



Minutes

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday 23 July 2025 6:00 pm



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Official opening, welcome and acknowledgement

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6:00 pm and welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

The Presiding Member informed members of the public that the meeting was being recorded and streamed live on the internet. They further advised that while all care is taken to maintain privacy, visitors in the public gallery and members of the public submitting a question, may be captured in the recording.

Attendance, apologies and leave of absence

Attendance

Ms Hannah Fitzhardinge	Mayor/Presiding Member
Cr Geoff Graham	Central Ward
Cr Adin Lang	Coastal Ward
Cr Andrew Sullivan	Coastal Ward
Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong	Coastal Ward
Cr Fedele Camarda	East Ward
Cr Ben Lawver	East Ward
Cr Frank Mofflin	East Ward
Cr Doug Thompson	North Ward
Cr Ingrid van Dorssen	North Ward
Mr Glen Dougall	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Pete Stone	Director Creative Arts and Community
Mr Graham Tattersall	Director Infrastructure
Mr Russell Kingdom	Director Planning, Place and Urban Development
Ms Kath Philip	Manager Business Transformation
Ms Melody Foster	Manager Governance
Mr David Settelmaier	Manager Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Relations
Ms Gabrielle Woulfe	Governance Officer
Ms Donna Ross	Meeting Support Officer

There were approximately 8 members of the public and no member of the press in attendance.

Apologies

Cr Jenny Archibald Central Ward

Leave of absence

Nil.



Applications for leave of absence

Nil.

Disclosures of interest by members

Nil.

Responses to previous public questions taken on notice

Nil.

Public question time

Ian Ker spoke in relation to matters not on the agenda, including parking at South Beach.

Nicholas Janzen spoke in relation to matters not on the agenda, including Douro Road, Beaconsfield, and asked the following questions:

1. What design options for the upgrade of Douro Road – a key gateway to South Beach, which is growing in popularity and likely to see increased traffic and parking demand – have been developed by the City in the past 16 months?
2. What options, if any, have been presented to Council or the community for consultation? And if none have, how can the community maintain trust in the City and its elected representatives when we are given commitments that are not honoured?
3. If this matter has been deprioritised or forgotten, despite Council's own acknowledgment of its urgency, what could possibly be more important than the safety of children, families, beachgoers, ratepayers, and tourists who use Douro Road daily to access South Beach, Hampton Road, and surrounding businesses?

Response by Director Infrastructure:

In respect to Douro Road, South Terrace and Hampton Road and Beaconsfield Primary School, there has been an enormous amount of work undertaken by Officers over the past 2 years. Funding was made available in the 24/25 budget to allow the City to do some conceptual designs and aligning projects around that area.



The City has secured additional Main Roads funding, approximately \$800,000 available this financial year to implement the works being proposed. The work will be focused around Duoro road crossing points, pedestrian access, resurfacing.

Designers have been working on developing the concepts for the City to engage with the community.

Jason Lenard-Smith spoke in relation to matters not on the agenda, including parking at South Beach, and asked the following questions:

1. What has been done to ascertain the need for this additional parking at South Beach?
2. Why are the permanent removal of the parking bays by the toilet block at South Beach being relocated to another area when they exist already?
3. Why is the City focusing on removing green space instead of completing some studies to understand the demand and need for this area both short term in summer and across the full season of the year?

Response by Director Infrastructure:

In relation to the 3 parking areas at South Beach, the central parking area is an extension of the original landscaping project. The City are reconfiguring the parking to improve Acrod parking for the new South Beach facilities to align with the other 2 carpark projects.

Due to the increased demand and the City receiving feedback over the past 12-18 months from residents about parking and issues around Wilson Park, the City has elected to move forward and prioritise additional parking at the north and south parts of the parking areas. The intent is to deal with the demand.

The Carpark configurations and existing issues have also been looked at the Northern carpark. There are some access due to the dual use path, flooding and gradient issues, but improving and extending this area with 11 bays further north will limit the movement into green space.

In southern section, the City is looking at using the verge. It is a restricted area due to the intersection, rail crossing, and services, but we do have the opportunity to increase that area with approximately 56 carbays.

The City acknowledges disruption in conducting this work over a period of time and will conclude the works by end 31 October.

Petitions

Nil.



Deputations

Nil.

Presentations

Nil.

Confirmation of minutes

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Seconded: Cr Ben Lawver

Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council dated 9 July 2025.

Carried: 10/0

For:

**Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge, Cr Geoff Graham, Cr Adin Lang, Cr Andrew Sullivan,
Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong, Cr Fedele Camarda, Cr Ben Lawver,
Cr Frank Mofflin, Cr Doug Thompson and Cr Ingrid van Dorsen**

Against:

Nil

Elected member communication

Nil.



Reports and recommendations from officers

Planning reports

Nil.



Strategic and general reports

C2507-8 ADOPTION OF THE CORPORATE PLAN 2025-2029

Meeting date:	23 July 2025
Responsible officer:	Manager Business Transformation
Voting requirements:	Absolute Majority Required
Attachments:	1. Corporate Plan 2025-29

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Corporate Plan 2025-2029. The Plan has been developed to align with the adopted Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034.

This report recommends that Council adopt the Corporate Plan 2025-2029.

BACKGROUND

The Corporate Plan 2024-2028 was adopted as a reflection of how the organisation will deliver on the community aspirations outlined in the Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034, which was adopted 24 May 2024 after extensive consultation with the community. To maintain clear alignment to the aspirational outcomes of the Strategic Community Plan and how the organisation will deliver on these outcomes for the community, a renewed Corporate Plan 2025-2029 has been prepared to reflect commitments over the next four years.

The Corporate Plan outlines services, projects and initiatives that are planned for delivery over the next four years. The Corporate Plan will be reviewed annually through the corporate planning and budget process to maintain a continual four year outlook and ensure the City has capacity to deliver on the aspirational outcomes and objectives.

The Corporate Plan is subject to ongoing monitoring of commitments through internal monthly reporting and six monthly reporting to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Corporate Plan has been developed in line with resource capacity, long term financial plan and annual budget considerations.



Any costs associated with the development or modification of the Corporate Plan will be considered through the annual budget process and incorporated into the long term financial plan.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with section 5.56 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, section 19DA of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* and the IPR Framework and Guidelines, local governments develop a Strategic Community Plan and a Corporate Plan.

The Corporate Plan is to cover a period of at least four financial years and sets out the local governments priorities for dealing with the outcomes and objectives of the Strategy Community Plan 2024-2034.

Adoption and/or modification of the Corporate Plan is required by absolute majority under *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* sections 19C (7) and 19DA (6) respectively.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This item is in keeping with the City of Fremantle's Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034:

Corporate - Lead and empower the organisation to deliver the vision of 'strong reputation, stronger future'

- The matters contained in this report align to the intent of this theme's outcome.

CONSULTATION

Consultation with internal stakeholders was undertaken to maintain alignment of services and projects to the themes in the Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034. Specific attention was given to the outcomes of the Strategic Community Plan to ensure services and projects continue to deliver on the communities desired outcomes.

OFFICER COMMENT

The City of Fremantle is one of 137 local government authorities established under the *Local Government Act 1995* providing services and facilities under legislation and regulation.



The City recognises that its performance strongly influences the liveability, productivity, wellbeing, connection and identity of the community.

Council’s Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework (figure 1) is a legislative requirement that ensures that planning is community and data-informed. Aligned to the vision and long-term strategy for the City, the framework guides the city to align services, build capability, optimise resources, and monitor progress.

