license, not a lease. The original license was an assignment of the agreement originally provided to Spacemarket.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 1: What is the date that Council granted development approval for the removal of the previously LPS 4 Heritage Listed trees at No.8 John Street?	Initial investigations estimate that the tree was removed between 1989 and 1999 as part of a Development Application for a new residence.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 2: What were the reasons, general rationale and special circumstances that may have applied in allowing the removal of the tree at No.8 John Street that was on the Heritage List?	This is a Council decision of 25 years ago. Each development application is assessed based on the merits of the submitted proposal and the planning framework in place at the time. This includes any demolition and/or tree removal that might be included. At the time of tree removal, the City did not have a Heritage List, as it did not come into being until 2008. The tree was subsequently added to the Municipal Heritage Inventory as a historical record in 2019.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Danielle Cattalini	Question 3: What were the specific statutory and non-statutory instruments that were used in the assessment of the application and under which the decision was made for this application relating to the tree at No.8 John Street?	Please see response to Question 2 above.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Stacey Towne	Question 1: What was the date that Council granted the development approval of the removal of the previously LPS 4 Heritage Listed tree at No.1 Bannister Street?	Initial investigations estimate that the tree was removed between 2001 and 2005 as part of a development application for a new city centre development.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Stacey Towne	Question 2: What were the reasons, general rationale and special circumstances that may have applied in allowing the removal of the tree at No.1 Bannister Street that was on the Heritage List?	This is a Council decision of 20 years ago. At the time of tree removal, the City did not have a Heritage List, as it did not come into being until 2008. The tree was subsequently added to the Municipal Heritage Inventory as an historical record only.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Stacey Towne	Question 3: What were the specific statutory and non-statutory instruments that were used in the assessment of the application and under which the decision was made for this application relating to the tree at No.1 Bannister Street?	Please see response to Question 2 above.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Stacey Towne	Question 4: Can you provide an explanation on what grounds were the assessments and approval decisions for No.8 John Street and No.1 Bannister Street different to the application to remove the Moreton Bay Fig Tree at 195 High Street in 2001, which was refused?	The Moreton Bay Fig tree at 195 High Street was identified as having significant heritage value at the time of application for its removal in 2001.
12 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Stacey Towne	Question 5: Can the City confirm that some trees that are/were on the significant Tree and Vegetation Area Register have already been removed without Council permission or knowledge?	The City is undertaking a review on trees that were entered onto the Register in 2019, including any removals. A report will be provided to council once this review is complete.
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Given that your answer refers to the City's investment and development program to attract visitors and support business, but in fact my question referred to the specific comments made by the mayor in a radio interview in relation to the 'heavy lifting' Freo does because it is a tourist destination, explain what is meant by 'heavy lifting'?	I will take that question as rhetorical. In regard to heavy lifting, we mean that the City provides extra services such as buses to pick people up from cruise ships, the visitor centre, way finding signage, and other activities that we deliver because we are a tourist destination.
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: What is the financial return to the city from being a tourist destination?	There are no direct financial returns to the City, however, tourism provides a broad range of benefits to the local business community and economy and in turn, the broader community.
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: How many people are employed to solely support your stated increased activity, management and compliance requirements of 'high rates of tourism visitation' to Fremantle, and what are their job descriptions?	I would say that there are a number of people whose job overlaps with that activity. Response by Director City Business: While most of the organisation contributes in some way towards the overall management of Fremantle as a tourist destination, there are approximately 4-5 people working specifically on tourism development and marketing. This does not include the Fremantle Visitor Centre staff which also contribute directly towards management of Fremantle as a destination
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: What is the total cost of the City's investment and development program to attract visitors?	You will find that information in the annual budget under the Destination Marketing line item.
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: Is Fremantle a visitor destination because of or despite the City's investment and development program in tourism?	Mayor Fitzhardinge accepted this as a rhetorical question.
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6: Given you talk about entities I specifically requested not to be included in your answer, and my question asked what the City as the custodian and manager of this community resource did to promote the venue to the community as such, I ask again what did the council/city do to make Victoria Hall an available resource to the community, and how was this promoted?	This question has been responded to at a previous Council meeting. The City's previous response to this question provided by Elizabeth Megroz can be viewed here: Agenda 26 June 2024
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 7: Given that FTC took over seamlessly (it appears) from Spacemarket in 2021, explain what the arrangement was and how it was arrived at? How was the community involved in this process?	This question has been responded to at a previous Council meeting. The City's previous response to this question provided by Elizabeth Megroz can be viewed here: Agenda 26 June 2024
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 8: Where in Fremantle specifically does fossil fuel advertising/sponsorship occur currently and where did it occur in the past?	That will come to council for a discussion, its going out for public advertising and that will give us great feedback from the community.
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 9: What is the function of the people on their laptops sitting along the wall?	A number of officers attend meetings and sit to the side of the Chamber so they can either, listen to the debate or provide a response to questions asked by the Council.

