



Agenda

Ordinary Meeting of Council

Wednesday 25 February 2026 6:00 pm



Notice of an Ordinary Meeting of Council

Elected Members

An Ordinary Meeting of Council of the City of Fremantle will be held on **Wednesday 25 February 2026** in the Council Chamber (Bibbool Room) at the Walyalup Civic Centre, located at 151 High Street, Fremantle commencing at 6:00 pm.

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Matt Hammond
A/Chief Executive Officer

18 February 2026



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Official opening, welcome and acknowledgement

Ngala kaaditj Whadjuk moort keyen kaadak nidja Walyalup boodja wer djinang Whadjuk kaaditjin wer nyiting boola yeye.

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

Attendance, apologies and leave of absence

Apologies

There are no previously received apologies.

Leave of absence

Nil.

Applications for leave of absence

Elected members may request leave of absence.

Cr Melanie Clark requests a leave of absence from 13 to 20 March 2026 inclusive.

Disclosures of interest by members

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

Responses to previous public questions taken on notice

Nil.

Public question time

Members of the public have the opportunity to ask a question or make a statement at council and committee meetings during public question time. Further guidance on public question time can be viewed [here](#), or upon entering the meeting.



Petitions

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

Deputations

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

Presentations

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

Confirmation of minutes

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council confirm the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council dated 11 February 2026.

Elected member communication

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



Reports and recommendations from officers

Planning reports

Nil.



General reports

C2602-14 ESTABLISHMENT OF PLANNING FRAMEWORK COMMITTEE

Meeting date:	25 February 2026
Responsible officer:	Director Planning, Place and Urban Development
Voting requirements:	Absolute Majority Required
Attachments:	1. Draft Terms of Reference - Planning Framework Committee

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present two options for establishing an appropriate governance structure focused on the review and development of the City's planning framework, to achieve the following priorities of Council:

- **Preparation of a new Local Planning Scheme (#5)**
- **Review of planning policies**
- **Review previous significant planning decisions and recommend any specific changes to the planning framework in response to any findings.**

On this basis, the following two options are presented for Council consideration:

- 1. Establishment of a Planning Framework Committee; or**
- 2. Establishment of a Planning Framework Advisory Group.**

The intent of establishing a committee or advisory group is to ensure that elected members are appropriately consulted and engaged in the development and review of the City's planning framework, including the development/review of planning policies and development of the new local planning scheme.

BACKGROUND

The City of Fremantle Local Planning Scheme No. 4 (LPS4) was gazetted on 8 March 2007 and has undergone a significant number of amendments. Regulation 65 of Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* (the Regulations) requires that a planning scheme be reviewed every 5 years.



At the 13 August 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting, the following resolutions were passed with regard to a new local planning scheme:

1. *Recommend to the Western Australian Planning Commission that a new scheme should be prepared and the current one repealed upon the approval of the new scheme pursuant to Regulation 66(3) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.*
2. *Advertise the intent to review the scheme to adjoining local governments and other relevant agencies as per Regulation 20 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.*

On 10 December 2025 the Statutory Planning Committee of the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) resolved to:

1. *Agree with the City of Fremantle 2025 Report of Review recommendation to prepare a new local planning scheme that will replace City of Fremantle Local Planning Scheme No. 4 upon endorsement;*
2. *Note that the City of Fremantle draft Local Planning Strategy is currently under review with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage before seeking final endorsement from the Western Australian Planning Commission;*

The Local Planning Strategy was endorsed by the WAPC on 10 February 2026 and will inform the Scheme.

The key reason to establish an additional governance process to increase engagement between planning staff and elected members over planning matters is in response to two main considerations:

1. Having relevant and 'Fit for Purpose' planning tools

The current Local Planning Scheme No.4 is nearly 20 years old, with over 150 amendments and associated policies – some of which are either obsolete, redundant, or superseded by more recent changes in State Planning. The current system is complex to navigate and can be repetitive or appear contradictory to the development industry. It is time to simplify the framework and focus on the important planning issues for Fremantle.

2. On-going erosion of Local Council Powers in planning decisions

Over recent years, there has been a steady decline in the role of local councils in planning decisions. This is especially the case for large development applications that are often determined by State Development



Assessment Panels. Making sure that the planning framework (Local Scheme and Policies) are guiding decision-making processes towards the long-term vision of the City remains an important role of the local government.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 5.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* allows a local government to establish, by absolute majority, committees of three or more persons to assist council.

Section 5.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires a local government to appoint, by absolute majority, a member of the committee to be the presiding member. The local government may also appoint a deputy presiding member.

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'

- Enable the City to maintain legislative compliance and accountability for organisational decision making.

CONSULTATION

There will be extensive consultation associated with the preparation of a new planning scheme and new policies over the next couple of years.

OFFICER COMMENT

The purpose of establishing an appropriate governance structure to help with achieving the review and development of the City's planning framework, is to assist Council to achieve the following priorities:

- Preparation of a new Local Planning Scheme (#5)
- Review of planning policies
- Review previous significant planning decisions and recommend any specific changes to the planning framework in response to any findings.



On this basis, the following two options are presented for Council consideration.

Option 1 - Establishment of a Planning Framework Committee

The establishment of a formal Planning Framework Committee will provide elected members with an ability to get closer to the understanding of how the planning system works and to influence the planning and development direction in which Fremantle goes over the next decade or so.

There will be three core components to the role of the Planning Framework Committee:

1. *Adopting a new Local Planning Scheme #5*
 - Monitor and provide feedback on individual key elements of the new Scheme during its developmental stage.
 - Review Feedback provided through engagement with industry and community in the preparation of the Scheme.
 - Ensure proposed new Scheme conforms to State legislative requirements.
 - Ensure the new Scheme reflects adopted Council strategies and policies, including but not limited to the Strategic Community Plan, Local Planning Strategy and City Plan.
 - Advise Council on recommendations regarding the progress and ultimate adoption of the new Scheme.
2. *Adopting Local Planning Policies*
 - Review and rationalise existing planning policies.
 - Monitor the preparation of new policies.
 - Ensure adequate and appropriate engagement with industry and community in the preparation of policies.
 - Advise Council on recommendations regarding existing and new policies.
3. *Review the effectiveness of planning framework*
 - Review previous decisions by Council, Development Assessment Panels (DAP), and State Significant Development Pathway (SDP).
 - Advise Council on recommendations to adjust part(s) of its planning framework in response to the review.



It will not be the role of Committee to deal with specific Development Applications or other statutory planning processes. Its key function is to ensure the high-level planning framework that will guide future decision-making, is fit-for-purpose within the Fremantle context.

It is recommended that the Committee be made up of four elected members as members, with the Mayor as an ex-officio member. It is also recommended that each committee member be appointed a deputy member who may attend (as a voting member) in their absence.

A formal Committee of Council is subject to the requirements of the Meeting Procedures Policy.

Option 2 – Establishment of a Planning Framework Advisory Group

If Council do not wish to establish a formal committee of Council as described above, it may request the CEO establish an 'Advisory Group' to undertake a similar role as recommended in the terms of reference shown in Attachment 1.

With this approach, regular update reports will be presented to Council by Officer's, to ensure Council and the community are informed of the progress and matters being discussed by the Advisory Group, similar to the process for working groups. Any matters that require Council consideration, in relation to new or amended planning policies, or for any matters relating to the planning scheme, will be taken through the Planning Framework Advisory Group for discussion/review prior Council consideration.

Should Council wish to take this approach, the following alternative recommendation is provided for consideration.

Proposed alternative recommendation

Council:

1. Request the Chief Executive Officer establish a Planning Framework Advisory Group, to provide strategic advice and guidance on the City's planning framework, including review of planning policies and development of the new planning scheme; with a similar role as the proposed Planning Framework Committee, detailed in the Terms of Reference shown in Attachment 1.



2. Request the Chief Executive Officer to provide regular progress reports; and note that any matters that require Council consideration, in relation to new/amended planning policies or matters relating to the planning scheme, will be taken through the Planning Framework Advisory Group prior to Council consideration.
3. Appoint the following Elected Members as members and deputy members of the Planning Framework Advisory Group, with a term that expires on the next ordinary election day:

Primary member	Deputy member
Mayor, Ben Lawver (ex-officio)	
Cr	Cr
Cr	Cr
Cr	Cr
Cr	Cr

4. Appoint the following Elected Members as presiding member and deputy presiding member of the Planning Framework Advisory Group, with a term that expires on the next ordinary election day:

 Presiding Member: Cr
 Deputy Presiding Member: Cr
5. Note that the Planning Framework Advisory Group meetings will be held as required.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council:

1. **Establish a Planning Framework Committee with no delegated authority, in accordance with section 5.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, to provide strategic advice and guidance on the City's planning framework, as detailed in the Terms of Reference;**
2. **Approve the Terms of Reference for the Planning Framework Committee, as shown in Attachment 1;**



3. **Appoint the following Elected Members to the Planning Framework Committee, in accordance with section 5.10 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, for the term ending the day of the next Ordinary Local Government Election:**

Committee Member	Deputy Committee Member
Mayor, Ben Lawver (ex-officio)	
Cr	Cr
Cr	Cr
Cr	Cr
Cr	Cr

4. **Appoint the following Elected Members as presiding member and deputy presiding member of the Planning Framework Committee, in accordance with section 5.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, for the term ending the day of the next Ordinary Local Government Election:**

Presiding Member: Cr
Deputy Presiding Member: Cr

5. **Adopt the following meeting dates for the Planning Framework Committee meetings; to be included in the schedule of Council and Committee meetings for 2026:**
- **Monday, 13 April 2026, at 6pm**
 - **Monday, 13 July 2026, at 6pm**
 - **Monday, 19 October 2026, at 6pm**



C2602-15 OUTDOOR EVENT POLICY

Meeting date:	25 February 2026
Responsible officer:	A/Manager Economic Development and Events
Voting requirements:	Simple Majority Required
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Final Outdoor Events Policy Engagement Report2. Outdoor Events Policy February 2026

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an updated Outdoor Events Policy. The current policy was adopted by Council in June 2021 and is now due for renewal.

This report recommends that Council endorse the Outdoor Events Policy.

BACKGROUND

At its August 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted a new Commercial Events Policy, establishing a more proactive and structured framework for the City's management of commercial events.

The policy introduced caps on the number of commercial events permitted at each outdoor venue, based on both the classification of the event and the suitability of the venue.

The policy was initially adopted as a 24-month trial, during which its impacts on local businesses and the broader community were to be monitored and assessed.

To support the events industry during the challenges of COVID, Council also approved:

- A 25% discount on venue hire fees (as per the 2020–2021 Fees and Charges Schedule) until 30 June 2021.
- A suspension of the Expression of Interest Process (a new process introduced under the policy) for the 2020–2021 event season, to enable a wider range of events to take place during the trial period with minimal additional approval requirements for promoters to follow.

In 2021, officers reviewed the Commercial Events Policy in response to the ongoing impacts of COVID and the continued uncertainty affecting the sector.



At its June 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council adopted a revised and renamed *Outdoor Events Policy*. This policy built on the City's proactive management approach, broadened its scope, and established a clearer framework for the application of event fees.

Key policy changes were:

- Expansion of the policy to cover non-commercial events in addition to commercial events.
- Introduction of a venue categorisation system (Gold, Silver, Bronze) to reflect venue suitability for hosting events.

Council extended the policy trial period for a further 24 months and approved a 12-month extension to the suspension of the Expression of Interest process. This was intended to allow sufficient time for data collection and evaluation before moving to a permanent policy.

The proposed Outdoor Events Policy was presented to Council for endorsement to proceed to public consultation in November 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications arising from the endorsement of this policy. The implementation of the policy will be managed within the City's operational budget.

The policy is intended to streamline the event approval process for event organisers, making it more accessible. As a result, an increase in the number of events is anticipated, generating additional revenue for the City and delivering broader positive economic impacts.

The current 25/26 event fees are charged as follows:

- Venue hire fee: ranging between \$1,000 and \$15,400 per event, per day, depending on the venue and the scale of the event.
- Standard bond: ranging between \$500 to \$50,000 determined by the size and complexity of the event and the proposed site layout. This amount is set in consultation with the City's Engineering team and may also be used in the instance where the event organiser is required to be fined for a breach.
- Ground restoration bond: ranging between \$500 to \$50,000 based on the size and complexity of the event, the proposed site layout, and the turf management measures outlined by the event organiser. This amount is set in consultation with the City's Parks team.



A comprehensive review of the event related fees and charges will be undertaken following Council endorsement of this policy and be made through the annual budget process.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Although not governed directly by this policy, all events must comply with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997. This requires the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to approve exemptions to the prescribed noise levels for sporting, cultural, or entertainment purposes.

Where more than two exemptions are sought for the same venue, the CEO must be satisfied that the majority of residents within a specified distance are unlikely to object to noise levels exceeding the assigned limits. Based on the City's event history, there is no evidence to suggest significant levels of community objection to the type or number of events anticipated under this policy.

Event organisers must also comply with the terms and conditions of hire for City venues. For Large and Major events, approval is contingent on the execution of a formal contractual agreement between the City and the event organiser.

Final event approval is subject to event organisers obtaining all other necessary stakeholder approvals and securing public building approval from the Environmental Health team prior to the commencement of the event.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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

Thriving City - Vibrant and active city centre

- Key city centre places are activated by a diverse program of both programmed and community-driven events and activities.

CONSULTATION

The City of Fremantle opened public engagement on the Outdoor Events Policy on 27 November 2025 and collected submissions until close-of-business on 30 January 2026. The City invited the public, businesses, and the events industry to share feedback on the proposed changes.



City officers promoted the public engagement period in the following ways:

Social Media

- The public engagement program for this project was mentioned on the City of Fremantle's Facebook page, as well as its Instagram profile throughout the lifespan of the submission period.

Electronic Newsletters

- The Community Engagement team deployed a "Just Launched" email newsletter announcing the opening of the public consultation period on 27 November, 2025.
- The Community Engagement team advertised this project via its monthly engagement newsletter in December, 2025 and January 2026.
- This email is deployed to more than 6,500 people who are subscribed to hear engagement updates from the City of Fremantle.
- The project was also promoted in the City's Freo Weekly newsletter program which is deployed to over 3,500 people.
- The project was also featured and promoted in the This Is Business newsletter.

1:1 or Group Meetings

- Throughout the duration of this engagement, City officers were available for any 1:1 or group meeting requests from the public.

Letterbox Drop

- City officers delivered a letterbox drop to 1,000 households promoting the engagement period for the Outdoor Events Policy. The letters were delivered to households in the Fremantle city centre area based on the parts of Fremantle typically impacted by outdoor events.

Key Takeaways from Engagement

The below is a snapshot of the key themes in community feedback, noting that the full engagement report has been attached to this agenda for more detail.

- 79% of respondents support or somewhat support the Outdoor Events Policy.
- Supporters see the policy as a necessary reset that restores Fremantle's cultural energy, supports local business, removes unnecessary barriers for events, and balances growth with amenity. This policy reinforces Fremantle's identity as a vibrant, creative, destination city.
- Respondents are not opposed to events. They would like the City to improve how events are managed, particularly when it comes to traffic, noise, safety, and respect for people living nearby.