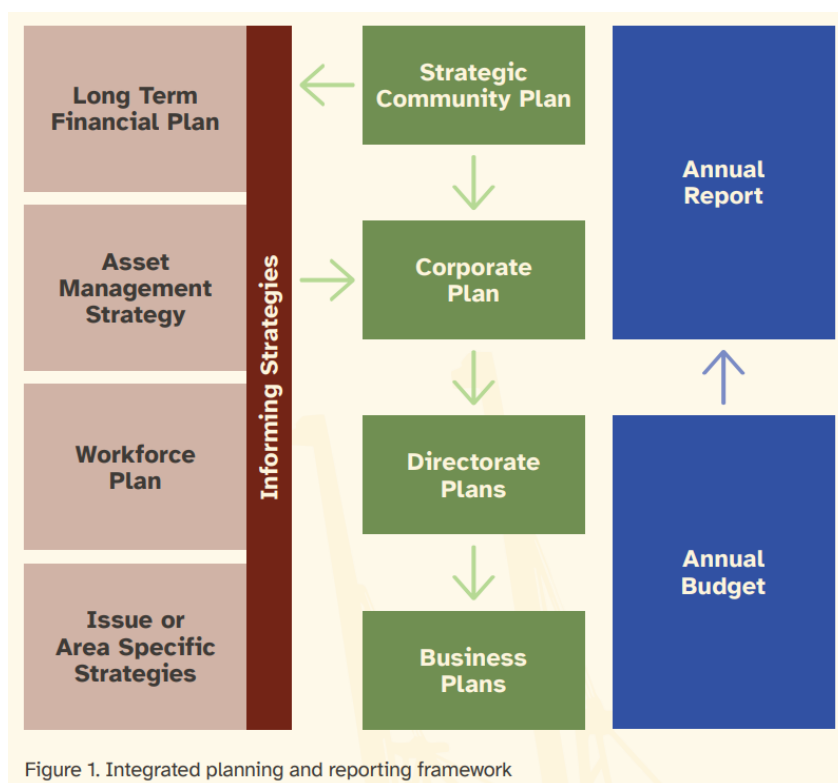


Figure 1. Integrated planning and reporting framework

The Corporate Plan outlines ‘how’ the community’s aspirations as articulated in the Strategic Community Plan will be achieved, taking a four-year view to plan services, projects and initiatives based on informing strategies. Services and initiatives are aligned through integrated planning and resourced through the Annual Budget. Directorate and Business Plans directly inform the operational activities to achieve the community’s needs and aspirational outcomes of the Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034.

The Corporate Plan 2025–2029 demonstrates clear alignment and commitment to the aspirational outcomes of the Strategic Community Plan 2024–2034. Services and projects that will be delivered over the next four years are aligned against each theme in the Strategic Community Plan 2024–2034. These services and projects are underpinned by a commitment to our organisational vision and values which guide the City’s purpose and how we operate.



As an organisation we are committed to achieving our vision of developing a strong reputation and a stronger future, with a clear focus on the community.

Informing strategies guide our approach to resourcing and the plan, through sound financial management, managing assets cost effectively whilst ensuring sustainability and advocating for Fremantle on the issues that are important. Issue specific strategies have been aligned to the themes of the Strategic Community Plan to ensure we are delivering projects and services that are important for the community. This is a demonstration of the long term commitment to achieving the community outcomes of a liveable, thriving, creative, inclusive and resilient city.

The Corporate Plan 2025–2029 will be reviewed annually to maintain a four year outlook in line with long term financial planning and ensure a commitment to the aspirational outcomes of the Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034. Progress on projects and services will be reported to Council every six months and key achievements and financial performance reported every 12 months through the Annual Report.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority Required

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM C2507-8 **(Officer's recommendation)**

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Seconded: Cr Frank Mofflin

Council adopt the Corporate Plan 2025-2029, as provided in Attachment 1.

Carried: 10/0

For:

**Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge, Cr Geoff Graham, Cr Adin Lang, Cr Andrew Sullivan,
Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong, Cr Fedele Camarda, Cr Ben Lawver,
Cr Frank Mofflin, Cr Doug Thompson and Cr Ingrid van Dorsen**

Against:

Nil



**C2507-9 ROAD NAMING FOR SUBDIVISION AT NO. 11-15 (LOT 2680)
 GROSVENOR STREET, BEACONSFIELD**

- Meeting date:** 23 July 2025
Responsible officer: Manager Commercial Services
Voting requirements: Simple Majority Required
Attachments
1. MNG Road Naming Application
 2. MNG Road Names Research
 3. Updated Road Name Plan
 4. City of Fremantle Road Names Register

SUMMARY

The City of Fremantle has received a public road naming application from McMullen Nolan Group Pty Ltd (MNG) Surveys on behalf of Development WA (Applicant). The proposed names are in relation to the subdivision of Nos. 11-15 Grosvenor Street, Beaconsfield (Lot 2680) being the former TAFE College site (see attachment 1).

The Applicant is seeking to name seven proposed public road names within the subdivision. Ten names have been submitted as the Landgate Geographic Names Team (GNT) require at least two additional names to be supplied.

The proposed road names selected have a common theme of “knowledge and wisdom” to honour the TAFE College previously built on the site in the late 1960s (see attachments 1-2).

This report recommends that Council support the Applicant’s proposed road names as listed below and identified on the MNG plan (see figure 1).

Proposed Road Names Theme - Knowledge and Wisdom	Road type (suffix)
Observation	Drive
Explore	Lane
Insight	Lane
Maven	Lane
Veritas	Lane
Enrich	Lane
Athena	Lane
Additional names as required by Landgate	
Mentor	
Stencil	
Verve	



BACKGROUND

27/08/2024 – The City received a Planning application for the Beaconsfield TAFE Subdivision - Nos. 11-15 (Lot 2680) Grosvenor Street, Beaconsfield. Public comment and submissions associated with the former TAFE site development closed on 8/10/2024 with one comment suggesting a road name theme of “education”.

25/09/2024 – during the Planning public consultation period - a submission was received requesting a future road name of “Challenger” for a main street to honour the former Challenger TAFE site. Unfortunately the name Challenger failed the Landgate preliminary check due to name duplications in the suburbs of Melville and Coogee.

29/10/2024 - The Applicant proposed a road naming theme of “knowledge and education” and carried out the associated naming research.

05/02/2025 - The Applicant confirmed the theme knowledge and education.

17/02/2025 - The Applicant submitted a formal road naming application with the theme “knowledge and education”. The City forwarded the application to Landgate/GNT for comment.

18/02/2025 – The City provided the Applicant with the minor changes requested by Landgate/GNT to:

1. Replace the proposed suffix of Way (indicating a wide roadway) with the more suited suffix of Lane in two of the road names.
2. Replace proposed “Perception Court” with “Athena Lane” (see attachment 3 and figure 1).

The GNT supported a road name theme as an opportunity for the City’s local road names to honour the sites’s former use as a TAFE college .

21/05/2025 - The applicant submitted, on behalf of the Developer, the revised theme of “knowledge and wisdom”.

26/05/2025 - The Applicant made the requested amendments and submitted the final road names to the City (attachments 1-3).



Certificate of Title details

The subject land is contained within Land Record Certificate of Title Volume 3054 Folio 106 being Lot 2680 on Diagram 33642 with the registered Proprietor being the Western Australian Land Authority T/as Development WA.



Figure 1 – MNG proposed road name plan supported by Development WA.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

All costs associated with road naming are borne by the Applicant.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Landgate is responsible for road naming and is guided by the Geographic Names Committee (GNC). The GNC provides the Policies and Standards in relation to the naming of roads, features, townsites and places in Western Australia. The following publications are referred to by the Landgate Geographic Names Team (GNT) when assessing road naming and street addressing compliance:



- The Geographic Names Committee – Policies and Standards for Geographical Naming in Western Australia (released on 01/01/2013).
- The Australian/New Zealand Standard Rural and Urban Addressing standard (AS/NZS 4819:2011 (3rd edition released in 2011)).

Per the GNC guidelines and Policy, the 'road type' (suffix) should reflect the road on the ground. The selection of road type should meet criteria established by the GNC.

The GNC policy has changed to exclude the road type description of 'Way' in preference of 'Lane' so that visitors of heavier vehicles know that an under-width roadway is a lane and may be difficult to navigate where the road type of 'Way' gives the impression of a wider roadway.

The table below describes the road types available within the 11-15 Grosvenor Street, Beaconsfield subdivision. The section copied, is an extract from the Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 4819-2011 Appendix A 'Road Types – Australia' .

Road Type	Description	Open ended	Cul-de-sac
Drive	Wide thoroughfare, especially where both ends join the same thoroughfare	✓	
Lane	Narrow way between walls, buildings or a narrow country or city roadway	✓	
Road	Open way or public passage primarily for vehicles	✓	
Street	Public roadway in a town, city or urban area, especially a paved thoroughfare with footpaths and buildings along one or both sides	✓	

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This item is in keeping with the City of Fremantle's Strategic Community Plan 2024 – 2034:

Liveable City - Connected city

- Streets are well connected, and it is easy and safe for pedestrians and cyclists to move within neighbourhoods and between key destinations and precincts.



Liveable City - Sustainably designed and optimised urban and natural environments

- The community can access and enjoy natural areas and green spaces for passive and active recreation.

Inclusive City – A safe and accessible community for all abilities

- The matters contained in this report align to the intent of this theme's outcome.

Inclusive City – A welcoming and inclusive City for all members of community

- The matters contained in this report align to the intent of this theme's outcome.