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26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	<p>Question 1: When did City of Fremantle assess community support for underground power in the South Fremantle/City South area?</p>	<p>The City has been delivering a program of community information about the project. So far, there have been advertisements in the Herald as well as information made available on the City's website and corporate media channels. The City is holding an information session here on Thursday (June 27) at 6.00pm, which the entire community is welcome to attend, and the City has done letter drops in the project area as well.</p> <p>The City will continue to consider all feedback received as part of the information to the community, leading up to the budget adoption process, which will occur in mid-July. As a result of the feedback already received, and to ensure that adequate data from Western Power, we will only be charging the network infrastructure charge in 24/25 and the network connection charge or the property connection charge will only come in 25/26.</p> <p>The advice received from Western Power is that generally only property owners with an existing underground consumer main green dome will only be charged the network services component (the network infrastructure charge) and will not have to pay the property connection service charge. Will be asking Western Power to verify which properties have the green dome over the next 6 months to ensure that people who already have a property connection won't be charged in 25/26.</p> <p>Whilst it is recognised there are some unique cases with a small number of properties that may not require network infrastructure upgrades, until the City is directly advised by Western Power that that is the case for a specific property, all rateable properties that are within the project area will be subject to the network infrastructure charge.</p> <p>Additional response: To give ratepayers in South Fremantle and City South more time to understand the benefits of underground power, the City of Fremantle has decided to defer the collection of a service charge as part of the 2024/25 rates.</p> <p>The City appreciates the engagement with residents to date through community information sessions and has taken into consideration further feedback provided about the project.</p> <p>The City remains committed to participating in Western Power's Targeted Underground Power Program which will improve the amenity of the area by putting the power underground, instead of replacing the ageing infrastructure with new poles and overhead wires.</p> <p>To ensure better understanding of the benefits and requirements of the project, the City will continue to engage with the community and share significant project updates over the next 12 months. This will provide opportunity for a more informed conversation prior to the 2025/26 budget. See response to question 1</p>
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	<p>Question 2: What costs to property-owners were indicated in such consultation?</p>	See response to question 1
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	<p>Question 3: What were the results of that consultation?</p>	See response to question 1
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	<p>Question 4: After "consideration of initial feedback", the City of Fremantle has determined that "properties that already have an underground connection (green dome) and do not require any works to connect to the new underground supply will not be required to pay this [connection] service charge". Does this also apply to properties, such as the Biscuit Factory Village, the Primaries, Arundel Court, and any other developments that have single underground power connections to multiple properties, without green domes?</p>	See response to question 1
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	<p>Question 5: City of Fremantle has stated that the network infrastructure service charge will not apply where upgrades to the network distribution infrastructure and power supplies to the property are not required. There are 100-or-so such properties on South Terrace - the Biscuit Factory Village, most of Wardle Street and South Terrace south of Douro Road. Will these properties be exempt from the network charge and when will the City let owners of those properties know?</p>	See response to question 1
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	<p>Question 6: Why was the obvious principle, that people should not be required to pay a second time for something they have already paid for, not acknowledged in the proposed charges set out on 8th May?</p>	See response to question 1
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	<p>Question 7: Properties along parts of South Terrace and South Street will not receive the full amenity benefit of undergrounding power cables, as high voltage transmission lines will not be placed underground. Western Power suggests that local governments may offer lower contributions to street service costs to owners of such properties. Will City of Fremantle acknowledge the lower level of benefit to properties adjacent to high-voltage lines and follow Western Power's suggestion of offering lower contribution to them?</p>	See response to question 1
26 June 2024	26 June 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	<p>Question 8: Will the charges be levied on non-rateable properties?</p>	See response to question 1
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	<p>Question 1: Tonight's Agenda item on the 2024-25 Budget states: "The purpose of the advertising was to give residents reasonable notice of the estimated charge... prior to issuing a charge with rates notices". Does City of Fremantle really consider that 2 months is 'reasonable notice' for a requirement to pay nearly \$1000 – not just for one year but for seven years?</p>	<p>Response: As per the agenda item, the City has deferred the introduction of a service charge to enable more time to provide information to the community on the project and any associated service charges.</p>
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	<p>Question 2: The responses to my questions on 26th June do not provide substantial (or, in most cases, any) answers to the questions I asked. Why is it that responses to questions asked by myself and others at Council meetings so often fail to provide answers to the substance of the questions?</p>	<p>Response: The City is of the belief that it provides appropriate responses to questions asked.</p> <p>Officers seek to provide factual and timely responses to the specific questions raised as part of the council meeting process, and do not comment or respond to any individual or personal opinions presented with those questions.</p> <p>Community members are also able to engage directly with City Officers outside of the council process via a number of different communication channels should they require information regarding specific projects, initiatives or issues.</p>
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	<p>Question 3: Now that it has 12 months to work on the project, will the City of Fremantle establish a ratepayer reference group to ensure that: a)The affected community is fully-informed ;and b)Community concerns are identified and addressed before any further decisions or commitments, including signing a contract with Western Power, are made?</p>	<p>Response: It is not intended that a reference group will be formed to support the engagement process from here.</p> <p>Further information will be provided in the near future on how the City will continue with engagement on this issue.</p>

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10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Leonie Lundy	Question 1: Is it correct that the Mayor and the CEO of the City of Fremantle will be travelling to the US in September this year, to visit US shipyards and other places/persons relevant to the AUKUS defence and security pact between Australia, the US and UK?	Response from Director City Business: The Mayor's & CEO's from the 6 local governments from the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance will be attending meetings in the US in September. That is correct and is in preparation for the deployment of US submarines in 2027. The City acknowledge that some members of the community may have concerns about the AUKUS program. The alliance which includes the Councils which will most likely be affected by that AUKUS program, are undertaking their due diligence on what this means for our local communities, the local economy and our local environment and we would like to fully understand the implications of the federal government decision. The delegation will focus on gaining a better understanding of emergency management procedures related to the presence of submarines as well as understanding how best to support incoming personal and their families associated with the program. The alliance was strongly encouraged by the Australian Submarine Agency to undertake the delegation and they are currently considering providing additional financial support for the delegation. The alliance has also received significant support for planning logistics of the 12 day mission for the US consults office in WA, the remaining costs will be covered by the alliance themselves mainly the underspend accumulated during the COVID-19 pandemic which ensures no additional funding will be required by Councils to fund the delegation. The group will also take the opportunity to meet with business groups involved in the development of and the maintenance of the Virginia class submarines, will be discussing issues such as homelessness and urban development with some of our counterparts in the US. The cost for the City of Fremantle Mayor and CEO to attend the delegation is approximately \$14,100.00 each and that is being paid for by the alliance. If you have any further questions or queries regarding the delegation, the City highly recommend to get in touch with the alliance themselves.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Leonie Lundy	Question 2: If so, whose initiative is this?	Response: Please refer to response provided to Question 1.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Leonie Lundy	Question 3: What is the stated objective and expected benefit to the City?	Response: Please refer to response provided to Question 1.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Leonie Lundy	Question 4: What is the estimated cost per traveller/delegate?	Response: Please refer to response provided to Question 1.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Leonie Lundy	Question 5: Where are the funds coming from to cover this trip?	Response: Please refer to response provided to Question 1.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Leonie Lundy	Question 6: Will Fremantle Council publicly agree to immediately reconsider its support for a Controlled Industrial Facility (CIF) on Garden Island to manage and store US and UK nuclear powered submarine (i.e. foreign) LLW, as indicated in PSWMA's recent submission to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Public Works for Submarine Rotational Force-West Priority Works at HMAS Stirling?	Response: The City does not intend to make any comment on this issue at this point in time.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1: On the 5 February 2024 I asked about the latest cost of the Kings square project, Council's response was to see the minutes to the 24th August 2022. Can the council inform the rate payers how much has been spent since the August 2022 minutes were released on the total project related costs for the Kings Square related project?