City of Stirling

Ordinary Meeting of the 42nd Council

22 September 2026

Minutes

To: The Mayor and Councillors

Here within the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council of the City of Stirling held Tuesday 22 September 2026 in the City of Stirling Council Chamber, 25 Cedric Street, Stirling.



Andrew Murphy | Acting Chief Executive Officer

Our Vision, Mission and Values

Vision

A sustainable City with a local focus.

Mission

To serve our community by delivering efficient, responsive, safe and sustainable service.

Values

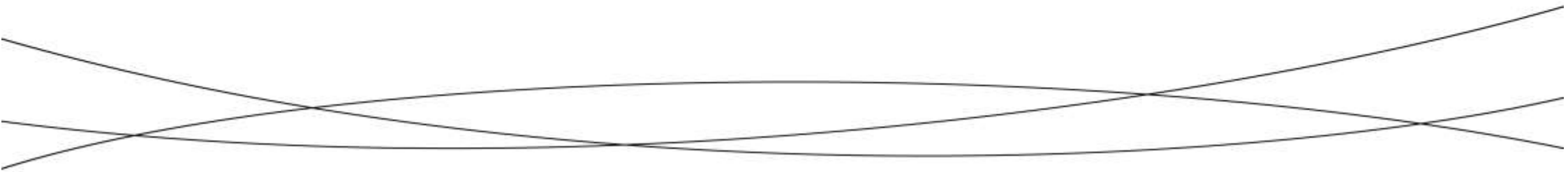
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- Approachable
- Responsive
- Transparent
- Innovative.

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- The Fire Warden will assess the immediate area for danger.
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- If you have impaired mobility, the Fire Warden can assist with your safe evacuation.
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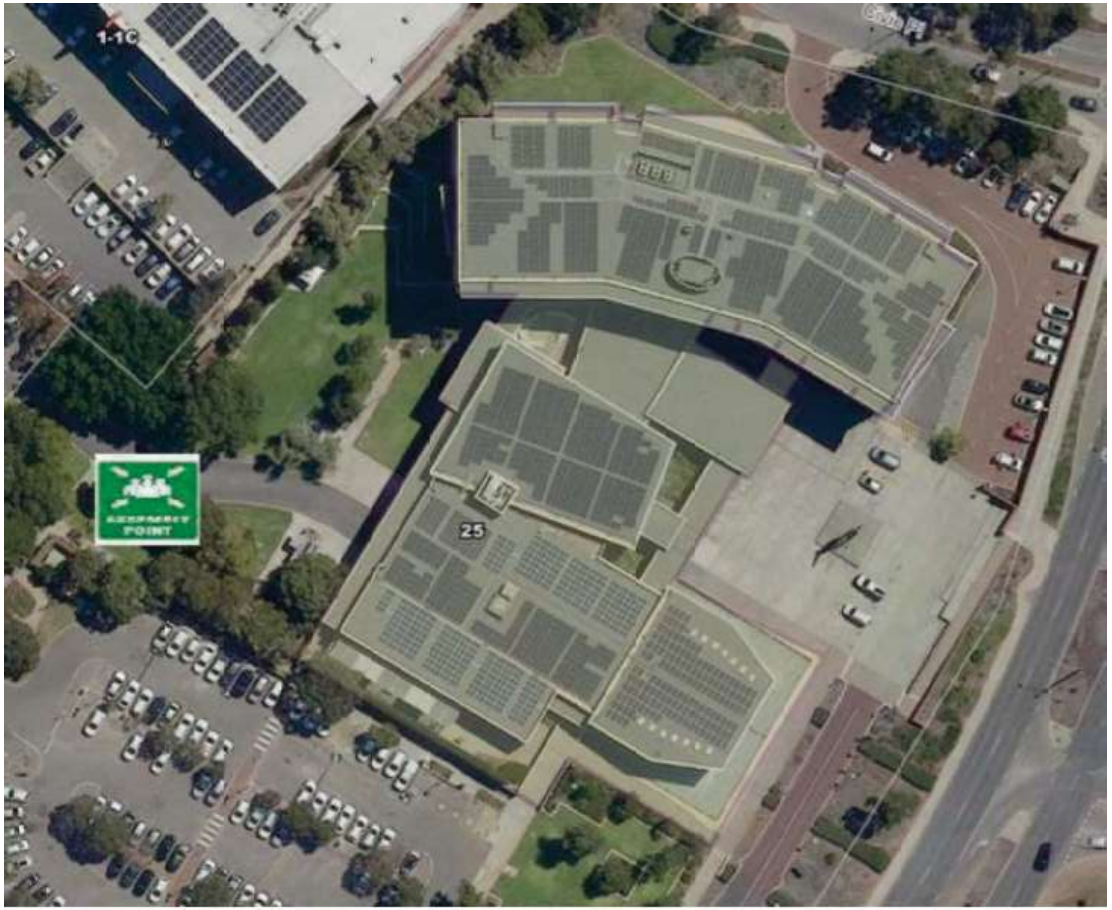

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MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL OF TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2026 HELD IN CITY OF STIRLING COUNCIL CHAMBER, 25 CEDRIC STREET, STIRLING

1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member declared the Ordinary Meeting of Council open at 6.30pm.

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCE

Mayor	Mark Irwin AM
Councillors	Councillor Andrea Creado Councillor Michael Dudek Councillor Joe Ferrante Councillor Damien Giudici Councillor Chris Hatton Councillor Daniela Ion Councillor Tony Krsticevic Councillor Teresa Olow Councillor Rob Paparde Councillor Karlo Perkov Councillor Stephanie Proud JP Councillor Elizabeth Re

Employees	Acting Chief Executive Officer - Andrew Murphy Director Community Development - Michael Quirk Director Planning and Development - Amanda Sheers Acting Director Corporate Services - Matthew Thomas Acting Director Infrastructure - Dion Johnson Manager Community Safety - Peter Mullins Manager Governance - Brad Sillence Manager Recreation and Leisure - Cheyne Cameron Manager Strategy and Performance - Michelle Wolsoncroft Manager Waste and Fleet - Yvette Plimbley Acting Manager Parks and Environment - Chris Langford Head Community Engagement - James Murphy Service Lead Community Safety Strategy and Support - Susanna Panaia Service Lead Conservation and Wildlife - Gabriella Eiris Service Lead Recreation Facilities - Fleur Kuljis Service Lead Urban Greening - Monique Emery Coordinator Engagement and Business Support - Mark Robinson Emergency Management Coordinator - Michael Leonard Lead Governance Officer - Regan Clyde Senior Governance Officer - Casey Taylor Senior Media Advisor - Liam Croy Acting Senior Governance Officer - Cooper Thomas
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APOLOGIES

Councillor Suzanne Migdale
Councillor Lisa Thornton
Chief Executive Officer - Stevan Rodic
Director Corporate Services - Jason Lyon

3. APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Where a member has disclosed a financial or proximity interest in an item, they must leave the Chamber for consideration of that item.

Where a member has disclosed an impartiality interest in an item, they may remain in the Chamber. The member is required to bring an independent mind to the item and decide impartially on behalf of the City of Stirling and its community.

CEO's Performance Review Committee - 14 September 2026

Chief Executive Officer Stevan Rodic disclosed a Financial Interest in Item 12.1/10.1 as the item relates directly to his employment contract.

Manager Governance Brad Sillence disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.1/10.1 as he has an employment relationship with the Chief Executive Officer, and is the author of the report.

Community and Resources Committee - 15 September 2026

Councillor Elizabeth Re disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/RL1 as some of the associations are known to her.

Councillor Rob Paparde disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/SP1 as he is a member of a group proposed to receive grant funding.

Councillor Stephanie Proud JP disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/SP1 as she has a long-term relationship with Metso since being sponsored by the City.

Councillor Elizabeth Re disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/SP1 as some of the associations are known to her.

Councillor Damien Giudici disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/TE3 as in his fulltime employment he has engaged a number of these contractors.

Manager Parks and Environment, Dion Johnson, disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/TE3 as he has a friendship with the General Manager.

Council - 22 September 2026

Councillor Michael Dudek disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/TE4 as a person close to him has a family member who is an employee of one of the tenderers.

5. PETITIONS

5.1 PETITION - OBJECTION TO SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION - DOUBLEVIEW

The following petition containing eight verified signatures has been received by the City:

"We, the (neighbours) undersigned, hereby formally object to the re-register / continuation of this premise [154B Huntriss Road, Doubleview] to be classed / used for a Short-Term Accommodation (STA) / Airbnb."

Following Council's resolution, the petition will be forwarded to the Development Services Business Unit for consideration and appropriate action.

Council Resolution

0926/008

Moved Councillor Re, seconded Councillor Olow

That Council RECEIVES the petition tabled at the Council meeting held Tuesday, 22 September 2026 and the petition be REFERRED to the Chief Executive Officer for the appropriate action.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

All petitions will have an update available in due course on the Petition Status Update page of the City's website which can be accessed here.

6. RESPONSES TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TAKEN ON NOTICE

All Public Question Time responses from the previous Council meeting were published in the minutes of that meeting.

Nil.

7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time is included in the live stream. Members of the public are only required to state their name and suburb when addressing the meeting.

Members of the public who wish to ask question/s at the Council meeting are requested to submit these through the City's online Public Question Time submission form (click here).

7.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - N TAN

The following questions were submitted by N Tan, Stirling 6021, prior to the Council meeting held Tuesday 22 September 2026.

The following questions do not relate to an Item on the agenda and were in relation to Selby's Gym.

Q1. *"My question is to Mayor Irwin. In December 2016, I was encouraged by yourself and the management of Selby's Gym in Osborne Park to pay for an upfront discounted membership of approximately $450, which I did as a longstanding member. This was with your full knowledge that the gym would soon be closing. You encouraged dozens, if not hundreds, of members to pay upfront fees. Soon afterwards, the gym closed. Despite my efforts at the time, I received no refund for the unused portion of my membership, approximately $340 on a pro rata basis, excluding interest. My attempts to contact Selby's Gym were unsuccessful.*

Given your ownership at the time, will you commit to reimbursing me the $340 owed to me?"

A1. The Mayor advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response provided.

Q2. *"Do you acknowledge the impact that this had on members at the time?"*

A2. The Mayor confirmed that he acknowledged the impact this had on the members at the time.

Q3. *"Given the history, can you explain what steps you have taken to address the outstanding refunds, and do you believe this record is relevant to the public's ability to trust you in your current role as Mayor? At the heart of this issue is integrity and trustworthiness."*

A3. The Mayor advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response provided.

Additional Information

A1. This question relates to a private matter not concerning the City, City employees or Elected Members of the City in their official capacity, and therefore will not be responded to, in accordance with regulation 7(4)(a) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

A3. This question relates to a private matter not concerning the City, City employees or Elected Members of the City in their official capacity, and therefore will not be responded to, in accordance with regulation 7(4)(a) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

7.2 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - S MCCAUGHEY

The following questions were submitted by S McCaughey, Scarborough 6019, at the Council meeting held Tuesday 22 September 2026.

The following question does not relate to an Item on the agenda and was in relation to Shark Attack Mitigations.

Q1. *"This is in regard to sharks and safety at the beach. Since 2015, artificial intelligence has come a long way. In 2015, we also had a buoy used at City Beach called Clever Buoy. Clever Buoy used sonar at the time. It had a lot of problems and cost approximately $450,000 a year to operate. However, since 2015, with advances in AI, I think it may now be possible to detect sharks using the different fingerprints that sea creatures produce.*

I spoke today with a representative from Blue Corp, the company associated with Clever Buoy. They no longer produce the devices, but they are willing to engage in technological cooperation with other companies to reproduce the product. I also spoke with a marine biologist from AQWA today. Due to the short notice, she was unable to attend or provide a statement regarding the biomass between fish and sharks, and whether shark culling should occur, as biomass is very important.

I would also like to see more underwater and aerial drones used, not only for sharks but also for drowning incidents. Additionally, I would like to see investment in LiDAR-detected shark nets, which have not yet been developed.

Would the government be willing to put forward a motion to cooperate with and investigate these types of technologies?"

A1. The Mayor advised that the City would organise a meeting with Mr McCaughey to discuss these alternative solutions further.

Additional Information

A1. The Manager Recreation and Leisure Services has reached out to Mr McCaughey to arrange a meeting.

7.3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - R HADLEY

The following questions were submitted by R Hadley, Woodlands 6018, at the Council meeting held Tuesday 22 September 2026.

The following questions do not relate to an Item on the agenda and are in relation to the Woodlands North Development Application.

Q1. *"The Ewen Street Community Group asks what recommendations and suggestions were made by the City to the developer of the Woodlands North application, particularly in relation to traffic flow, noise levels, external lighting and parking.*

Has the City, or will the City, be following up on these matters with the Panel?"

A1. The Mayor advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response provided.

Q2. *"At the Council meeting on 10 February, Mayor Irwin issued a public apology for breaching the Local Government Act 1995. The first breach, 18.1, as recorded in the minutes, and breach two, 34D, also recorded in the minutes. At the Council meeting on 7 July 2026, Mayor Irwin issued a further apology for breaching section 18.1, again recorded in the minutes. At the Council meeting on 8 September 2026, Mayor Irwin denied, lied, or forgot that he had incurred three breaches. Was this because of loss of face or concern about damage to his reputation as Mayor of the City of Stirling and President of WALGA?*

Ratepayers believe a recurring pattern of breaches has occurred. Would you agree with that statement, Mayor Irwin?"

A2. The Mayor advised that he did not agree with Mr Hadley's statement.