CONSULTATION

Consultation is not required for a new development without existing street addresses.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Applicant has engaged with the City and Landgate to obtain a set of compliant road names selected with a theme to honour the former TAFE College site. The officer supports the road naming proposal submitted by the Applicant and owner Development WA.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required



OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Geoff Graham

Seconded: Cr Fedele Camarda

Council supports the following proposed road names, to be applied to the subdivision located at 11-15 Grosvenor Street, Beaconsfield (Lot 2680):

Proposed Road Names Theme - Knowledge and Wisdom	Road type (suffix)
Observation	Drive
Explore	Lane
Insight	Lane
Maven	Lane
Veritas	Lane
Enrich	Lane
Athena	Lane
Additional names as required by Landgate	
Mentor	
Stencil	
Verve	

PROCEDURAL MOTION

At 6:28 pm the following procedural motion was moved:

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Seconded: Cr Adin Lang

The item be deferred for a decision at the next appropriate Ordinary Meeting of Council to enable Development WA to consider Indigenous and Women names from the City's naming register.

Carried: 10/0

For:

Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge, Cr Geoff Graham, Cr Adin Lang, Cr Andrew Sullivan,
Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong, Cr Fedele Camarda, Cr Ben Lawver,
Cr Frank Mofflin, Cr Doug Thompson and Cr Ingrid van Dorsen

Against:

Nil



C2507-10 REVIEW OF THE ASSET MANAGEMENT COUNCIL POLICY

Meeting date: 23 July 2025
Responsible officer: Manager Infrastructure Engineering
Voting requirements: Simple Majority Required
Attachments: 1. Draft Amended Asset Management Council Policy

SUMMARY

Robust asset management data and planning are key components in facilitating the City in meeting the objectives that have been set in the City of Fremantle Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034.

The City is currently strongly focused on strengthening its asset management capabilities and as part of this work, numerous asset management documents are currently being reviewed and updated.

As part of this process there is a need to review the Asset Management Policy, which is the guiding document for the updating of all of the documents which make up the City's Asset Management Framework.

Accordingly, a draft amended Asset Management Council Policy is presented for Council consideration.

BACKGROUND

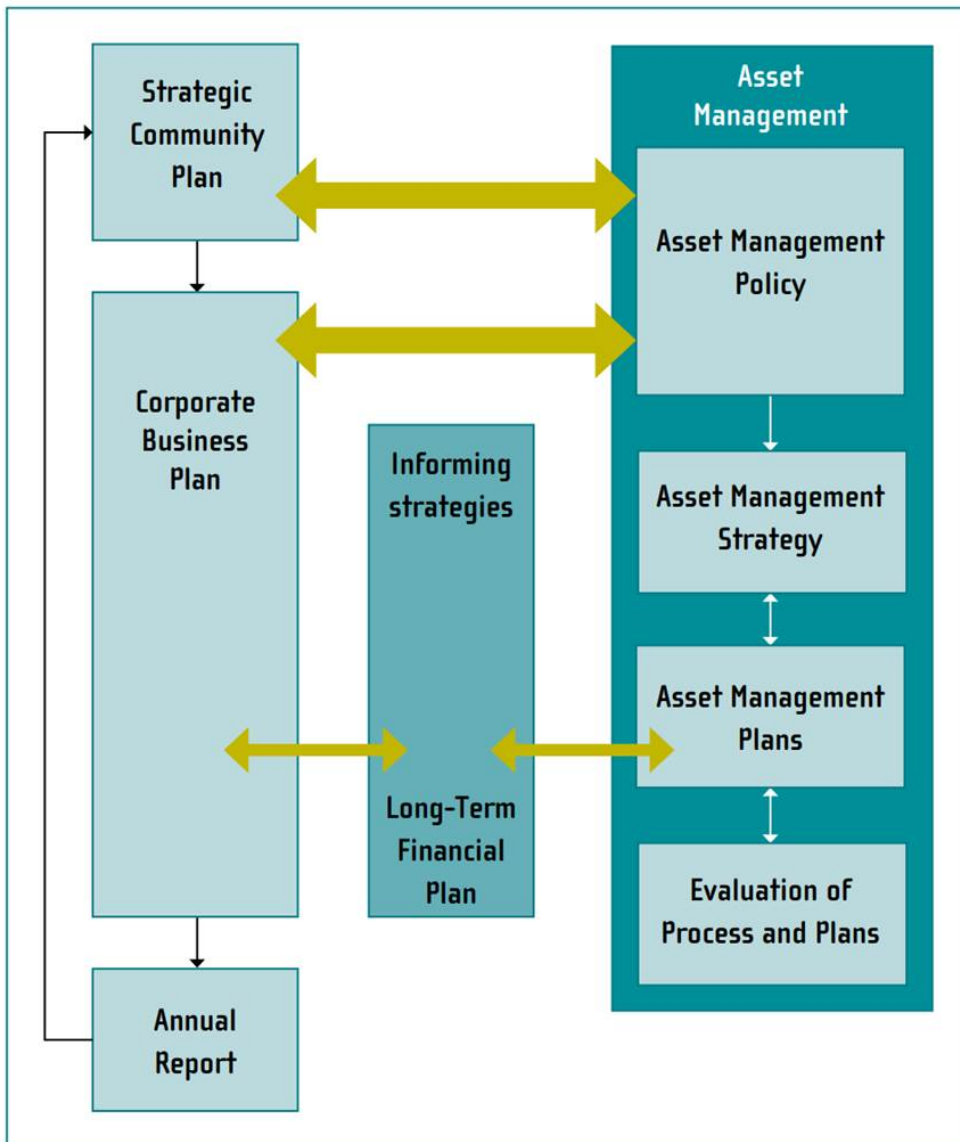
The Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework is a legislative requirement that ensures that planning is community and data-informed. Aligned to the vision and long-term strategy for the City, the framework guides the City to align services, build capability, optimise resources, and monitor progress.

The City's Strategic Community Plan 2024-2034 establishes the long-term aspirations, vision, objectives and outcomes for the local community over the period of the plan.

The Corporate Plan 2024-28 outlines 'how' the community's aspirations as articulated in the Strategic Community Plan will be achieved, taking a four-year view to plan services, projects and activities based on informing strategies. Services and activities are aligned through integrated planning and resourced through the Annual Budget. Directorate and business unit plans directly inform the operational activities to achieve the community's needs and aspirations of the Strategic Community Plan.



An Asset management Framework is a critical informing suite of documents for The Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Plan as detailed in the diagram below.



*Elements of WA Asset Management Framework
 (Department Asset management Framework and Guidelines)*

The primary document in relation to the Asset Management Framework is the Asset Management Council Policy.

Whilst the policy is not due for review (last reviewed in 2022), it is considered desirable to review the Policy to ensure that it meets the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) (previously DLGSC) guidelines and sets the direction for the latest iterations of the Asset Management Strategy and the associated Asset Management Plans.



FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The financial implications are accommodated within the City of Fremantle's Long Term Financial Plan and annual budgets.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

All local governments are required to produce a plan for the future under S5.56 (1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*. The *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* provide a brief outline of the minimum requirements to meet this requirement, which includes the development of a strategic community plan and a corporate plan.

An Asset Management Council Policy and the associated Strategy and Asset Management Plans are key informing strategies for the strategic community plan and Corporate Plan.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This item is in keeping with the City of Fremantle's Strategic Community Plan 2024 – 2034:

Liveable City - Sustainable growth in city centre population

- Infrastructure, services and facilities meet the needs of a growing residential population and contribute to making the city centre a safe and desirable place to live.

Liveable City - Connected city

- Streets are well connected, and it is easy and safe for pedestrians and cyclists to move within neighbourhoods and between key destinations and precincts.
- Transport networks that reduce the need for cars in our city centre.

Liveable City - Sustainably designed and optimised urban and natural environments

- Urban development and public realm enhancement is coordinated, design-led, and sympathetic to surrounding natural environments.
- The community can access and enjoy natural areas and green spaces for passive and active recreation.
- An increasing tree canopy that enhances biodiversity and helps cool our urban environments.

Liveable City - Functional and inclusive recreational facilities

- Recreational facilities are contemporary, functional, and can be accessed by all members of the community.



- Sporting clubs have access to facilities and greenspace that meet the needs of a broad range of sporting codes and skill levels.

Thriving City - A resilient seven-day economy

- Visitor-focused amenity and infrastructure supports the delivery of an exceptional visitor experience.
- A vibrant high street environment attracts and supports unique and independent businesses.

Thriving City - Vibrant and active city centre

- The amenity and infrastructure that services our inner-city neighbourhoods reflect that of a modern and global city.

Creative City – Optimised, accessible and affordable places and spaces for creatives

- Investment in spaces for creatives to develop existing work, perform, exhibit and evolve their businesses.