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: Costs on the WCC project since August 2022 are unknown at this time, although the project was substantially complete at that point and there was a report advising where were costs at that point in time.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2: What are the total costs for the long ongoing South Beach toilet project?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: A fixed price contract has been put in place for that with a contingency element to it already. It will remain at that cost and at the moment it is approximately \$2.6m for the building itself. There will be a second tender provided to allow for landscape works once it's completed.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3: What steps have been taken to ensure that the disastrous cost over runs for the Kings Square project aren't going to be repeated at the South Beach toilet project?	Response: Please refer to response provided to Question 2.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4: Is the RRG being wound up? And if so, what are the City's obligations to this entity and what expenses have been budgeted for in the 24/25 budget?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: At the moment, the City of Fremantle with its partner, the City of Melville is undertaking a due diligence assessment of the RRG project group and is in discussion with the current land lord of that facility as well to see what and how that version of waste management will occur into the future. That report is not concluded at this time.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: My questions in relation to Victoria Hall, a public resource that should have been used extensively by the community had it been managed and promoted properly, remain with out answers. When will you answer them?	Response: The response to this question has been previously provided and published in the Council agenda. For reference the previously published answer has been provided again: Victoria Hall has been made available to a number of community organisations via leases and licenses since it was purchased in 2001. This has included but not been limited to Deckchair Theatre, Fly by Night music Club, Spacemarket, Fremantle Theatre Company. Each of these organisations made the facility available to the public as an events and performance venue. For further clarity, these agreements including encouraging further public access.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Given my question was about the present and past locations - not the future - of fossil fuel/gas sponsorship/advertising, when will you answer it.	Response: The only current or past advertising that may be considered related to fossil fuel advertising that the City is aware of, is the advertising provided during AFLW games at Fremantle Oval.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Without a cost and benefit analysis, how have you arrived at what is a reasonable financial investment into a Destination Marketing campaign that employs 4/5 people, and commits every ratepayer to contribute – not just businesses that are the direct beneficiaries?	Response: The destination marketing program is delivered in line with the council adopted Destination Development Strategic Plan (DDSP). The DDSP is developed in collaboration with an external working group that includes retail, hospitality, tourism, accommodation and service industry experts. The strategy is reviewed annually and a comprehensive review document that assesses return on investment and details all results is made available.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: Is the clip "This is Fremantle" the pinnacle of the investment into the Destination Marketing campaign (employing 4/5 people)?	Response: The current TV campaign is just one component of a much broader program of marketing activities that are delivered annually. The DDSP and review document outlines the activities that are undertaken.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: Although all ratepayers contribute to the above program, why does the working group only include people from the business community?	Response: The working group includes people with expertise relating to tourism marketing and development. The terms of reference and eligibility of the group are available on the City's website.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6: Define what is meant by the sentiment: "A resilient city that plans for the future and is empowered to take action" a)What has changed? b)Has Fremantle not planned or taken action in the past?	Response: Further specific detail on this statement can be found on page 23 of the Strategic Community Plan under the Resilient City section. The Strategic Community Plan is available on the City's website. The current Plan does not speak or pass judgement on or for any action or possible in-action of the past – it speaks to the future ten years.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 7: For the following messages "all my questions answered, here to hear, I want to thank you" a)who (author) commissioned them? b)who was contracted to install them? c)what was the total cost associated with them d)how are they categorised (public art, advertising...), e)was there any prior community engagement?	Response: These posters were commissioned by the City as part of the engagement process for use in the development of the Community Strategic Plan. The cost of the work was \$2500. The work is not and had not been categorised.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1: Why are you doing your planning backwards?	Response by Mayor Fitzhardinge: The pitch document used during the recent trip to Canberra contains concept plans. The priorities remain as you articulated them and if the City can do something to try and address the housing crisis and to give people a place to live in Fremantle the City absolutely will but these are concept plans at this stage, they are not approved plans. Response by Director Planning: The City will be wrapping up the whole project with a council report over the next 6-8 weeks where all the different parts of the project of this complexity will be tied together. The City have had a conservation management plan in place since 1996 which stays in place until it is replaced by the new one, so the City have never been working in the absence of conservation management guidance.

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10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 1: The City's annual budget and corporate plan references a long term financial plan, however, the, in our view, woefully inadequate long term financial plan linked to the budget on the City's webpage is completely out of date being 2015-2025 (see link Long Term Financial Plan 2015-2025 (fremantle.wa.gov.au)). There is again this year a total disconnect between the current annual budget and the long term financial plan. When will the City's long term financial plan be updated so Fremantle ratepayers can properly assess the financial implications for the 2024-2025 annual budget?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: The City concurs the current Long Term Financial Plan that is on the website is out of date. During the current year budget process, the City has drafted a refreshed Long Term Financial Plan with an intent to present this to Council to adopt formally over the coming months so that will be updated and brought forward very soon.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 2: Why are funds for the maintenance of the Fremantle Town Hall predicated on the sale of Victoria Hall?	Response: The funds for the maintenance of the town hall which are included in the 2024/25 budget are not predicated on the sale of Victoria Hall. The sale of Victoria Hall has yet to be approved by council, and is not currently included in the 2024/25 budget. What has been identified as an option previously, is that if Victoria Hall is sold in the future, funds from this sale may be used to renew the internal aspects of the Town Hall.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 3: The City's track record for achieving budgeted capital expenditure amounts for which rates have been levied from Fremantle ratepayers has been appalling. This includes last year when the proposed capital expenditure budget started at \$24m and halved mid-year to \$12m and is currently now only \$5m for the 11 months to May 2024. Based on the City's track record, why does the City believe it can now meet the proposed capital expenditure budget target of \$19m?	Response by Director City Business: The City acknowledge that it has delivered a third of the program today however the City have substantially progressed a number of the major projects within that program, which includes South Beach Toilets, Fremantle Arts Centre creative Hub, Fremantle Public Golf Course whilst also growing our reserve balance by approximately \$6m with the intent that the City will have the capacity to continue to deliver from that program of projects.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 4: Are current capital projects being deliberately held back due to the City accumulating funds for the upcoming underground power upfront funding requirements to Western Power?	Response: No.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 5: Given the overall lack of capital expenditure to renew assets in the past few years and high depreciation amounts and the City consistently failing to respond to this question, it is being asked again please: What is the asset sustainability ratio for the year ended 30 June 2024, and the budgeted year ending 30 June 2025 and why it is not meeting the City's policies?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: The asset sustainability ratio is no longer a requirement requested by the state government so isn't provided in the coming budget and the City are not sure if it will be required in the end of year financial statements. It has been determined that it is a difficult ratio to put together and not very reliable.
10-Jul-24	24-Jul-24	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 6: What is the average percentage salary increase awarded to council staff (not change in total staff cost) for the year ended 30 June 2024 and for the budgeted year ending 30 June 2025, and if greater than CPI, why?	Response: The pay increase for administration staff in 2023/24 was 4% and proposed for 2024/25 is 3.5%. The pay increase for outside workers in 2023/24 was 4.7% and proposed for 2024/25 is 3.4%. These are below CPI for 2023/24 and in line with CPI for 2024/25.
24 July 2024	24 July 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: What is the status of the narrow street safe access guidelines that accompany the draft policy, as there was no copy provided when advertised?	Response by Manager Infrastructure Engineering: The guidelines, which are complete, are based on an internal document which helps the officers look at different aspects of the policies. The policies are a high level document and supported by the guidelines. The guidelines have been provided to Elected Members through the draft policy engagement process.
24 July 2024	24 July 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Do the policies adequately take in account the increasing size of vehicles that are used in Australia, and particularly South Fremantle?	Response by Manager Infrastructure Engineering: Each area is assessed on its merits and the size of vehicles used in the areas are taken into consideration when looking at traffic calming solutions.