- Respondents want fewer loud, alcohol-driven, high-impact commercial events, and better-managed, better-communicated events that respect residents, place, and environment.
- There is a clear desire for more music, more arts, more community, more family friendly experiences, with a strong emphasis on quality, local identity, inclusiveness, and respect for residents.
- The general public and businesses would like to see events spread out to other parts of Fremantle, not just the city centre.
- The business community sees great value in the Outdoor Events Policy, especially the removal of the Expression of Interest (EOI) process to encourage a more flexible and market-responsive approach to attracting event types.
- The business community also highlighted that they don't currently see any competitive differentiation in Fremantle from what other metro areas do to attract events.
- This community also expressed an opportunity to better understand event allocation limits as well as venue usage rules.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Outdoor Events Policy was developed to identify venues suitable for outdoor events, establish event categories (Large and Major scale), and allocate an annual number of such events to each venue.

The policy aligns with the strategic direction set out in the City of Fremantle Strategic Community Plan 2024–2034, Destination Development Strategic Plan 2023–2027, and the Economic Development Strategy 2025–2030.

The current review proposes the following key changes:

Changes to the event allocation at outdoor event venues:

- Fremantle Park – increase to a maximum of two Major or two Large impact events per year (currently one Major or Large).
- Fremantle Oval – increase to a maximum of one Major and four Large impact events per year (currently three Major and/or Large).
- Esplanade Reserve - increase to a maximum of one Major and four Large impact events per year (currently three Major and/or Large).
- Bruce Lee Oval – the addition of Bruce Lee Oval as a 'bronze' outdoor event venue.
- Hilton Park – the addition of Hilton Park as a 'bronze' outdoor event venue.



Event Categories:

Event applications are assessed on the basis of their scale and characteristics and are classified into defined categories. Applications for events assessed as Small or Medium will be managed in accordance with the established event approval process.

Event Detail	Large Impact Event	Major Impact Event
Attendees	5,000 - 9,999 attendees	Greater than 10,000 attendees
Duration	Up to eight hours, single day, single event site	Up to ten hours, single or multiple event days, multiple event sites
Bump in/out days	Up to five bump in/out days	Up to ten bump in/out days
Timings	Held between 7am and 10pm	Held between 7am and 12am
Noise impact	May involve amplified noise / Reg 18 may be required. Max noise level at 30m from stage – 98dB(a) laeq5min 110dB(c) laeq5min	May involve amplified noise / Reg 18 may be required. Max noise level at 30m from stage – 100dB(a) laeq5min, 110dB(c) laeq5min
Pyrotechnics	May involve pyrotechnics	May involve pyrotechnics
Infrastructure	May involve significant infrastructure build	May involve significant infrastructure build
Power	May involve power requirements	May involve power requirements
Vehicle movements	May require significant levels of infrastructure or vehicle access on site	May require significant levels of infrastructure or vehicle access on site
Public transport disruption	May involve minor public transport disruptions	May impact public transport
Road closures	May involve minor road closures or impact normal use of roads	May require road closures or impact normal use of roads
Food sales	May involve food sales	May involve food sales
Liquor license	May be licensed	May be licensed



Changes to the expression of interest process:

- Removal of the Expression of Interest process, which previously required promoters and organisers to submit applications up to 12 months in advance. This included the provision of detailed event information meeting specific policy criteria, information that was often subject to change due to industry uncertainty.
- Applications will revert to being received on a first-come, first-served process, managed in collaboration with the industry. The success of this approach will rely on Officer's ability to maintain strong industry relationships and proactively fill the event calendar, particularly during periods of low activation.

POLICY AMENDMENT

In response to feedback received through the community consultation process, a policy amendment is recommended to align the noise limits for Major Impact Events with those applied to Large Impact Events. The maximum permitted noise level at 30 metres from the stage would be amended from 115 dB(C) LAeq5min to 110 dB(C).

RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Based on feedback received through the community consultation process, the following measures will be incorporated into the event guidelines upon adoption of the policy:

- Event Officers will create site-specific stage-orientation guidelines to protect local amenity, manage noise and crowd movement, improve safety and accessibility, enhance the event experience, and ensure events activate public spaces in a way that aligns with broader place and city objectives.
- Investigate the establishment of pre-approved drop-off and pick-up locations in advance of each event, in collaboration with ride-share providers, to reduce congestion and improve safety for pedestrians and road users.
- Event organisers must include and adhere to a clip-and-bag procedure within their onsite cleaning and waste-management responsibilities.
- Following event confirmation, officers will provide early notification to residents within the proposed event zone. This will be supported by a letter drop 30 days prior to the event and a final event organiser-led letter drop 21 days prior, confirming final event details.



- As already occurs detailed post event site inspections will be conducted to ensure event organisers have left the site in a condition reflective of the requirements of the event agreement.
- Event Officers will continue to liaise with the Walyalup Fremantle Arts Centre and Fremantle Prison to coordinate event scheduling helping to minimise impacts on nearby residents.

The proposed removal of the formal EOI process, combined with increased event allocations at Esplanade Reserve, Fremantle Oval, and Fremantle Park, directly responds to this feedback while ensuring impacts on residents and the broader community are appropriately managed.

This revised policy aims to balance the needs of the events industry with the City's responsibility to protect public amenity and minimise disruption to residents, particularly in relation to noise and other event-related impacts.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council:

- 1. Note the Community engagement feedback received.**
- 2. Adopt the Outdoor Events Policy, as provided in Attachment 2.**



C2602-16 SIR FREDERICK SAMSON RESERVE MASTER PLAN AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Meeting date:	25 February 2026
Responsible officer:	Manager Parks and Landscape
Voting requirements:	Simple Majority Required
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Samson Park Masterplan2. Samson Park Management Plan3. Final Comment Samson Park Masterplan Engagement Report

SUMMARY

The Sir Frederick Samson Park Masterplan and Management Plan Project aims to set the foundations for upgrade, renewal and conservation works at Samson Park over the coming years. Samson Park possesses many great attributes, and the masterplan process aims to build on and improve these for the community, rather than undertake wholesale changes to the park.

This report presents the Samson Park Masterplan for Council's final adoption following final community engagement.

BACKGROUND

Sir Frederick Samson Park (Samson Park) is a significant natural area in the suburb of Samson, City of Fremantle. Covering 14.08 ha of mostly undeveloped bushland, it is the City's largest remnant vegetation area, with extensive jarrah, marri and tuart woodland supporting over 50 bird species, reptiles and bats. The land lies on Whadjuk Noongar Country and is recognised as Bush Forever Site 059. Part of the site was used as a military camp during World War II and was vested in the City in 1985 when the suburb was developed.

In the City's Public Open Space Strategy 2024–2034, Samson Park is classified Regional with a Nature function. The park comprises predominantly bushland (12.8 ha) with a 1.3 ha central parkland spine of grassed recreation space separating the two main bushland precincts.

This much-loved bushland and park benefit from strong community stewardship. The Friends of Samson Park lead ongoing weeding, planting, watering, and education (e.g., wildflower walks). Since the 2020s, improvements have included co-designed interpretive and cultural signage and bush node with Whadjuk Elders and Samson Primary School, followed by a new car park early in 2025 with



accessible paths and native verge plantings, and the establishment of the Samson Tree Festival (from 2022). Building on these initiatives, the Masterplan and Management Plan provide a coordinated plan for Samson Park’s next decade.

Across the City of Fremantle, Samson has the highest public open space provision at 7.70 ha per 1,000 residents (2021), with 14.48 ha of POS serving a population of 1,881. This is attributable to Samson Park’s 14.08 ha, meaning most of Samson’s POS is bushland rather than developed sports grounds or recreational parks which allows a unique opportunity to support both high-quality recreation and strengthened urban biodiversity in one place.

The Masterplan and Management Plan project commenced in September 2024 following a report to Council to endorse the project objectives and commence the establishment of the Reference Group.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Implementation of the masterplan is aligned with the City’s Long Term Financial Plan and staged over multiple financial years. Funding covers design, consultation, and staged implementation of upgrades to drainage, accessibility, amenity, bushland restoration, and accessibility improvements.

The adopted 2025/26 budget and Long Term Financial Plan have the budget allocations below which were based on preliminary estimates prior to masterplan and engagement commencement.

Project Stage	Total Budget
Community Engagement and Concept Plan	\$100,000
Parking and accessibility	\$250,000
Irrigation, Bore and Cabinet	\$599,000
Seasonal Wetland, Boardwalks and Drainage	\$800,000
Toilet, Ordinance and Education Signage	\$140,000
Playground and Park Infrastructure Upgrades	\$800,000
Youth Basketball Area Upgrade	\$50,000
Bushland, Paths and Fencing Upgrades	\$800,000
Total	\$3,539,000

As the masterplan has been developed, the cost estimates for the works have been refined and allocated towards works packages based on construction methodology and sequencing. The current estimate for all elements in the masterplan that have been identified as scope items through site analysis, engagement and design is in the order of \$5-5.5m.



Officers are currently refining the budget estimate and grant against project staging and will propose amendments to the Long Term Financial Plan for Council consideration through the 2026/27 annual budget process to deliver work packages. Project staging and delivery will be adjusted accordingly to meet the adopted budgets with a focus on delivering core masterplan scope items as a priority.

The City has applied for a Federal Government Local Environmental Projects grant for the Seasonal Wetland and Drainage component of the project. Subject to grant approval, the first stage of works will commence in early 2027 and include:

- Drainage and associated infrastructure upgrade
- Irrigation renewal
- Sellenger arrival and community lawn
- Playground, picnic area and multicourt
- Central pathway from Sellenger to McCombe

Additionally, the City has already upgraded the Sellenger Ave parking and accessibility to the amenity block, and will undertake the irrigation bore renewal as forward works in 2026.

There are additional items outside the project scope area, such as the improvements to accessibility to the school and recreation centre, verge biodiversity planting and road safety improvements that can be delivered through existing City programs that are funded (Greenlinks, Footpaths, Road Renewal). These will be considered for inclusion in these programs for future delivery.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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

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.



Liveable City - Functional and inclusive recreational facilities

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

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.

CONSULTATION

These plans reflect years of community input and celebrates Samson Park as a unique ecological, cultural, social and recreational landscape.

The comprehensive community engagement program carried out between October 2024 and September 2025 has translated that vision into a coherent framework for the park. City staff, Elected Members, Friends of Samson Park, Samson Precinct and key community stakeholders helped this project reach more than 1,170 people through online and face-to-face interactions.

Key engagement activities included:

- A series of early engagement with Whadjuk Noongar Elders and representatives, the Friends of Samson Park, the Samson Precinct Group, City staff and environmental/engineering consultants via guided walks.
- A focused social media and email marketing campaign, as well as promotional spots in the Fremantle Herald.
- A public drop-in session (Saturday 30 November 2024) attended by approximately 70 people.
- Three Project Reference Group (PRG) sessions, involving residents, Councillors, community-groups, City staff and technical experts, which reviewed design options and priorities.
- The draft Samson Park Management Plan was provided to the Friends of Samson Park to review and comment on, and their feedback was taken into account.



Following Council endorsement, the draft Masterplan and Management plan were provided for final community engagement, the key takeaway's were:

- The draft Samson Park Masterplan and Management Plan is clearly seen by a majority of the community as a welcomed piece of work for improving the much loved community park.
- 79% of respondents had participated in the engagement program for this project previously, highlighting that many community members have been on the journey with City staff since the beginning of this project in 2024.
- 88% of respondents fully support or somewhat support the Masterplan. Both categories of respondents want to see the following in the final document:
 - There is a strong preference for Samson Park to retain its understated, local character, with improvements that respect and enhance its parkland and bushland setting rather than introducing overly large or intrusive infrastructure.
 - The engagement highlighted a desire for multigenerational community spaces and amenities such as seating, picnic spots, accessible pathways and shaded areas so people can comfortably socialise, gather and activate the park.
 - There was general support for upgrading the existing playground to better serve families and children as part of broader park improvements, though views were mixed on the proposed southern youth activity area, with some backing youth-focused features and others questioning their need.
 - Dog governance and enforcement is a key area of concern for the community with divergent views on on-and-off lead areas. There continues to be tension between how dog walkers use the space vs all visitors to the park.
 - The City acknowledges that balancing dog access, public use and environmental protection is a broader City-wide challenge and is being addressed holistically through a review of the City's dog governance policies and local laws.

The final engagement report is provided as an attachment to this agenda providing the detail of who we reached and what we heard.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Masterplan and Management Plan set the long-term direction for Samson Park and aim to set the foundations for upgrade, renewal and conservation works at Samson Park over the coming years. Samson Park possesses many great



attributes, and the masterplan process aims to build on and improve these for the community, rather than undertake wholesale changes to the park.

Masterplan Objectives

- Establish a clear long-term vision for the park and its bushland.
- Improve drainage to support ecological health and resilience.
- Enhance accessibility, amenities and recreation while protecting conservation values.
- Strengthen educational experiences, wayfinding and visitor signage.
- Recognise and celebrate cultural and heritage values.
- Promote sustainability and reinforce ecological & community connections.

Management Plan Objectives

- Develop a comprehensive updated management plan for the period 2025-2035.
- Provide recommendations for effective conservation and bushland management practices.
- Understand the park's geographical and ecological context
- Assess the vegetation, wildlife diversity, habitat needs and ecosystem health.
- Develop strategies for managing invasive species, pests and fire risk.
- Improve drainage and hydrology management to reduce stress and flooding in the bushland.
- Integrate community and cultural knowledge (including Whadjuk elders and volunteers) into park stewardship.

The Samson Park draft masterplan and management plan establish a unified, community-driven vision for the park's future.

Key outcomes include:

- Improved drainage and water-sensitive design, including a new vegetated infiltration basin to address persistent flooding and will increase biodiversity.
- Accessibility upgrades such as inclusive pathways, rest nodes, and universally designed amenities.
- Cultural and ecological storytelling through interpretive signage and Whadjuk-led design and codesigned collaborations.
- Enhanced social, play, and recreation areas, balancing multigenerational use, family use, youth activity, and habitat protection.
- Dog governance measures to reduce conflicts between recreation and conservation.



- Sustainability and bushland restoration through targeted revegetation, invasive species control, wildlife corridor enhancement and better ecological education.

Community Engagement

The City considered the feedback following the final round of engagement on the draft Masterplan and Management Plan and notes the strong level of support for both documents. Individuals and groups within the community have been a crucial component of helping City officers and consultants to refine and focus the efforts that now sit in both documents.

Adopting the Masterplan places Samson Park on a clearly defined strategic pathway, enabling the City to protect its ecological and community values while aligning staging and funding of amenities and infrastructure of the parkland and bushland. This framework provides greater certainty around environmental protection, delivery outcomes and community expectations.

Community feedback will continue to be considered and included as appropriate as project stages are designed and delivered. Actions around dog governance are also being incorporated into the current review of the Dog Exercise and Prohibited Areas Policy as well as site signage and management. Officers will also continue to work alongside the Friends of Samson Park to implement the actions of the Management Plan.

Next Steps

Officers recommend Council adopt the Samson Park Masterplan, noting project stages and scopes have been identified and included in the Long Term Financial Plan.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt the Samson Park Masterplan, as provided in Attachment 1, and note project stages are included for consideration in the Long Term Financial Plan.



**C2602-17 STEVENS STREET TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT - PROPOSED
CHANGE OF DESIGN**

Meeting date:	25 February 2026
Responsible officer:	Manager Infrastructure Engineering
Voting requirements:	Simple Majority Required
Attachments:	1. Stevens Street Intersections Engagement Report - May 2025 2. Stevens Street Traffic Calming Concept Plan

SUMMARY

Community consultation was carried out in March 2025 for a Stevens Street traffic calming treatment design. It was established that 84% of respondents supported or somewhat supported the treatments that were initially proposed.

Although the majority of respondents to this engagement project are in favour of the proposed treatments, a small group of local stakeholders challenged the engagement findings in favour of more cycle friendly treatments along Stevens Street.

Taking the feedback from these stakeholders into consideration, a revised traffic calming design has been developed.