Resilient City – An educated and empowered community that seeks to mitigate the causes and effects of climate change

- A community that drives the greening of the city and neighbourhoods which increases the tree canopy.

Resilient City – A future-proofed asset base that remains functional and accessible to the community

- An asset renewal program supports a growing population and roadmap to Net Zero.
- Investment in the ongoing maintenance and adaptation of assets that ensures quality and continuity of service delivery.
- The City’s facilities are functional and fit for purpose and contribute to improving community well-being.

Inclusive City – A safe and accessible community for all abilities

- Public places and spaces are accessible for all.
- Accessibility is prioritised in planning and design.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

OFFICER COMMENT

The LGIRS provide direction on the development on the suite of Asset management documents that should be created via their Asset Management Guidelines [Integrated Planning and Reporting Asset Management Guidelines](#).



With respect to the development of an Asset Management Policy the guidelines state;

The Asset Management Policy outlines a local government's asset management objectives, targets and plans. It establishes a platform for service delivery and provides the framework that enables the Asset Management Strategy and Plans to be produced. The Asset Management Policy should support 'whole of life' and 'whole of organisation' approaches to asset management.

To ensure alignment with the Department guidelines and to set the direction for the current iterations of the Asset Management Strategy and the Asset Management Plans, a review of the existing policy was undertaken. The amended council policy is provided in Attachment 1.

The main changes to the reviewed policy are:

- Included reference to Strategic Community Plan
- Focus on renewal over new
- Reference to Asset Management Strategy rather than Corporate Asset Management Plan
- Focus on a whole of organisation approach
- Creation of a Corporate Asset Management Steering Group
- Acknowledgement that the Asset Management Strategy will contain targets
- A change in the capital threshold for detailed analysis in relation to new assets
- Inclusion of additional definitions

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required



COUNCIL DECISION ITEM C2507-10
(Officer's recommendation)

Moved: Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong Seconded: Cr Frank Mofflin

Council:

- 1. Adopt the draft amended Asset Management Council Policy, as provided in Attachment 1.**
- 2. Note that minor amendments that do not change the effect or intent of the policy such as formatting, branding and corrections considered appropriate by the administration, may be made without further approval from Council.**

Carried: 10/0

For:

**Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge, Cr Geoff Graham, Cr Adin Lang, Cr Andrew Sullivan,
Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong, Cr Fedele Camarda, Cr Ben Lawver,
Cr Frank Mofflin, Cr Doug Thompson and Cr Ingrid van Dorssen**

Against:

Nil



Items approved en bloc

ITEMS APPROVED "EN BLOC"

The following items were adopted unopposed and without discussion "en bloc" as recommended.

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Seconded: Cr Andrew Sullivan

The following items be adopted en bloc as recommended:

C2507-11 WORKING GROUP INFORMATION REPORT

C2507-12 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS JUNE 2025

C2507-13 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS - 30 JUNE 2025

C2507-14 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2025

Carried: 10/0

For:

Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge, Cr Geoff Graham, Cr Adin Lang, Cr Andrew Sullivan,
Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong, Cr Fedele Camarda, Cr Ben Lawver,
Cr Frank Mofflin, Cr Doug Thompson and Cr Ingrid van Dorssen

Against:

Nil



Strategic and general reports

C2507-11 WORKING GROUP INFORMATION REPORT

1. COMMUNITY EMISSIONS WORKING GROUP

WG meeting date:	18 June 2025
WG Chair:	Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong
Responsible officer:	Director Planning, Place and Urban Development
Attachments:	Minutes – 18 June 2025

The Working Group has completed, guiding the following deliverables:

- Initiating the work to commence a Life Cycle Costing (LCD) trial for the City for Development Applications.
- Reviewing the Emissions Profile for all carbon emissions across the broader Fremantle community (including industry and government).
- Developing an Action Plan in response to community emissions.
- Prioritising these actions for Council consideration.

This work is currently being consolidated into a Council Report, together with attachments that provide the full technical work and summary graphics, to be presented to Council, expected in August 2025.

2. CULTURALLY VIBRANT CITY (NOISE) WORKING GROUP

WG meeting date:	9 July 2025
WG Chair:	Director Planning, Place and Urban Development
Responsible officer:	Director Planning, Place and Urban Development
Attachments:	1. Minutes – 9 July 2025

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 June 2025, Council requested that the Chief Executive Officer establish a working group, now titled the Culturally Vibrant City (Noise) Working Group, to address, among others:

- Any changes required to ensure the planning framework, policies and operational practices acknowledge new developments in City Centres should be required to undertake appropriate measures to dampen external noise generated by cultural activities.
- That new residential and accommodation developments achieve a high level of sound mitigation through good design and acoustic performance.
- Any changes to the City's policies or planning scheme to ensure venues providing cultural benefits to our city have robust sound attenuation requirements to minimise external noise impacts.



- Opportunities to advocate State and/or Federal Governments for legislative reform and other outcomes that will allow our City to balance residential and tourism growth alongside vibrant cultural activities.
- Recommendations on the implementation of any of the above.
- Considerations on current and/or future enforcement best practices.

The working group met for its first meeting on 9 July 2025, where the terms of reference were agreed upon, and initial conversations in relation to the Planning Framework and stakeholder engagement requirements have begun.

A detailed initial report will be brought back to Council before September 2025, per the Council resolution.

3. DESTINATION MARKETING WORKING GROUP

WG meeting date: 3 July 2025
WG Chair: Linda Wayman
Responsible officer: Director City Business
Attachments: 1. Minutes - 3 July 2025

DMWG members provided round table updates on respective organisations and activities. Agenda items discussed: Top Tourism Town Awards and approach to leveraging associated prizes for marketing outcomes, upcoming events and activations including school holidays and SAIL GP and continuation of discussions relating to marketing and comms strategies for the bridge closure in 2026.

4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

WG meeting date: 18 June 2025
WG Chair: Cr Andrew Sullivan
Responsible officer: Director City Business
Attachments: 1. Minutes – 18 June 2025

Meeting overview

Update on ED Strategy including status of the project, shared key feedback gathered through recent business engagement activities and outlined the proposed next steps to guide future planning and implementation. Director gave recap of last three months of engagement – same four questions presented to industry to ensure consistency.

Recap on challenges

- Growing perceptions around Fremantle's current appeal as a place of business, underscoring the need to reshape perceptions and boost its competitiveness.
- Public realm and upkeep of city



- Vacancy management and presentation
- Access and wayfinding for parking
- Social inclusion and vulnerable communities

Recap on opportunities

- Need for a balance of vision, planning discretion and implementation through activation and programming
- Formalised business concierge service
- Film and creative industries
- Major precincts and industrial areas

There was collective acknowledgement of feedback from businesses, and recognition that emerging actions and strategies are aligning well with this feedback. The next working group engagement will involve reviewing of the draft strategy prior to being presented Council for consideration.

5. WALYALUP RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2024-27 WORKING GROUP

WG meeting date:	24 June 2025
WG Chair:	Brendan Moore, Senior Aboriginal Engagement Officer
Responsible officer:	Manager Community Development
Attachments:	Nil

WRAP Meeting Overview

Opening and Acknowledgements

The meeting was opened by the Chair, then with Welcome to Country by a Whadjuck Elder. A minute of silence was observed for those who have passed away.

Mayor's Update

The Mayor acknowledged the successful National Reconciliation Week event at Fremantle Ports, describing it as testament to the great work of the WRAP Working Group. She confirmed that reconciliation items including the Truth-Telling program remain funded in the upcoming Council budget [note: the 2025-26 budget was unanimously adopted by Council on 25 June 2025]. The Mayor also congratulated a WRAP Working Group member on their recent induction into the Cockburn Arts Hall of Fame. She discussed an upcoming meeting with the Minister for Homelessness regarding funding opportunities. The Mayor touched on recent health issues at Bruce Lee Oval, with Fremantle Farmers Market temporarily relocating to Fremantle Arts Centre before moving to Frank Gibson Park.



Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan Implementation

The Senior Aboriginal Engagement Officer reported on key deliverable progress including the successful National Reconciliation Week event (Action #2) and completion of staff training sessions (Action #4). Current Aboriginal employment stands at below the City's 4% target, with improved measurement of casual and part-time Indigenous employment being developed. A 2.5% procurement target for First Nations businesses is being pursued through development of a dedicated procurement strategy.

The consideration of traineeship programs across local Stretch RAP organisations was raised. WRAP Working Group members were encouraged to look at how other organisations they are involved with have designed their procurement policies, and report back to the working group.