24 July 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1: The minutes of the last Council meeting contained responses to public question time, and in the agenda of today's Council meeting, which went out last week, it contained responses to public question time, but the record was different. Why is there a difference?	Response: The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 10 July 2024, contains the questions asked during public question time at the meeting, along with any responses that were provided at the meeting. The Agenda of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 July 2024, contains (only) the questions that were taken on notice, and responses provided by the City after the meeting.
24 July 2024	24 July 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2: In relation to the Fremantle Oval plans and Fremantle Prison area, does the Fremantle Council really want to go down in history as the one who started the end of Western Australia's only UNESCO Cultural Heritage site?	Response by Mayor Fitzhardinge: This will be taken as a rhetorical question.
24 July 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3: How much is the City's investment in the Resource Recovery Group as of the 30th of June 2024?	Response: The City is not able to provide a response to this question until the end of financial year audit for the RRG has taken place.
24 July 2024	24 July 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4: What date will the City's long term business plan be prepared and available for the rate payers to see?	Response by Director City Business: In relation to the long-term financial plan, the City is going through the process of preparing the document at the moment and having discussions with Council. A draft is prepared annually as part of the annual budget process.
24 July 2024	24 July 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 5: The advertising of the proposed differential rates in the May 2024 Council meeting refers to the assets sustainability ratio to be an important factor in completing capital expenditure projects. How does the City plan to maintain their physical assets?	Response by Director City Business: The City has acknowledged that a third of the program has been delivered to date; however, the City has progressed substantially major projects as part of the program, including the South Beach Toilets, Fremantle Art Centre creative hub, and Fremantle Public Golf Course. In doing so, the City has also set aside quite an increase in reserves, so that all of the project's part of the program will continue to be delivered in the future. A response was provided in the agenda of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 22 May 2024 in relation to the asset sustainability ratio.
24 July 2024	24 July 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Given the best interests of the community at heart, and the fact that they had good reason to be happy and not worry about Victoria Hall, because you told them the development of Kings Square would also secure its future with "a new lease of life" for the community, why then is the community now faced with the sale of the hall as a fait accompli without any prior warning or engagement on their position, or notice of any issues in relation to Victoria Hall if there were any?	Please see response below
24 July 2024	24 July 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: How do you reflect on your PR YouTube video "A brief look at the History of Victoria Hall" from 2019? What should the community make of it now?	Please see response below
24 July 2024	24 July 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Why does your report on Victoria Hall exclude a number of relevant facts (such as heritage fund and restoration investments)?	Please see response below
24 July 2024	24 July 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: Did disposing of Victoria Hall to Fremantle Theatre Company in 2021 occur by way of public tender? Were submissions from the community invited?	Please see response below
24 July 2024	24 July 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: When/how were the different community interest groups invited/given the opportunity to consider the future possibilities of their community resource and asset, the Victoria Hall?	Response by Director City Business: The Fremantle Theatre Company was offered a license, it hasn't been disposed to them. The City is not required to carry out a tender to offer a license for a use or temporary use of a building. To date the process has been an expression of interest process, the decision tonight is not to dispose of the hall. Tonight, the City is seeking further feedback from Council on the uses that have come forward as part of the expression of interest process. The City is not currently happy with the prices received as part of the process, and the City would like to go back to the community focused uses and discuss price with those proponents.
24 July 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1: Will Council invite the Premier to tour Victoria Hall and the Town Hall with a view to secure government funding?	Response: There is currently no intention to invite the Premier to tour Victoria Hall as part of the current EOI process. However pursuit of State funding for both of these venues has been noted as an opportunity for consideration, and has been sought.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Felicity Townsend	Question 1: Given the Perth South West Metro Alliance (PSWMA) essentially derives its funds from the respective member Councils' ratepayer and other revenue, how do the Mayor and CEO of Fremantle Council, who are board members of PSWMA justify 'gifting/donating' themselves \$14,100 each to undertake the AUKJUS US trip to supposedly study "homelessness" and understand "emergency procedures"?	Response to questions 1 - 4 by Chief Executive Officer: The city is part of a delegation going over to the US to undertake due diligence on how currently responses are made to the industry, what other industries support defence and get an understanding of how other people in the world are managing these sorts of issues and that is part of the due diligence. The City is very aware that in any emergency response, the City will play an active part in it. The City are a member of the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) in the local area. There will be others that lead that, but the City will be required to provide support and the City will learn a little bit about that as well. It is important that the City of Fremantle become very involved and understand the implications of having up to 1000 foreign personnel coming over to train Australian personnel on how to undertake maintenance of these submarines and managing that in the local area and the City will be part of that and need to understand how other local governments are dealing with those issues as well, that is part of the due diligence.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Felicity Townsend	Question 2: What correlation would homelessness in the US have with the same here?	Response: As per response to Question 1.

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14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Felicity Townsend	Question 3: What relevance do US emergency procedures have with here in WA where these come under the State Hazard Plan, HAZMAT Annex A and will soon be the remit of the new Australian Naval Nuclear Power Safety Regulator?	Response: As per response to Question 1.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Felicity Townsend	Question 4: Shouldn't Council's due diligence pertaining to Defence's plan to base nuclear powered submarines in Cockburn Sound (under AUKUS Pillar 1) start right here in the Perth South West Metro area with: (i) an independent safety and risk assessment both a) in terms of the impacts on residents, the environment and marine life of a potential radiation leak and b) the presence of US submarines making us a target in the event of hostilities breaking out involving the US - (ii) community consultation, including in regard to the impact of 700 US submariners and their families moving to the PSWM area (in view of the SRF-West rotations as of 2027), on already overstretched housing, road transport and social services?	Response: As per response to Question 1.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 1: The Corporate Plan Report (item C2408-7) attachment refers to the \$1.6m 'Asset renewal of commercial tenancy fit-outs in the civic centre level 1,2 and 3 and Newman Court in 2023/24. How much has been spent on the civic centre tenant fit-outs in 2023/24 and how much revenue has been generated from the civic centre tenants in 2023/24?	Response: Expenditure for the tenancy fit-out to date for the WCC is \$17,250. The revenue generated from the civic centre tenancy during the 2023/24 financial year is \$42,000.
14 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 2: From which funding source is the repayment of the \$20m civic centre loan coming from given the low level of tenant revenue in 2023/24 and as originally stated in the City's business plan as the repayment source?	Response: Loan repayments for delivery of the WCC project are generated from general revenue.