This report recommends that Council approves the change in scope from the original Stevens Street Traffic Calming project design presented during public consultation in March 2025, from six modified T-Junction Treatments (Attachment 1), to:

- **Retain two existing mid-block asphalt plateaus;**
- **Formalise the existing ten traffic calming cushions with five mid-block asphalt plateaus; and**
- **Install a Wombat Crossing near Nannine Avenue, for a safer crossing to Booyeembara Park.**

Also, that the traffic calming and road safety installations be funded by the MRWA Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program (LCURSP).

BACKGROUND

A budget allocation has been included in the 2025/26 financial year of \$300,000 for Road Safety – Stevens Street/Nannine Street.



Community consultation on the original proposed traffic calming treatment concept (6 x modified T-Junction treatments) on Stevens Street was carried out in March 2025. 84% of respondents supported or somewhat supported the treatments that were initially proposed.

Although the majority of respondents to this engagement project are in favour of the proposed treatments, a small group of local stakeholders challenged the engagement findings in favour of more cycle friendly treatments along Stevens Street.

Taking the feedback from these stakeholders into consideration, a revised traffic calming design (change in scope from the concept presented during community consultation in March 2025) has been developed that:

- Retains two existing mid-block asphalt plateaus;
- Formalises the existing ten traffic calming cushions with five mid-block asphalt plateaus; and
- Installs a Wombat Crossing near Nannine Avenue, for a safer crossing to Booyeembara Park.

An alternative external funding source has also been identified for the above traffic calming installations, under the MRWA Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program (LCURSP) at an estimated cost of \$140,000.

The project will also include the installation of Wildlife Friendly kerbing (brushed concrete mountable Kerb) adjacent to recent landscaping works along Stevens Street to be funded from the \$300,000 for Road Safety – Stevens Street/Nannine Street 2025/26 project budget, at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A budget allocation has been included in the 2025/26 financial year of \$300,000 for Road Safety – Stevens Street/Nannine Street.

It is noted that the original design is estimated at \$250,000 to install. The original design would not attract funding under the MRWA Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program (LCURSP), as the modified T- Junction treatments are not included in the pallet of designs under the program.

The installation of asphalt plateaus and the Wombat Crossing is to be fully Grant funded from the MRWA Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program (LCURSP) at an estimated cost of \$140,000.



The Wildlife Friendly kerbing to be funded from the \$300,000 for Road Safety – Stevens Street/Nannine Street 2025/26 project budget, at an estimated cost of \$50,000.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed works have been developed in accordance with the Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) guidelines and policies, including the application of approved traffic calming treatments on local roads. The City, as the road authority for local roads under the *Road Traffic Code 2000*, is empowered to implement traffic management devices and road safety treatments where appropriate.

The treatments are consistent with the intent and eligibility criteria of the Main Roads Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program (LCURSP), and do not introduce any departures from adopted standards. Any signage and line marking associated with the works will be installed in accordance with the *Road Traffic Code 2000* and relevant Australian Standards.

No additional statutory approvals are required beyond the City's normal internal approvals and, where applicable, confirmation from Main Roads WA for signage and line marking arrangements.

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 - Liveable and socially connected neighbourhoods

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

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

CONSULTATION

The City opened public engagement on the Stevens Street traffic calming project on 28 March 2025 and collected submissions until close-of-business on 30 April 2025.

The City's engagement program for this project aimed to achieve the following for the City and its residents:

- Provide clear information to residents within the project area, timeline and any updates regarding scheduled works.
- Keep the community informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and provide feedback on how public input influenced the project.
- Work with the community to ensure that their concerns and aspirations are noted and to provide clarity on questions that may arise.
- Inform the public on how to make future requests and work with the City of Fremantle to increase neighbourhood road safety.

An engagement report has been attached to this report and highlights in detail who we reached and what was heard (Attachment 2).

A high-level summary has been provided below:

- The public engagement program reached 440 people through face-to-face conversations and online visits to the City's MySay portal.
- The public engagement program resulted in 38 formal submissions to City officers in the following ways:
 - 26 submissions to the City's MySay engagement page.
 - 12 emails or attachments sent to the Community Engagement Team's shared inbox.
 - **Notable contributions** via the engagement program came from West Cycle and Brad Pettit MLC, Member for the South Metro Region.
- **84%** of respondents **supported or somewhat supported** the proposed traffic calming treatments for Stevens Street.
 - **63%** supported; **21%** somewhat supported.



- **16%** of respondents **did not support** the proposed treatments.
- Respondents who **supported or somewhat supported** the proposed treatments, highlighting the following in their comments:
 - Current calming interventions on Stevens Street (temporary speed cushions) are seen as ineffective.
 - The current interventions already in place make it dangerous for pedestrians, cyclists, and children.
 - Consideration for safer interventions (like a wombat crossing) at the stairway entrance to the Booyeembara Park Mountain Bike Trail.
 - Modified T-junctions are seen as an effective way to slow traffic down along the street.
 - Ensure that slow points aren't too close together.
 - Ensure a balance between safety and functionality, without going "too far" with restrictions.
- Respondents who **do not support** the proposed treatments, highlighted the following:
 - Safety concerns for cyclists and lack of bike friendly designs.
 - Criticism of modified T-intersections, chicanes, and narrowing points for creating pinch points and conflict zones between cars and cyclists.
 - The proposed traffic calming measures are inappropriate, wasteful, or ineffective.
 - Uniform treatments across intersections fail to consider different traffic volumes

OFFICER COMMENT

International and local studies consistently show that physical measures such as roundabouts, speed plateaus, and raised pedestrian crossings are most effective at reducing vehicle speeds. These devices create physical changes to the road environment, encouraging natural speed reduction, especially in areas where road geometry does not inherently encourage slower driving.

Existing Traffic Calming Devices along Stevens Street

There are two existing mid-block asphalt plateaus and ten temporary traffic calming rubber cushions along Stevens Street.



The installation of these traffic calming devices has had an impact on traffic behaviour on Stevens Street as follows:

- Prior to the installation of the plateaus and cushions the 85% speed was posted as 58km/h
- The current 85% speed is posted as 48km/h
- The current 85% at the plateaus and cushions is posted as 34km/h

There has also been a reduction of traffic volumes using Stevens Street from around 1500 vehicles per day (vpd) down to around 900 vehicles per day (vpd).

Stevens Street Traffic Calming Design

The proposal is to formalise the temporary traffic calming cushions with mid-block asphalt plateaus and to install a Wombat Crossing.

The proposed works are consistent with the City's Traffic Calming Policy, which prioritises the use of proven, low-cost physical measures to manage vehicle speeds and improve safety outcomes on local roads. The replacement of temporary traffic calming devices with permanent raised plateaus represents a more durable and effective long-term solution that aligns with best-practice guidance from Main Roads WA.

The project has been deliberately scoped to minimise impacts on surrounding infrastructure, vegetation and services, with kerb modifications limited to landscaped park-side areas and undertaken using wildlife-friendly kerbing. This approach balances road safety outcomes with environmental considerations and community expectations.

From a risk perspective, the primary risks relate to construction impacts and potential community concern regarding changes to traffic conditions. These risks are mitigated through retention of existing traffic calming locations, compliance with established standards, and clear communication regarding the intent and scope of works including traffic management.

Overall, the proposal supports the City's broader road safety objectives, aligns with external funding program principles, and provides a policy-consistent basis for Council to endorse the recommendation.



City's Cycling Network

Stevens Street is an important section of the City's cycling network supporting east-west movement. It is designated as a local route (part of Route J) within the current Bike Plan. Preliminary review of this route has investigated opportunities for a separate path along the northern edge of Stevens Street. This alignment would require State and/Federal funding to implement, as well as careful design to retain numerous trees. City officers will review the 'local route' status as part of the development of the new Bike Plan with the possibility to elevate its status to assist with future funding requests.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council:

- 1. Approve the change in scope from the original Stevens Street Traffic Calming project design presented during public consultation in March 2025, from six modified T-Junction Treatments, as provided in Attachment 1, to:**
 - a. Retaining two existing mid-block asphalt plateaus;**
 - b. Formalising the existing ten traffic calming cushions with five mid-block asphalt plateaus; and**
 - c. Installation of a Wombat Crossing near Nannine Avenue, for a safer crossing to Booyeembara Park.**

- 2. Note that the traffic calming and road safety installations are to be funded by the MRWA Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program (LCURSP).**



**C2602-18 OBJECTIONS - DAVIS PARK PRECINCT - ROAD AND
PEDESTRIAN ACCESS WAY CLOSURES**

Meeting date:	25 February 2026
Responsible officer:	Manager Commercial Services
Voting requirements:	Simple Majority Required
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Closure Plan2. Structure Plan3. ATCO Response Objection4. Public Comments on PAW Closure

SUMMARY

On 12 November 2025, Council approved the advertising of proposed full and partial road closures and PAW closures identified in the Davis Park Precinct Structure Plan and resolved that, if no objections were received during advertising, the proposal would be endorsed and referred to the Minister for Lands for final approval. During the advertising period, the City received four objections/concerns, including one from a public utility. Council is required to consider these submissions before making a final determination.

This report recommends that Council note the objections received and, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Land Administration Act 1997, support the proposed road and PAW closures consistent with the Davis Park Precinct Structure Plan and Closure Plan, and refer the proposal to the Minister for Lands for final approval.

BACKGROUND

The Davis Park Precinct Structure Plan, Beaconsfield received final approval from the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) on 14 May 2021.

On 11 December 2024, Council approved the Davis Park subdivision (Stage 1) with WAPC 200859 approval granted on 2 April 2025.

On 11 September 2025, the City received the current application from TBB Planning requesting the partial and full road and PAW closures associated with the Davis Park PSP. The Applicant has provided letters of support from the Department of Housing and Works and DevelopmentWA being the property owners across the Davis Park Precinct Beaconsfield.



On 12 November 2025, Council resolved:

1. In accordance with Sections 58 and 87 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* and Section 9 of the *Land Administration Regulations 1998*, approve the advertising of the proposed closure of roads/partial roads and pedestrian access ways which are consistent with the Davis Park Precinct Structure Plan and the Closure Plan provided in Attachment 1.
2. Subject to no objections being received, Council endorse the proposal, and refer the application to the Minister for Lands to close the parcels of road and PAW's described in the TBB Planning Application tables 1-3.

On 08 December 2025 – Public advertising signage was erected on site at either end of the three PAW's.

On 13 December 2025 - an advertisement was placed in the Fremantle Herald with publication on Saturday 13 December 2025. The City's MySay public engagement page went live at the same time with the closure of public advertising being the 12 January 2026. The MySay closing date for public comments was extended to 25 January 2026 to provide submitters with additional time to provide comments over the holiday period.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A fee of \$574.00 is currently charged to the Applicant by the City to process the road closure application. All other costs are the responsibility of the Applicant.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 58 and 87 of the *Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA)* together with Section 9 of the *Land Administration Regulations (LAR)* apply in relation to the proposed partial and full road closures including the PAW closures as described above. In addition, the PAW closures are required to follow the Procedure as outlined in the "Closure of PAW's Planning Guidelines October 2009" (last updated 03 September 2021).

All public road and PAW closures require a 35 day public comment period before being submitted to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH), in accordance with Section 58 and 87 of the *LAA*.



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

The City has received support letters regarding the proposed closures from both the Department of Housing and Works and DevelopmentWA being the property owners across the Davis Park Present Beaconsfield.

In accordance with Section 58 of the *LAA*, the City has carried out public consultation for a period of not less than 35 days ending on 25 January 2026.

- Public advertising began on 8 December with onsite signage being placed at either end of the three PAW's. At the same time the City's MySay public engagement page went live.
- An advertisement was placed in the Fremantle Herald on Saturday 13 December 2025.
- Hard copy details of the proposed closures were made available from the City's Customer Service Counter.
- The closure of the MySay public engagement period was extended to the 25 January 2026 to provide submitters additional time to comment over the holiday period.

During the advertising period the City received a total of four (4) Community responses shown in Attachment 4.



The Department of Planning Lands and Infrastructure (DPLH) require that Local Governments write to each of the public utilities noted in a “*Dial Before You Dig*” (DBYD) enquiry.

The Applicant as conducted the initial “*Dial Before You Dig*” enquiry on 18 September 2025 (Job Number 51214929) with 9 service providers identified. (See table below).

Authority	Reference
AARNet Pty Ltd	261362128
ATCO Gas	261362125
BP Refinery Kwinana	261362120
NBN Co	261362122
Public Transport Authority	261362121
Telstra (WA)	261362127
TPG Telecom (WA)	261362126
Water Corporation	261362123
Western Power	261362124

Officers compiled the comments received from the public utilities noting one objection from ATCO Gas. The ATCO Gas objection can be seen in Attachment 3.

Prior to the above consultation, the Davis Park Structure Plan showing the new road layout was put out for community consultation for a period of 28 days from 24 May 2019 to 21 June 2019. It was advertised in the following ways:

- Information Pack prepared by the City of Fremantle, which outlined the content of the structure plan and how it relates to the draft interim Heart of Beaconsfield master plan.
- My Say Freo page containing all relevant information on the structure plan.
- Notice in the local newspaper on 24 May 2019.
- Letters to landowners and occupiers within at least 300m of the proposed LSP area and to all residents within the structure plan area (the vast majority of whom are Department of Housing tenants).
- Letters to various service agencies and government organisations.
- Five signs on the site.
- Notification of the Hilton Precinct Group (there was no Beaconsfield precinct group at the time of advertising the structure plan).
- A community information ‘pop-up’ held at the Growers Green Farmers Market on Sunday 16 June 2019, attended by officers from the City, staff from the Department of Communities as well as the project team from consultant Urbis.



A number of interested community members attended this information event, including DoC tenants within the Davis Park precinct itself.

In addition to the above, the Department of Communities distributed its own newsletter, *The Beacon*, to tenants within the Davis Park precinct as well as residents within the surrounding area. This newsletter provided an overview of the structure plan proposal and provided details on the above-mentioned community information session and how to make a submission.

At the completion of the comment period, the City had received 43 submissions, which were considered as part of Council's final endorsement of the structure plan at the 27 May 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting (Item C2005-15).

The plan was considered to broadly align with the City's strategic objectives and (at the time) draft interim Heart of Beaconsfield Masterplan. Community consultation on the Heart of Beaconsfield Masterplan was undertaken between 19 January and 15 February 2021 in the following ways:

- Direct email to previous participants (over 200 people) and local precinct group.
- Letters to all owners and occupiers within and adjoining the masterplan area.
- Dedicated page on My Say Freo and inclusion in the monthly e-newsletter.

OFFICER COMMENT

Following the advertisement of the proposed closures, four submissions were received, all raising concerns about the permanent closure of the PAWs. Key themes included:

- **A perceived loss of safe walking and cycling routes:** Submitters noted that PAWs provide safer, low-traffic connections for families and commuters and there was a misunderstanding that the closure would force reliance on major roads or cars.
- **Requests for clarity on construction impacts:** Two submissions sought information on short-term disruptions, timing, and any temporary access arrangements during works.
- **Concerns about lack of design detail and consultation:** Several submitters requested greater transparency on long-term street and public open space design, and ongoing engagement with the local precinct.
- **Opposition to permanent closures:** Submitters argued PAWs should remain open, citing walkability, public health benefits, reduced car



dependency, and opportunities to design safer, more attractive pedestrian spaces.

One submission noted PAWs should only be closed temporarily and solely for public safety reasons.

With regard to concerns raised about public consultation, it is important to note that both the structure plan and the Heart of Beaconsfield Masterplan were both advertised prior to the road and PAW closure consultation.