NAIDOC Celebrations

The City's main NAIDOC event will be held at Hilton PCYC on 1 July from 3-5pm, with Uncle Gerrard Shaw and Betty Garlett giving a Welcome to Country, Tim Kelly dancing, and Turid Calgaret creating a sand art mural, with bush tucker food provided. Additional NAIDOC events were discussed. It was decided that invitations to local NAIDOC week events would be sent to all WRAP Working Group members, with a City officer compiling and circulating this for WRAP Working Group members.

ChangeFest National Gathering

Imagined Futures presented updates on ChangeFest25 (19-21 November), which will centre First Nations voices in leadership. An Elders and Emerging Leaders Group has been convened featuring local representatives. The event aims to showcase local reconciliation work on a national stage, with opening and closing ceremonies planned for up to 500 people, likely at South Fremantle Football Club pending AFLW finals scheduling.

Truth-Telling Program

The new Events Producer for Truth-Telling was introduced, with the program moving to early 2026 (April-May) to allow better planning for both the second FOCUS First Nation Films and next iteration of Backyard Truth-Telling. Staff engagement initiatives are being developed to provide immersive experiences for City staff. Individual conversations for yarning and input are planned with WRAP Working Group members.



Manjaree Vision and Principles

Community consultation is currently open for the Manjaree precinct planning, covering themes including toilets, buildings, access, caring for country, event types, and community education about the area's history. A vision statement is being presented to community members for input via the City's community engagement site, as well as through cuppa and yarn sessions that can be lined up with the City officer leading the engagement. It was decided the link to "Have Your Say" portal for Manjaree engagement would be circulated by a City officer to WRAP Working Group members.

Wardanji

Updates were provided on the upcoming 29 November event, with Lotterywest funding, at the Esplanade reserve. While ChangeFest25 and Wardanji could complement each other, they will remain separate events with already established dates.

The next WRAP Working Group meeting will be held on 23 September 2025.

VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required.

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM C2507-11 **(Officer's recommendation)**

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Seconded: Cr Andrew Sullivan

Council receive the following working group updates for July 2025:

- 1. COMMUNITY EMISSIONS WORKING GROUP**
- 2. CULTURALLY VIBRANT CITY (NOISE) WORKING GROUP**
- 3. DESTINATION MARKETING WORKING GROUP**
- 4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2024 WORKING GROUP**
- 5. WALYALUP RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2024-27 WORKING GROUP**

Carried en bloc: 10/0

For:

**Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge, Cr Geoff Graham, Cr Adin Lang, Cr Andrew Sullivan,
Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong, Cr Fedele Camarda, Cr Ben Lawver,
Cr Frank Mofflin, Cr Doug Thompson and Cr Ingrid van Dorssen**

Against:

Nil



Statutory reports

C2507-12 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS JUNE 2025

Meeting date:	23 July 2025
Responsible officer:	Manager Financial Services
Voting requirements:	Simple Majority Required
Attachments:	1. Investment Report - June 2025

SUMMARY

This report outlines the investment of surplus funds for the month ending 30 June and provides information on these investments for Council consideration.

This report recommends that Council receive the Investment Report for the month ended 30 June 2025, as provided in Attachment 1.

The investment report provides a snapshot of the City's investment portfolio and includes information as at 30 June 2025 in relation to:

- **Portfolio details;**
- **Portfolio credit framework;**
- **Portfolio liquidity;**
- **Portfolio fossil fuel summary;**
- **Interest income; and**
- **Investing activities.**

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the Investment Policy adopted by Council, the City of Fremantle invests its surplus funds, long term cash, current assets and other funds in authorised investments as outlined in the policy.

Due to timing differences between receiving revenue and the expenditure of funds, surplus funds may be held by the City for a period of time. To maximise returns and maintain a low level of credit risk, the City invests these funds into appropriately rated and liquid investments, until the City requires the money for operational expenditure.

The City's investment policy seeks to limit investments in financial institutions which support, either directly or indirectly, fossil fuel companies, while balancing



compliance with the Investment Policy, and achieving a suitable return on those investments.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Investment interest earned year to date is \$2,868,059 against a full year budget of \$2,349,359. Interest earnings year to date are higher than YTD budget by \$518,700. The strong investment performance is due to the attractive interest rates in the current market.

At its meeting on 8 July 2025, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) held the official cash rate steady at 3.85%, following two earlier cuts this year. The decision to pause reflects a measured approach as the Bank assesses the impact of recent monetary easing on inflation and broader economic conditions. While inflation has continued to moderate and remains broadly within the 2% - 3% target range, the Board noted persistent price pressures in essential goods and services. Economic activity remains subdued, with GDP rising just 0.2% in the March quarter and 1.3% over the year, alongside weakening household consumption and moderating wage growth across most sectors. The RBA reiterated its data-dependent stance, emphasising that future changes to the cash rate will hinge on inflation dynamics, labour market trends, and the strength of the domestic economy. The next monetary policy meeting is scheduled for 5 August 2025.

The City's investment portfolio is invested in highly secure investments with a low level of risk yielding a weighted average rate of return of 4.81% for the month of June 2025. The City's actual portfolio return in the last 12 months is 4.21%, comparing on par with the benchmark Bloomberg AusBond Bill Index reference rate of 4.39% (refer to Attachment 1 point 8).

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The following legislation is relevant to this report:

- *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* Regulation 19 – Management of Investments; and
- *Trustee Act 1962* (Part 3)

Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions are authorised under the *Banking Act 1959* and are subject to Prudential Standards which are overviewed by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA).



STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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CONSULTATION

Nil.

OFFICER COMMENT

The City's Investment Portfolio Manager has provided a comprehensive Investment Report for the month ending 30 June 2025 which can be viewed in the Attachment. A summary of the investment report is provided below.

1. Portfolio Details

As at 30 June 2025, the City's investment portfolio totalled \$43,916,185. The market value of this investment was \$44,722,587 at that time, which takes into account accrued interest.

The investment portfolio is made up of:

Cash Investments (<= 3 months)	\$6.81m
Term Deposits (> 3 months)	\$37.11m
TOTAL	\$43.92m

Of which:

Unrestricted cash	\$23.63m
Restricted cash (Reserve Funds)	\$20.29m
TOTAL	\$43.92m

The current amount of \$23,624,650 held as unrestricted cash represents 24.43% of the total adopted budget for operating revenue (\$96,709,316).



2. Portfolio Credit Framework

The City’s Investment policy determines the maximum amount to be invested in any one Tier, or any one financial institution within a Tier, based on the credit rating of the financial institution. Council adopted amendments to this policy at its Ordinary Council Meeting held on 25 November 2020, and the current adopted Counterparty Credit Framework is noted below.

Tier	Allocation	Allocation %	Maximum Allocation %	% Used of Maximum Allocation	% Available of Maximum Allocation	% Exceeded of Maximum Allocation
Tier 1	35,916,151.87	81.78%	100.00%	81.78%	18.22%	0.00%
Tier 2	32.68	0.00%	60.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
Tier 3	8,000,000.00	18.22%	35.00%	52.06%	47.94%	0.00%
Tier 4	0.00	0.00%	15.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
	43,916,184.55					

Values used in the above calculations exclude interest for term deposits and other simple interest securities.

3. Portfolio Credit Framework limits

The Portfolio Credit Framework limits prescribe the limit of investments that may be made within any Tier of financial institutions. The maximum allocation to be invested in each Tier, and the City’s actual investment allocation in those Tiers as at 31 May 2025, is outlined below. It shows that the distribution of the City’s investments across the four Tiers is compliant with the City’s investment policy.

Within each Tier, the Counterparty Credit Framework limits prescribe the limit of investments that may be made with any one financial institution. The maximum percentage of investments to be held with any one financial institution, within a given Tier, are outlined below.

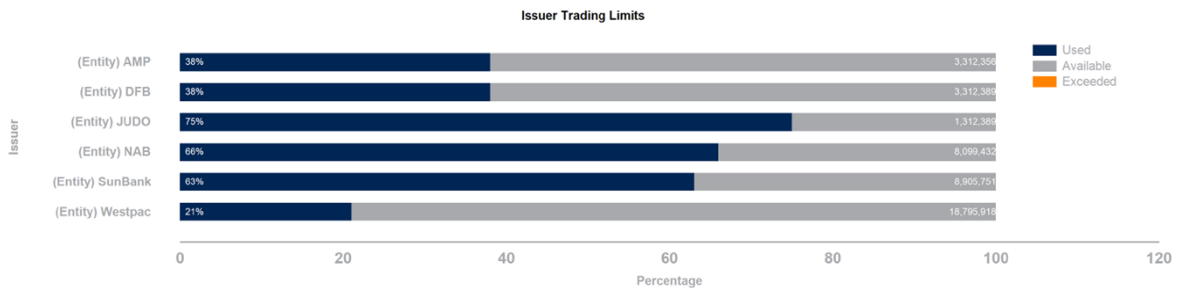
Counterparty credit framework

Investments are not to exceed the following percentages of average annual funds invested with any one financial institution and consideration should be given to the relationship between credit rating and interest rate.