14 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 3: What does the 'South Beach implementation' budget of \$3.2m in 2023/24 as a project or project components refer to in the Corporate Plan Report?	Response: In addition to the commentary provided in the Corporate Plan Report, this figure includes delivery of the South Beach change facility and landscaping works. This commentary will be corrected in the next reporting cycle.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Helen Cox	Question 4: Is the expected completion date of the South Beach changerooms in early 2025 as referred to in the Corporate Plan Report still Realistic?	Response by Director Infrastructure: The project is on target and is still anticipated to be completed early in the new year.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: I note the fact that my questions from the last Ordinary Meeting of Council were not answered. Lease arrangements or otherwise entered with FTC in 2021 - Mayor Fitzhardinge, what did you mean with your comment a bigger answer than the question (OCM 14 July 2024) when in fact my question did in no way relate to the response given to it. Why was the question allowed to be answered as if it did relate to the current expression of interest process, or any decision in relation to the sale of Victoria Hall, when in fact it didn't? Again, how was the licence to use the hall for 3 years granted to FTC, that is how was the Local Government Act 1995 (3.58. Disposing of Property) applied in 2021 in relation to the Victoria Hall and FTC	Response by Mayor Fitzhardinge: The questions asked at the last Ordinary Meeting of Council was in fact answered and the Director City Business can provide the same answer that was provided which was "it was aligned with the Local Government Act and it was an agreement with Fremantle Theatre Company." Response by Director City Business: It has been predominately provided through licenses. The original process, the City licenced the building to Space Market, Space Market then assigned that license to Fremantle Theatre Company, hence why there was no additional EOI process as part of that process.
14 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Indicate by page number where the above item line 'Destination Marketing' can be found in the annual budget?	Response: The budget allocation for the delivery of the destination development strategic plan is not listed individually within the statutory budget, however, the annual budget allocated towards the delivery of this strategic plan is \$690,000.
14 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Have East Fremantle and Cockburn contributed to the campaign This is Fremantle? 4x (Coogee in Common, Etho's Deli, La Luna, Young George Bar and Kitchen) out of the 16 restaurants show cased in the section WA's top restaurants in Fremantle are located outside Fremantle, why are Fremantle ratepayers funding their advertising?	Response: 4x (Coogee in Common, Etho's Deli, La Luna, Young George Bar and Kitchen) out of the 16 restaurants show cased in the section WA's top restaurants in Fremantle are located outside Fremantle, why are Fremantle ratepayers funding their advertising?
14 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: Thinking about the following: - ratepayers having contributed funds to One Planet for many years to be certified carbon neutral, - council's efforts to ban fossil fuel advertising, and - establishing a new group to monitor Community Emission 62408-5 Mayor Fitzhardinge how do you justify leaving your fossil fuel emission by flying 3 times to Canberra to lobby for yet unapproved plans (oval development), when this could have easily been done in other ways, eg., online?	Response: This is considered a rhetorical question. However, it is advised that the City takes its commitments to reducing emissions seriously and the current process is to include travel as part of the process used to calculate offsets.
14 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: Is the use of fossil fuels more justified when someone else foots the bill; thinking about your and the CEO's AUKUS excursion to the US?	Response: This is considered a rhetorical question.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tamara Travia	Question 1: At some point, without my knowledge two of the council rubbish bins that I was allocated were fitted with RFID sensors under the lip of the base of the bin. How and when where those RFID sensors fitted?	Response by Director Infrastructure: When the City introduced the 3-bin system, we did include the sensors in all the bins. They are currently used for asset tracking, so they link to our asset database, so the City knows where the bins are against the properties. The City doesn't currently have the fleet or trucks to be able to read or calculate weights or contents of the bins so they're just an asset management tool for now. The City is aware of opportunities in the future but there are things that the City will have to look at as we developed our fleet. In regard to the City's waste targets, Fremantle being a member of the Resource Recovery Group are renowned for performing well in respect to waste recovery and landfill avoidance, the City will continue to push that. There are opportunities to improve avoidance of landfill as we move to review our waster services in respect to the commercial sector and the CBD targets we've looked at more recently. Currently the City's performance is actually very good, the City will always strive to improve and the City has a strong education program as well so the City recognises it is not all about data and technology, there is also the contact and education side of sustainability and waste management. The City will continue to strive to improve that.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tamara Travia	Question 2: What data is collected regarding waste of individual properties?	Response: As per response to Question 1.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tamara Travia	Question 3: What capacity does the RFID sensors have currently and their potential?	Response: As per response to Question 1.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tamara Travia	Question 4: How much waste is currently going into landfill and incineration and what amount can be guaranteed as being recycled?	Response: As per response to Question 1.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tamara Travia	Question 5: If we're now incinerating plastics, will our 3-bin system and the recycling centre be adjusted accordingly?	Response: As per response to Question 1.
14 August 2024	14 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Tamara Travia	Question 6: How is the use of resources justified as being good for the environment?	Response: As per response to Question 1.
28 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Do Victoria Hall tenants have a lease or licence?	Response by Director City Business: Fremantle Theatre Company (FTC) currently have a license, which is the agreement under which they are using the building. There was a public process run initially to provide the license to Spacemarket, and they requested the City assign that license to FTC which the City approved. The term lease and license are often used interchangeably, however, the mechanism that the City is using for Victoria Hall is a license.
28 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: The History Society's Newsletter (October 2020) posted that Fremantle Council granted Spacemarket a lease. However, the council website (October 11 2019) states that they have been given a two-year licence over the heritage-listed hall, starting from November 2019. Which one is the case?	Response: Please see the response to question 1 above.
28 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: The websites for the City and SPM both agree that SPM won a tender in September 2019. On what basis were SPM entitled to sign over a lease as stated on their website following the end of their own lease/licence to a subtenant, gifting them the use of Victoria Hall, as well as a bar business for the next 3 years?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: It's not unusual for a City lease or license to have an ability to novate the license subject to pre-qualification through Council. If certain criteria are met it can be transferred across. This is part of the Commercial Tenancy Act that a license should allow this, and therefore is a legal right of a tenant to do so if stated in their lease or license.
28 August 2024	11 September 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: How were scrutiny, duty of diligence and equability safeguarded and maintained in 2021 by the City in managing this asset/resource for the ratepayers?	Response: As noted in the response to question 1 and 3 (provided in the Council Minutes), the Fremantle Theatre Company (FTC) currently have a license, which is the agreement under which they are using the building. There was a public process run initially to provide the license to Spacemarket, and they requested the City assign that license to FTC which the City approved. It is not unusual for a City lease or license to have an ability to novate the license subject to pre-qualification through Council. If certain criteria is met it can be transferred across. This is part of the Commercial Tenancy Act that a license should allow this, and therefore is a legal right of a tenant to do so if stated in their lease or license.

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28 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: How many other City resources are afforded leases/licenses by individuals as in the above example (question 3)?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: This is a common condition within a City license or lease.
28 August 2024	11 September 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6: Given you said no tender process was required for a licence at the 24 July 2024 OCM, why was a tender process applied to SPM, if it were the case that they just had a licence back in 2019, but not to Fremantle Theatre Company?	Response: Victoria Hall was vacant at the time of the initial EOJ and the City ran the process to identify any suitable tenants.
28 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 7: The Herald (March 1, 2024) reports that according to FTC 'the sale wasn't flagged during a recent lease renewal' which suggests that they must have had a lease previously and not a licence?	Response: Please see the response to question 1 above.