Concerns were raised about the loss of safe walking and cycling routes. The structure plan shows the creation of an additional PAW and extensions of minor roads. Therefore, the public would not need to rely on major roads. See Figure 1.

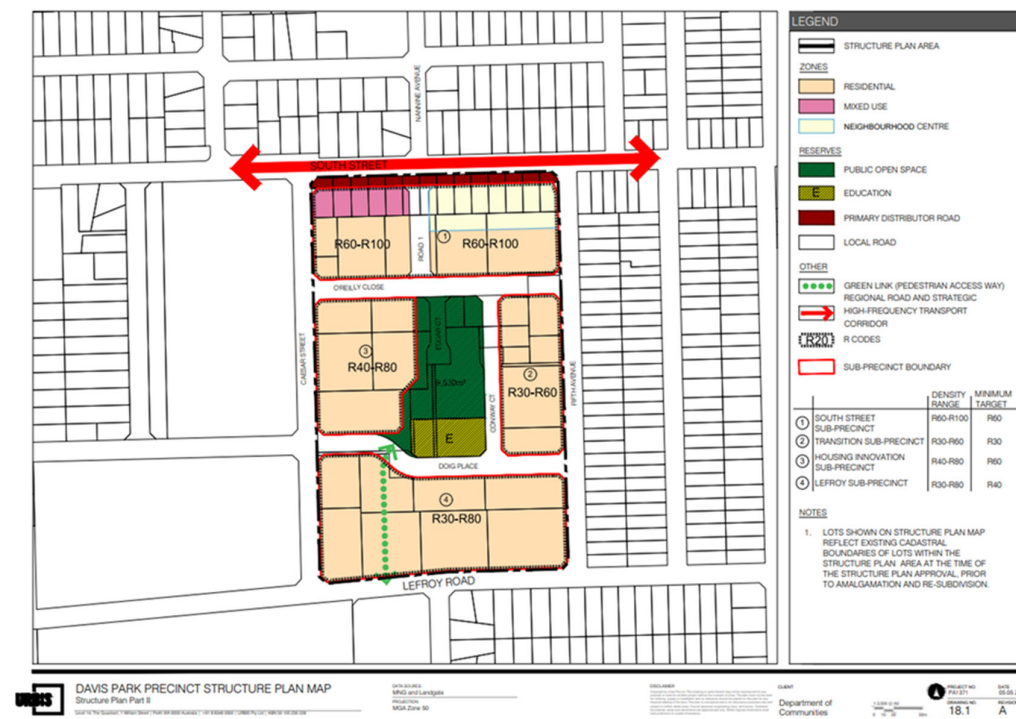


Figure 1 - The Davis Park Precinct Structure Plan Map the extension of Doig Place road reserve to Caesar Street, Beaconsfield with a Pedestrian Accessway from Lefroy Road to Doig Place.

A number of questions raised in the public submissions have been responded to by either the City or the applicant.



Of the 9 service providers contacted, one objected (ATCO Gas), 7 responded with no objection and one (NBN Co) failed to respond. It is not unusual to receive no response from utility providers. In the absence of a response before referral, officers will inform DPLH, who will likely undertake their own process to obtain feedback.

The issues raised by ATCO relate to future works required of the applicant and are not considered grounds to prevent the proposed closures from proceeding as the safeguarding of existing/abandoned ATCO infrastructure would need to occur as a matter of course.

Given the low number of objections received and that the closures are consistent with the approved Structure Plan, officers recommend that Council support the closures and refer the matter to the Minister for Lands for determination.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council in accordance with Sections 58 and 87 of the *Land Administration Act 1997* and Section 9 of the *Land Administration Act 1998*:

- 1. Acknowledge the objections received regarding the proposed road closures which are consistent with the Davis Park Precinct Structure Plan and the Closure Plan provided in Attachments 1 and 2.**
- 2. Endorse the proposal and refer the application to the Minister for Lands to close the parcels of road and PAW's described in the TBB Planning Application tables 1-3 in Attachment 1.**



C2602-19 WAIVE OR WRITE OFF RATES & CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Meeting date: 25 February 2026
Responsible officer: Director City Business
Voting requirements: Absolute Majority Required
Attachments: 1. CONFIDENTIAL – Address details

SUMMARY

Consideration to write off debt under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* section 6.12 (Power to defer, grant discounts, waive or write of debts for residential property).

This report recommends that Council writes off the debt as outlined below.

BACKGROUND

The property under consideration was registered on the State government Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) register as at 1 July 2025. Accordingly, the property was rated under the "Residential short-term accommodation" differential rate category as of 1 July 2025 as outlined in the City 2025-26 Budget adopted by Council.

The previous and current owner entered into a contract of sale on 22 May 2025. The previous owner subsequently cancelled the registration on the STRA register on 23 July 2025. The property then settled on 1 August 2025.

The current owners have made a formal complaint to the City. The nature of their complaint was they were charged rates pro rata from the 1 August 2025 at a higher rate in dollar, due to being listed as short-term accommodation on 1 July 2025. However, upon settlement, this property is now owner-occupied and not rented on short term basis.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The rates for this property as at 1 July 2025 totalled \$4,449.18 due to the rate in dollar 0.118835 being higher than the Residential improved.



The rates for Residential improved for 2025-26 would equate to \$3282.14 due to the rate in dollar 0.087664 being lower than Residential short-term accommodation.

The settlement agent has apportioned the rates between the buyer and seller as at the date of settlement solely based on the period for which they owned the property.

The write off is for the difference in the rating categories from the date of settlement 1/8/2025 (344 days):

Gross Rental Value	Rate in dollar Residential Short Term Accommodation	Total Rates \$	Days		Rates \$
37,440	0.118835	4,449.18	365		12.19/day
			334	Buyer	4071.31
Gross Rental Value	Rate in dollar Residential Improved	Total Rates	Days		Rates
37,440	0.087664	3,282.14	365		8.99/day
			334	Buyer	3003.38
Write off total					1,067.93

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.12. Power to defer, grant discounts, waive or write off debts

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) and any other written law, a local government may
 - (a) when adopting the annual budget, grant* a discount or other incentive for the early payment of any amount of money; or
 - (b) waive or grant concessions in relation to any amount of money; or
 - (c) write off any amount of money,

which is owed to the local government.

** Absolute majority required.*

(2) Subsection (1)(a) and (b) do not apply to an amount of money owing in respect of rates and service charges.

(3) The grant of a concession under subsection (1)(b) may be subject to any conditions determined by the local government.



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'

- Support the City through financial, procurement and revenue functions whilst ensuring legislative compliance and providing excellent customer service.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

OFFICER COMMENT

Despite the acknowledgement that the STRA registration was cancelled by the previous owner prior to settlement, the financial burden of the associated STRA charges has been passed to the new owner despite them having no involvement in, or benefit from, the STRA use.

While the *Local Government Act 1995* restricts amendments to rates where land characteristics change mid-year, this situation is fundamentally different: a contract of sale was entered into before 1 July 2025 and the charge relates entirely to a former owner's activity and was incorrectly apportioned by a third-party during settlement, not through any fault or action of the new owner. Upholding the charge effectively penalises a purchaser for historical use that ceased before they acquired the property, which conflicts with principles of fairness and reasonable administrative practice.

Providing relief in this case would not create a precedent for altering rates due to land-use changes but would simply correct an inequitable outcome arising from an apportionment error external to the City.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council write off the rates amount \$1,067.93 on the property outlined in the Confidential Attachment 1.



C2602-20 CORPORATE PLAN REPORT 1 JULY 2025 To 31 DECEMBER 2025

Meeting date: 25 February 2026
Responsible officer: Manager Governance
Voting requirements: Simple Majority Required
Attachments: 1. Corporate Report - July to December 2025

SUMMARY

The Corporate Plan Report for 1 July to 31 December 2025 provides a summary of the services, activities and projects for 2025-26 as adopted in the Corporate Plan 2025-29. Reporting is aligned to the Strategic Community Plan 2024-34.

This report recommends that Council receive the Corporate Plan Report for 1 July to 31 December 2025, as provided in Attachment 1.

BACKGROUND

All local governments are required to develop a Strategic Community Plan and a Corporate Business Plan in accordance with the Integrated Planning and Reporting (IPR) Framework and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

The Strategic Community Plan is used to guide the corporate, business, and financial planning for the City. This report will provide an update on the projects and services for the 2025-26 financial year that address or contribute to the aspirations of the strategic community plan and outline their planned delivery and progress.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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



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'

- Enable the City to maintain legislative compliance and accountability for organisational decision making.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

OFFICER COMMENT

The Corporate Plan Report provides a summary of the services, initiatives and project progress programmed in 2025-26 as of 31 December 2025.

Officers continue to actively manage and monitor progress through monthly reporting.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council receives the City of Fremantle Corporate Plan Report – July to December 2025, as provided in Attachment 1.



**C2602-21 RESPONSE TO PETITION - LEIGHTON BEACH BOULEVARD
SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION**

Meeting date: 25 February 2026
Responsible officer: Manager Infrastructure Engineering
Voting requirements: Simple Majority Required
Attachments: Nil

SUMMARY

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 11 February 2026, Cr Melanie Clark presented a petition, on behalf of Daren Bracewell, signed by approximately 80 residents and visitors. The petition requested the following:

'That the City of Fremantle recommend to Main Roads WA to reduce the speed limit in Leighton Beach Blvd to 30 km/hr to better reflect the precinct's usage and prioritise pedestrian safety in our community.'

This report recommends that Council acknowledge the petition to recommend to Main Roads WA (MRWA) to reduce the speed limit in Leighton Beach Blvd to 30 km/h; and notes that MRWA has approved a 30 km/h Zone for Leighton Beach Boulevard and Freeman Loop.

BACKGROUND

In December 2025, the City of Fremantle received correspondence from residents of Leighton Beach Boulevard requesting a reduction of the existing 40 km/h speed limit to 30 km/h.

Residents raised concerns regarding:

- Increasing pedestrian activity associated with beach access and proximity to the train station;
- Vehicles reversing from perpendicular parking bays into the traffic stream;
- Perceived pedestrian-vehicle conflict near Freeman Loop; and
- Anticipated traffic redistribution associated with the Fremantle Traffic Bridge closure.

As speed zoning is subject to Main Roads approval, the City formally requested that MRWA undertake a technical assessment in accordance with its Speed Zoning Policy and Movement and Place framework.



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'That the City of Fremantle recommend to Main Roads WA to reduce the speed limit in Leighton Beach Blvd to 30 km/hr to better reflect the precinct's usage and prioritise pedestrian safety in our community.'

The petition was accepted by the Chief Executive Officer, to be addressed by relevant officers.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

MRWA has confirmed that it will fund the cost associated with the installation of the Area 30 km/h signage.

There are no financial implications for the City of Fremantle associated with this speed limit change.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

MRWA has completed a technical assessment in accordance with its Speed Zoning Policy and Movement and Place framework.

The technical review considers road function, parking configuration, pedestrian activity levels, safety considerations, and relevant Main Roads and Austroads criteria.

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.



CONSULTATION

On 23 December 2025, the City formally requested that Main Roads undertake a technical review of the appropriateness of a 30 km/h speed limit, having regard to road function, parking configuration, pedestrian activity levels, safety considerations and relevant Main Roads and Austroads criteria.

The City has received a petition, signed by approximately 80 residents and visitors, requesting that the City of Fremantle recommend to MRWA, to reduce the speed limit in Leighton Beach Blvd from 40km/h to 30 km/h.

OFFICER COMMENT

In December 2025, the City requested MRWA to carry out a technical assessment of the current 40km/h Zone speed limit on Leighton Beach Boulevard, in consideration of reducing the speed limit to 30km/h.

MRWA subsequently undertook an assessment under its Movement and Place framework, considering road design characteristics, road environment and intra-area pedestrian activity.

MRWA has completed the assessment and based on the Movement and Place framework, MRWA has determined that an Area 30 km/h Zone for Leighton Beach Boulevard and Freeman Loop is appropriate.

The proposed Area 30 km/h zone aligns with contemporary speed management principles that prioritises pedestrian safety and reflects the local access function of Leighton Beach Boulevard.

The change is considered appropriate given the high pedestrian volumes associated with beach access, the perpendicular parking layout and the local road function. Implementation of the Area 30 km/h zone is expected to improve pedestrian safety, reduce vehicle–pedestrian conflict risk and enhance driver awareness within this high-activity coastal environment.

The City has formally advised Main Roads of its support for the reduction and has requested progression of the implementation process.

Signage installation will occur in the next couple of months, with dates to be confirmed by MRWA.



VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council:

- 1. Acknowledge the petition requesting the City to recommend to Main Roads WA to reduce the speed limit in Leighton Beach Blvd to 30 km/hr to better reflect the precinct's usage and prioritise pedestrian safety in their community.**
- 2. Support the implementation of a 30km/h zone for Leighton Beach Boulevard and Freeman Loop.**
- 3. Note that the Petition organiser will be advised of the outcome.**



Statutory reports

C2602-22 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES AND CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS FROM THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ELECTORS HELD MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2026

Meeting date:	25 February 2026
Responsible officer:	Manager Governance
Voting requirements:	Simple Majority Required
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Minutes - Annual General Meeting of Electors - 2 February 20262. Annual General Meeting of Electors 2026 Questions and Responses

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to receive the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors (AGME) held on Monday 2 February 2026, as shown in Attachment 1; note and acknowledge the motions carried by electors; and consider the officer's response to each motion and proposed and approve actions in response to the motions carried by electors at the meeting. Questions taken on notice at the meeting and officer responses are provided in Attachment 2.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*, Local Governments are required to hold a general meeting of electors every financial year following acceptance of the Annual Report. Council at its meeting on 10 December 2025, resolved to receive the Auditors Report and Audited Financial Statements for the financial year ending 30 June 2025, and set the date for the Annual General Meeting of Electors to be held on Monday, 2 February 2026.

The purpose of an AGME is for electors to ask questions in relation to the annual report adopted by Council for the previous financial year and any other general business. This meeting also provides electors an opportunity to raise general business matters and move motions for Council to consider.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.



LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Section 5.27 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) states that the City must hold a general meeting of electors once for each financial year, within 56 days of the acceptance of the Annual Financial Report and that the matters to be discussed are as prescribed in Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.

This report is provided in accordance with Section 5.33 of the Act, which states that all decisions made at an electors meeting are to be considered by Council.

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

The date, time and location of the Annual General Meeting of Electors was advertised in the Fremantle Herald, on the City's public notice boards, on the City's social media, and on the City's official website from Wednesday, 17 December 2025 until the meeting date.

OFFICER COMMENT

The City of Fremantle AGME was held on Monday 2 February 2026, with 70 members of the public present at the meeting. The 5 motions carried at the meeting were as follows:

Motion 1 submitted by Marija Vujcic

That the Electors of the City of Fremantle submit the following to Council:

- 1. That the Council formally acknowledge, and record in the minutes of the next Ordinary Meeting of Council Meeting, that the process adopted following the 2025 Annual General Meeting of Electors – whereby all five elector motions were bundled into a single Council***



resolution (item C2502-14, carried 11-0) without separate debate or voting – did not provide transparent or accountable decision-making and was inconsistent with the intent of the AGME.