Additional Information

A1. The City formally requested changes to the originally proposed Scarborough Beach Road crossover and access arrangements through its Request for Further Information process. These changes were sought to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety outcomes. The approved development also incorporates a number of road and traffic management measures, including a deceleration lane on Scarborough Beach Road, modifications to access arrangements, a dedicated loading bay on Ewen Street and the closure of the existing median opening on Ewen Street to assist with traffic flow and safety.

Lighting and noise matters were also considered as part of the assessment process. This includes conditions requiring external lighting to comply with AS/NZS 4282:2023, upgraded street lighting along Ewen Street, and certification from a qualified acoustic consultant confirming compliance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations prior to occupation

While the Development Assessment Panel (DAP) was the decision-maker for the application, the City's role is to administer and enforce the development approval and its conditions. As the proponent progresses with the development the City follows addresses matters and conditions directly with the proponent rather than the DAP.

7.4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - V HUUPPONEN

The following questions were submitted by V Huupponen, Balcatta 6021, at the Council meeting held Tuesday 22 September 2026.

The following question relates to Item 12.2/P2 on the agenda.

Q1. *"I would like to bring to your attention further correspondence regarding the tree pruning undertaken by Western Power on the verge trees in front of my residence. For those who are unaware, the trees were completely butchered. Large limbs were removed rather than simply trimming the tops of the trees as occurred elsewhere in the street. The trees were effectively decimated. Birds' nests in the trees were destroyed, eggs were broken when they fell to the ground, and a significant number of debris landed on our property.*

As you may recall, I contacted the City and was advised that, because Western Power contractors had undertaken the work, I should contact Western Power directly. I did so and received a response stating that their policy, where there is a fifth power line beneath the four main overhead lines, is to prune trees to three metres below that fifth line, however, there is no fifth line on that street.

Given there is no fifth line on that street, why were these two trees the only trees pruned in this manner? My understanding was that you were to meet with Western Power. I would like to know the outcome of that meeting and whether Western Power acknowledged that the situation had been handled incorrectly."

A1. The Mayor advised that the meeting was with the CEO, who is not currently available. The City acknowledges Ms Huupponen's concerns and there is an item on the Council agenda relating to this matter. Council is certainly aware of the issues, and they have received considerable media attention over recent weeks. Council agrees that the current practice is not sustainable. It is not a good outcome for the trees and is not financially viable for the City. The City would like to see changes to that practice.

The Mayor further advised that the question would be taken on notice and a written response provided in relation to those specific trees.

Q2. *"Given that Western Power's explanation appears to have been incorrect, is there anything Council can do about that in its discussions with Western Power?"*

A2. The Mayor confirmed that it is certainly information that may be useful and the City is happy to take it on board. However, the reality is that the impact has already occurred, and it has occurred to a significant number of trees, whether they do or do not have those additional lines present. There does not appear to be a consistent standard being applied.

Q3. *"So Council is aware that this has occurred to other trees where there is no fifth line and that Western Power may have been acting beyond its stated justification?"*

A3. The Mayor advised that he was not aware of the specifics of those individual situations, so he cannot comment on them. However, he was aware of the broader issue regarding the pruning practices.

Additional Information

A1. "*The City understands the concerns raised regarding the pruning of the verge trees adjacent to 10 Green Avenue, Balcatta, and acknowledges the impact these works have had on the appearance of the trees, local amenity and the surrounding environment.*

As the trees are located beneath Western Power infrastructure, Western Power is responsible for managing vegetation clearances necessary for the safe and reliable operation of the electricity network. The City seeks to proactively manage its street trees beneath powerlines through its annual sector pruning program, with the aim of maintaining required clearances before intervention by Western Power is necessary, while also retaining canopy, amenity and long-term tree health in accordance with contemporary arboricultural standards.

However, there are occasions where Western Power may undertake reactive pruning, including in response to network faults or other operational requirements, to maintain safety and continuity of service. In this instance, Western Power undertook the pruning within its notice period to the City, which meant the City was unable to complete its scheduled pruning beforehand. While the City seeks to minimise the need for this type of intervention through proactive management, it does not have the authority to direct the scope or methodology of pruning undertaken by Western Power or its contractors.

Following concerns raised by residents, City officers met with Western Power in June of this year to discuss the outcomes of pruning works occurring across the City. During these discussions, the City raised concerns regarding the extent of pruning being undertaken, the impacts on tree health and canopy cover, and the effect on community amenity. The City has continued to advocate for improved coordination, earlier notification of works and a more balanced approach to vegetation management that better aligns electrical safety requirements with urban forest objectives.

As outlined in the report recently considered by Council on Tuesday 22 September, the concerns raised in relation to Green Avenue are not isolated. The City has received a significant number of enquiries and complaints regarding Western Power pruning activities and has identified broader impacts on canopy cover, tree health and community amenity across a number of suburbs. Council has subsequently resolved to advocate for a review of vegetation clearance requirements and regulatory settings, particularly within low-risk urban environments, and to work with WALGA, Western Power and other stakeholders to seek improved outcomes."

7.5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME - T PALLADINO

The following question was submitted by T Palladino, Balcatta 6021, at the Council meeting held Tuesday 22 September 2026.

The following question relates to Item 12.2/RL1 on the agenda.

Q1. "As the President of the Innaloo Sports Club I would like to make a brief statement regarding the conduct of the City's officers who recently met with us, I will conclude with a question.

Firstly, on behalf of the Innaloo Sports Club, I would like to place on record our thanks to the City officers who recently took the time to visit the Club and meet with our executive. The meeting was very helpful in explaining the proposed staged planning approach for the redevelopment of the Innaloo Sports Club and the broader Yuluma Reserve precinct.

We are pleased that the City recognises Yuluma Reserve as an important district open space and that the report identifies the Innaloo Sports Club facility as a priority for improvement, consistent with the $4 million funding commitment from the State Government. The Club supports an integrated approach to planning for the site. We were particularly encouraged by the intention to progress planning in a timely manner, with the aim of moving the project toward delivery and, importantly, ensuring construction commences before the next election.

We also welcome the officers' commitment to consult with the Club throughout the planning and design process. Our members have significant practical experience with the facility and look forward to contributing constructively to ensure the redevelopment meets the needs of both the Club and the wider community. The City's report also recognises the need for detailed planning, co-design and consideration of future funding through Council's budgeting and planning processes. The Club is encouraged by the direction outlined by officers and looks forward to working with the City as the project progresses.

Can the Mayor and Councillors provide a clear commitment tonight that the entire $4 million committed by the State Government, together with an appropriate complementary contribution from the City of Stirling, will be ring-fenced for redevelopment of the Innaloo Sports Club facility itself, rather than being used to fund broader Yuluma Reserve works, and that the staged planning process will proceed on that basis?"

A1. The Director Community Development confirmed that as discussed in our meetings in May and more recently in September, the City is looking to progress concept design during this financial year. This will be followed by detailed design in 2027-28 and, subject to approvals and funding, construction in 2028-29. The City is certainly working with the Member for Scarborough regarding the State Government's $4 million election commitment.

Broadly speaking, yes, the City is committed to this project. However, as the City works through the design process, the level of contribution required from the City will become clearer. As those commitments relate to future financial years, it is not possible for Council to provide an absolute funding guarantee tonight regarding future budget allocations. However, the City will continue to work collaboratively with the Club and, as reflected in the report before Council tonight, Yuluma Reserve and the Innaloo Sports Club are priority projects over the coming years.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

9. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Council Resolution

0926/009

Moved Councillor Hatton, seconded Councillor Paparde

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council of 8 September 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER

10.1 DEPUTY MAYOR KARLO PERKOV - WASTESORTED AWARDS

"It gives me great pleasure to advise that the City of Stirling recently won the 2026 WasteSorted Local Government Award at the event that I attended on Thursday 10th of September 2026.The WasteSorted Awards recognise and celebrate outstanding achievements by Western Australians working towards a low waste future through improved waste practices, innovative waste solutions, and support for a circular economy.

The City was recognised for its illegal dumping behaviour change and service alignment project, which combines community education, targeted behaviour change campaigns, compliance activities, and improved service design to address illegal dumping across the City. The project has shifted the City's approach from reactive cleanup to prevention and has resulted in a measurable reduction in illegal dumping incidents while increasing awareness and use of lawful disposal services.

This award is a significant achievement and reflects the dedication, innovation and collaboration of the entire waste team. I would like to acknowledge the manager of Waste and Fleet, Yvette Plimbley and her team for their outstanding contribution to this project as well as the city's marketing team for their support in developing and delivering such an effective and innovative awareness campaign. Their efforts have played a significant role in the success of this initiative. Congratulations once again."

10.2 COUNCILLOR ANDREA CREADO - RESILIENT AUSTRALIA AWARDS

"I am pleased to advise that the City of Stirling has been awarded the 2026 Resilient Australia State Award for local government in recognition of the multi-agency emergency management exercise conducted in Mount Lawley and Tuart Hill in May 2026. The Resilient Australia Awards are an initiative of the Australian government and the Australian Institute for Disaster Resilience, which recognise initiatives that build whole of community preparation for and resilience to emergencies and disasters.

The multi-agency emergency management exercise coordinated by the City was based on a severe weather event causing widespread damage across multiple suburbs, including a building collapse, power outages, flooding, displacement of residents, and displacement of animals. Over two days, the exercise tested the immediate response to a major emergency, as well as the recovery efforts required in the days, weeks, and months that follow.

I would like to acknowledge the Director of Community Development, Mr. Quirk, and his team for leading this initiative. I would also like to thank DFES, WA Police, Department of Communities, State Emergency Services, St. John's WA, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and the Cities of Bayswater and Vincent for their support and active involvement in the exercise.

As the state winner, the City will now progress as a finalist in the National Resilient Australia Awards."

11. UNRESOLVED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

12. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEES

12.1 CEO'S PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE - 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

Chief Executive Officer Stevan Rodic disclosed a Financial Interest in Item 12.1/10.1 as the item relates directly to his employment contract.

Manager Governance Brad Sillence disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.1/10.1 as he has an employment relationship with the Chief Executive Officer, and is the author of the report.

12.1/10.1 2025/2026 CEO PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND SALARY REVIEW

Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(b)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:-

(b)(ii) a review of performance under section 5.38;.

Council Resolution

0926/010

Moved Councillor Re, seconded Councillor Proud

1. **That Council RECEIVES the Chief Executive Officer Performance Update - 2025/2026 Year End Evaluation, as detailed in Attachment 1 to this Report.**

2. **That Council RECEIVES the concluded 2025/2026 Chief Executive Officer Annual Performance Review Report prepared by Learning Horizons, as detailed in Attachment 2 to this Report.**

3. **That Council BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY ENDORSES the concluded 2025/2026 Chief Executive Officer Annual Performance Review as detailed in Attachment 2 to this Report.**

4. **That Council NOTES the Mayor in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer will establish an Individual Professional Development Plan based on Elected Member feedback received as part of the Annual Performance Review process.**

5. **That Council ACKNOWLEDGES on 4 April 2026 the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal has determined the Local Government Band Classifications for Total Reward Packages for Chief Executive Officers have increased by 3.5% effective from 1 July 2026 (Band 1 being $298,832 - $455,071 per annum).**

6. **That in view of the high satisfactory performance of the Chief Executive Officer as detailed in the Evaluation Report, and the positive feedback received from Elected Members, Council APPROVES the Total Remuneration Package of the Chief Executive Officer be set at the top of Band 1 as determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal, backdated to 1 July 2026.**

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0) by an Absolute Majority.

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Committee Recommendation

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12.2 COMMUNITY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 15 SEPTEMBER 2026

12.2/P2 WESTERN POWER TREE PRUNING

Business Unit:	Parks and Environment	Service: Urban Greening
Ward:	City Wide	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Advocacy - *Advocating to government or other organisations.*

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Krsticevic

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It was suggested that a seventh recommendation be ADDED.

With the agreement of the mover and seconder, the following recommendation was added:

7. That a temporary sign be ERECTED for 30 days to indicate to the public that the trimming was undertaken by a contractor not associated with the City of Stirling.

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Council Resolution

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The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

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Purpose

To receive information on the impacts of Western Power's pruning activities across the City, opportunities for advocacy and coordination, and examples of best practice vegetation management in the vicinity of electrical infrastructure from local governments across metropolitan Perth, Western Australia and nationally.

Background

At its meeting held 11 August 2026, in response to a Notice of Motion submitted by Deputy Mayor Karlo Perkov, Council resolved (Council Resolution Number 0826/010) to receive a report addressing the impacts of Western Power's pruning activities across the City. The resolution also requested an investigation into opportunities for advocacy and coordination, along with examples of best practice vegetation management in the vicinity of electrical infrastructure from local governments across metropolitan Perth, Western Australia and nationally.

The City manages approximately 113,000 street trees, of which around 45,000 have the potential to encroach upon the clearance envelopes associated with above-ground electrical infrastructure. The City acknowledges its responsibility to maintain vegetation clearances in accordance with regulatory requirements, while also recognising the significant resourcing and operational constraints that affect its ability to fully meet these obligations across the entire network at all times.

Between 1 July 2025, and 30 June 2026, the City received 338 work orders pertaining to the clean-up of Western Power fault pruning of approximately 750 street trees. 200 of these work orders were reported by members of the public, and 138 of these were reported by Western Power. The suburbs that have had the most instances of fault cuts are Dianella, Balga, Karrinyup, Balcatta, Nollamara, Yokine, Inglewood, Westminster, Hamersley and Scarborough.

The contents of these work orders submitted by the public show deep concern for the state that the trees are left in, whilst also expressing their frustration around large debris piles being left on the verge which impede traffic safety when exiting their property. These works have also resulted in 20 formal complaints being lodged against the City since September 2025.