Credit quality	Maximum % of total investments
Tier 1 (excl. AAA government) AAA to AA-	45%
Tier 2 A+ to A-	25%
Tier 3 BBB+ to BBB-	10%
Tier 4 Unrated	(\$1m)



The City’s funds invested as at 30 June 2025, relative to the Counterparty Credit Framework limits were as follows:



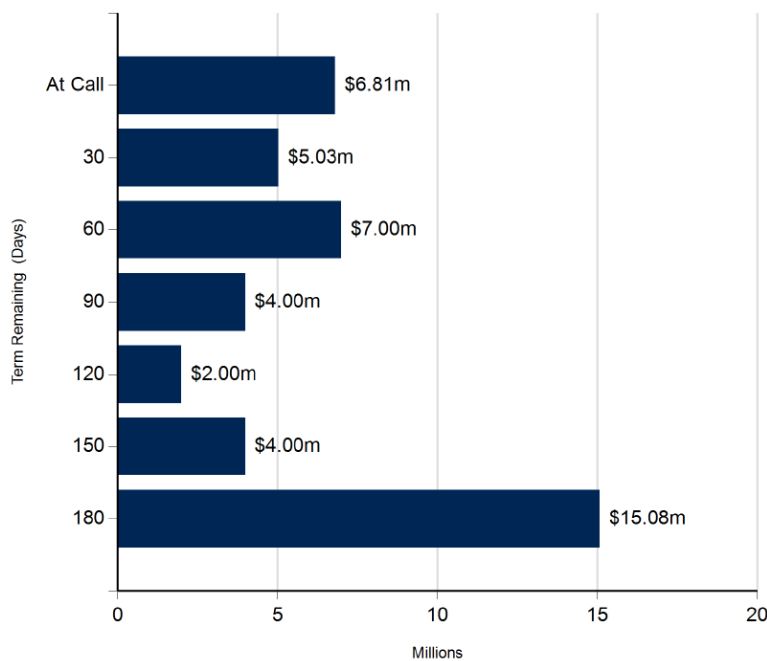
As shown in the above graph, the portfolio was compliant with the issuer trading limit.

4. Portfolio Liquidity Indicator

The City’s investments are to be made in a manner to ensure sufficient liquidity to meet all reasonably anticipated cash flow requirements, without incurring significant costs due to the unanticipated sale of an investment.

The below graph provides details on the maturity timing of the City’s investment portfolio as at 30 June 2025. Currently, all investments will mature in one year or less.

Face Value by Term Remaining



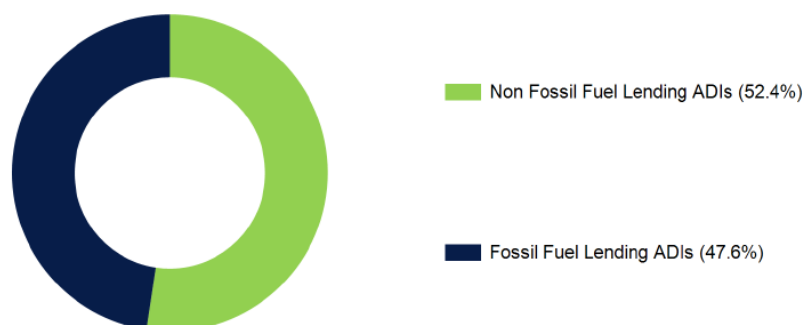


5. Portfolio Summary by Fossil Fuels Lending Authorised Deposit-Taking Institutions (ADIs)

To support the City's ability to undertake greater fossil fuel divestment, a review of the Investment Policy was presented and adopted by Council on 25 November 2020 which incorporated a minor change to the investment framework to increase the percentages allocated to Tier 3 and Tier 4 categories, allowing greater flexibility. Since December 2020 investments have been made in accordance with the revised policy to increase the percentage invested in "Green Investments"; being ADIs that do not lend to industries engaged in the exploration for, or production of, fossil fuels (Non-Fossil Fuel Lending ADIs).

As at 30 June 2025, \$23m (48.5%) of the City's portfolio was invested in "Green Investments".

**Fossil Fuel vs
Non Fossil Fuel
Lending ADI**



Refer to Attachment 1 (Note 7) for details on which financial institutions these investments are held in.

Risk Assessment

In line with an ongoing risk assessment of the Global and Australian banking sectors, the City continues to implement the following investment strategies:

Given the current financial stability risk assessment the City will implement the following investment strategies:

1. Diversify investment portfolio across different banks - continue to prioritise higher rated banks (Tier 1 & 2) when it comes to investment activity. If a non-fossil fuel lender is providing competitive rates that will generate a suitable return, and fall within a tier 1 or 2 category, these lenders will be prioritised.



2. Implement risk management strategies to protect the investment portfolio against downside risks - The City will prioritise low risk investment activity across higher tier banks in order to limit the City's exposure to the risk being faced across the sector.
3. Regular review and rebalance of investment portfolio to ensure alignment with the investment goals, risk tolerance and market conditions.

6. Interest Income for Matured Investments

Per Attachment 1 (Note 9), interest income earned during June 2025 from matured investments was \$224,000.

7. Investing Activities

In June 2025, there was no new term deposit due to end of financial year cashflow requirement. Full details of the institutions invested in, interest rates, number of days and maturity date for investments held as at 30 June 2025 are provided in Attachment 1 (Note 10).

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM C2507-12 **(Officer's recommendation)**

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Seconded: Cr Andrew Sullivan

Council receive the Investment Report for the month ending 30 June 2025 as provided in Attachment 1.

Carried en bloc: 10/0

For:

**Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge, Cr Geoff Graham, Cr Adin Lang, Cr Andrew Sullivan,
Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong, Cr Fedele Camarda, Cr Ben Lawver,
Cr Frank Mofflin, Cr Doug Thompson and Cr Ingrid van Dorsen**

Against:

Nil



C2507-13 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS - 30 JUNE 2025

Meeting date:	23 July 2025
Responsible officer:	Director City Business
Voting requirements:	Simple Majority Required
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Schedule of Payments and Listing - June 20252. Purchase Card Transaction - June 20253. Summary of Payments and Listing - June 2025

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present to Council a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority for the month ending 30 June as required by the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

This report recommends that Council accept the list of payments made under delegated authority and accept the detailed transaction listing of Purchase Card expenditure.

BACKGROUND

Council has delegated, to the Chief Executive Officer, the exercise of its power to make payments from the City's municipal or trust fund. In accordance with regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, a list of accounts paid under delegation for the month of 30 June 2025 is provided within Attachments 1 and 2.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A total of \$13,191,804.20 in payments were made in the month of June 2025, from the City's municipal and trust fund accounts.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* states:

13. *Payments from municipal fund or trust fund by CEO, CEO's duties as to etc.*
 - (1) *If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared —*
 - (a) *the payee's name; and*



- (b) the amount of the payment; and
 - (c) the date of the payment; and
 - (d) sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- (2) A list of accounts for approval to be paid is to be prepared each month showing
- (a) for each account which requires council authorisation in that month —
 - (i) the payee’s name;
 - (ii) the amount of the payment; and
 - (iii) sufficient information to identify the transaction; and
 - (b) the date of the meeting of the council to which the list is to be presented.
- (3) A list prepared under sub-regulation (1) or (2) is to be —
- (a) presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of the council after the list is prepared; and
 - (b) recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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CONSULTATION

Nil.