- 2. That Council develop and adopt, no later than 1 May 2026, a formal policy requiring that each motion carried at the Annual General Meeting of Electors be:**
 - a. Listed separately – each motion to appear as a discrete agenda item;***
 - b. Debated separately – councillors to debate each motion on its merits;***
 - c. Voted separately – with each councillor’s vote recorded in the minutes;***
 - d. Clearly resolved – by Council either:***
 - a. adopting and implementing the motion;***
 - b. referring it for further work with a defined scope and timeframe not exceeding six months; or***
 - c. rejecting it, with reasons recorded in the minutes; and***
 - e. Supported by neutral advice – officer reports to provide factual information and implementation options only, without predetermining or substituting Council’s decision on elector motions.***
- 3. That this policy apply to this Annual Meeting of Electors and all future AGME’s, with annual reporting to Council on compliance.**

Officer’s comment

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires that decisions made at an AGME to be considered by Council. However, it does not prescribe how Council must structure agenda items or deliberate on elector motions. Whilst the Act does not mandate how motions are to be formatted, debated, or resolved when considered by Council, this provides scope for Council to adopt its own policy and/or procedures in relation to how motions from Electors meetings are brought to Council for consideration.

As shown in this report, the City’s current process is to provide a detailed response to each Motion as part of one report to Council, along with an Officer’s Recommendation in response to each motion carried by Electors, for Council consideration. In accordance with the City’s Meeting Procedures Policy, Council may wish to consider each motion individually, by moving each motion in parts. Additionally, a Council Member may move an amendment to the Officer’s



Recommendation or propose an alternative recommendation for Council consideration.

Should Council wish to amend this process, this matter can be dealt with administratively and implemented for the next Annual General Meeting of Electors. Alternatively, if Council wish to include this process as part of the existing Electors Meetings Council Policy, officers will review the policy and the process that is currently in place and present a report back to Council for further consideration.

In response to the Motion 1 by Elections, the following recommendation is provided for Council consideration:

Officer's recommendation

Request the Chief Executive Officer review the Electors Meetings Council Policy and procedures for dealing with motions carried at an AGME, with consideration of part 2 of the motion; and note that this review will be presented to an Informal Elected Members Briefing Session for discussion; should amendments to the policy be required, a report will be brought back to Council for consideration.

Motion 2 submitted by Marija Vujcic

That the Electors of the City of Fremantle demand that Council:

- 1. *Produce and publicly release by 1 May 2026:***
 - a. *A business plan for the South Fremantle Underground Power Project, including a project cashflow analysis;***
 - b. *Status of the co-funding and delivery agreement with Western Power; and***
 - c. *An indicative delivery and staging timetable.***
- 2. *Disclose the total amount of underground power service charges collected to-date in 2025/2026, including amounts paid to Western Power and the balance held.***
- 3. *Provide a public written assurance from the Chief Executive Officer that all funds collected are quarantined solely for the South Fremantle Underground Power Project and not used for consolidated revenue, with any interest retained for the project.***



- 4. *Make the continuation in collecting of underground power service charges conditional upon the production of the documents and assurance in paragraphs 1 and 3.***

- 5. *Guarantee that, should the project not proceed or not reach construction commencement within a reasonable and publicly stated timeframe, all unspent funds will be refunded to affected ratepayers, including interest where applicable.***

Officer's comment

The South Fremantle Underground Power Program (TUPP) is a Western Power project. Western Power is substantially subsidising the project by contributing an estimated \$42.8m (80% of the total project cost), meaning there will be a significantly reduced per property cost for residents.

The City of Fremantle is collecting the resident contribution on behalf of Western Power via a service charge as part of annual rates notices over a 7-year period. All money collected via the service charge is held in the South Fremantle Targeted Underground Power reserve, with any interest generated going back into the reserve to fund the project.

As at the 31st January 2026 the balance of the South Fremantle Targeted Underground Power reserve was \$1.65M which includes payments received to date and interest accrued on the balance of the reserve. The '*Service charge reserve - South Fremantle Targeted Underground Power*' can be viewed in Attachment 1 (page 20) of the Monthly Financial Report January 2026 (Item C2602-26), provided in this Agenda. Estimated billing for the full year is \$1.73M.

A substantial program of community engagement was carried out within South Fremantle during the 2024/25 financial year, prior to service charges being incorporated into the 2025/26 budget.

Given it is a Western Power project and only resident and western power owned infrastructure is being delivered, any request for a business plan should be made directly to Western Power as the owner of the project.

Information requested within items 1 & 2 of the motion is already publicly available on the [City's website](#), within its annual budget & [monthly financial statements](#) and within the City's [Long Term Financial Plan](#).

The latest information provided from Western Power in relation to project timelines has been provided below; however, this is subject to change and should be verified with Western Power.

- January 2025 – March 2025: Tender for design process (*COMPLETE*)



- March 2025 – March 2026: Design process commences. Includes 4 stages to be carried out over 12 months (*UNDERWAY*)
- Late 2026 – Final cost estimate confirmed (+/-10%)
- Late 2026 – early 2027 – Construction tender
- Mid 2027 – Construction commences
- Mid 2030 – Construction complete

It is anticipated that a co-funding agreement will be finalised when a final cost estimate is reached following the detailed design process.

The assurances requested in items 3 & 5 of the motion already reflect the measures the City has put in place, including the establishment of a reserve, the allocation of any interest generated by the reserve going back to the project, and funds collected being refunded in the event the project does not go ahead. It should be noted the Local Government Act and associated regulations already require the majority of these measures to be put in place with respect to service charges.

Officer's recommendation

Council support the response provided by officers and no further action is required in response to this Motion.

Motion 3 submitted by Marija Vujcic

That the Electors of the City of Fremantle request that Council:

- 1. Prepare and publicly release a total project cost post completion report for the South Beach Toilets project, including:***
 - a. The original timeline, approved budget, any revised budgets, and the final total project cost (including all elements, demotion, consultants, plumbing, landscaping, security, fencing, temporary toilet hire);***
 - b. A comparison of actual expenditure against budget, with explanations for any material variances;***
 - c. Confirmation of delivery against the approved scope of works, including any scope changes or omissions; and***
 - d. An assessment of whether the completed project represents value for money for ratepayers, having regard to cost, quality, durability, and functionality.***
- 2. Table the post completion report at a Council meeting and publish it publicly within 90 days of the 2026 Annual General Meeting of Electors.***



Officer's comment

The South Beach Changerooms Project reached practical completion in June 2025 and is now fully completed and being utilised by the community. A timeline of key milestones within the project has been provided to follow.

FY2022/23

Funding was first allocated to the project in FY 2022/23 and a series of community engagement and design activities were commenced. Approximately \$81k was expended on the project in FY 2022/23 (not inclusive of landscaping works).

The final scope and design of the project (and subsequent cost) was heavily guided by community and stakeholder input as part of initial stakeholder and community engagement processes and subsequently supported by Council following the completion of that engagement.

Community engagement included several workshops with community groups, facility users and surrounding residents, as well as engagement with Elected Members. Engagement culminated in council adoption of a place plan for the area, as well as the establishment of CEO Working Group to ensure Council remained informed on the progress of the project and could contribute to decisions around design and scope changes as required.

The high level of engagement from the community required the design process to be iterative in nature and consequently required an extensive period of time to finalise.

FY2023/24

Following confirmation of initial design and scope and prior to the commencement of project delivery, \$3.04m was allocated to the project in FY 2023/24 which enabled the City to progress with detailed design and advertise the building contract via public tender.

Responses received as part of the tender process indicated that the scope and design preferred by the community would require an increased budget due to market pressures impacting costs. The City proceeded to identify opportunities for value engineering and scope changes to address these increases and arrive at a more suitable contract price for the delivery of the project.



Due to the need to address and adjust scope to manage costs, another iterative engagement and design process was required via the CEO Working Group to ensure Council were satisfied that the adjusted scope would meet the expectations of community stakeholders. This added further time to the overarching project timelines.

Approximately \$492K was expended on the project in FY2023/24 (not inclusive of landscaping works).

FY2024/25

Upon confirming a final design/scope and securing a suitable building contract the FY2024/25 adopted budget included an allocation of \$3.28m for the project. Construction commenced in this year and approximately \$2.39m was expended on the project in this year (not inclusive of landscaping works).

Concurrent to the delivery of the changeroom project, the City also designed and delivered landscape works to integrate the changerooms with their surroundings. This work was carried out under a separate contract however this cost has been incorporated in the cost summary to follow to provide clarity on total cost of all components of the project. The initial budget for these works was estimated at \$604K. The requirement for additional professional fees were also identified and budgeted for at this stage to ensure design consistency and integration across both projects.

In total, the estimated original budget for the changeroom project and associated landscaping works (following completion of detailed design and building contract tendering) was \$3,830,119.

All cost variances and amendments to the budget (as the project moved through the engagement and design process) have been well documented and made public via council agendas and approved via council decisions.

FY2025/26

An allocation of \$500,000 was included in the FY2025/26 adopted budget in order to deliver final stages of construction. As at 31 January 2026 approximately \$287,787 has been expended on the project for FY2025/26.



Access to the facility was made available for use by the community in late 2025. The contract scope of works was achieved 27/06/2025, confirmed by the Practical Completion certificate issued on that date.

Variations

As referenced in the timeline and cost summary to follow, variations to the original scope were required to manage higher than expected costs following the initial tender process, and during construction phase.

The following value engineering adjustments were made during the redesign process of the South Beach Change Facility, prior to the award of RFQ 558/24. These details were reported to Council in Information Report C2404-13.

Original specification	Redesign changes
Pre-cast concrete walls	Recycled rammed concrete walls
Stainless structural steel columns	Galvanised painted coastal grade steel columns
Electrical services – LED strip lighting	Alternative supplier with same appearance and commercial warranty

During construction, the following notable variations to the contract scope of works were also approved;

- Installation of roof safety system
- Construction of café store

Notable deletions from the scope:

- Electropolishing of stainless benches

There were no other deletions from the South Beach Change Facility construction scope.

With respect to landscaping works, City officers reviewed the specification to the tree planting scope and concrete pathways during tender evaluation and award.

Works proceeded in line with WFCC122.24. Minor variations in the form of service relocation and asbestos removal were performed under the contract.



Variation was made to phase construction for the opening of the changeroom and removal or temporary toilets.

Additional funding was required to complete the ACROD and drop off bays once permission had been granted by PTA and power relocation by Western Power.

Additional works were required from incumbent contractors separate to the landscape contract to complete the final portion of works, drop off and ACROD bays as these could not be completed until the changerooms were operational.

Some minor variations were also required following award of the landscaping contract and when making the facility operational to accommodate additional latent condition defects and an increase in drop off bays.

Project Cost Summary

Upon practical and functional completion of both projects (changerooms and landscaping) the total actual cost of delivery of the project is \$4,077,363. When compared to the original budget, there is a variance/overspend of \$247,244 for the project. The breakdown of these costs and variances has been provided in the table to follow.

Project Stage	Orig. Budget	Actual Cost	Variance
Building construction	\$2,699,025	\$2,769,783	\$70,758
Civil and Landscaping integration works	\$604,000	\$832,189	\$228,189
Professional and other Fees	\$94,000	-	-
Forward works & professional fees	\$433,094	\$475,389	\$42,295
Total at practical completion	\$3,830,119	\$4,023,539	\$193,420
Condition defects and parking adjustments post practical completion	\$0	\$53,824	\$53,420
EST. TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$3,830,119	\$4,077,363	\$247,244

The following activities were included in the costs outlined above:

- Building design
- Irrigation Design
- Consultancy fees
- Permits and fees
- Building construction contract
- Landscaping construction contract
- ACROD and drop off bays post changeroom opening



- Preliminaries
- Demolition of landscape
- Contingency

Officer's recommendation

Council support the response provided by officers and no further action is required in response to this Motion.

Motion 4 submitted by Marija Vujcic

That the Electors of the City of Fremantle hereby express no confidence in the Mayor, the elected members, and the Chief Executive Officer in relation to their stewardship, oversight, and assurance of the City's financial management and long-term sustainability.

Officer's comment

The City acknowledges the concerns raised in relation to financial stewardship, oversight, and long-term sustainability, and we recognise the importance of maintaining community trust and confidence in the governance of the City of Fremantle.

The City wishes to provide the following response to the motion:

1. Commitment to Transparency and Accountability

The City of Fremantle remains fully committed to transparent financial management and sound governance practices. The City's financial activities are subject to multiple layers of oversight, including:

- Annual financial audits undertaken by the Office of the Auditor General and independent auditors
- Regular internal financial reporting and review
- Monthly financial reporting to Council (publicly available on the City's website)
- Regular reporting to the City's Audit, Risk & Improvement Committee
- Publicly available budgets, long-term financial plan, and annual reports
- Compliance audits as required under the Local Government Act 1995 and associated regulations



These frameworks are designed to ensure rigorous financial oversight and accountable decision-making.

2. Independent Audit and Financial Compliance

The City's annual financial statements and performance audits are undertaken by qualified external auditors in accordance with statutory requirements and signed off by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG), which is the State's highest statutory financial authority. The city has received an unqualified audit for every single year the OAG has carried out financial audits for Local Governments. Recent audit reports have not identified any material non-compliance or financial management concerns that would support a loss of confidence in the City's operations. Where improvement opportunities are identified, the City implements corrective actions in a timely and transparent manner.

3. Long-Term Financial Sustainability

The City continues to actively manage financial pressures resulting from economic conditions, ageing infrastructure, and evolving community expectations. Council has adopted a Long-Term Financial Plan that guides responsible investment, asset renewal, service delivery, and financial risk management. This plan is reviewed annually as part of the statutory budget process to ensure alignment with contemporary conditions and the City's strategic priorities.

4. Engagement with Community Concerns

The City acknowledges that maintaining community confidence is essential to effective and transparent local governance. While the City is confident in the integrity of its financial management practices, it also recognises that perceptions of financial risk or inconsistency should be addressed openly and constructively.

To support this, the City will continue to:

- Provide accessible financial information
- Engage with the Elected Members on key financial decisions
- Report regularly on audit actions, emerging issues and risks, and long-term financial sustainability measures

5. Respect for the Electors' Motion

Although the City does not agree that a loss of confidence is warranted based on the evidence available, the concerns raised through this motion are taken seriously. The City remains committed to working constructively with the



community to strengthen trust, enhance communication, and ensure the City's financial management continues to meet the highest standards.

As neither the City or Council are able to action a motion of this nature, the recommendation to follow is proposed to acknowledge the motion and concerns raised by Electors.

Officer's recommendation

Receive Motion 4 and acknowledge the concerns raised by Electors in relation to financial stewardship, oversight, and long-term sustainability; and no further action is required in response to this Motion

Motion 5 submitted by Andrew Luobikis

Council:

- 1. Implement a policy for the safety of the community and the homeless individuals, under the only remit available to the City of Fremantle given authority for City Rangers/Community Safety Officers, with the utmost compassion, move them on from public areas, and only after offering them assistance to access the available services.***
- 2. Lobby the State Government for Police and expert mental health assistance in relocation of the homeless to appropriate mental health facilities.***
- 3. To protect the integrity and avoid litigation, only registered charities to be listed on website or be promoted by the City to assist the homeless.***
- 4. Fremantle Electors give authority for the Chief Executive Officer to implement the homeless policy as above.***

Officer's comment

The City of Fremantle introduced the Voluntary Goodwill Service Provider Policy in 2021, to help ensure that people experiencing homelessness, food insecurity and other vulnerabilities receive safe, coordinated and respectful support in our community.

The City's Community Safety Team and Library Connect provides education and guidance to support individuals experiencing homelessness, including providing



information to connect them with appropriate outreach services. However, engagement with these services is voluntary, and individuals cannot be compelled to seek assistance. Experiencing homelessness is not unlawful and therefore, the City or any other organisation cannot force a person to engage with available services. Furthermore, the City has no powers available to move a person on from a public space, only police have these powers when an unlawful offence has been committed.