Early calculations indicate this has resulted in a temporary loss of approximately 28,000m^2 of canopy across the Local Government Area on City managed land. Further detailed analysis would be required to confirm this number, and to monitor canopy regrowth.

Details

To maintain public safety and a reliable electricity supply, vegetation owners are required to ensure safe clearances are maintained from overhead powerlines. These obligations are established under Regulation 316A of the Electricity Regulations 1947 and administered by the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS).

Within Western Australia, minimum vegetation clearances and Safe Approach Distances (SAD) vary depending on the type and voltage of the electrical infrastructure involved. These requirements are determined by DEMIRS and form the basis of the City's tree pruning specifications under both previous and current Tree Maintenance contracts.

Table 1 outlines the SAD for vegetation clearance when being managed by authorised vegetation control workers with insulated tools and elevated work platforms, according to the Workers Guide to Code of Practice for Personnel Electrical Safety for Vegetation Control, along with vegetation clearances specified by Western Power.

Infrastructure Type	**Clearance Requirement Horizontal (SAD)**	**Clearance Requirement Vertical (SAD)**	**Western Power Minimum Expected Clearance**
Property Feeder Line/Lead-in Wire	No Clearance	Physical Clearance	0.3 Metre
LV Aerial Bundle Cable (ABC)	No Clearance	No Clearance	0.3 Metre
Insulated Low Voltage Conductors (LV)	No Clearance	No Clearance	2 Metres
Bare Low Voltage Conductors (LV)	No Clearance	Physical Clearance	2 Metres
Running Earth Wire (REW)	0.2 Metre	0.7 Metre	3 Metres
High Voltage Conductors (HV) up to 33Kva	0.2 Metre	0.7 Metre	3 Metres

Table 1 Safe Approach Distances for Vegetation Clearance

Western Power Processes

Western Power has a legislated responsibility to undertake routine inspections of its electrical assets. As part of these inspections, vegetation that is identified as encroaching upon prescribed clearance zones is recorded and referred to the vegetation owner through the issuance of a Vegetation Notice, typically providing either a 90-day or 30-day compliance period.

Upon receipt of a notice, it is the responsibility of the vegetation owner to arrange and fund the necessary vegetation management works. Where a notice period has expired but the vegetation is not yet considered to pose an immediate risk to the network, Western Power may engage its own tree maintenance contractors to undertake pruning works under Western Power supervision. Western Power has the authority to recover the associated costs from the vegetation owner.

Where vegetation has grown into prescribed clearance zones to such an extent that it can no longer be safely managed by the vegetation owner or its contractors due to encroachment within SADs, it is classified as a fault. At this point, only Western Power is authorised to arrange and supervise the vegetation control works required to restore statutory clearances and maintain network safety.

In these circumstances, vegetation management is commonly undertaken by Western Power fault response crews, whose primary objective is the rapid restoration and maintenance of safe electrical clearances and network reliability. Works are frequently undertaken from ground level using insulated tools and are focused on removing vegetation from the clearance zone. As these works are principally driven by network safety requirements and operational response timeframes, arboricultural outcomes and long-term canopy management considerations are not considered for the undertaking of this work.

City of Stirling Processes

As part of the Tree Maintenance Program, the City engages trained, qualified and authorised contractors to undertake vegetation management in the vicinity of overhead powerlines. These contractors are suitably qualified arborists who have completed the relevant Western Power-approved training and hold the required certification and authorisations to perform vegetation control works near live electrical infrastructure.

The City periodically receives 30 day and 90 day Vegetation Notices from Western Power identifying locations requiring clearance works. Upon receipt, each site is inspected and assessed to determine the most appropriate management response. Depending on the notice period, level of encroachment and operational priorities, works may be incorporated into reactive maintenance programs, scheduled pruning activities or issued as urgent works where immediate intervention is required.

The City maintains the capacity to add identified trees to monthly works programs or issue emergency work orders to contractors where circumstances warrant a more rapid response.

To assist in meeting statutory clearance requirements, the City operates both reactive and proactive vegetation management programs. In addition to undertaking ad hoc and unscheduled pruning works as required, the City delivers an annual sector pruning program, the primary objective of which is to proactively maintain vegetation clearances around overhead electrical infrastructure

For operational purposes, the City's street tree network is divided into 35 tree management sectors, with each sector scheduled to be inspected and pruned on an annual cycle. This approach enables programmed maintenance of clearance requirements while supporting broader objectives relating to pedestrian and vehicle safety, tree health, canopy retention and long-term asset management (refer to Image 1 below).

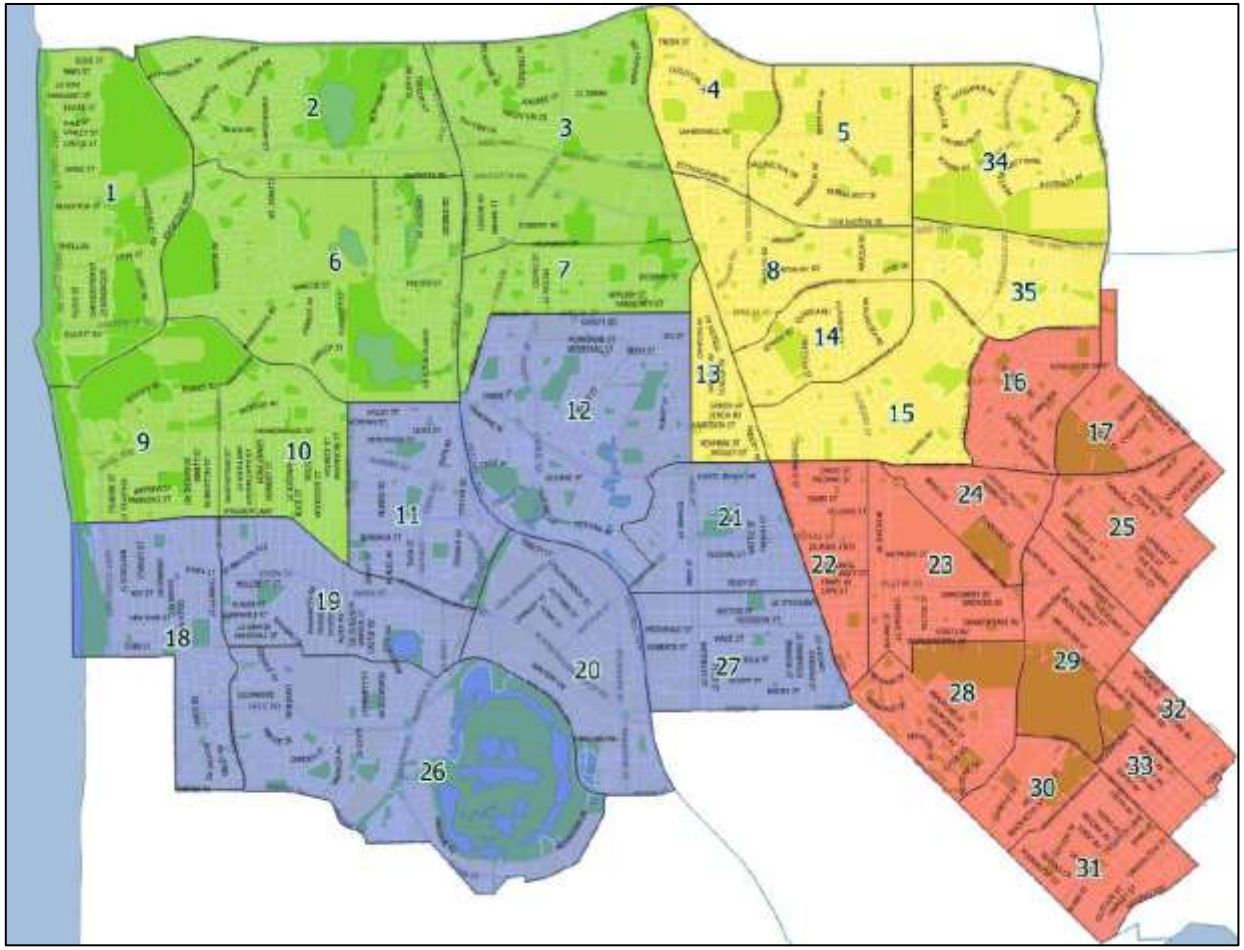


Image 1 – City of Stirling Pruning Management Sectors

Every street tree in the sector is assessed by a City officer and assigned a pruning works code if needed to address compliance and other objectives. The sector is then priced against the tendered rates and awarded to a contractor for completion. All assigned trees are to be completed in accordance with the recorded works code, the pruning specifications detailed in the Tree Maintenance contract and predetermined timeframes.

In recent years, the City has observed that many trees now require at least twice annual pruning, with some studies suggesting this trend is likely to increase as the climate warms and growing seasons extend. It is acknowledged that this requirement is constrained financially and by arboricultural sector resourcing.

Impact of Western Power Pruning Practices

Western Power regularly responds to emergency faults, including after hours. Where vegetation is identified within prescribed clearance zones and Western Power determines that the fault cannot be safely resolved without pruning, its contractors undertake the necessary works to maximum clearance distances. In these circumstances, cut material is typically left on site for the local government to remove often without notice, and the associated pruning costs are charged back to the local government.

Where 90-day or 30-day Vegetation Notices are not completed within the required timeframe, Western Power will escalate the matter to its fault response process. This can result in trees being pruned to achieve maximum clearance, with debris left on the ground for the City to collect and dispose of, and the pruning costs subsequently passed on to the City.

Not only is there significant impact to the City's canopy, amenity and the health of the urban forest, it comes at a significant reputation and financial cost to the City. When the works are completed by Western Power, invoices issued by them are often more than twice the expense the City would have incurred if the City engaged its own contractors to complete the work. Further to this, Western Power do not remove the resulting debris, and the City incurs additional expenses in collecting and disposing of the green waste piles often without knowledge of the works being completed.

In some instances, where the condition of the trees worked on by Western Power are left in an unsafe condition, the City has to engage its own contractors to conduct corrective pruning to cleanly cut excessive wounds and balance asymmetric crowns. As a result, the management of a singular tree could incur costs of 250-300 percent more than if the City was able to engage its own contractors to manage the clearance needs.

The City has historically managed mature trees beneath powerlines through a structured pruning approach that trains trees to tolerate annual "flat-top" pruning. This method maintains the required electrical clearances while promoting a dense, spreading canopy that maximises shade and other urban forest benefits. This outcome has been achieved through the use of natural target pruning that encourage lateral branch development. Ongoing maintenance is then undertaken by the annual removal of young, upright, small diameter shoots before they develop into larger woody branches.

Western Power's current pruning practices are undermining this long-established management approach by cutting into the existing tree structures and removing large diameter branches. Advice received indicates that this is intended to increase clearance distances and reduce the rate at which trees re-encroach into the clearance zones.

However, this approach is concerning. Pruning large-diameter woody branches places the tree under significant physiological stress and stimulates the activation of dormant epicormic buds. These buds are present beneath the bark on older woody branches or trunks of most trees and generally remain dormant unless activated by stress such as substantial canopy loss.

Once triggered, epicormic shoots typically exhibit rapid upright growth as the tree attempts to restore lost capacity. This response creates vigorous regrowth that reaches clearance limits more quickly than the lateral branch structure established through the City's management regime. As a result, pruning frequency may increase, and the tree develops a crown structure that is more likely to conflict with overhead powerlines. Re-establishing a stable lateral canopy form can subsequently take many years of costly corrective management.

Branches arising from epicormic shoots are less structurally sound than normal branch development. Consequently, trees subjected to repeated heavy pruning can become more susceptible to branch failure. This increases risk to public safety and property, while also creating a greater likelihood of vegetation-related impacts to the electricity network. In effect, the current practices employed by Western Power may contribute to the very issues they are intending to prevent, resulting in poorer long-term outcomes for tree health, public amenity and network reliability.





Image 2 & 3 demonstrating before and after the City's "Flat Top" pruning for powerlines



Image 4 – Western Power Fault Pruning Example

Tree Pruning Methods

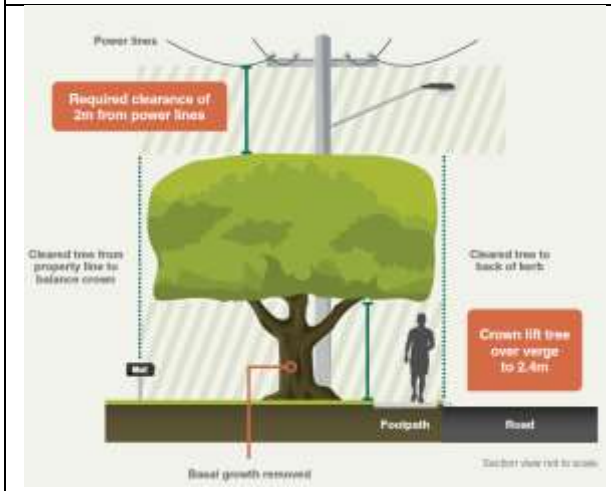
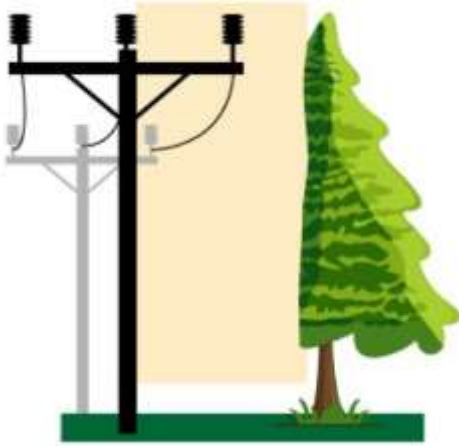
Tree pruning methods used to manage vegetation around overhead powerlines vary depending on tree species, infrastructure type, site constraints and proximity to electrical assets. Accordingly, there is no single pruning methodology adopted consistently across local governments in Western Australia, Australia or internationally.