28 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 8: Sarah Booth in the summer edition in Jan 2021 for the Fremantle History Society writes 'Renato and the Fremantle Theatre Company will be taking on the lease permanently with the City of Fremantle'. Who afforded what to FTC?	Response: Please see the response to question 3 above.
28 August 2024	11 September 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 9: Given Mayor Fitzhardinge claimed that there was an item line 'Destination Marketing' in the annual budget at the OCM on 26 June 2024, and this subsequently turned out to be not the case, under what headings can ratepayers find the \$690,000 in the annual budget allocated to Destination Marketing?	Response: This information can be found page 31 of the City's Annual Budget 2024-25 under the heading 'Economic Services'.
28 August 2024	28 August 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 10: What does the \$690,000 include?	Response by Director City Business: Around \$40,000 is assigned to school holiday activations. Around \$350,000 is assigned to campaign and marketing activities. Around \$100,000 is assigned to major events support and attraction. Around \$25,000 is assigned to visitor experience and on-the-ground visitor support through the Visitor Centre and other mechanisms. Around \$150,000-\$200,000 is assigned to varying projects that the City deliver on the ground to improve destination development outcomes.
11 September 2024	11 September 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Anthony Cattalini	Statement	Response by Director Planning, Place and Urban Development: The process was in response to doubt about the process used in 2018/19 around the consultation under the planning scheme. The City could not find evidence that the occupiers were consulted with, this is not to say that they weren't, but the City think there was sufficient doubt to run that process under the scheme. The letter that went out more recently to rerun that process, the City has had legal viewing over correspondences that went out, in terms there were a lot of questions raised there and the City will need time to have a look at clause 4.1 and what reference there was or inferred. The City's understanding was the letter went out to both the owners and occupiers and it was very clear what the statement of significance was that we were seeking comment back on.
23 October 2024	23 October 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Louis de Villiers	Question 1: When will the City and its ratepayers, who indirectly helped finance the Mayor and CEOs' recent AUKUS trip to the USA, receive a report back on claimed benefits and outcomes, including what was learnt about the much touted "emergency nuclear safety measures"?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: The report in relation to the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance delegation to the United States will come to a November Council meeting. The report is being finalised by the Alliance and will be presented to their board, then taken to Council.
23 October 2024	23 October 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Louis de Villiers	Question 2: Does the City still support our community naval nuclear safety being in the hands of the defence minister? If so, why? If not, why has the City not spoken up for our community and raised these concerns with ARPANSA and the Defence Department?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: The City of Fremantle, through the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance, provided a submission on the Bill and one of the items raised was the governance structure. The Alliance made the comment within the report that the regulator shouldn't report to the Defence Minister.
23 October 2024	23 October 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Louis de Villiers	Question 3: Is removal of Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer infected trees the only effective measure to counter the threat of this infestation?	Response by the Director Infrastructure: The removal of infected trees is an adopted approach by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development, and the City has aligned with this approach. The issue was brought to Council on 25 September 2024 in relation to the City's response. The City will continue to work with the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to investigate in other measures. The City has started to look at forward planning and replacement trees, and the longer-term impact.
23 October 2024	23 October 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Louis de Villiers	Question 4: Do we know how effective the measures implemented thus far, including removal of trees, are?	Response: Please see response to question 3 above.
23 October 2024	23 October 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Louis de Villiers	Question 5: Are other methods of combating the threat being considered or tested?	Response: Please see response to question 3 above.
23 October 2024	23 October 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Louis de Villiers	Question 1: When will the City of Fremantle develop, fund, and implement a conservation management plan for the valuable but deteriorating heritage properties it owns?	Response by the Director City Business: In respect to Victoria Hall, as the City goes out to market and seeks interest from different tenants, we hope to have a conversation around their contributions as part of a lease. There are allocations in the current budget for the Town Hall, and possibly for future budgets. The current tenant of the Fremantle Markets is investing significantly in the premise. The long-term plan is something that the City looks to when planning investment into these facilities, and the City also hope to work with the tenants who occupy them as well. Response by Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge: This is budgeted through the asset management process the City goes through every year and in accordance with conservation advice.
23 October 2024	23 October 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Louis de Villiers	Question 1: Can the City advise whether there has been any significant progress in securing a contribution to either maintenance costs of the beach enclosure or improving facilities at Bathers Beach?	Response by the Director City Business: Pending the decision tonight, the City intends to go back to the business owner who put the proposal on the table and will continue discussions and formalise the offer. The City's understanding is that the business owner is still intending to make that contribution.
13 November 2024	13 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1: In 2013 Fremantle Council completed the Fremantle 2029 Visioning document which led to the Fremantle 2029 Transformative Move document in 2015. 10 years later, where is the actual program for the Bicentenary and where are the specific projects that will be delivered and where is the budget?	Response by Director Creative Arts and Community: The City is working towards an inclusive program of events and projects by 2029. The City have only had two initial meetings with the working group and the City is within the infant stages of that project planning. Response by the Chief Executive Officer: Council and the community may recall that the City received grant funding from the State Government 5-6 years ago where we implemented approximately \$1.2m - \$1.3m worth of works on reinforcing the tunnel, making corrections to the entrance on Bathers Beach side and correcting some of the cliff-face on the railway side that was crumbling at the time. Since then, I don't believe the City has made any further works on the Round House. The City also auspiced a grant funding for the Heritage Guides in the past so they could undertake works. The grant funding was for approximately \$20,000 - \$30,000. The City is not aware of anything further, but the City is happy to reach out to them to see what further they might need and we can assist in auspicing that as well.
13 November 2024	13 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 2: In 2021, Council's Conversation Plan for the Round House identified \$652,000 works needed on the Round House. How much has been spent on the Round House of the identified \$652,000 needed?	Refer to response above
13 November 2024	13 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 3: The \$100,000 interpretation plan for the Round House has been done but why has the Fremantle Council refused to help the Round House Guides get the \$300,000 promised by LotteryWest to implement the interpretation plan?	Refer to response above
27 November 2024	27 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Margaret Ker	Question 1: Can the City clarify how many individuals contributed to phase 2 of the Community Engagement process?	Response by the Director Planning, Place and Urban Development: The full numbers of people who participated in community engagement is provided in the report. There were 113 formal submissions as part of phase 2 of the community engagement process. The project team are already aware of the issues identified through the most recent round of community engagement, namely the heritage significance and how to integrate residential living into a complex in the City site. There have been no direct changes to the masterplan since the most recent round of consultation. The feedback from the community engagement has helped inform the project team of what issues might need more focused work and what processes might be required to address this. Some of these key issues and processes are highlighted in the report. The application for community enabling infrastructure funding was made in August 2024 and no response has been received by the City.