OFFICER COMMENT

The following table summarises the payments for the month ending 30 June 2025 by payment type:

Payment Type	Amount (\$)
<i>Cheque / EFT / Direct Debit/International Payments</i>	<i>\$10,298,064.09</i>
<i>Purchase card transactions</i>	<i>\$56,613.42</i>
<i>Salary / Wages / Superannuation</i>	<i>\$2,837,126.69</i>
Total	\$13,191,804.20



Attachment 1 provides a detailed listing of the payments by Cheque, EFT and Direct Debit, while Attachment 2 provides a detailed listing of Purchase Card transactions for the month ending 30 June 2025.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

COUNCIL DECISION ITEM C2507-13 **(Officer's recommendation)**

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Seconded: Cr Andrew Sullivan

Council:

- 1. Accept the list of payments made under delegated authority, totalling \$10,298,064.09 for the month ending 30 June 2025 including the Cheque /EFT/ Direct Debits/ International Payments as contained within Attachment 1.**
- 2. Accept the detailed transaction listing of Purchase Card expenditure, totalling \$56,613.42 for the month ending 30 June 2025, as contained within Attachment 2.**
- 3. Accept the Salary / Wages / Superannuation payments made under delegated authority, totalling \$2,837,126.69 for the month ending 30 June 2025, as contained within Attachment 1.**

Carried en bloc: 10/0

For:

**Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge, Cr Geoff Graham, Cr Adin Lang, Cr Andrew Sullivan,
Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong, Cr Fedele Camarda, Cr Ben Lawver,
Cr Frank Mofflin, Cr Doug Thompson and Cr Ingrid van Dorssen**

Against:

Nil



C2507-14 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 2025

Meeting date: 23 July 2025
Responsible officer: Director City Business
Voting requirements: Simple Majority Required
Attachments: 1. DRAFT Monthly Financial Report - June 2025

SUMMARY

The monthly financial report for the period ending 30 June 2025 has been prepared and tabled in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

This report provides an analysis of financial performance up to June 2025 based on the following statements:

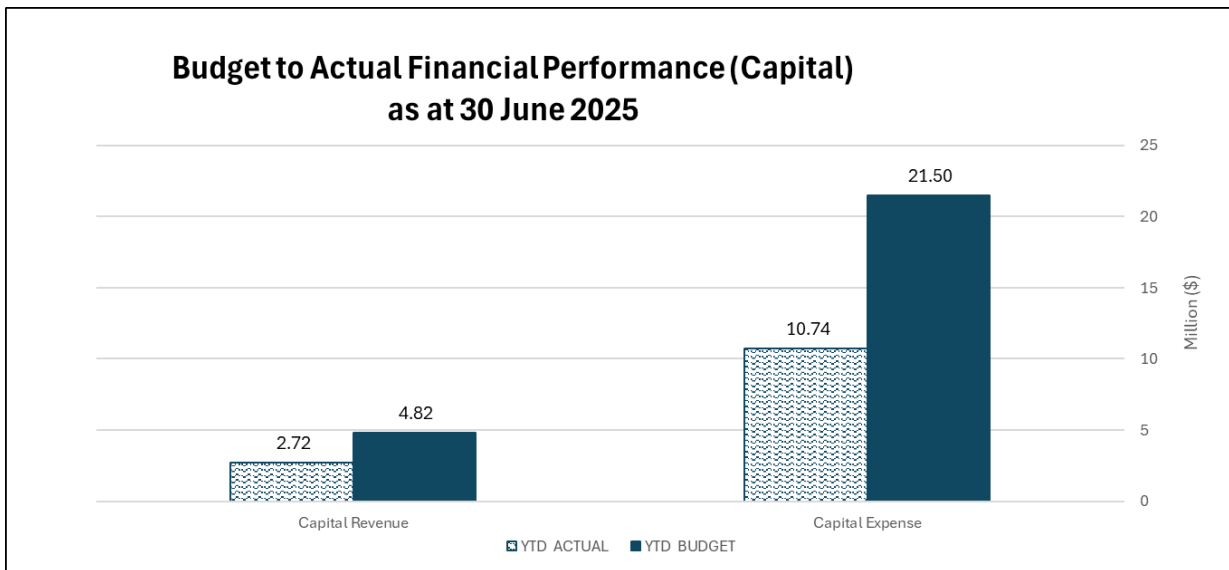
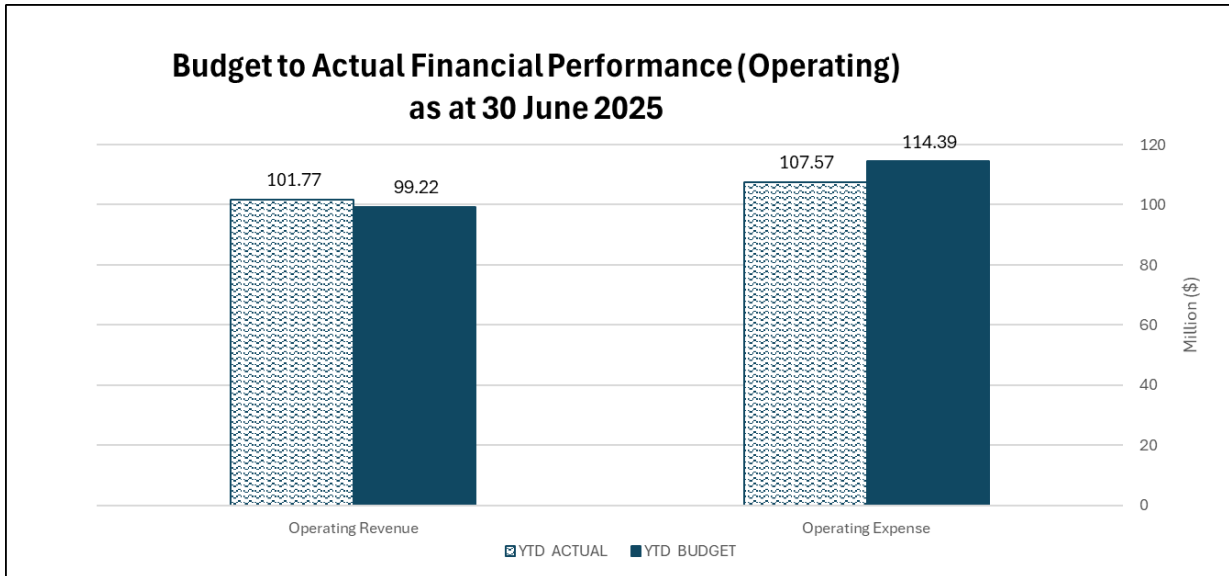
- **Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature;**
- **Statement of Financial Activity by Nature and by Directorate; and**
- **Statement of Financial Position with Net Current Assets.**

This financial report for the period ended 30 June 2025 is prepared considering accrued interest on borrowings (loans) and prepaid insurance premiums.

Please note figures contained in this report are draft and subject to change with end-of-year adjustments yet to be completed.

BACKGROUND

The following charts and table provide a high-level summary of the Council's year to date financial performance as at 30 June 2025.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – BY NATURE FOR THE PERIOD TO 30 JUNE 2025

The table to follow provides a summary of the year-to-date Statement of Financial Activity by Nature, to 30 June 2025. The detailed Statement can be found in the attached Monthly Financial Report.

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME – BY NATURE AND TYPE FOR THE PERIOD TO 30 JUNE 2025

As detailed in the Statement of Comprehensive Income by Nature and Type, operating income and expenses have varied to the Adopted Budget as follows:



Description	YTD Adopted Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Variance \$	Variance %
Operating Income				
Rates (incl Annual Levy)	63,221,561	63,174,583	(46,978)	(0.07%)
Service Charges	8,804	8,804	-	0.00%
Op. Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	4,167,986	4,232,747	64,761	1.55%
Fees and Charges	26,691,567	27,968,237	1,276,670	4.78%
Interest Earnings	2,884,359	3,453,287	568,928	19.72%
Reimbursement Income	1,452,031	1,686,785	234,754	16.17%
Other Income	777,037	1,201,348	424,311	54.61%
Total	99,203,345	101,725,792	2,522,447	2.54%
Operating Expenses				
Employee Costs	(47,659,338)	(45,227,280)	2,432,058	5.10%
Employee costs - Agency Labour	(1,760,001)	(2,102,199)	(342,198)	(19.44%)
Materials and Contracts	(37,307,221)	(33,672,629)	3,634,592	9.74%
Depreciation - Non-Current Assets	(22,295,343)	(21,652,459)	642,884	2.88%
Interest Expenses	(397,677)	(395,346)	2,331	0.59%
Utility Charges	(2,183,433)	(1,951,473)	231,960	10.62%
Insurance Expenses	(1,192,409)	(1,063,834)	128,575	10.78%
Other Expenditure	(1,565,714)	(1,385,638)	180,076	11.50%
Total	(114,361,136)	(107,450,857)	6,910,279	6.04%

Further explanation of material variances can be found within the Officer's Comment section of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report is provided to enable Council to assess how revenue and expenditure are tracking against budget, and to identify any budget issues of which the Council should be informed.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 requires a monthly financial activity statement and an explanation of any material variances to be prepared and presented to an Ordinary Council Meeting.



STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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CONSULTATION

Nil.