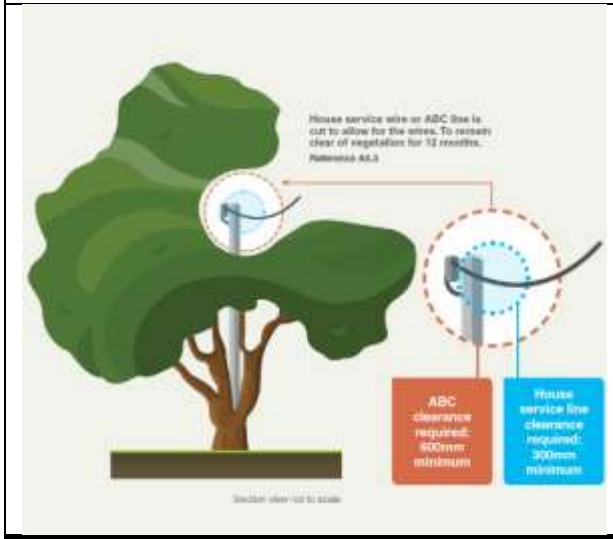
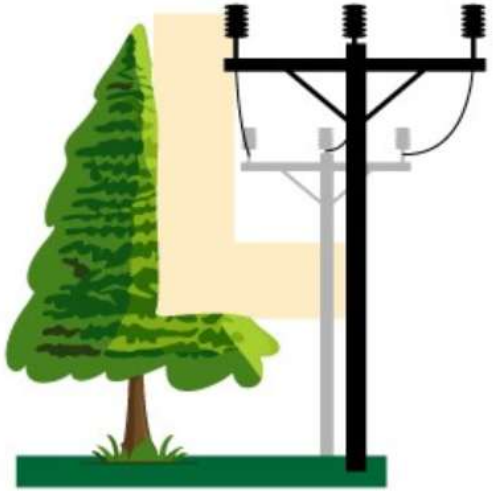
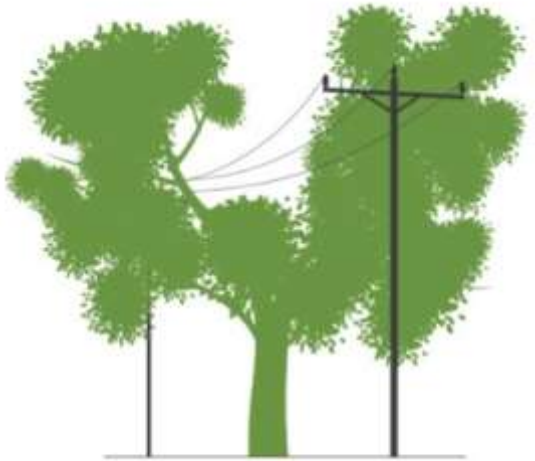
The City manages its tree assets in accordance with contemporary arboricultural principles and recognised industry standards. The pruning methodologies employed by the City are designed, wherever practicable, to align with:

- Australian Standard AS 4373:2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees
- Arboriculture Australia Minimum Industry Standards MIS308 Tree Pruning
- Arboriculture Australia Minimum Industry Standards MIS314 Utility Tree Work

A range of vegetation management techniques may be applied depending on site-specific circumstances. While all recognised pruning methods have appropriate applications, the City's preferred approaches are generally flat-top pruning and tunnel/window pruning. These methods have been found to provide an appropriate balance between regulatory compliance, tree health, canopy retention, public amenity and long-term asset management outcomes.

Officers acknowledge that compliance pruning in proximity to electrical infrastructure cannot always fully conform with arboricultural best practice. However, recognised pruning principles, including natural target pruning techniques as described within the above standards, are expected to be applied wherever practicable by the City's contractors to minimise adverse impacts on tree health, structure and longevity.

Flat Top	Side Pruning	V-cuts
Flat Top pruning is the City's preferred pruning method for trees under powerlines, which keeps a consistent and balanced tree crown that is encouraged to spread laterally.	Side pruning is where all lateral foliage and branches are removed from one side of a tree. This is often employed around high voltage transmission lines due to the greater clearance requirements. This practice can only occur when trees are set back from the powerlines. Most trees on verges (as determined by the Utility Providers Code of Practice) share the same alignment as power poles on verges.	V-cuts can be employed where a tree cannot tolerate a consistent flat-top prune when located directly under lines. This can drastically alter crown dynamics and expose branches to torsional loading that may increase the likelihood of failure; therefore this method is not preferred.
		
Tunnel/Window	**L-Cut**	**Wine Glass/Valley Prune**

Tunnel or Window pruning is the practice of clearing a tunnel through the crown of a tree to meet clearance requirements, but still allow growth under, beside and above the conductor/line. This is the City's preferred pruning practice for managing property feeder and ABC lines.	L-cuts maintain similar principles to side prunes; however, they permit some lateral growth below the powerlines if species characteristics allow. This can increase functional shade but requires increased service to maintain clearance on both the vertical and horizontal profiles.	Wine glass or valley prune is similar to the V cut but has a hard height limit of the crown under lines but allows for vertical growth beside the conductors. Due to branch elongation, this method exposes the tree to even greater loading factors and could increase the risk of branch failure in certain species.
		

The City is also aware of a number of emerging technologies, innovations and industry initiatives that may assist in reducing future conflicts between vegetation and electrical infrastructure, while potentially reducing ongoing maintenance requirements and associated costs. The City will continue to monitor developments in these areas and investigate opportunities for future trials and advocacy.

These include but are not limited to:

- **Covered Conductors** - Western Power has been trialling covered conductors in the Yanchep area. The results of these trials are currently under review. If proven effective, covered conductors may provide opportunities for reduced vegetation conflicts and greater flexibility in vegetation clearance requirements.
- **Cable Spacers** - Cable spacers can be installed to reduce conductor movement caused by wind, limiting line sway and separation. While this may assist in managing vegetation conflicts in certain locations, the additional weight of spacer systems can increase conductor sag, potentially creating clearance issues with vegetation below. As such, their application may be suitable only in specific circumstances.
- **Digital Twins** - Advances in, and combinations of, LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) and UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicle) sensing technology is showing promise in improving urban tree monitoring, allowing for tailored maintenance programs based on growth trends on a tree-by-tree basis. While not ready for implementation yet, the City is keeping an eye on this developing technology as it is likely the next evolution of the City's Street Tree Inventory.

Across Australia, a range of approaches and innovations are being reviewed and adopted to manage vegetation near electrical infrastructure, with examples outlined below:

Energy Safe Victoria (Victoria)

Energy Safe Victoria currently permits significantly reduced vegetation clearance requirements around certain low voltage (LV) insulated conductors. In some circumstances, no vegetation clearance is required when undertaking vegetation management around insulated LV conductors. For bare or covered LV conductors, vegetation may also be permitted beneath or beside conductors without prescribed separation distances, with only limited clearance required above the conductors. SADs in Victoria are also generally smaller than those prescribed in Western Australia, enabling local governments and authorised contractors to undertake a greater proportion of vegetation management works without requiring direct involvement from the electricity network operator.

Ausgrid (NSW)

In New South Wales, Ausgrid continues to replace low-voltage powerlines with aerial bundled cables (ABCs), which require reduced vegetation clearances. Since 2000, more than 300 km of low-voltage lines have been replaced with these cable types. Ausgrid also provides advance notification of its programmed pruning schedules, enabling councils to undertake their own works beforehand or advocate for infrastructure modifications that reduce ongoing vegetation management impacts. In addition, Ausgrid employs an in-house arborist to undertake risk assessments and consult directly with councils where significant canopy reductions are proposed or required.

SA Power Networks (South Australia)

SA Power Networks has reviewed its vegetation management framework through the introduction of a distinction between bushfire risk and non-bushfire risk areas. Within designated non-bushfire risk areas, vegetation is permitted to coexist more closely with low-voltage electrical infrastructure, reducing the frequency and extent of pruning required. For insulated low-voltage conductors, including aerial bundled cable (ABC), minimum clearance requirements may be as low as 0.1 metres in certain circumstances. SA Power Networks has also undertaken growth inhibitor trials on street trees located beneath powerlines with the aim of reducing growth rates into powerline clearance profiles. The City is investigating the outcomes of these trials to determine their effectiveness and suitability for application in Western Australia. If proven successful, these treatments may have the potential to reduce vegetation growth rates and extend pruning cycles in appropriate circumstances.

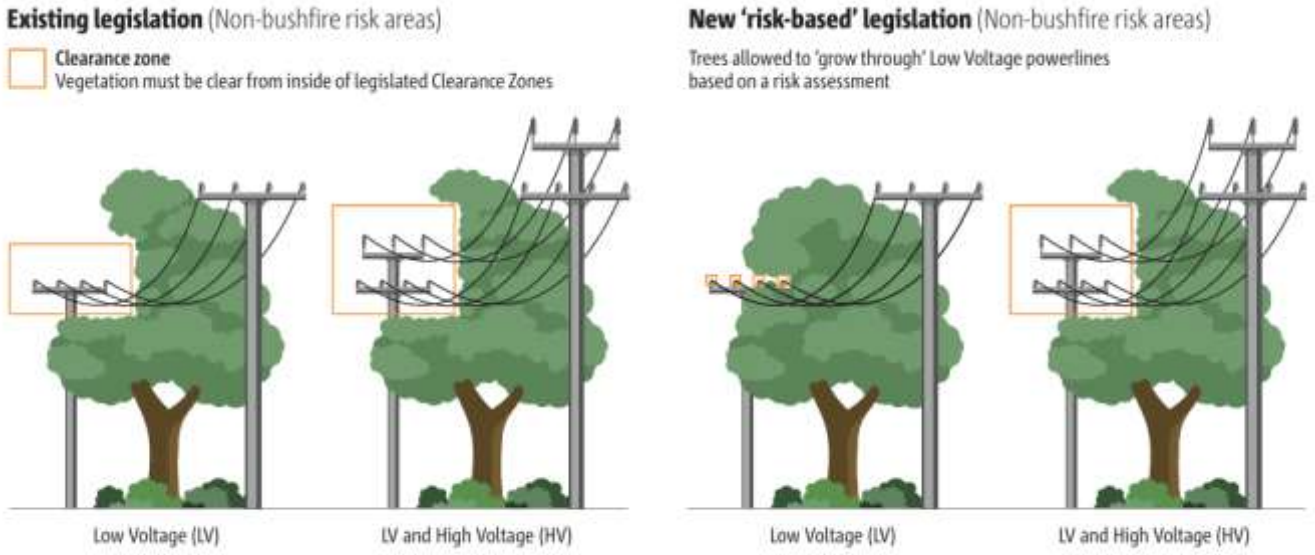


Diagram demonstrating SA Power Networks change in approach to risk-based management in “Non-bushfire Risk area”

These examples demonstrate that vegetation clearance requirements and vegetation management philosophies vary considerably between Australian jurisdictions. They also highlight opportunities for further review of existing Western Australian requirements to ensure vegetation management objectives, network reliability, public safety and urban canopy outcomes are appropriately balanced.

Advocacy and Improved Coordination

The City has worked, and will continue to work, collaboratively with Western Power to address vegetation management issues and achieve outcomes that support both public safety and the preservation of the City's urban forest. While the City remains committed to maintaining a constructive and professional relationship with Western Power, the increasing tension between vegetation clearance requirements and urban canopy objectives requires broader policy and regulatory consideration beyond the efforts of individual local governments. Accordingly, the City will continue to pursue sector-wide advocacy through collaboration with industry bodies, including the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA).

To date, the City has:

- Maintained regular communication with Western Power and established clear reporting and escalation pathways.
- Developed internal workflows to receive, assess, manage and track 30-day and 90-day Vegetation Notices.
- Continued implementation of the annual Sector Pruning Program, with ongoing refinement of pruning schedules to improve responsiveness and compliance outcomes.
- Rationalised contract resources and engagement arrangements to facilitate timely responses to vegetation clearance requirements.
- Supported and advocated for Western Power's Underground Power Program initiatives, recognising the long-term benefits of reducing conflicts between trees and electrical infrastructure.
- Requested the removal of redundant electrical infrastructure, including redundant running earth wires (REWs), and the rectification of low-hanging conductors where these unnecessarily exacerbate vegetation conflicts.

Despite these efforts, many of the underlying challenges stem from regulatory settings, clearance requirements and infrastructure constraints that are outside the direct control of local governments. As an individual local government, the City's ability to influence these broader settings is limited. Consequently, the City remains actively engaged with the urban forest and local government sector and will continue to advocate for practical, evidence-based reforms through WALGA's Urban Forest Working Group and other relevant stakeholders.

WALGA has been engaging with Western Power, the City of Stirling and other local governments regarding the increasing conflict between the management of urban tree assets and electrical infrastructure.

In December 2025, WALGA convened a workshop attended by representatives from Western Power, Local Governments and WALGA. The workshop provided an important forum to discuss ongoing concerns, competing organisational objectives, differing vegetation management approaches and the varying levels of resourcing available across the sector.
In January 2026, WALGA undertook a survey of local governments to better understand the resourcing, operational capacity and challenges associated with managing vegetation near powerlines.

In June 2026, WALGA distributed a further survey seeking input from local governments on key issues, questions and discussion topics to be raised with Western Power as part of a sector-wide meeting scheduled for the first quarter of 2026/27.