27 November 2024	27 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Margaret Ker	Question 2: Given the large number of issues identified and comments received by the City in the most recent round of community consultation, could the City advise what changes, if any, have been made to the previous draft report?	Refer to response above
27 November 2024	27 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Margaret Ker	Question 3: In relation to the proposed housing component of the Fremantle Oval redevelopment, can the City advise whether an application for funding was made under the Federal Government's Housing Support Program - Community Enabling Infrastructure Stream (HSP-CEI), and if so when the application was made and whether a response has been received?	Refer to response above

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27 November 2024	27 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: Why is there no mention of the potential conflicts of the sporting activities and the events on the one hand, and residents on the other?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: There is no Plan B at the moment, although the concepts provide for a plan with housing and without housing. There is a requirement for the City to contribute in the business case, showing \$20 million being provided by the City, which will be undertaken by a loan.
27 November 2024	27 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Is there a Plan B if either element of the state or federal funding is not forthcoming?	Refer to response above
27 November 2024	27 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1: Why is the process and Council position for redevelopment of Fremantle Oval focusing on high rise housing with 8 to 9 storey blocks of flats instead of demonstrating that key world heritage demands for the prison, as exist in the Heritage Management Plan for the World Heritage Precinct, are met?	Response by Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge: It is not. The City has been consistent in stating that the final form, height, content of the housing component will need to go through a far more rigorous process than what is indicated in a masterplan. Equally, the City is very much aware of the heritage context of the site and would not want to propose works that would remove the current World Heritage Listing status for the neighbouring prison.
27 November 2024	27 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sean Lynn	Question 1: Has Council considered the extra traffic congestion we will get in this area, including the oval redevelopment, police complex, and potential development on the empty land across the road?	Response by the Director Planning, Place and Urban Development: The City takes traffic congestion very seriously; you can't have development without increased traffic. The City will be looking at traffic congestion project by project. The ambition of the City is to attract more people into Fremantle, and so not only are there the issues of traffic and car parking, but the City hopes to get a modal shift and have active public transport.
27 November 2024	27 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Dr Sally Price	Question 1: Will the Councillors agree to a meeting with me in my professional capacity to explain the information in simpler terms so that everyone understands their seriousness?	Response by Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge: As this is not a matter that is regulated by the Council, the City of Fremantle will not be responding to these questions tonight nor in the future. If individual Councillors do want to meet with you, they have your contact details.
27 November 2024	27 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Dr Sally Price	Question 2: Will the Council then add this onto next month's agenda to discuss the findings and hence help reassure the community of Freo that Fremantle Council has the issue in hand and is working to mitigate its impacts?	Refer to response above
27 November 2024	27 November 2024	Ordinary Council Meeting	Dom Sullivan	Question 1: In the three years in your seat, Mayor Fitzhardinge, what have you done to keep our working port at Fremantle, rather than it being transferred down to a new outer harbour which will have significant environmental impact?	Response by Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge: Council takes positions on various matters. There is a Council position to maintain the working port at Fremantle. There is also a position that requires contribution of a Future of Fremantle Plan to the business case for Westport, because it is important that the economic impact and the required expenditure on something like Future of Fremantle is considered by the Westport Taskforce. There are two positions relating to the matter available online. See Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 20 December 2023, and 22 August 2018.
11 December 2024	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 1: When will Fremantle Council demonstrate an inclusive commemoration that provides a balanced series of events and projects for the whole community, that unites rather than divides?	Response: The City will deliver a comprehensive and community-focused commemoration of the 2029 bicentenary.
11 December 2024	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	John Dowson	Question 2: It would appear that none of the \$652,000.00 works identified as being needed for the Round House in the 2021 Conservation Plan has been spent. Why is that?	Response: The City undertakes an extensive renewal program across all City assets, which are prioritised based on renewal targets and available budgets. The amount referred to is not currently budgeted. This along with other renewal priorities are assessed through the Long Term Financial Plan and considered for supporting financial funding along with council funds.
29 January 2025	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sam Wainwright	Question 1: Does the Council not believe it has a duty of care to its residents to advocate for their safety and security and to request measures be taken by other levels of government to minimise risk consistent with the advice in HAZMAT Annex A?	Response: Please see below.
29 January 2025	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sam Wainwright	Question 2: The Council's existing adopted policy amounts to an explicit position of advocacy in favour of the elimination of nuclear weapons. How can Council receive a report that is simply wrong on this point of fact?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: The current Nuclear Free Council Policy has a foundation of speaking to nuclear facilities in the City of Fremantle, and specifically in the district of the City of Fremantle. It does skirt around the provision of nuclear vessels visiting the port. Predominantly it talks about having a nuclear power plant, waste facilities, etc in Fremantle. It does not call for banning nuclear weapons.
29 January 2025	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Leonie Lundy	Question 1: At the Council meeting on 10 July 2024 the response received to my question asked that "Fremantle Council has not explicitly supported or opposed the proposal for a Controlled Industrial Facility (CFI) on Garden Island" was and remains erroneous. I request Council to correct its previous error	Response by the Deputy Mayor, Cr Jenny Archibald: These comments will be taken on board as part of the discussion on the item
29 January 2025	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Felicity Townsend	Question 1: Can the City please justify the apparent PR role it is playing for Defence rather than providing vital information and enabling democratic community input for such an important and impactful issue for our Fremantle community.	Response by the Deputy Mayor, Cr Jenny Archibald: These comments will be taken on board as part of the discussion on the item.
29 January 2025	12 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Louis de Villiers	Question 1: On 23 October 2024 I brought a concern and question to Council, "Does the City still support our community naval nuclear safety being in the hands of the defence minister? If so, why? If not, why has the City not spoken up for our community and raised these concerns with ARPANSA and the Defence Department?. The response I received claimed that "The City of Fremantle, through the Perth South West Metropolitan Alliance, provided a submission on the Bill and one of the items raised was the governance structure. The Alliance made the comment within the report that the regulator shouldn't report to the Defence Minister". I suggest there is no such comment in the PSWMA's submission. Can the City's response please be reconsidered?	Response: The City can advise that PSWMA provided a response to the Foreign Affairs Trade and Defence Committee not ARPANSA. The City is not intending to provide its own response further to this.
29 January 2025	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 1: In view of the contractor's apparent inability to follow the specification in laying the original slab, what will the City be doing to ensure that remedial works are undertaken to the required standard?	Response: Please see below.
29 January 2025	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 2: Three small squares of the slab have already been removed and re-poured to a lower level. Is this piecemeal approach consistent with the approved rectification methodology and the required integrity of the replacement slab?	Response: Please see below.
29 January 2025	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 3: What measures will be taken to ensure that removal and replacement of the concrete slab does not damage the rust protection of the galvanised steel poles?	Response: Please see below.