Community Safety Officers may request that individuals move on, for matters such as littering or causing an obstruction or anti-social behaviour, however, the City does not have the authority or power to physically remove individuals. If an offence continues and a person refuses to comply, particularly where a hazard is created, officers need to escalate matters by seeking assistance from WA Police.

In relation to advocacy, the City currently advocates for increased crisis accommodation, mental health services, and coordinated assertive outreach. In addition, the City is updating its Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan, with a focus on strengthening partnerships with outreach providers and advocating for improved mental health support services.

The City sees no risk in promoting the existing registered organisation or charities, or volunteer based service providers who wish to provide assistance to vulnerable people in Fremantle, and will continue to encourage these partnerships in accordance with the City's Voluntary Goodwill Service Provider Policy. However, the City does support updating the Fremantle Community Support Map provided on our website to clearly identify which services providers are registered organisations/charities or volunteer based service providers.

In response to this motion, the following recommendation has been provided for Council consideration:

Officer's recommendation

- 1. Note the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan will be brought to Council for consideration in 2026, that will focus on community safety initiatives, strengthening partnerships with outreach providers and advocating for improved mental health support services; and note that the City will continue to work with WA Police in dealing with the impacts of homelessness and safety within the Community.**



2. **Continue to advocate for State Government to increase crisis accommodation, mental health services, and coordinated outreach services, to support and address issues associated with homelessness in Fremantle.**
3. **Request that the Chief Executive Officer:**
 - a) **review the service providers listed on the City's website, in particular the Fremantle Community Support Map, to clearly indicate which service providers are registered charities/organisations or volunteer based; and**
 - b) **establish an annual review process to verify the currency and legal status of all listed services.**

Questions taken on notice

A number of questions were asked at the meeting by electors, responses to the question given at the meeting are provided in the Minutes of the AGME, and all other questions taken on notice are provided in Attachment 2 of this report and has been provided in Electors in writing.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council:

1. **Receives the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Electors held on 2 February 2026, provided in Attachment 1.**
2. **Note the questions taken on notice at the Annual General Meeting of Electors and responses provided by officers, as shown in Attachment 2.**
3. **Receive and acknowledge the five Motions carried by Electors at the Annual General Meeting of Electors (2025), as outlined in this report; and**
4. **Adopt the following in response to the Motions carried by Electors at the Annual General Meeting of Electors (2026):**



A. MOTION 1:

- i. **Note the Chief Executive Officer will review the Electors Meetings Council Policy and procedure for dealing with motions carried at an AGME, with consideration of part 2 of the motion; and note that this review will be presented to an Informal Elected Members Briefing Session for discussion, and should amendments to the policy be required, a report will be brought back to Council for consideration.**

B. MOTION 2:

Council support the response provided by officers and no further action is required in response to this Motion

C. MOTION 3:

- i. **Council support the response provided by officers and no further action is required in response to this Motion.**

D. MOTION 4:

- i. **Acknowledge the concerns raised by Electors in relation to financial stewardship, oversight, and long-term sustainability; and no further action is required in response to this Motion.**

E. MOTION 5:

- i. **Note the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Plan will be brought to Council for consideration in 2026, that will focus on community safety initiatives, strengthening partnerships with outreach providers and advocating for improved mental health support services; and note that the City will continue to work with WA Police in dealing with the impacts of homelessness and safety within the Community.**
- ii. **Continue to advocate for State Government to increase crisis accommodation, mental health services, and coordinated outreach services, to support and address issues associated with homelessness in Fremantle.**
- iii. **Request that the Chief Executive Officer:**



- a) review the service providers listed on the City's website, in particular the Fremantle Community Support Map, to clearly indicate which service providers are registered charities/organisations or volunteer based; and**
- b) establish an annual review process to verify the currency and legal status of all listed services.**



C2602-23 STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026

Meeting date:	25 February 2026
Responsible officer:	Director City Business
Voting requirements:	Simple Majority Required
Attachments:	1. Investment Report - December 2025 2. Investment Report - January 2026

SUMMARY

This report outlines the investment of surplus funds for the months ending 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026 and provides information on these investments for Council consideration.

This report recommends that Council receive the Investment Report for the months ending 31 December 2025, as provided in Attachment 1 and the Investment Report for 31 January 2026, as provided in Attachment 2.

The investment report provides a snapshot of the City's investment portfolio and includes information as at months ending 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026 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 \$1.50m against a full year budget of \$1.85m. Interest earnings year to date are higher than YTD budget by \$0.43m with \$0.23m being earned in December 2025 and \$0.21m being earned in January 2026. The strong investment performance is due to the attractive interest rates in the current market.

There was no Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) Monetary Policy Board meeting in January 2026, and the cash rate target remained at 3.60%. Recent data has indicated that inflation is re-accelerating, labour market conditions remain tight, and household demand remains resilient. This was verified when the RBA did proceed to lift the cash rate at its early February meeting, however this does not impact the reporting period relating to this report. According to the most recent data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), annual CPI inflation rose to 3.8%, accelerating from 3.4% in November, while trimmed-mean inflation rose to 3.3%, signalling broad-based price pressures, especially from housing and electricity costs. Those developments have dampened market expectations of further rate cuts, and some analysts now argue that the current easing cycle may be over.

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 4.25% for the month of December 2025 and 4.26% for the month of January 2026. The City's actual portfolio return in the last 12 months is 4.01%, comparing on par with the benchmark Bloomberg AusBond Bill Index reference rate of 3.89% (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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- Support the City through financial, procurement and revenue functions whilst ensuring legislative compliance and providing excellent customer service.



CONSULTATION

Nil.

OFFICER COMMENT

The City’s Investment Portfolio Manager has provided comprehensive Investment Reports for the months ending 31 December 2025 and January 2026 which can be viewed in the Attachments. A summary of the investment reports is provided below.

1. Portfolio Details

As at 31 December 2025 the City’s investment portfolio totalled \$59.67m. The market value of this investment was \$60.25m at that time, which takes into account accrued interest.

The investment portfolio is made up of:

Cash Investments (<= 3 months)	\$11.47m
Term Deposits (> 3 months)	\$48.20m
TOTAL	\$59.67m

Of which:

Unrestricted cash	\$42.19m
Restricted cash (Reserve Funds)	\$17.48m
TOTAL	\$59.67m

The current amount of \$42.19m held as unrestricted cash represents 38.62% of the total adopted budget for operating revenue \$109.23m.

As at 31 January 2026 the City’s investment portfolio totalled \$62.33m. The market value of this investment was \$63.09m at that time, which takes into account accrued interest.

The investment portfolio is made up of:

Cash Investments (<= 3 months)	\$14.13m
Term Deposits (> 3 months)	\$48.20m
TOTAL	\$62.33m

Of which:

Unrestricted cash	\$49.44m
Restricted cash (Reserve Funds)	\$12.89m
TOTAL	\$62.33m



The current amount of \$49.44m held as unrestricted cash represents 45.26% of the total adopted budget for operating revenue \$109.23m.

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.

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 December 2025 and 31 January 2026 shows that the distribution of the City’s investments across the four Tiers is compliant with the City’s investment policy.

Portfolio Credit Framework Limits As At 31 December 2025

Tier	Allocation	Allocation %	Maximum Allocation %	% Used of Maximum Allocation	% Available of Maximum Allocation	% Exceeded of Maximum Allocation
Tier 1	39,667,773.17	66.48%	100.00%	66.48%	33.52%	0.00%
Tier 2	8,000,032.68	13.41%	60.00%	22.35%	77.65%	0.00%
Tier 3	12,000,000.00	20.11%	35.00%	57.46%	42.54%	0.00%
Tier 4	0.00	0.00%	15.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
	59,667,805.85					

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

Portfolio Credit Framework Limits As At 31 January 2026

Tier	Allocation	Allocation %	Maximum Allocation %	% Used of Maximum Allocation	% Available of Maximum Allocation	% Exceeded of Maximum Allocation
Tier 1	42,331,751.68	67.91%	100.00%	67.91%	32.09%	0.00%
Tier 2	8,000,032.68	12.83%	60.00%	21.38%	78.62%	0.00%
Tier 3	12,000,000.00	19.25%	35.00%	55.00%	45.00%	0.00%
Tier 4	0.00	0.00%	15.00%	0.00%	100.00%	0.00%
	62,331,784.36					

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



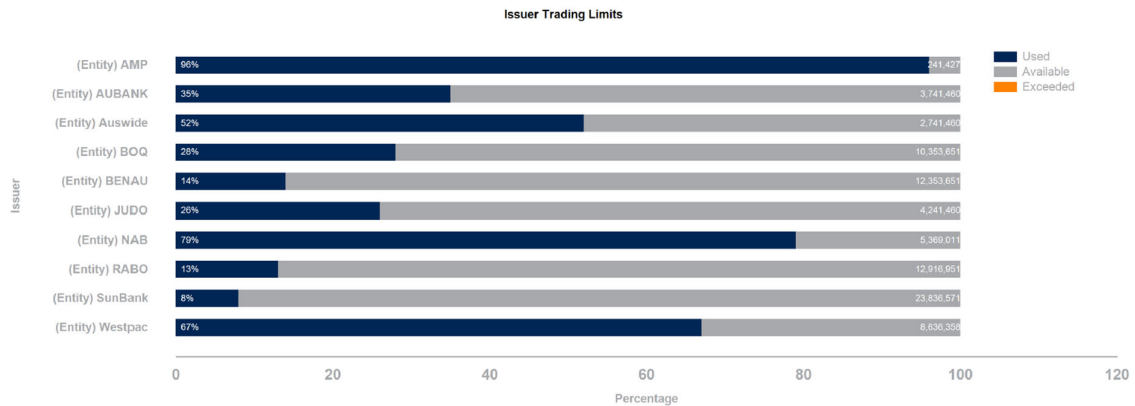
Within each Tier, the Counterparty Credit Framework limits prescribe the limit of investments that may be made with any one financial institution. The maximum percentage of investments to be held with any one financial institution, within a given Tier, are outlined below.

Counterparty credit framework

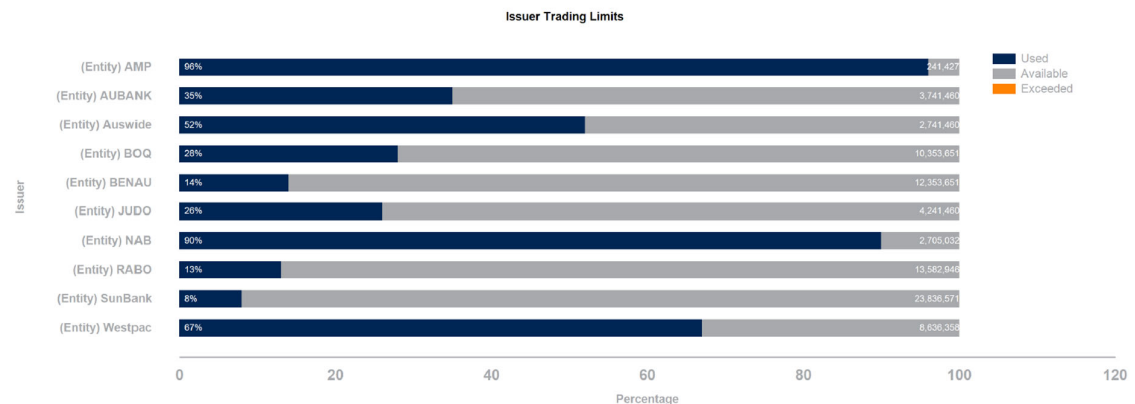
Investments are not to exceed the following percentages of average annual funds invested with any one financial institution and consideration should be given to the relationship between credit rating and interest rate.

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 31 December 2025 relative to the Counterparty Credit Framework limits were as follows:



The City's funds invested as at 31 January 2026 relative to the Counterparty Credit Framework limits were as follows:





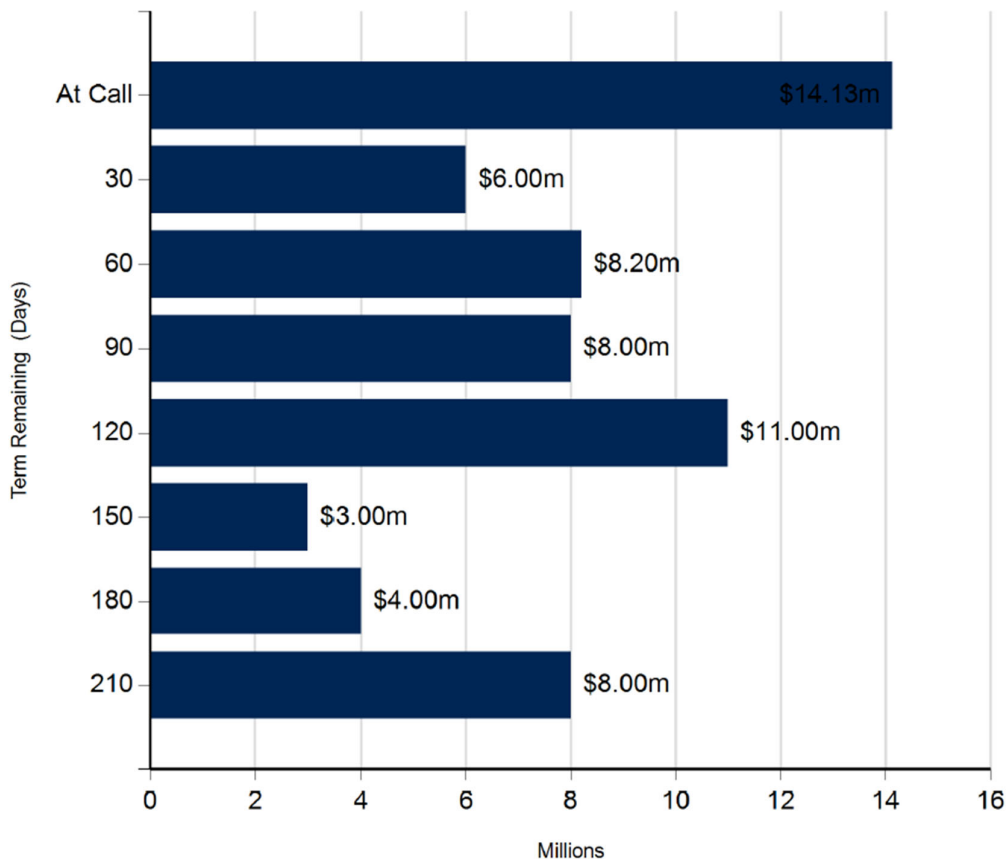
As shown in the above graph, the portfolio was compliant with the issuer trading limit.

3. 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 31 January 2026. Currently, all investments will mature in one year or less.

Face Value by Term Remaining



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

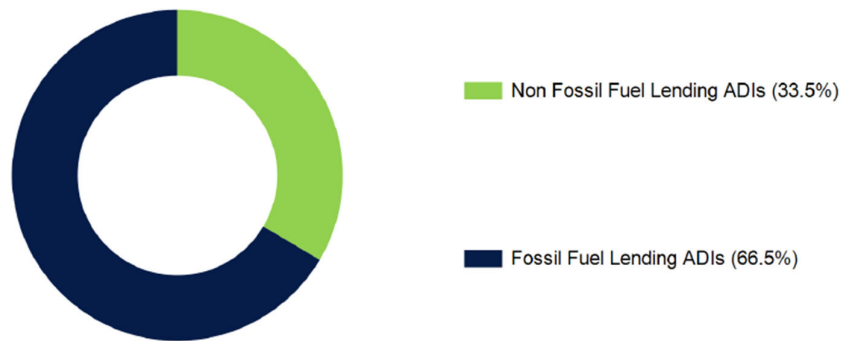
To support the City's ability to undertake greater fossil fuel divestment, a review of the Investment Policy was presented and adopted by Council on 25 November 2020



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).