The City considers that there are significant opportunities to reduce the ongoing conflict between urban forest management objectives and electrical infrastructure requirements while continuing to maintain community safety and network reliability. Through its continued involvement with WALGA and industry stakeholders, the City will investigate the feasibility of, and advocate for, initiatives including:

- Review of Bushfire Risk Area classifications and consideration of increased vegetation clearance tolerances in low-risk urban environments.
- An industry-wide review of vegetation clearance requirements and SADs, with consideration of approaches adopted in other Australian jurisdictions.
- Development of clearance requirements and SADs based on demonstrated risk, historical incident data and evidence-based assessment.
- Development of nationally consistent guidance, potentially through an Australian Standard, or incorporation of consistent principles within existing industry documents such as Western Australia's Utility Providers Code of Practice.

The City believes that meaningful progress will require a genuine partnership between local governments, Western Power, regulators and industry bodies to ensure that public safety objectives can be achieved without unnecessarily compromising the environmental, community and economic benefits provided by established urban tree canopy.

Financial Assessment and Implications

From April 2026, the City has paid a total of $273,709.87 in outstanding invoices issued by Western Power. Another approximate $43,000.00 is to be paid in the next batch of invoice approvals.

The majority of costs to clean up debris and perform rectification pruning works has been absorbed into the City’s tree maintenance budgets and is estimated to be upwards of another $70,000.00.

The budget allocation for programmed and reactive powerline related pruning for 2026/27 is $3,592,000.

Stakeholder Engagement

The City has meetings with Western Power to reduce the impact of future fault pruning practices, improve operational processes and strengthen constructive working relationships. Further meetings with Western Power's Vegetation Management Team are being arranged to support the City's position and identify opportunities to better balance urban forest outcomes with electrical safety requirements.

Discussions within the Perth Metropolitan Parks Managers Group identifies similar concerns with achieving positive urban forest outcomes with powerline pruning and many are keen to support and take part in an industry approach to reform opportunities.

Options Summary

The following options were considered, presented in the order in which they are recommended.

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2.	1. CONTINUES to advocate for a more balanced and evidence-based approach to vegetation management around electrical infrastructure, while maintaining compliance with statutory clearance requirements. 2. ADVOCATES to Western Power to implement infrastructure improvements that reduce tree conflicts, and investigate emerging management solutions and technologies that may improve network safety while minimising impacts on tree health, canopy cover, public amenity and long-term maintenance costs.

OPTIONS	
	3. COLLABORATES with Western Power, WALGA and other Local Governments to pursue reviews of vegetation clearance requirements, Safe Approach Distances and bushfire risk classifications, with consideration of approaches adopted in other Australian states. 4. CONTINUES implementing its proactive sector pruning program to reduce the frequency of fault cuts arranged by Western Power.
3.	1. NOTES the Officers report detailing impact of Western Power pruning practices across the City

Recommended Action

Officers recommend that Council notes this report on the extent and impacts of Western Power vegetation management activities across the City and supports the advocacy, collaboration and operational responses within the report.

Officers further recommend that Council supports continued advocacy to review vegetation clearance requirements, Safe Approach Distances and related regulatory settings, with the aim of better balancing electricity network safety and urban canopy outcomes in low risk urban areas.

Officers further recommend that Council supports the ongoing delivery of the City's proactive sector pruning program and continued improvements to vegetation notice management processes, to reduce the occurrence of Western Power fault pruning and minimise associated impacts on the urban forest.

The City will continue to collaborate with Western Power, WALGA, regulators and other local governments to improve coordination, explore emerging technologies and infrastructure solutions, and advance practical, evidence-based reforms that support public safety, network reliability and urban tree retention.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

Local Government Act 1995
Electricity Regulations 1947
City Trees Policy
Code of Practice for Personnel Electrical Safety for Vegetation Control Work Near Live Powerlines August 2023
Guidelines for the Management of Vegetation Near Power Lines
Workers Guide to Code of Practice for Personnel Electrical Safety for Vegetation Control
Tree and vegetation management near overhead electric lines - Information sheet
Code of Practice for Persons Working on or Near Energised Electrical Installations
Utility Providers Code of Practice for Western Australia
Australian Standard AS4373:2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees
Arboriculture Australia Minimum Industry Standards MIS308 Tree Pruning
Arboriculture Australia Minimum Industry Standards MIS314 Utility Tree Work

Meeting Date	Council Resolution Number	Council Resolution
11 August 2026	0826/010	1. That Council EXPRESSES its concern regarding the ongoing and widespread poor pruning practices undertaken by Western Power within the City of Stirling, particularly where pruning results in significant visual disfigurement, loss of tree canopy, reduced amenity and diminished environmental value. 2. That Council ACKNOWLEDGES the importance of maintaining electrical network safety and reliability, while recognising that contemporary arboricultural practices can achieve these outcomes with reduced impact on urban trees. 3. That a report be PRESENTED to the Community and Resources Committee Meeting to be held 15 September 2026 outlining: a. The extent and impact of Western Power pruning activities across the City; b. Available opportunities for advocacy, partnership, and improved coordination with Western Power; and c. Examples of best practice utility vegetation management implemented by other State Governments, Local Governments and utility providers across Australia.

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our natural environment

Objective: Support biodiversity in our natural and urban environment with connected healthy ecosystems

Priority: Increase tree planting and retention of trees across the City

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Climate Transition & Environment	If the City under-delivers on emissions, water and waste outcomes or fails climate resilience for assets/services, then costs, compliance exposures and community impacts increase.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Nil.

Available for viewing at the meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

Councillor Elizabeth Re disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/RL1 as some of the associations are known to her.

12.2/RL1 REGIONAL AND DISTRICT PUBLIC OPEN SPACE FRAMEWORK AND PRIORITY AREAS

Business Unit:	Recreation and Leisure Services	Service: Leisure Services
Ward:	City Wide	Location: Citywide
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Information - *Receiving information about the City or its community.*

Council Resolution

0926/012

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Giudici

1. **That Council NOTES the Public Open Space Development Framework for Regional and District Open Spaces.**
2. **That Council NOTES the 4-Year Regional and District Open Space planning priorities (Attachment 2).**
3. **That Council CONSIDERS the Regional and District Open Space planning priorities and resultant projects annually through the Integrated Planning and Budgeting process.**

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Committee Recommendation

1. That Council NOTES the Public Open Space Development Framework for Regional and District Open Spaces.
2. That Council NOTES the 4-Year Regional and District Open Space planning priorities (Attachment 2).
3. That Council CONSIDERS the Regional and District Open Space planning priorities and resultant projects annually through the Integrated Planning and Budgeting process.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That Council NOTES the Public Open Space Development Framework for Regional and District Open Spaces.
2. That Council NOTES the 4-Year Regional and District Open Space planning priorities (Attachment 2).
3. That Council CONSIDERS the Regional and District Open Space planning priorities and resultant projects annually through the Integrated Planning and Budgeting process.

Purpose

To provide Council with an overview of the City's planning framework for Regional Open Space (ROS) and District Open Space (DOS), aligned with the Public Open Space Strategy (POS Strategy) and Community Infrastructure Plan (CIP), that will guide the planning and delivery of priority projects over the next five years.

Details

At the Council Meeting on 5 May 2026 (Council Resolution Number 0526/005) the Public Open Space Development Framework and subsequent upgrade priorities for local and community parks was noted. During consideration of this framework a number of queries were raised regarding the planning framework and project priorities for the higher-order regional and district open spaces. Now that the public open space development framework for local and community parks as well as the associated 5-year upgrade program has been considered by Council, it is timely to contemplate the City's approach to these regional and district open spaces.

In addition, at the Council Meeting on 7 July 2026 (Council Resolution Number 0726/032) in response to a Notice of Motion from Councillor Tony Krsticevic it was resolved that the City develops a planning framework for the identification and prioritisation of regional and district public open space, providing a strategic basis for future infrastructure investment and planning decisions. The resolution also supported the preparation of a feasibility study for Yokine Regional Open Space (East) to explore future infrastructure opportunities and inform longer-term development of the reserve. The outcomes of this work will assist in establishing priority projects and guiding future decision-making regarding the provision and development of regional and district public open space infrastructure across the City.

Background

The City's Public Open Space (POS) network comprises over 500 parks and reserves totalling more than 745 hectares. This includes 426 local open spaces, 31 community open spaces, 41 district open spaces and 4 regional open spaces. Attachment 1 lists these district and regional open spaces. All of these public open spaces play a critical role in supporting the physical, social, environmental and mental wellbeing of our community.

Historically, the City utilised a 'master planning process' to guide the planning/development of regional and district open spaces. The following master plans were previously adopted by Council:

- Charles Riley Memorial Reserve Master Plan;
- Des Penman Reserve Master Plan;
- Carine Regional Open Space Master Plan;
- Dianella Regional Open Space Master Plan;
- Grenville Reserve Master Plan;
- Yokine Regional Open Space Master Plan; and
- Robinson Reserve Master Plan.

Following the completion and implementation of the Robinson Reserve Masterplan in 2022, and broad completion of actions relating to other master plans, this approach was discontinued with investment into district and regional open space upgrades delivered through the City's integrated planning and budgeting process.

The City's POS Strategy establishes a four-tier hierarchy of public open space comprising local, community, district and regional open space. This report focuses on the district open space and regional open space classifications, which represent the City's most significant recreation and sporting reserves and play an important role in supporting district-wide and regional community outcomes. The planning framework and prioritisation process for local and community open space has recently been considered by Council.

DOS is a significant public open space that primarily serves a large district-level catchment and is typically designed to accommodate organised sport, active recreation, and a range of community activities. DOS are generally larger than local and community parks and provide facilities such as sporting fields, pavilions, playgrounds, courts, paths, public amenities and open recreation areas. They are intended to support both local residents and visitors from surrounding suburbs, often accommodating multiple activities and user groups simultaneously while serving as important community gathering places. Within the City of Stirling's planning framework, district open spaces form a key component of the broader public open space network and play an important role in supporting health, wellbeing, community connection and participation in sport and recreation.

ROS is a major public open space that serves a broad geographic area and is intended to accommodate significant recreation, sport and environmental functions. ROS are typically of a scale and quality that attract visitors from across multiple districts and often beyond local government boundaries. They provide the capacity to support a wide range of activities, including organised sport, informal recreation, community events. ROS are generally well connected to major transport networks and incorporate substantial supporting infrastructure.

Both ROS and DOS play a significantly broader role as multi-functional community destinations. While sporting fields, clubrooms and associated infrastructure remain important components of these reserves, contemporary ROS planning seeks to deliver facilities that support a diverse range of recreational, social, environmental and wellbeing outcomes. This framework recognises that ROS serve large catchments and attract a broad cross-section of the community, requiring facilities and infrastructure that cater for both organised and informal recreation activities. This informal use may include the provision of fenced dog exercise areas, connection to regional level playgrounds, nature play spaces, outdoor fitness infrastructure, picnic and barbecue facilities, event spaces and community gathering places.

Additionally, the integration of shared pathway networks that support walking, jogging, cycling, informal recreation and active transport is identified as a key consideration. These pathways not only improve connectivity between surrounding residential areas, activity centres and public transport infrastructure, but also create recreational destinations through the provision of walking circuits, fitness trails and opportunities for nature-based experiences.

Public Open Space Development Framework for Regional and District Open Spaces

An assessment of the City's ROS and DOS network has been undertaken to identify and prioritise sites for future upgrade, renewal and development. The assessment provides a strategic framework to guide future planning and decision making, ensuring that projects align with the City's long-term planning and deliver the greatest community benefit.

Projects were evaluated against a comprehensive set of criteria designed to balance community outcomes, asset performance and financial considerations. The key assessment criteria includes:

- *Criteria 1 - Strategic alignment*
  The extent to which the project supports the City's strategic objectives, adopted plans, policies and projects within the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. This includes alignment with endorsed State Sporting Associations facility plans and strategies (where relevant and applicable).

- *Criteria 2 - Community Need*
  The degree to which the project responds to current and future community demand, service needs and identified infrastructure gaps.

- *Criteria 3 - Financial Sustainability*
  The affordability and long-term financial viability of the project, including funding opportunities, whole-of-life costs and overall community value.

- *Criteria 4 - Asset Sustainability*
  The project's contribution to the renewal, optimisation and long-term sustainability of the City's asset portfolio and if the project is identified in the asset management plan.

- *Criteria 5 - Environmental Sustainability*
  Whether the project supports actions or outcomes from the Sustainable Environment Action Plan (SEAP), Climate Change Adaptation Plan, Urban Forrest Plan and other key Council strategies.

- *Criteria 6 - Equity and Accessibility*
  The ability to addresses outcomes of the City's Access and Inclusion Plan, meets Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliance, supports gender neutrality/diversity, increases accessibility, and promotes social and cultural inclusivity.

Each project was assessed and scored against these criteria, with higher aggregate scores indicating a greater strategic priority.

The program has been developed by consolidating and assessing actions identified through the POS Strategy and CIP, together with priorities emerging from the City's floodlighting upgrade program, asset renewal and strategic planning initiatives. Collectively, these projects represent a pipeline of future opportunities that will support the continued provision of high-quality, accessible and sustainable district and regional public open spaces for the growing Stirling community.

Based on the outcomes of this assessment, a prioritised 4-year planning program has been developed (Attachment 2). Additionally, three priority projects have been identified and are addressed in further detail below.

Regional and District Open Space Priorities

Yuluma Reserve (DOS)
This reserve accommodates a range of sporting and community activities and presents a significant opportunity for future redevelopment to meet current and future community needs. The park contains the Innaloo Sports Club, seasonal sporting clubs, public tennis/pickleball courts and a playground.

A 2025 State Government Election Commitment of $4M presents a significant opportunity for the City to prepare an integrated plan to inform future development. In particular, the funding commitment provides an opportunity to progress detailed planning for both the Innaloo Sports Club facility and the broader Yuluma Reserve. This proceeds from the City's Building Better Bowls report establishing a clear and staged approach to future facility upgrades, park improvements, infrastructure investment and site management.