29 January 2025	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Ian Ker	Question 4: The remedial works will be a significant additional cost to the contractor. In view of the difficult negotiations over price for this project, is the City confident that the contractor has the financial and other resources to complete the project to the required standard and that the City will not be faced with the need to find a new contractor to finish the job – at additional cost to the City?	Response by the Director Infrastructure: The City is working with the contractor to ensure removal and rework is done to the required standard. A detailed methodology statement has been submitted by the contractor, this has been accepted as a suitable approach by the City. The City has sought advice from external consultants and industry specialists in considering the approach, and the slab removal in this situation. In relation to question 2, this is not correct; there has been no concrete poured simultaneous to slab removal. The contractor is following the agreed methodology. Perhaps you're looking at the existing set down and wet areas on the eastern side of the building. In relation to question 3, as per question 1, the contractor is following an agreed methodology; this includes provision for protection of the columns, walls, etc. Noting the columns and walls are separated from the concrete with a special joint filler. The City has been pleased with the contractors response, also their engagement and commitment to work with the City to complete the works and ensure a quality product. The City undertakes third party financial checks of contractors prior to engagement and monitors financial health of contractors during engagement; at this point, we have no reason to believe there will be a problem.
29 January 2025	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 1: Why is the Council putting this item to a vote before the outcome of the disputed election results, which is due in less than two weeks? The magistrates comments and decision could provide valuable information on how future local government elections should be run, why wouldn't this be considered before bringing this item to Council? There seems to be no information or mention of the court case between electors and the WAEC, why wasn't this mentioned?	Response: Please see below.
29 January 2025	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 2: Where is the comparative cost example of an in-person election, and what are the possible scenarios for how it could work? Has the Council done any work on this, so councillors can make an informed decision?	Response: Please see below.
29 January 2025	12 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 3: Why does this agreement seemingly expose ratepayers to costs incurred by the WAEC for its potential failures in running an election? On page 17, the point states "Any legal expenses other than those that are determined to be borne by the Western Australian Electoral Commission in a Court of Disputed Returns". What exposure do the ratepayers have with clauses like this in the agreement? What other legal expenses are they referring to?	Response: This is a standard clause provided to all local governments and refers to any legal expenses incurred by the City as part of their role in the agreement.
29 January 2025	29 January 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Mark Woodcock	Question 4: In the media we have seen reports of the City of Fremantle using un-coded spare ballot papers in the local election, seemingly in far higher amounts than other local governments. Can the Council confirm this and if so, how does it ensure these ballots are used correctly and properly accounted for? Can the Council release the Standard Operating Procedures on using these ballots in an election and inform ratepayers about how many are used in each election per ward?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: The Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) is the only authorised agent that can run a local government postal election, the City of Fremantle cannot do that, so it is very difficult to provide a cost comparison.

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12 February 2025	12 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Clarify whether elected members need to know the LG Act and regulations, and need to conduct themselves accordingly? What are the consequences for not doing so?	See response to Question 5
12 February 2025	12 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Clarify the meaning of 5.33 (1) of the Act: All decisions made at an electors' meeting are to be considered at the next ordinary council meeting or, if that is not practicable ...?	Response by Mayor Fitzhardinge: I will take a large part of that as a statement, and we have previously answered the questions regarding enbloc voting. The motions from the AGM will be coming to the next Council meeting.
12 February 2025	12 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Clarify whether 'considering decisions' equates to en block voting for them according to some officer's recommendation?	Response by Mayor Fitzhardinge: I will take a large part of that as a statement, and we have previously answered the questions regarding enbloc voting. The motions from the AGM will be coming to the next Council meeting.
12 February 2025	12 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: Given that electors were present till after 9pm to hear the considerations of the decisions of the AGM 2024, to then find they were presented with an en block voting process, is this course of events an example of the City's vision statements of including, respecting and celebrating their ratepayers?	Response by Mayor Fitzhardinge: I will take a large part of that as a statement, and we have previously answered the questions regarding enbloc voting. The motions from the AGM will be coming to the next Council meeting.
12 February 2025	12 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: Describe the council's working relationship with reference to all aspects regarding the senior citizen of the year, blogger Roel Loopers?	Response by Mayor Fitzhardinge: I will take a large part of that as a statement, and we have previously answered the questions regarding enbloc voting. The motions from the AGM will be coming to the next Council meeting.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sean McKay	Question 1: Why have accessibility guidelines not been met with this years Annual Report?	Response by the Chief Executive Officer: The City acknowledges the size of the font is hard to read and will provide alternative options at request. The Executive Leadership Team approved the document, and 70 copies were printed. The report was designed in-house, and costs for additional copywriting and printing were \$4,829.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sean McKay	Question 2: Who approved this document before it went to print?	Please see response above.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sean McKay	Question 3: How many Annual Reports were printed?	Please see response above.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sean McKay	Question 4: What was the cost of design and print?	Please see response above.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sally McKay	Question 1: Have you read any of the evidence documents emailed through to you, in relation to Covid-19 injections?	Response by Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge: Information was taken from the State Government Covid-19 website. The video did not cost anything to make. I would not change anything in relation to the video made then, today.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sally McKay	Question 2: Where did you get your information about stopping transmission of Covid from to put in your Facebook video reel?	Please see response above.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sally McKay	Question 3: Did you use council rates to pay for the making and promoting of the video reel?	Please see response above.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sally McKay	Question 4: How much did it cost? Will you pay this money back?	Please see response above.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Sally McKay	Question 5: Given it was a state matter, why did you decide to make a video promoting the trial injection?	Please see response above.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 1: Would you confirm that the following interpretation based on your answer is correct, *a council person decides if a given property owner is to accommodate council tree canopies and how much of it, and according to that assessment the ratepayer will/or will not be receiving pruning past the property line through rates? *ratepayers, who for what ever reason wish to have no overhanging tree branches onto their properties, are forced to pay themselves for the removal/ pruning of overhanging branches, or forced to pay for additional roof plumbing services, or forced to carry out pruning themselves, if they cannot afford the extra expense, or forced to be plunged into darkness in winter (depending on the circumstances), or forced not to be able to grow the things they want, or forced to put up with the noise of branches/debris hitting the roof, etc.	Response by Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge: Please see earlier responses in relation to the Annual Report. Question 5 has been answered previously. Question 6 is not clear. Please send through an email to agendasminutes@fremantle.wa.gov.au to clarify your question.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 2: Given I told you that Council tree branches are hitting both feeder lines across my property, would you confirm whether my property is safe, and has been so during Winter?	Please see response above.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 3: Where is the discussion on the lost motion of the Annual Report as well as on the unacceptable presentation of the Annual Report information?	Please see response above.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 4: What was the total cost to ratepayers of producing the Annual Report, including the hard copy and the online copy?	Please see response above.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 5: Who is the person ultimately responsible for the decisions taken by the Council?	Please see response above.
26 February 2025	26 February 2025	Ordinary Council Meeting	Elisabeth Megroz	Question 6: Explain how and why the City of Fremantle website data is stored on computers, when reading the Fremantle blog by Roel Loopers?	Please see response above.