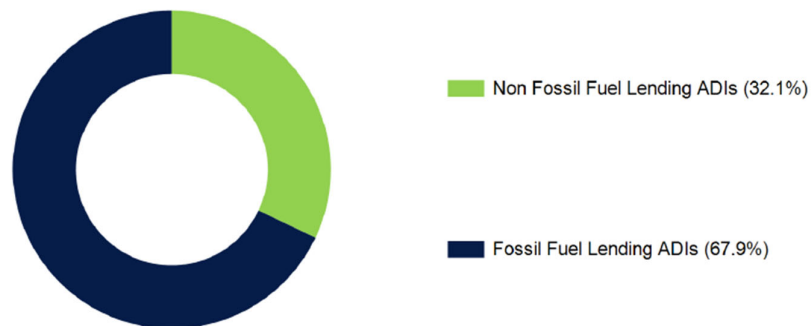
As at 31 December 2025, \$20m (33.5%) of the City's portfolio was invested in "Green Investments".

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



As at 31 January 2026, \$20m (32.1%) 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.

Management of Financial Stability Risks

The City regularly reviews risks associated with the financial stability of the Australian and global financial system. Based on the current assessment the City implements 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.

5. Interest Income for Matured Investments

Per Attachment 1 (Note 9), interest income earned during December 2025 from matured investments was \$579k.

Per Attachment 1 (Note 9), interest income earned during January 2026 from matured investments was \$0.

6. Investing Activities

At 31 December 2025, there was 1 new term deposit totalling \$3.20m. Full details of the Institutions invested in, interest rates, number of days and maturity date for investments held as at 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026 are provided in Attachment 1 (Note 10).

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council receives the Investment Report for the months ending 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026 as provided in Attachments 1 and 2.



C2602-24 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS DECEMBER 2025 AND JANUARY 2026

Meeting date:	25 February 2026
Responsible officer:	Director City Business
Voting requirements:	Simple Majority Required
Attachments:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Schedule of Payments and Listings - December 20252. Purchase Card Transactions Report - December 20253. Summary of Payments and Listings - December 20254. Schedule of Payments and Listings - January 20265. Purchase Card Transactions Report - January 20266. Summary of Payments and Listings - January 2026

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 months ending 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026 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 months of 31 December 2025 and 31 January 2026, are provided within Attachments 1 and 2.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A total of \$24,629,038.88 in payments were made in the months of December 2025 and January 2026 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

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

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CONSULTATION

Nil.



OFFICER COMMENT

1. The following table summarises the payments for the month ending 31 December 2025, by payment type:

Payment Type	Amount (\$)
<i>Cheque / EFT / Direct Debit/ International Payments</i>	<i>\$13,007,335.30</i>
<i>Purchase card transactions</i>	<i>\$66,846.39</i>
<i>Salary / Wages / Superannuation</i>	<i>\$3,848,970.99</i>
Total	\$16,923,152.68

Attachment 1 provides a detailed listing of the payments by Cheque, EFT and Direct Debit, while Attachment 3 provides a detailed listing of Purchase Card transactions for the month ending 31 December 2025.

2. The following table summarises the payments for the month ending 31 January 2026, by payment type:

Payment Type	Amount (\$)
<i>Cheque / EFT / Direct Debit/ International Payments</i>	<i>\$4,560,863.87</i>
<i>Purchase card transactions</i>	<i>\$28,851.57</i>
<i>Salary / Wages / Superannuation</i>	<i>\$3,116,170.76</i>
Total	\$7,705,886.20

Attachment 2 provides a detailed listing of the payments by Cheque, EFT and Direct Debit, while Attachment 4 provides a detailed listing of Purchase Card transactions for the month ending 31 January 2026.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council:

1. **Accept the list of payments made under delegated authority, totalling \$13,007,335.30 for the month ending 31 December 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 \$66,846.39 for the months ending 31 December 2025 as contained within Attachments 2.**



- 3. Accept the Salary / Wages / Superannuation payments made under delegated authority, totalling \$3,848,970.99 for the month ending 31 December 2025 as contained within Attachment 3.**
- 4. Accept the list of payments made under delegated authority, totalling \$4,560,863.87 for the month ending 31 January 2026 including the Cheque /EFT/ Direct Debits/ International Payments as contained within Attachment 4.**
- 5. Accept the detailed transaction listing of Purchase Card expenditure, totalling \$28,851.57 for the months ending 31 January 2026 as contained within Attachment 5.**
- 4. Accept the Salary / Wages / Superannuation payments made under delegated authority, totalling \$3,116,170.76 for the month ending 31 January 2026 as contained within Attachment 6.**



C2602-25 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT DECEMBER 2025

Meeting date: 25 February 2026
Responsible officer: Director City Business
Voting requirements: Simple Majority Required
Attachments: 1. Monthly Financial Report - December 2025

SUMMARY

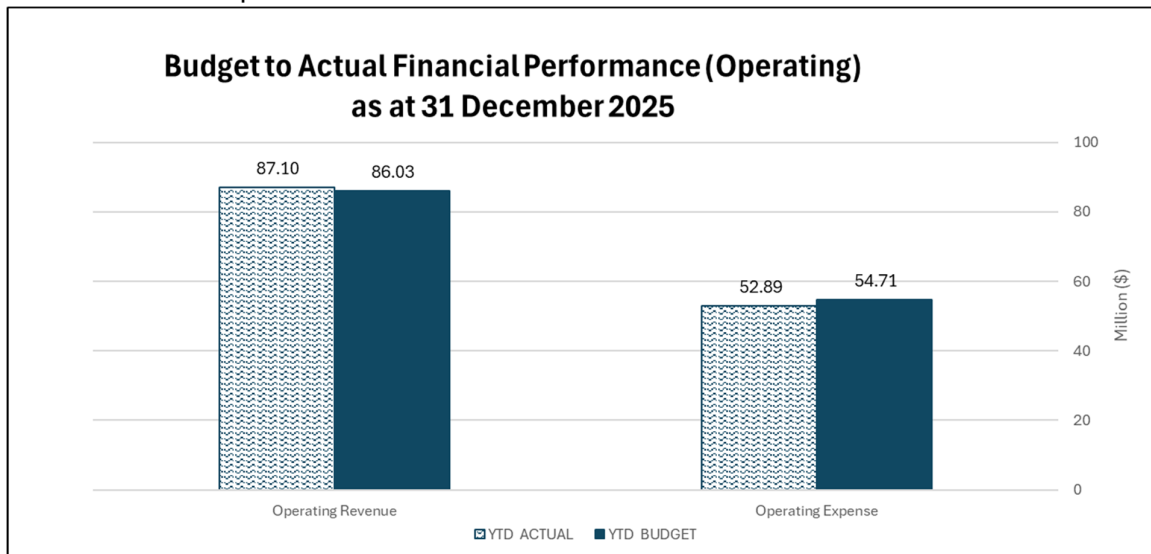
The monthly financial report for the period ending 31 December 2025 has been prepared and tabled in accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

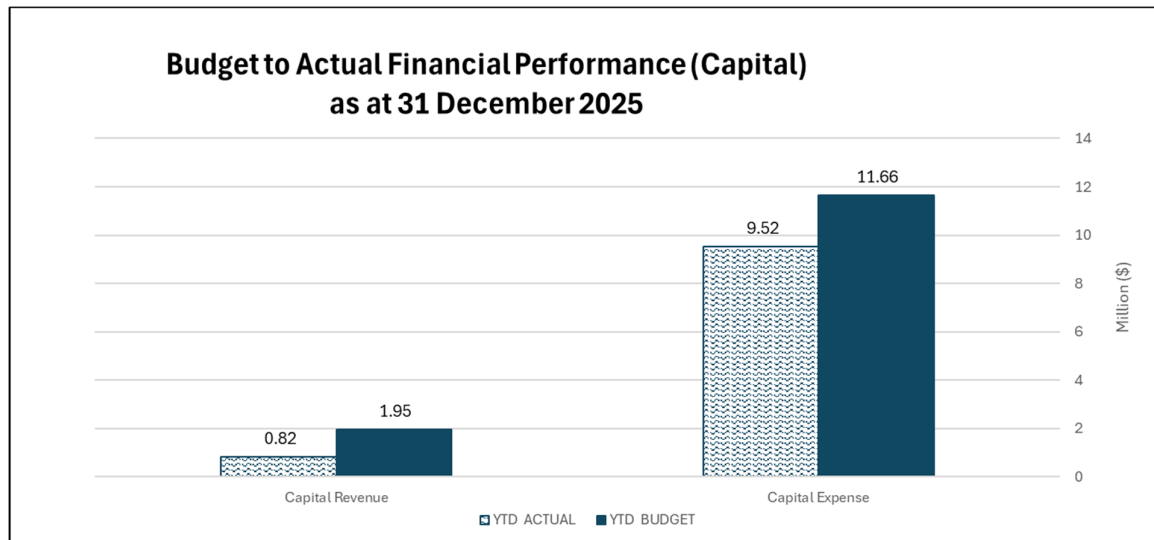
This report provides an analysis of year to date (YTD) financial performance up to 31 December 2025 based on the following statements:

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

Background

The following charts and table provide a high-level summary of the Council's year to date financial performance as at 31 December 2025.





STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – BY NATURE FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

The table provides a variance summary of the operating revenue and expenses for the Statement of Financial Activity by Nature, to 31 December 2025. The detailed Statement can be found in the attached Monthly Financial Report.

Description	YTD Adopted Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Variance \$	Variance %
Operating Revenue				
Rates	66,638,194	66,721,362	83,168	0.12%
Service Charges	1,808,804	1,875,214	66,410	3.67%
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	2,172,288	2,201,194	28,906	1.33%
Fees and Charges	12,918,029	13,386,104	468,075	3.62%
Interest Earnings	1,453,000	1,834,550	381,550	26.26%
Other Income	1,044,028	1,085,167	41,139	3.94%
Total	86,034,343	87,103,591	1,069,248	1.24%
Operating Expenses				
Employee Costs	26,131,166)	(24,346,126)	1,785,041	6.83%



Materials and Contracts	(15,029,335)	(15,389,456)	(360,121)	(2.40%)
Depreciation	(10,802,217)	(10,805,453)	(3,236)	(0.03%)
Interest Expenses	(177,058)	(189,350)	(12,292)	(6.94%)
Utility Charges	(1,230,636)	(945,540)	285,096	23.17%
Insurance Expenses	(624,006)	(562,345)	61,661	9.88%
Other Expenditure	(719,250)	(655,050)	64,200	8.93%
Total	(54,713,668)	(52,893,320)	1,820,348	3.33%

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

The detailed Statement can be found in the attached Monthly Financial Report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report is provided to enable Council to assess how revenue and expenditure are tracking against budget, and to identify any material variances 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.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 35 requires a monthly statement of financial position to be prepared and presented to an Ordinary Council meeting.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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CONSULTATION

Nil.

OFFICER COMMENT

Summary of financial performance

As at the end of December 2025, the City demonstrated strong financial performance with a closing funding position of \$46.85m.

In summary, as at the end of December 2025, the current closing position exceeds the YTD amended budget by \$5.05m. This is mainly due to favourable variances against the year-to-date budget across the following areas:

- Fees and Charges of \$0.47m;
- Interest earnings of \$0.38m;
- Employee Costs of \$1.79m;
- Utility charges \$0.29m;
- Capital expenditure of \$2.14m;
- Increased carry forward funds from the 2024/25 financial year of \$1.22m compared to the amended budget;

These favourable variances are offset by:

- Capital Grants, subsidies and contributions \$1.08m behind YTD budget.

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 2025-26 financial year for reporting material variances as 10% together with the minimum value of \$100,000 (Refer Item C2506-13 from Council meeting on 25 June 2025).

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 31 December 2025:

Description	Variance Amount (\$)	Comment
Interest earnings	381,550	 26.26%
Major Variances:		
Receive investment income	366,949	Favourable interest rates have resulted in higher than expected interest earnings.
Utilities	285,096	 23.17%
Major Variances:		
Contribute to public street lighting	144,078	Timing of invoices and to reforecast in line with actuals at budget review.
Operate Fremantle Leisure centre	31,409	
Maintain Hard Landscaping	37,385	
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	(1,081,109)	 (58.48%)
Major Variances:		
Design and construct - Arts Centre Creative Hub	(730,400)	Awaiting first milestone payment.
Program - R2R Works	(317,066)	Timing: R2R projects are complete.
Program - MRRG Works	(229,522)	Timing: A claim can be submitted once the projects commence.
Payments for investment properties	304,316	 21.85%
Major Variances:		
38-40 Henry St - Façade Upgrades	210,181	Project has achieved practical completion. Awaiting invoices.
Design and construct - Arts Centre Creative Hub	198,505	Procurement delay. Project commence estimate February 2026.



Payments for construction of infrastructure	1,670,214	▲ 34.41%
Major Variances:		
Program - MRRG Works	330,190	Due to delays in MRWA approval for the cost variation and traffic management, South Street and Wray Avenue have been rescheduled to a later date.
Road safety - Low-cost urban road safety upgrades	298,370	Project for Horrie Long reserve commenced.
Walyalup Koort Public Realm - Public Artwork	284,369	Minor preliminary works underway. Contract execution to be finalised.
Program - Playgrounds	240,342	Contract awarded and works commenced on site.
Bathers Beach - Safe Swimming Area	224,767	Install commenced. Project delayed due to heritage redesign requirements and Department of Transport licence approval.

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

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council receive the Monthly Financial Report, 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 31 December 2025.