Consistent with the intent of the election commitment, the immediate priority is the preparation of a redevelopment plan to define future spatial requirements, infrastructure opportunities and preferred management model of various assets for the precinct. This work will establish a long-term vision for the site and provide a framework for current and future prioritisation and partnership opportunities. Given the scale and complexity of future opportunities at Yuluma Reserve, a staged planning approach is recommended. The planning process will ensure that future infrastructure is appropriately located, integrated with the surrounding parkland and capable of responding to future community and sporting needs without impacting on local amenity. Priority will be on delivering an improved Innaloo Sports Club facility in line with the Election Commitment.

Des Penman Reserve (DOS)
Given its strategic location, diverse range of activities, substantial landholding and concentration of sporting infrastructure, this reserve presents a significant opportunity for future optimisation through coordinated site planning and infrastructure approach.

The City has made substantial improvements at Des Penman Reserve in recent years. This has included floodlighting upgrades, the establishment of a strategic north-eastern location for WA Football programs and Subiaco Football Club. Additionally, the clubroom facility was upgraded in 2020 following external contributions from both State and Federal Government to support seasonal sporting clubs.

In addition, the City's Building Better Bowls Project, completed in 2025, a key recommendation arising from the project was the need to undertake further planning for the Nollamara Sport and Recreation Club and the adjacent Nollamara Tennis Club to operate within an integrated facility model. The study identified co-location and shared infrastructure as a potential mechanism to improve operational sustainability, increase community utilisation and maximise the return on future capital investment.

To progress this recommendation, it is proposed that a detailed spatial plan and feasibility assessment be undertaken as a priority project. This work would establish a comprehensive vision for the reserve and assess how existing sporting assets can be optimised through a coordinated and integrated site and management plan.

The site planning process would also assess the long-term utilisation and strategic value of land across the reserve. Following the identification of the preferred sporting and recreation infrastructure footprint, any residual land parcel(s) deemed surplus to future operational requirements could be considered for alternative uses. Value generated through such mechanisms could be investigated as a potential funding source to offset the delivery of future sporting infrastructure, facility upgrades and community improvements within the precinct.

Yokine Regional Open Space East (ROS)
This eastern section of the reserve has been identified as a priority due to its strategic location, regional catchment function, significant land area, and capacity to accommodate future growth in organised sport and community recreation. The reserve represents one of the City's most important recreation assets and is well positioned to support both current and emerging demands arising from population growth, changing participation trends, and increasing pressure on sporting infrastructure across the central corridor of the City.

The reserve is expected to play an increasingly important role in meeting community needs, particularly given the continued growth of Dianella Junior Soccer Club and the relocation of Inglewood Little Athletics Centre to the site. These factors are anticipated to increase utilisation of the reserve and place additional demand on existing infrastructure, including playing fields, clubroom facilities, lighting, parking, spectator amenities and supporting community infrastructure.

To ensure the reserve can effectively accommodate future demand, it is recommended that site assessment and investigation works be undertaken to determine the site's suitability for future development and expansion opportunities. This will provide a base to inform future decision-making and identify opportunities and constraints associated with the development of additional sporting, recreational and community infrastructure. This process would establish a long-term vision (based on current and future needs) for the reserve, ensuring that future delivery is coordinated, strategically aligned and responsive to community needs. Importantly, the planning process would extend beyond immediate sporting infrastructure requirements to consider the broader role of the reserve as a regional recreation destination.

As part of the site planning process, consideration should be given to a range of future infrastructure and place-based opportunities, including:

- Renewal, expansion or redevelopment of sporting clubrooms and associated facilities.
- Upgrades to floodlighting infrastructure.
- Additional playing field infrastructure and sport-specific infrastructure.
- Enhanced spectator amenities, shade, seating and gathering spaces.
- Improved access, parking, active transport connections and internal circulation.
- Nature-based recreation facilities and environmental enhancement initiatives.
- Informal recreation opportunities, including walking paths, fitness infrastructure and community gathering spaces.
- Suitable services to support hosting large community events given the size of the reserve and available land space

The preparation of a feasibility study and site development plan will enable the City to assess short, medium and long-term infrastructure requirements, identify staging and funding priorities, and establish a coordinated approach to future development.

Opportunities to Maximise & Support the Regional and District Open Space Network

Given growing pressures on the City's ROS and DOS, and POS more broadly, it is important that the City continues to identify other opportunities to support and expand the POS network to increase accessibility and utilisation. These opportunities are particularly important in the context of continued population growth, increasing residential density, changing recreation trends, limited ability to create new active reserves within established urban areas, and growing community demand for sporting infrastructure. As such, three key areas have been identified to meet this demand:

- *Shared Use of School Ovals and Educational Facilities*
  One of the most significant opportunities to increase recreational capacity across the City's is through formalised shared-use partnerships with schools. The City's existing planning work has already identified numerous opportunities involving primary schools and secondary schools. These include potential community access agreements for sporting ovals, courts, playgrounds and supporting facilities. School ovals represent a substantial network of recreation spaces outside school operating hours. Many facilities are already maintained to a standard suitable for organised sport and informal recreation but are currently inaccessible or only partially accessible to the broader community and sporting clubs.

The City has advocated strongly with the State Government via the Department of Education and Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport to improve access to school amenities, with limited success to date. The City contributed to the recent Parliamentary Inquiry into Community Use of WA Public School Facilities. The City is of the firm view that local government is best managed to assist school Principals and the Education Department with managing after school use including overcoming any concerns in relation to liability, access to amenities and turf quality. Such advocacy will continue given the community benefits associated with improved shared-use outcomes between Local Government and local schools.

- *Maximising Usage of Secondary Active Reserves*
  A number of secondary active reserves currently function as overflow sporting venues but have the potential to accommodate greater levels of participation through targeted infrastructure planning and development. Historically, development has focused on primary active reserves, however, increasing demand for sporting infrastructure, growth in female participation, extended seasons, and changing community expectations indicate that a network-wide approach to secondary reserves is required. Therefore, the City has identified increasing demand for enhanced lighting, extended usage hours and specific sporting infrastructure at these locations. These reserves may need to be utilised by multiple clubs throughout a season due to increased capacity constraints at primary facilities. Activating these overflow reserves will greatly assist in reducing peak demand on primary reserves used by Clubs. Whilst proximity to a local reserve is advantageous, due to the high demand for reserve access (particularly during 'out of season' training periods), any overflow reserve across the City is appropriate to be used for this purpose.

- *Future Acquisition of Public Open Space for Recreation*
  The City's traditional approach to recreation planning has focused on the optimisation and enhancement of existing public open space assets. While opportunities for new public open space acquisition are increasingly limited within a highly urbanised area such as the City of Stirling, strategic acquisitions may still represent an important long-term opportunity to address identified gaps in recreation provision. An example of this approach is the former Atlas site in Mirrabooka which the City will continue to investigate for potential long-term recreation use.

Financial Assessment and Implications

Projects that have existing funding allocation or are supported by confirmed external funding commitments, including 2025 State Government Election Commitments, are identified within Attachment 3. While external funding provides a significant contribution towards project delivery, a number of these projects may require additional City funding to support detailed planning, project development, co-contributions, or construction costs. Any additional funding requirements will be subject to future Council consideration through the City's annual integrated planning and budgeting processes.

Attachment 2 also identifies a broader pipeline of unfunded priority projects that have emerged through the assessment of the district and regional POS network. Funding requirements for these projects will be progressively considered as part of future draft Annual Capital Works Programs, informed by project readiness, strategic priority, community need, and available funding opportunities.

The State Government's commitment of $4 million towards the development of the Innaloo Sports Club at Yuluma Reserve provides a significant opportunity to undertake detailed planning for both the club redevelopment and the broader Yuluma Reserve precinct. Any additional funding requirements identified through the planning, design and feasibility phases will be considered by Council through future annual budget processes, following further refinement of project scope, staging options and delivery models.

Similarly, Des Penman Reserve will require future budget allocations to undertake detailed precinct planning, concept development, feasibility investigations and business case assessments. These planning activities are necessary to establish project scope, identify infrastructure requirements, assess long-term operational implications and determine funding strategies prior to any commitment to construction.

Historically, the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) and the Club Night Lights Program (CNLP) have been the City's primary sources of external funding for community sporting and recreation infrastructure projects. Given the current review of these programs and the uncertainty regarding future funding availability, it is important that the City continues to actively pursue alternative grant opportunities and partnership funding arrangements.

Stakeholder Engagement

A detailed engagement process was completed to develop the City's POS Strategy and CIP. The City received key insights on the community's views on the importance of POS and community infrastructure, the planning principles and gaps in provision.

Elected Members were briefed at a Council Workshop held 19 August 2024, on the priorities of district and regional open space planning. During this workshop, Yokine Regional Open Space and Des Penman Reserve were earmarked as forward planning priority projects. Additionally, targeted stakeholder engagement was conducted with each of the City's Bowling Clubs as part of the Building Better Bowls Plan, which was completed in 2025.

Community engagement for the future program will be undertaken in accordance with the City of Stirling's Community Engagement Policy, which outlines the City's commitment to best practice, meaningful and inclusive engagement. To ensure a consistent approach, business unit activities are delivered in line with the Business Unit Consultation Procedures, which are reviewed annually and provide practical guidance on minimum standards, including consultation requirements, impacted consultation radius, consideration of submissions and reporting formats. As part of this approach, Elected Members will be engaged early in the planning of district and regional open space upgrades.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that Council notes the information contained in this report including the ROS and DOS framework, planning priorities and resultant projects that will then be considered annually through the Integrated Planning and Budgeting process.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

Local Government Act 1995

Public Open Space Strategy 2021-2031

Community Infrastructure Plan 2023-2033

City of Stirling Skate and BMX Facility Strategy 2013

Meeting Date	Council Resolution Number	Council Resolution
7 July 2026	0726/032	1. That Councils NOTES a report will be presented to the Community and Resources Committee Meeting to be held 15 September 2026 identifying the planning framework and priority areas for regional and district public open space including a feasibility study to guide future infrastructure improvements at Yokine Regional Open Space (East)
19 May 2026	0526/036	1. That Council NOTES the Public Open Space Development Framework for Local and Community Parks (Attachment 1). 2. That Council NOTES the 5 Year Local and Community Reserve Upgrade Program (Attachment 2). 3. That Council NOTES the 6 Year Plus Program (Attachment 3). 4. That Council CONSIDERS the priority list annually through the Integrated Planning and Budgeting process.
21 November 2023	1123/015	1. That Council NOTES the engagement outcomes in relation to the Draft Community Infrastructure Plan 2023-2033 as shown in Attachment 1. 2. That Council NOTES the Community Infrastructure Plan 2023-2033 as shown in Attachment 2.
7 December 2021	1221/007	1. That Council ADOPTS the City's draft Public Open Space Strategy for the purposes of advertising for public comment, with a further report to be PRESENTED to Council detailing the outcomes of public consultation by April 2022. 2. That the City formally WRITES to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Western Australian Planning Commission to seek an urgent review of State Policy frameworks in relation to Public Open Space provision, along with investigation of options to provide additional Public Open Space through the Metropolitan Region Scheme.

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our community

Objective: An active and healthy City

Priority: Facilitate a range of recreation and leisure opportunities for everyone in the City

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Asset Stewardship & Financial Sustainability	If asset lifecycle, prioritisation and long-term funding are not aligned to service objectives and future delivery commitments, reliability and affordability will deteriorate, compromising service outcomes and financial sustainability.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Regional and District Open Spaces ⇩

Attachment 2 - 4-Year Planning Program ⇩

Attachment 3 - Current Year Projects ⇩

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Public Open Space Strategy 2021 - 2031

City of Stirling District and Regional Open Spaces

Reserve name	Reserve Type	Suburb	Ward
Grindleford Reserve	District	Balcatta	Osborne
Jones Paskin Reserve	District	Balcatta	Hamersley
Macedonia Park	District	Balcatta	Osborne
Rickman Delawney Reserve	District	Balcatta	Hamersley
Richard Guelfi Reserve	District	Balcatta	Hamersley
Roselea Estate District Reserve	District	Balcatta - Future	Osborne
Barry Britton Reserve	District	Balga	Balga
Camberwell Park	District	Balga	Balga
Celebration Park	District	Balga	Balga
Fernhurst Reserve	District	Balga	Balga
Linthorne Reserve	District	Balga	Balga
Princess Wallington Reserve	District	Balga	Balga
Breckler Park	District	Dianella	Inglewood
Bennett Park	District	Doubleview	Doubleview
Aintree Eglington Reserve	District	Hamersley	Hamersley
Walter Road Reserve	District	Inglewood	Inglewood
Wordsworth Reserve	District	Inglewood	Inglewood
Birralee Reserve	District	Innaloo	Doubleview
Yuluma Reserve	District	Innaloo	Doubleview
Karrinyup Reserve	District	Karrinyup	Hamersley
Kevin Langdon Reserve	District	Karrinyup	Hamersley
Millington Reserve	District	Karrinyup	Hamersley
Alexander Park	District	Menora	Lawley
Dryandra Pendula Reserve	District	Mirrabooka	Balga
Fragrant Gardens Reserve	District	Mirrabooka	Balga
Mirrabooka Reserve	District	Mirrabooka	Balga
Hamer Park and Inglewood Oval	District	Mount Lawley	Inglewood
Des Penman Reserve	District	Nollamara	Balga
Robertsbridge Reserve	District	Nollamara	Balga
Woodchester Reserve	District	Nollamara	Lawley
Charles Riley Reserve	District	North Beach	Coastal
Abbett Park	District	Scarborough	Coastal
Butlers Reserve	District	Scarborough	Coastal
Sheldrake Jardine Reserve	District	Stirling	Osborne
Grenville Reserve	District	Tuart Hill	Osborne
Robinson Reserve	District	Tuart Hill	Osborne
AS Luketina Reserve	District	Wembley Downs	Doubleview
Empire Avenue Reserve	District	Wembley Downs	Doubleview
Ted Cross Reserve	District	Westminster	Balga
Woodlands Reserve	District	Woodlands	Doubleview
Reader Reserve	District	Yokine	Lawley
Carine Regional Open Space	Regional	Carine	Hamersley
Dianella Regional Open Space	Regional	Dianella	Lawley