OFFICER COMMENT

Summary of financial performance

The financial data presented in this report is draft as at the date of this report. There are still transactions being processed for the financial year 2024-25 which could vary the results presented.

As at the end of 30 June 2025, the City demonstrated strong financial performance with a closing funding position of \$13.90m.

In summary, as at the end of June 2025, the current closing position exceeds the YTD amended budget by \$13.87m. This is mainly due to favourable variances against the year-to-date budget across the following areas:

- Increased revenue from Fees and Charges of \$1.28m;
- Increased revenue from Interest earnings of \$0.57m;
- Increased revenue from Other revenue of \$0.42m
- Operating expenditure underspend of \$2.43m from Employee Cost;
- Operating expenditure underspend of \$3.63m from Material and Contracts;
- Capital expenditure underspend of \$10.77m.

These favourable variances are offset by:

- Decreased revenue of \$2.22m recognised for Capital grants and contributions.

Explanation of Material Variances & YTD Performance

In accordance with regulation 34(5) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* and AASB 1031 Materiality, Council adopted the level to be used in Statements of Financial Activity by Nature in the 2024-25



financial year for reporting material variances as 10% together with the minimum value of \$100,000 (Refer Item C2407-10 from Council meeting on 10 July 2024).

The material variance thresholds are adopted annually by Council and indicate whether actual expenditure or revenue varies materially from the year-to-date budget. The following is an explanation of significant operating and capital variances to budget as identified in the Statements of Financial Activity by Nature.

Building on the favourable opening net position for the year, the following items explain the City’s major variances in operating performance for this financial year, as highlighted in the year-to-date Financial Activity Statement as at 30 June 2025.

Description	Variance Amount (\$)	Comment
Interest Earnings	568,928	▲ 19.72%
Major Variances:		
Receive investment income	518,700	Favourable interest rates have resulted in higher than expected interest earnings.
Reimbursement Income	234,754	▲ 16.17%
Major Variances:		
Conduct South lawn events	82,510	Production charges recoverable from promoters.
Containers for Change	60,812	Higher container volumes received.
Administer Long Service Leave transfers	45,495	Recoupment share of LSL paid to employees from former employers.
Other Revenue	415,433	▲ 53.46 %
Major Variances:		
Fremantle Art Centre - Water damage - Insurance	279,582	Insurance settlement for Water damage, expenses incurred in previous year.
Containers for Change	69,144	Higher container volumes received.
Agency Labour	(342,198)	▼ (19.44%)



Major Variances:		
Waste and Cleansing Team	(388,808)	Higher utilisation of agency labour hire to cover vacancies. Offset by unspent salaries.
Utility Charges	231,960	▲ 10.62%
Electricity expense	189,798	Timing variance: June Invoices pending accrual.
Water expense	26,213	Timing variance: June Invoices pending accrual.
Insurance Expenses	128,575	▲ 10.78%
Property Premium	76,571	Actual premium lower than forecast.
Public liability Premium	26,127	Actual premium lower than forecast.
Other Expenditure	180,076	▲ 11.50%
Major Variances:		
Contribute to the operations of Regional Resource Recovery Group	154,599	RRG Waste Education program has ceased.
Capital Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	(2,220,955)	▼ (47.13%)
Major Variances:		
City Centre - Walyalup Koort KBN Public Artwork	(913,013)	1st instalment received. Works will commence in 25-26.
Black Spot - Stevens & Amherst St Roundabout Construction	(380,934)	1st instalment received. Main Roads WA has approved an extension for this project.
Bathers Beach - Safe Swimming Area	(337,117)	Grant amount will be received after installation.
Road safety - Low-cost urban road safety upgrades	(302,500)	Community consultation completed. MRWA approved projects will be fully funded by MRWA.



Town Hall - Balcony	(117,560)	Grant finalisation in progress.
Proceeds from Disposal of Assets	124,094	▲ 118.31%
Major Variances:		
Disposal Vehicles	133,499	Proceeds on vehicles over budget, including insurance proceeds \$59K.
Payment for Investment Properties	140,019	▲ 29.70%
Major Variances:		
Old Fire Station - Electrical and Fire Works	109,574	Carry forward: delay with Western Power.
Payment for Property, Plant and Equipment	5,420,404	▲ 48.30%
Major Variances:		
Program - Ticket machines	1,748,461	Rollout delayed to 25-26. New signage ordered but not received as yet.
Design and construct -South Beach -Changerooms	997,411	Carry forward: Building nearing Practical completion, invoicing to follow.
Commercial Tenancies - WCC - Levels 1,2&3 Tenancy construction	773,400	Carry forward: design procurement stage.
CBD Toilet provision Beach Street	400,371	Carry forward: Delays confirming lease amendment for the toilet location.
Program - Plant, Equipment & Vehicles	328,871	Carry forward: delivery of two fleet items delayed.
Fremantle Oval Redevelopment	300,708	Carry forward: Consultancy for ongoing Fremantle Oval de-risking and works.
Town Hall - Design for essential works	212,000	Carry forward: Consultancy engagement to progress August 2025.
Design and construct - Hilton Park Precinct	209,989	Carry forward: delayed to align with expenditure of the successful Thriving Suburbs Grant.



Tenancy Fitout	113,831	Carry forward: Kitchen demolished at Evan Davies in preparation for prospective tenant fitout.
Payment for Construction of Infrastructure	5,205,637	▲ 53.07%
Major Variances:		
City Centre - Walyalup Koort KBN Public Artwork	1,027,662	Carry forward: Scoping of project commenced.
Renewal Program - Irrigation	756,618	Carry forward: Gil Fraser Irrigation delayed to align with sporting seasonal changeover. Parmelia Park Upgrade Tender is under evaluation.
Black Spot - Stevens & Amherst St Roundabout Construction	380,934	Carry forward: Delays due to utility provider underground service relocation works.
Ken Allen Reserve Sports Lighting Upgrade	379,327	Carry forward: Project tender released in May.
Road safety - Low-cost urban road safety upgrades	302,500	Carry forward: Community consultation has been completed.
Renewal Program - Playgrounds	300,019	Carry forward: Salentina Ridge Playground awarded, works commence on site in July. Parmelia Park Upgrade Tender is under evaluation.
Road Safety - Stevens and Nannine St	298,124	Carry forward: Community consultation has been completed.
South Beach - additional parking provision	244,756	Carry forward: project will commence once the landscaping works at South Beach are completed.
Bathers Beach - Safe Swimming Area	224,767	Carry forward: beach enclosure will be installed in October 2025.
Program - Street Lighting	175,314	Carry forward: Lighting materials delivered.
Walyalup Civic Centre - Drainage	160,000	Carry forward: Design stage.
Program - Drainage	141,090	Carry forward: Drainage projects due to be completed July.
Program - MRRG Works	138,600	Works completed and awaiting receipt of invoices.



Transfer from Reserves (Restricted) - Capital	(3,225,858)	▼ (53.35%)
Major Variances:		
Program - Ticket machines	(1,748,461)	Timing variance: funds to be released based on actual spend.
Design and construct -South Beach -Changerooms	(736,538)	Timing variance: funds to be released based on actual spend.
Fremantle Oval Redevelopment	(300,708)	Timing variance: funds to be released based on actual spend.
Design and construct - Hilton Park Precinct	(209,989)	Timing variance: funds to be released based on actual spend.

Accounting methods

The City manages its finances in line with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*, associated regulations and Australian accounting standards.

The City carries out accounting on both an accrual basis and a cash basis.

Accrual accounting requires accounting transactions to be recognised and recorded when they occur, regardless of whether payment/receipt has been made at that time, in accordance with the Australian Accounting standards.

The City accounts for Rates, Service Charges, Interest income on term deposits, Insurance expenses and Interest expenses on borrowings (loans) & leases on an accrual basis.

The remainder of income and expenditure items are recognised and recorded at the period they are encountered.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required



COUNCIL DECISION ITEM C2507-14
(Officer's recommendation)

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Seconded: Cr Andrew Sullivan

Council receive the Monthly Financial Reports, as provided in Attachment 1, including the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Activity, Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Net Current Assets, for the period ended 30 June 2025.

Carried en bloc: 10/0

For:

**Mayor Hannah Fitzhardinge, Cr Geoff Graham, Cr Adin Lang, Cr Andrew Sullivan,
Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong, Cr Fedele Camarda, Cr Ben Lawver,
Cr Frank Mofflin, Cr Doug Thompson and Cr Ingrid van Dorssen**

Against:

Nil



Committee reports

Nil.

Motion of which previous notice has been given

Nil.

Urgent business

Nil.

Late items

Nil.

Confidential business

Nil.

Closure

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6:32 pm.