C2602-26 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 2026

Meeting date: 25 February 2026
Responsible officer: Director City Business
Voting requirements: Simple Majority Required
Attachments: 1. Monthly Financial Report - January 2026

SUMMARY

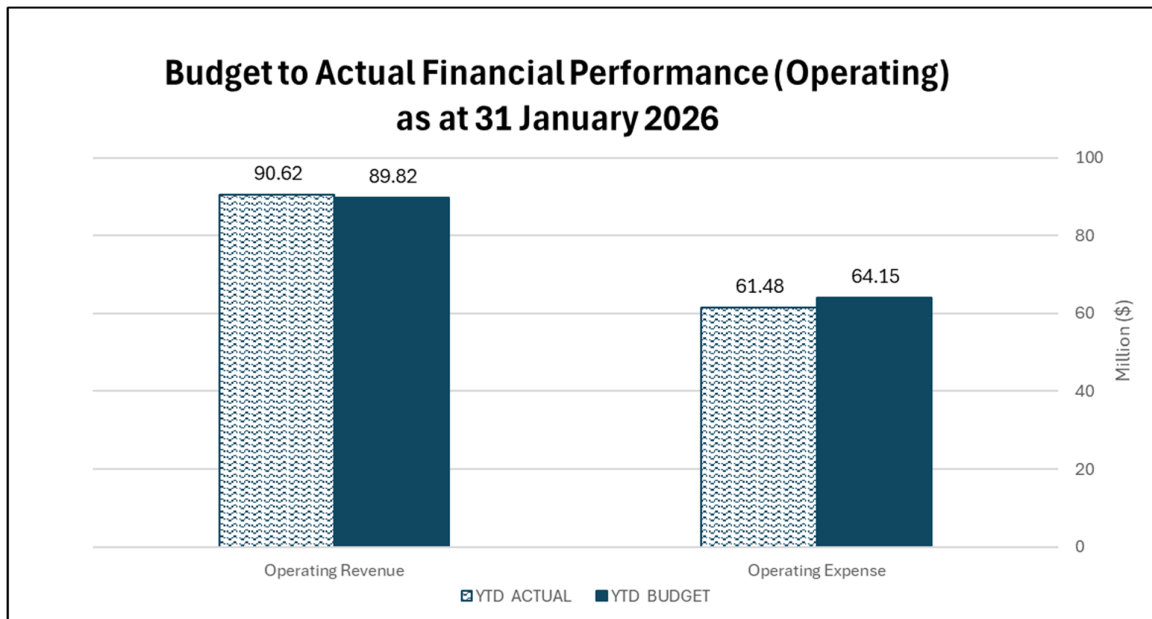
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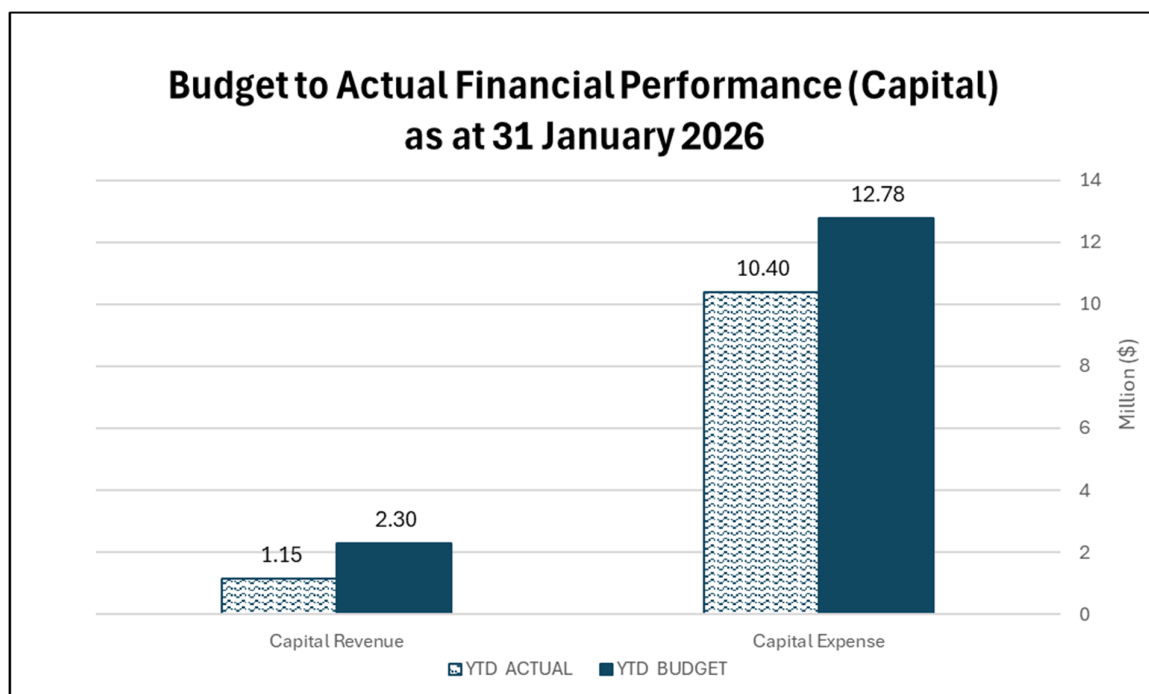
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Background

The following charts and table provide a high-level summary of the Council’s year to date financial performance as at 31 January 2026.





STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – BY NATURE FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 JANUARY 2026

The table provides a variance summary of the operating revenue and expenses for the Statement of Financial Activity by Nature, to 31 January 2026. The detailed Statement can be found in the attached Monthly Financial Report.

Description	YTD Adopted Budget \$	YTD Actual \$	Variance \$	Variance %
Operating Revenue				
Rates	67,538,194	66,719,929	(818,265)	(1.21%)
Service Charges	1,808,804	1,875,214	66,410	3.67%
Grants, Subsidies & Contributions	2,277,955	2,506,161	228,206	10.02%
Fees and Charges	15,417,932	15,891,213	473,282	3.07%
Interest Earnings	1,612,500	2,066,459	453,959	28.15%
Other Income	1,163,858	1,542,024	378,166	32.49%
Total	89,819,243	90,601,000	781,758	0.87%
Operating Expenses				



Employee Costs	(30,103,510)	(28,085,797)	2,017,713	6.70%
Materials and Contracts	(18,268,529)	(18,229,905)	38,624	0.21%
Depreciation	(12,597,733)	(12,327,999)	269,734	2.14%
Interest Expenses	(206,311)	(218,423)	(12,112)	(5.87%)
Utility Charges	(1,435,742)	(1,161,659)	274,083	19.09%
Insurance Expenses	(727,431)	(654,694)	72,737	10.00%
Other Expenditure	(811,541)	(749,511)	62,030	7.64%
Total	(64,150,797)	(61,427,988)	2,722,809	4.24%

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

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - FOR THE PERIOD TO 31 JANUARY 2026

The detailed Statement can be found in the attached Monthly Financial Report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report is provided to enable Council to assess how revenue and expenditure are tracking against budget, and to identify any material variances 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.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 35 requires a monthly statement of financial position to be prepared and presented to an Ordinary Council meeting.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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

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- Support the City through financial, procurement and revenue functions whilst ensuring legislative compliance and providing excellent customer service.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

OFFICER COMMENT

Summary of financial performance

As at the end of January 2026, the City demonstrated strong financial performance with a closing funding position of \$42.84m.

In summary, as at the end of January 2026, the current closing position exceeds the YTD amended budget by \$5.93m. This is mainly due to favourable variances against the year-to-date budget across the following areas:

- Fees and Charges of \$0.47m;
- Interest earnings of \$0.45m;
- Employee Costs of \$2.02m;
- Utility charges \$0.27m;
- Capital expenditure of \$2.38m;
- Increased carry forward funds from the 2024/25 financial year of \$1.22m compared to the amended budget;

These favourable variances are offset by:

- General Rates of \$0.82m behind YTD Budget;
- Capital grants, subsidies and contributions \$1.10m behind YTD budget.

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 2025-26 financial year for reporting material variances as 10% together with the minimum value of \$100,000 (Refer Item C2506-13 from Council meeting on 25 June 2025).

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 31 January 2026:

Description	Variance Amount (\$)	Comment
Grants, subsidies and contributions	228,206	▲ 10.02 %
Major Variances:		
Design and construct - Green linkage projects	224,718	Grant income recognised in line with forward works undertaken in readiness for planting winter 2026.
Maintain roads	135,337	Received grant income earlier than anticipated.
Provide legal aid - Baseline	(223,016)	Timing: 50% of grant received. Next instalment due 30%
Interest earnings	453,959	▲ 28.15 %
Major Variances:		
Receive investment income	428,357	Favourable interest rates have resulted in higher than expected interest earnings.
Other revenue	378,166	▲ 32.49 %
Major Variances:		
Road safety - Low-cost urban road safety upgrades	163,636	Unbudgeted claim for Low Cost Urban Road safety Stevens Reserve Neighbourhood.
Containers for change WARRRL scheme EFT GST	103,915	Recognition of Income as required by ATO. Offset by matching expenditure.
Utilities	274,083	▲ 19.09 %
Major Variances:		
Contribute to public street lighting	159,292	Timing of invoices and to reforecast at budget review.
Operate Fremantle Leisure centre	44,293	



Maintain Hard Landscaping	24,682	
Capital grants, subsidies and contributions	(1,099,073)	▼ (49.91%)
Major Variances:		
Design and construct - Arts Centre Creative Hub	(730,400)	Grant milestone payment dates revised.
Program - R2R Works	(317,066)	Timing: R2R projects are complete.
Payments for investment properties	375,950	▲ 23.77%
Major Variances:		
Design and construct - Arts Centre Creative Hub	414,178	Procurement delay. Project commence estimate February 2026.
Payments for construction of infrastructure	1,954,574	▲ 34.09%
Major Variances:		
Road safety - Low-cost urban road safety upgrades	443,512	Horrie Long reserve completed. Stevens reserve to commence March 2026.
Program - Irrigation	312,744	Contracts awarded and works progressing (Parmelia Park Irrigation and Princess May Park Bore). Gilbert Fraser irrigation to be rephased based on tank location Council decision.
Walyalup Koort Public Realm - Public Artwork	284,069	Anticipated project start is December.
Program - R2R Works	226,437	Projects complete. Awaiting invoices.
Bathers Beach - Safe Swimming Area	224,767	Project delayed due to heritage redesign requirements and Department of Transport licence approval.
Program - MRRG Works	222,024	Wray Ave road rehabilitation project delayed; awaiting MRWA's approval of the price variation.



Program - Playgrounds	157,213	Timing variance: Contract awarded and works commenced on site.
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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

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

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 31 January 2026.



C2602-27 FEES AND CHARGES AMENDMENTS - FEBRUARY 2026

Meeting date: 25 February 2026
Responsible officer: Director City Business
Voting requirements: Simple Majority Required
Attachments: Nil

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to present amendments for consideration in accordance with section 6.16(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*. This report recommends that Council approves the proposed amendments to the 2025/26 adopted fees and charges.

BACKGROUND

On 5 February 2026, the W.A. Croatian Community Centre accepted an offer from City officers to convert the existing private carpark on Alfred Road, North Fremantle, into a public carpark to help accommodate overflow from the nearby Transperth park-and-ride and to address broader parking pressures in the area relating to the closure of the Fremantle Traffic Bridge.

In accordance with section 6.16(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, this report provides details of proposed amendments to the 2025/2026 fees and charges.

This report recommends that Council amend the adopted fees and charges for 2025/2026 to include parking fees for the temporary carpark on at the Croation Club Carpark (Carpark 66).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Introduction of the fees would result in parking fee revenue.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995:

Section 6.16 (3)

Fees and charges are to be imposed when adopting the annual budget but may be
(a) imposed* during a financial year; and
(b) amended* from time to time during a financial year.



* Absolute majority required.

Section 6.19

Local government to give notice of fees and charges

If a local government wishes to impose any fees or charges under this Subdivision after the annual budget has been adopted it must, before introducing the fees or charges, give local public notice of

- (a) its intention to do so; and
- (b) the date from which it is proposed the fees or charges will be imposed.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

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CONSULTATION

Nil.

OFFICER COMMENT

New parking fees are proposed to be created for the Croatian Club Carpark (Carpark 66).

The proposed fees are broadly comparable to those applied at the adjacent Transperth park-and-ride and are intended to commence on 1 April 2026. Although set at \$4 per day, the fee may need to be adjusted to \$2 subject to demand in order to maintain alignment with surrounding parking options.

Hours of Operation (or otherwise advertised at the car park) From 8.00 a.m. to Midnight Monday to Sunday inclusive.



Description	Fee amount (incl. GST)	
Parking fees Carpark 66: Croatian Club Carpark		
Fee per hour or part thereof with payment by Pay-by-phone app	\$0.4- \$0.8	per hour
All Day Parking with payment by Pay-by-phone app	\$2.00- \$ 4.00	per day
Monthly parking permit - Monday to Friday (5 days per week) - <i>Valid for 30 days from date of purchase</i>	\$ 35 to \$70	per 30 days
Monthly parking permit - Monday to Sunday and public holiday inclusive - <i>Valid for 30 days from date of purchase</i>	\$49 to \$98	per 30 days

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council:

- 1. Approve the amendment of the parking fees and charges 2025/26, as per section 6.16 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, as follows:**

Hours of Operation (or otherwise advertised at the car park) From 8.00 a.m. to Midnight Monday to Sunday inclusive.

The City reserves the right to offer discounts of up to 100% of parking fees in any or all parking locations for the purpose of achieving economic or commercial development outcomes when authorised under delegation by the Chief Executive Officer.

Description	Fee amount (incl. GST)	
Parking fees Carpark 66: Croatian Club Carpark		
Fee per hour or part thereof with payment by Pay-by-phone app	\$0.4- \$0.8	per hour
All Day Parking with payment by Pay-by-phone app	\$2.00- \$4.00	per day



Monthly parking permit - Monday to Friday (5 days per week) - <i>Valid for 30 days from date of purchase</i>	\$35 to \$70	per 30 days
Monthly parking permit - Monday to Sunday and public holiday inclusive - <i>Valid for 30 days from date of purchase</i>	\$49 to \$98	per 30 days

- 2. Approve local public notice to be given, in accordance with section 6.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, of its intention to amend the City's fees and charges effective 1 April 2026.**



Committee and working group reports

C2602-28 WORKING GROUP INFORMATION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2026

1. DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

WG meeting date:	28 January 2026
WG Chair:	Linda Wayman
Responsible officer:	Director City Business
Attachments:	Minutes – Destination Development Working Group 28 January 2026

The DDWG met to discuss the bridge closure marketing and grant program concepts. The group agreed that the proposed concept and approach for the campaign is suitable and will likely achieve proposed objectives. The group also conducted a debrief review of the Sail GP and Nick Cave weekend, pending a full report to be presented at the next Working Group.

Officers are currently preparing a review on progress against actions identified in the Destination Development Strategic Plan which will be circulated to the DDWG and presented to Council for information when completed.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday 25 February 2026.

VOTING AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council receive the following working group update for February 2026:

1. DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP



**C2602-29 CEO PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT
FEBRUARY 2026**

Meeting date:	25 February 2026
Responsible officer:	Manager People and Culture
Voting requirements:	Simple Majority Required
Attachments:	1. Minutes – CEO Performance Review Committee – 11 February 2026 2. CONFIDENTIAL - CEO Performance Criteria 2025-26 Assessment Report – February 2026

SUMMARY

This report makes recommendation to Council from the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Performance Review Committee in relation to the progress of performance monitoring undertaken by the committee.

This report recommends that Council:

Council:

- 1. Receive the minutes of the Chief Executive Office Performance Review Committee meeting held 11 February 2026, as provided in Attachment 1.**
- 2. Receive the Chief Executive Officer assessment summary report, for the period ending January 2026, as provided in Confidential Attachment 2.**

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the CEO Performance Review Committee (the Committee) is to coordinate and undertake the performance review of the CEO on behalf of Council, and report findings and recommendations to Council for consideration in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

This committee does not have any decision-making authority and therefore may only make recommendations to Council for consideration. The committee is to report to Council and provide appropriate advice and recommendations on matters relevant to its functions, such as:

- a. Appointment of an independent facilitator to assist the committee to undertake the CEO performance review.
- b. Development and review of Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) to be achieved by the CEO.
- c. Annual review of the CEO's performance in accordance with the CEO's KPI's.



- d. Quarterly informal reviews of the CEO's performance in accordance with the CEO's KPI's.
- e. Review of the CEO's remuneration package.

The CEO KPI's were adopted by Council in July 2025. As part of the interim performance reviews undertaken by the Committee, the CEO is required to prepare a brief report outlining progress against these KPIs for discussion with the CEO Performance Review Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The CEO's performance review process is undertaken in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the City of Fremantle CEO Recruitment, Performance and Termination Standards, as adopted by Council on 15 December 2021.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

OFFICER COMMENT

As outlined in the Minutes of the Committee meeting held 11 February 2026 (Attachment 1), Committee received the CEO's assessment summary report (Confidential attachment 1) for the period ending January 2026 and recommended that Council receive this report with no further action required.

VOTING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority Required



COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Council:

- 1. Receive the minutes of the Chief Executive Office Performance Review Committee meeting held 11 February 2026, as provided in Attachment 1.**
- 2. Receive the Chief Executive Officer assessment summary report, for the period ending January 2026, as provided in Confidential Attachment 2.**



Motion of which previous notice has been given

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

Urgent business

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

Late items

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

Confidential business

Nil.

Closure