City of Stirling District and Regional Open Spaces

Lake Gwelup Regional Open Space	Regional	Gwelup	Hamersley
Yokine Regional Open Space	Regional	Yokine	Lawley

Planning scheduled 2026/2027								
Reserve Name	**Reserve Type**	**Suburb**	**Ward**	**Floodlights**	**Building**	**POS**	**Matrix Score***	**Notes**
Des Penman Memorial Reserve	District	Nollamara	Balga		x	x	18	Co-location of Tennis and Bowls
Stirling Leisure - Balga	District	Balga	Balga		x		18	Building Upgrade
Doubleview Bowling Club	District	Doubleview	Doubleview		x		17	EC Building upgrade
Yuluma Reserve	District	Innaloo	Doubleview		x	x	17	EC Building redevelopment
Dianella Regional Open Space	Regional	Dianella	Inglewood	x			17	Floodlight Upgrade 1 & 2
Yokine Regional Open Space	Regional	Yokine	Lawley	x	x	x	17	Feasibility/Site Plan
Rickman Delawney - Vasto Reserve	District	Balcatta	Hamersley	x	x		16	Changerooms
Woodchester Reserve	District	Nollamara	Lawley		x		16	Building Upgrade
Inglewood Parkland	District	Inglewood	Inglewood			x	12	Inglewood Parkland
Carine Regional Open Space	Regional	Carine	Hamersley			x	12	Netball Courts
Carine Regional Open Space	Regional	Carine	Hamersley			x	12	MTB Trail
Scarborough Beach - Northern Beach Hub	N/A	Scarbrough	Coastal			x	11	Basketball/Recreation
Mt Lawley Bowling Club Facility	District	Mt Lawley	Lawley		x		10	Building Refurb
Sandover Reserve	District	Karrinyup	Hamersley			x	9	EC MTB facility
Charles RIley Mem Reserve	District	North Beach	Coastal			x	4	Storage Upgrades

Planning scheduled 2027/2028								
Reserve Name	**Reserve Type**	**Suburb**	**Ward**	**Floodlights**	**Building**	**POS**		**Notes**
Mirrabooka Regional Open Space	DIstrict	Mirrabooka	Balga		x		19	Changeroom Upgrade
Richard Guelfi Reserve	District	Balcatta	Hamersley		x		17	Building Upgrade
Macedonia Park	District	Balcatta	Osborne	x		x	16	Floodlight and Park Upgrade
Karrinyup Reserve	District	Karrinyup	Hamersley		x		16	Changeroom Upgrade
Wordsworth Reserve	District	Inglewood	Inglewood	X	x		15	Building Renewal
Aintree Eglinton Reserve	District	Hamersley	Hamersley		x		13	New Clubroom
Linthorne Reserve	District	Balga	Balga		x		15	Changerooms
Camberwell Park	District	Balga	Balga		x		13	Building Renewal
Ted Cross Reserve	District	Westminister	Balga		x		12	C/Rooms Renewal
Barry Britton Reserve	District	Balga	Balga		x		12	Building Refurb
Woodlands Reserve	District	Woodlands	Doubleview	x			10	Floodlight Upgrade

Planning scheduled 2028/2029								
Reserve Name	**Reserve Type**	**Suburb**	**Ward**	**Floodlights**	**Building**	**POS**		**Notes**
North Beach Tennis Club	District	North Beach	Coastal		x		15	Building Renewal
Luketina Reserve	District	Wembley Downs	Doubleview		x		15	Building Refurb
Sheldrake Reserve	District	Stirling	Osborne	x			14	Floodlight Upgrade
Dianella Regional Open Space	Regional	Dianella	Inglewood		x		13	Building Renewal - Scout/Guide Hall
Laguna Bocce	District	Inglewood	Inglewood		x		12	Clubrooms/Arena
Dianella Regional Open Space	Regional	Dianella	Inglewood		x		10	Lacrosse/Cricket Toilet Renewal

Planning scheduled 2029/2030								
Reserve Name	**Reserve Type**	**Suburb**	**Ward**	**Floodlights**	**Building**	**POS**		**Notes**
Robinson Reserve	District	Tuart Hill	Osborne	x			14	Floodlight Upgrade
Empire Ave Reserve	District	Wembley Downs	Doubleview		x		12	Building Refurb
Woodlands Reserve	District	Woodlands	Doubleview		x		11	Building Upgrade
Butlers Reserve	District	Scarbrough	Coastal		x	x	9	Building and Park Upgrade

*Matrix score out of 24

Projects subject to funding
DOS and ROS projects are a minimum of a 3 year process
Year 1 - Needs development
Year 2 - Options/Concept development
Year 3 - Detailed design and procurement
Year 4 - Construction

2026/2027 Projects in progress						
Reserve Name	**Reserve type**	**Suburb**	**Ward**	**Project**	**External Funding**	**Status**
Works in progress						
Ted Cross Reserve	District	Westminister	Balga	Pitch Levelling	2025 Election Commitment	Completed
Charles Riley Memorial Reserve	District	North Beach	Coastal	3x3 Basketball Court	-	Completed
Scarborough Tennis Courts	District	Scarbrough	Coastal	Fencing upgrade	2025 Election Commitment	Completed
Bennett Park	District	Doubleview	Coastal	Floodlighting Upgrade		26/27 Construction
Bennett Park	District	Doubleview	Doubleview	Shade Structure	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Construction
Grindleford Reserve	District	Balcatta	Osborne	Path connection	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Construction
Sheldrake Reserve	District	Stirling	Osborne	Changeroom upgrades	CSRFF	Under construction
Robinson Reserve	District	Tuart Hill	Osborne	Community lighting upgrade	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Construction
Osborne Park Bowling Club	District	Tuart Hill	Osborne	Building upgrade	2025 Election Commitment	Under construction
Princess Wallington Reserve	District	Balga	Balga	Changeroom upgrades	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Detailed design
Fragrant Gardens	District	Mirrabooka	Balga	Changeroom upgrades	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Detailed design
Stirling Leisure - Hamersley	District	Hamersley	Hamersley	Performing Arts Centre	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Detailed design
Millington Reserve	District	Karrinyup	Hamersley	Clubroom upgrade	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Detailed design
Richard Guelfi Reserve	District	Balcatta	Hamersley	Baseball lighting upgrade	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Detailed design
Inglewood United Stadium	District	Inglewood	Inglewood	Floodlight upgrade	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Detailed design
Inglewood United Stadium	District	Inglewood	Ingleood	Changeroom upgrades		26/27 Detailed design
Alexander Park	District	Menora	Inglewood	Arts Facility / Community Outcomes	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Detailed design
Breckler Park	District	Dianella	Inglewood	Changeroom upgrades	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Detailed design
Jones Paskin Reserve	District	Balcatta	Hamersley	Shade shelter	2025 Election Commitment	Under review
Rickman Delawney-Vasto Reserve	District	Balcatta	Hamersley	Path connection	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Construction
Rickman Delawney	District	Balcatta	Hamersley	Pickleball Linemarking		26/27 Construction
Mirrabooka Regional Open Space	District	Mirrabooka	Balga	Floodlight upgrade	SSIF	Under construction
North Beach Bowling Club	District	North Beach	Coastal	Building Refurbishment	-	26/27 Construction
Princess Wallington Reserve	District	Balga	Balga	Shelter		26/27 Construction
Coolbinia Oval 1	District	Coolbinia	Lawley	Practice Nets extension		26/27 Construction
Yokine Regional Open Space	Regional	Yokine	Lawley	Athletics Infrastrucure	-	Under construction
Lake Gwelup Regional Open Space	Regional	Gwelup	Hamersley	Basketball Court	2025 Election Commitment	26/27 Construction
Lake Gwelup Regional Open Space	Regional	Gwelup	Hamersley	Pickleball Linemarking		26/27 Construction
Carine Regional Open Space	Regional	Carine	Hamersley	Community Parkland Upgrade	-	Under construction
Carine Regional Open Space	Regional	Carine	Hamersley	Netball court expansion	2025 Election Commitment	Under review
Carine Regional Open Space	Regional	Carine	Hamersley	Playground		Under construction

Councillor Michael Dudek disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/TE4 as a person close to him has a family member who is an employee of one of the tenderers.

12.2/TE4 79399 SCHEDULED BULK WASTE VERGESIDE COLLECTION TRIAL

Business Unit:	Waste and Fleet	Service: Waste Operations
Ward:	Balga	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Executive - *Governing the City and the community through executive powers.*

CALL FOR ONE-THIRD SUPPORT TO REVOKE A PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISION (COUNCIL RESOLUTION NUMBER 0825/021)

One-third support is required for the Motion, as per Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, which prescribes the following procedure for dealing with revoking or changing decisions made at Council or Committee Meetings:

"If a decision has been made at a Council meeting, then any motion to revoke or change the decision must be supported by at least one-third of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of members of the Council.

If supported by one-third of the members, then any decision to revoke a resolution of the Council is required to be passed by an Absolute Majority."

Mayor Mark Irwin AM called for support from one-third of the members of Council. Support to revoke Council's resolution in relation to Council Resolution Number 0825/021 was given by Councillors Krsticevic, Proud JP, Ferrante, Hatton, Perkov and Giudici.

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Ferrante

1. That Council DOES NOT ACCEPT any tender received for the provision of a scheduled bulk waste vergeside collection trial as no suitably qualified tenderer was identified.

2. That Council REVOKES its decision of 12 August 2025 (Council Resolution Number 0825/021 refers) as follows:

   "1. That Council PROCEEDS to run a bulk waste collection trial, within the suburbs of Balga, Mirrabooka, Nollamara and Westminster, during the 2026/27 and 2027/28 Financial Years, in which:

      a. During this two-year period, each of these suburbs will have one Bulk Verge Collection pickup scheduled; and

      b. Each property will also have the entitlement to order one skip bin on demand during this period (as opposed to two).

   2. That the City UNDERTAKES a post-trial resident survey and associated community consultation during and after the trial.

   3. That a report detailing the outcomes of the trial be PRESENTED to Council at the conclusion of the 2027/2028 Financial Year state the full resolution".

During debate, Councillor Michael Dudek moved a procedural motion that the Item be referred.

Council Resolution

0926/013

Moved Councillor Dudek, seconded Councillor Re

That the Item 79399 Scheduled Bulk Waste Vergeside Collection Trial be REFERRED to the next Community and Resources Committee meeting to be held Tuesday, 27 October 2026 to allow further consideration by Elected Members.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (10/3).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Giudici, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Councillors Ferrante, Hatton and Proud.

Committee Recommendation

1. That Council DOES NOT ACCEPT any tender received for the provision of a scheduled bulk waste vergeside collection trial as no suitably qualified tenderer was identified.

2. That Council REVOKES its decision of 12 August 2025 (Council Resolution Number 0825/021 refers) as follows:

   "1. That Council PROCEEDS to run a bulk waste collection trial, within the suburbs of Balga, Mirrabooka, Nollamara and Westminster, during the 2026/27 and 2027/28 Financial Years, in which:

      a. During this two-year period, each of these suburbs will have one Bulk Verge Collection pickup scheduled; and

      b. Each property will also have the entitlement to order one skip bin on demand during this period (as opposed to two).

   2. That the City UNDERTAKES a post-trial resident survey and associated community consultation during and after the trial.

   3. That a report detailing the outcomes of the trial be PRESENTED to Council at the conclusion of the 2027/2028 Financial Year state the full resolution".

Recommendation

That Council DOES NOT ACCEPT any tender received for the provision of a scheduled bulk waste vergeside collection trial as no suitably qualified tenderer was identified.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council DOES NOT ACCEPT any tender received for the provision of a scheduled bulk waste vergeside collection trial as no suitably qualified tenderer was identified.

Purpose

To report on the results from public Invitation for Tender (IFT) and the evaluation of tenders, in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

Details

Tender Description

The City of Stirling invites tenders from suitable qualified contractors for collection of bulk waste items from the Service Areas and the conveyance and discharge at the City's nominated facility for processing, as outlined in the Specification.

Service Areas comprise the suburbs of Balga, Mirrabooka, Nollamara, and Westminster.

Tender Details

IFT Number	79399	
IFT Title	Scheduled Bulk Waste Vergeside Collection Trial	
Contract Term	Initial: 3 Months	
Tendered Rates/Cost	Provided in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report	
Panel Allocation	Not Applicable	
Advertising:	Saturday 18 July 2026	The West Australian
Tender Deadline:	Monday 10 August 2026	2.00pm
Tender Opening:	Monday 10 August 2026	2.00pm

Tender Submissions

Two tenders were received, including alternative and non-conforming Tenders:

Tenderer	Trading Name
Stefna Family Trust	West Tip Waste Management
Handel Group Pty Ltd	Handel Group Pty Ltd

Contract

Commencement Date of New Contract: 1 October 2026

Completion Date of New Contract: 31 December 2026

Price Basis of New Contract: Schedule of Rates

Tender Evaluation Panel

The tender evaluation panel comprised of four members, including a Business Unit Manager (Chairperson) and three Officer(s). Process and probity advice during evaluation was provided by a City Procurement Officer.

Evaluation of Tenders

The objective of the evaluation panel is to recommend a suitably qualified and experienced Contractor or Contractors to satisfy the requirement of the above mentioned IFT.

Based on evaluation of the received submissions and subsequent compliance assessments, the Evaluation Panel recommend that the Tenderer(s) recommended in this report NOT be accepted, based on the weighted criteria outlined below:

Tender/Panel Name			
Tenderers		**Handel Group Pty Ltd**	**Stefna Family Trust t/as West Tip Waste Management**
Criteria	Weighting	Weighted Score	Withdrawal of tender
Section B: Experience	30%		
Section C: Project Details	30%		
Section D: Innovation	5%		
Non-Price	65%		
Price	35%		
Total Weighted Adjusted Score		46.5	

Evaluation Justification

The Tender Evaluation Panel does not recommend awarding the contract to Handel Group. The submission received a very low qualitative assessment outcome and, following clarification, did not adequately demonstrate that the respondent is suitably qualified or has the proven capacity, experience, methodology, resourcing, equipment, local operational presence, or subcontractor arrangements required to deliver a large-scale scheduled bulk waste vergeside collection trial to the standard required by the City.

In particular, the Panel remained concerned that Handel Group is based outside Western Australia, has no established WA operations base, and proposed to deliver the service through a subcontracted local delivery model. The clarification response identified a subcontractor, however the information provided did not adequately evidence comparable verge collection experience or confirm sufficient capacity to deliver the scope of services. The proposed plant and equipment was also not considered sufficient for the scale and complexity of the required collection program.

On this basis, Handel Group is not considered a suitably qualified provider for this procurement. Awarding the contract would present an unacceptable delivery, safety and reputational risk and would not represent an appropriate procurement outcome. The Panel therefore recommends that no contract be awarded under this process, as no suitably qualified provider has been identified.

The City has undertaken multiple procurement processes to secure a provider for the Bulk Verge Collection Trial. Following an initial quotation process in November 2025 and a subsequent WALGA panel quotation process in March 2026, Council resolved not to award the previous quotation and instead test the broader market through an open public tender process. Despite these efforts, the City has been unable to identify a suitably qualified provider capable of delivering the trial to the required standard.

Comment

All members of the evaluation panel have made a conflict of interest declaration in writing confirming they have no relationships with any of the tenderers.

It is confirmed that the following checks have been undertaken:

Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Reference Checks successfully?	NO
Not Applicable	
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Probity assessment and been deemed compliant?	NO
Not Applicable	
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Financial Viability assessment and been deemed acceptable?	NO
Not Applicable	
Was a Conflict of Interest declared? If yes, please specify how it was managed	NO
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone a Work Health and Safety assessment and been deemed acceptable?	NO
Not Applicable	

Financial Assessment and Implications

Provided in Attachment 1 to this report (confidential)

Stakeholder Engagement

Not applicable as the recommendation is to not award a contract. Stakeholder engagement activities associated with delivery of the trial are not proposed at this stage.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

The Tender has been conducted in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

City of Stirling Procurement Policy

Delegated Authority Register

Local Government Act 1995

Meeting Date	Council Resolution Number	Council Resolution
12 August 2025	0825/021	1. That Council PROCEEDS to run a bulk waste collection trial, within the suburbs of Balga, Mirrabooka, Nollamara and Westminster, during the 2026/27 and 2027/28 Financial Years, in which: a. During this two-year period, each of these suburbs will have one Bulk Verge Collection pickup scheduled; and b. Each property will also have the entitlement to order one skip bin on demand during this period (as opposed to two). 2. That the City UNDERTAKES a post-trial resident survey and associated community consultation during and after the trial. 3. That a report detailing the outcomes of the trial be PRESENTED to Council at the conclusion of the 2027/2028 Financial Year

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our leadership

Objective: Strive for operational efficiency and effectiveness while maintaining a safe working environment

Priority: Drive improvement and innovation to build capacity and increase efficiency and effectiveness

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Governance, Integrity & Compliance	If governance integrity or compliance practices degrade, then decisions and operations may breach obligations or erode trust, leading to regulatory action and impaired service legitimacy.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Evaluation & Price Modelling (previously circulated to Elected Members under confidential separate cover in accordance with section 5.23(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* - (c) the information contained in a tender received by the local government for a contract to the extent that the information (i) is a tendered price or (ii) a tendered methodology for calculating a price)

Attachment 2 - List of Directors

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

List of All Respondents' Directors and Shareholders

Respondent (ASIC registered) and Trading Name	Director or Shareholder's Name
Stefna Family Trust t/as West Tip Waste Management	Mile Todoroski
Handel Group Pty Ltd	Brett Stephen George

All Recommendation approvers are to remove themselves from the voting process if you have a conflict of interest with any of the individuals listed in this attachment

Council Resolution

0926/014

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Proud

That the balance of the Community and Resources Committee recommendations be ADOPTED by exception resolution in accordance with Clause 4.7 of the City of Stirling Meeting Procedures Local Law 2021.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

12.2/F1 SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS FOR PERIOD 1 ENDING 31 JULY 2026

Business Unit:	Finance Services	Service: Financial Accounting
Ward:	Not Applicable	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Information - *Receiving information about the City or its community.*

Council Resolution

0926/015

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Proud

That the schedules for Period 1, 1 July – 31 July 2026 comprising of:

1. Cheques drawn and payments made amounting to $32,404,282.17

2. Fuel Card Payments made amounting to $25,651.41

be RECEIVED.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0) by exception resolution.

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Committee Recommendation

That the schedules for Period 1, 1 July – 31 July 2026 comprising of:

1. Cheques drawn and payments made amounting to $32,404,282.17
2. Fuel Card Payments made amounting to $25,651.41

be RECEIVED.

Officer's Recommendation

That the schedules for Period 1, 1 July – 31 July 2026 comprising of:

1. Cheques drawn and payments made amounting to $32,404,282.17
2. Fuel Card Payments made amounting to $25,651.41

be RECEIVED.

Purpose

To inform Council of funds disbursed for the period 1 July – 31 July 2026.

Details

The reported schedules are submitted in accordance with Regulation 13 and 13A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. In June 2023, the Regulations were amended to include the requirement to report payments by purchasing cards (Regulation 13A) to be implemented by local governments by September 2023.

Fuel cards are considered purchasing cards and are used for the purchase of fuel for the City's vehicles and plant. The use of fuel cards is controlled with the card assigned to an individual vehicle, transactions limited to the purchase of fuel only and vehicle odometer readings recorded for each purchase. It should be noted that the full payment to Ampol is shown in the Payments Listing and the total amount on the fuel card report may differ due to the timing of invoices.

The value of payments made in the month includes new term deposit investments of surplus cash funds. The surplus cash funds available for investment will be impacted by the City's cashflow cycle including the value of term deposits maturing in the month. The value of new term deposits is the main cause of fluctuations in the level of payments from month to month. Other factors would include progress payments made for major capital projects.

Expenditure on Agency Staffing

The table below shows the spend on agency staffing to July 2026. The actual spends of $117,011 equates to 0.90% of the total spent on direct staffing by the City for the period.

Agency costs by Department	Year to date July 2026 Actual $	% of Total Staffing Cost	Explanation
Community Development	13,488	0.78%	Flexible staffing for Community Food services
Customer & Communications	8,080	1.34%	Short term cover for Graphic designer position
Engineering Services	27,767	2.23%	Temporary staff for maintenance & construction works
People	2,223	0.57%	Temporary vacancy cover
Parks & Environment	15,839	1.07%	Temporary staff to manage seasonal workload
Waste & Fleet	49,615	4.37%	Cover for Recycling Centre and Waste Collection staff
	117,011	**0.90%**	

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires that a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer is to be prepared each month and presented to the Council at the next ordinary meeting of Council after the list is prepared. Regulation 13A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires that a list of accounts paid includes payments via purchasing cards.
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996
Local Government Act 1995

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our leadership

Objective: Provide accountable and ethical governance

Priority: Comply with legislation, standards and obligations

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Governance, Integrity & Compliance	If governance integrity or compliance practices degrade, then decisions and operations may breach obligations or erode trust, leading to regulatory action and impaired service legitimacy.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Payment Listing July 2026 - ECM No. 11713328 (previously circulated to Elected Members under separate cover)

Attachment 2 - Ampol Purchase Card Report July 2026 - ECM No. 11713330 (previously circulated to Elected Members under separate cover)

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

12.2/F2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR PERIOD 1 ENDING 31 JULY 2026

Business Unit:	Finance Services	Service: Financial Planning
Ward:	Not Applicable	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Information - *Receiving information about the City or its community.*

Council Resolution

0926/016

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Proud

That the monthly Statement of Financial Activity and other relevant Financial Reports for the month ending 31 July 2026 be RECEIVED.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0) by exception resolution.

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Committee Recommendation

That the monthly Statement of Financial Activity and other relevant Financial Reports for the month ending 31 July 2026 be RECEIVED.

Officer's Recommendation

That the monthly Statement of Financial Activity and other relevant Financial Reports for the month ending 31 July 2026 be RECEIVED.

Purpose

To apprise Council of the financial position of the City in compliance with the provisions of Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 as amended.

Details

The City's financial reporting framework provides Council, management, and employees with a broad overview of the City-Wide financial position. The format for the financial report includes:

1. A financial summary comprising a Statement of Financial Activity (Attachment 1) and an explanation of each material variance in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 34 (see below).
2. The composition of net current assets, less committed assets, and restricted assets (Attachment 2) in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 34.
3. The Statement of Financial Position (Attachment 3) in accordance with requirements of regulation 35.
4. An Investment Report (Attachment 4) detailing the performance of the investment portfolio as required by the City's Investment Policy.

Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for Period 1 Ending 31 July 2026

It should be noted that the statement shown as Attachment 1 only includes transactions as they relate to the Municipal Fund, and it removes the non-cash items to allow an assessment of the City's dependency on rate levies.

Explanations of major variances between YTD Actual and YTD (Original) Budget for the month ended 31 July 2026 are as follows:

General Rates

The Rates Statements issued in July 2026 generated $286.04 million in revenue (this figure includes the Rates, Domestic Waste Charge, the Community Safety Service charge and the Emergency Services Levy revenue). $4.14 million of this debt including balances due from prior years have been collected by July 2026.

Operating Expenditure

1. Employee Costs

Employee costs are higher than the budget, with a 2% variance mainly due to:

- Long Service Leave Payments made to staff in July. This is a timing variance only as these payments will be offset by a reduction in the Long Service Leave Provision which is calculated on a quarterly basis.
- Internal Labour Recoveries being below budget for the month.

Internal labour recoveries were also below budget contributing to the variance. Labour recoveries relate to the transfer of internal staff time to maintenance services and capital projects, and the negative labour recovery variance is offset by reduced costs in these areas.

2. Materials & Contracts – Maintenance

This expenditure item has a positive variance of 45% mainly due to lower contractor costs for Parks and Facilities. It is anticipated that this will be a timing variance only.

3. Materials & Contracts – Other Works

This expenditure item has a positive variance of 28% mainly due to contract service costs and tipping fees for the Waste Services. Consultancy fees were also below budget for the month. These variances are expected to be timing variances only.

4. Utilities

This expenditure item has a positive variance of 19% mainly due to timing of electricity and gas invoices for City properties.

5. Insurance Expenses

This expenditure item has a positive variance of 100% as the motor vehicle insurance premium invoice was not received until August.

Operating Activities

6. Profit/ Loss on Disposal of Assets

This expenditure item has a negative variance of 100% as there were no asset disposals in July. This will be a timing variance only.

Investing Activities

7. Capital Grants and Subsidies

This revenue item has a positive variance mainly due to the timing of grants received from the Departments of Main Roads and Sports & Recreation.

8. Capital Expenditure

This expenditure item has a negative variance of 17% mainly due to the capitalisation of software costs in July. This is a timing variance only.

Financial Assessment and Implications

The administration is mandated by Council to operate in a financially sustainable and responsible manner. As such, the City ensures that it closely monitors its financials against approved budget.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

The monthly statement of financial activity is prepared in accordance with Regulation 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Local Government Act 1995

Meeting Date	Council Resolution Number	Council Resolution
1 April 1997	Item 10.2/A11	Monthly report must be provided to Council detailing the investment portfolio in terms of overall performance, percentage exposure of total portfolio by investment institution and in the case of managed investments, the changes in market value.

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our leadership

Objective: Provide accountable and ethical governance

Priority: Comply with legislation, standards and obligations

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Governance, Integrity & Compliance	If governance integrity or compliance practices degrade, then decisions and operations may breach obligations or erode trust, leading to regulatory action and impaired service legitimacy.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Statement of Financial Activity as at 31 July 2026 - ECM No. 11725149

Attachment 2 - Statement of Financial Position as at 31 July 2026 – ECM No. 11725145

Attachment 3 - Restricted Assets as at 31 July 2026 - ECM No. 11725139

Attachment 4 - An Investment Report as at 31 July 2026 – ECM No. 11719524

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

Statement of Financial Activity

As at period ended 31 July 2026

Account	Account Description	Notes	Actuals 31 July 2026 $	Ytd Budget 31 July 2026 $	Variance $	Variance %	Full Year Amended Budget $
Net surplus/(deficit) at start of financial year			24,464,762	46,622,950			46,622,950
Revenue from operating activitiess							
110	Security Service Charge		6,784,200	6,733,309	50,891	1%	6,750,000
120	Operating Grants & Subsidies		1,865,773	1,884,999	19,226	1%	14,546,985
130	Contributions & Donations		236,494	162,297	74,197	46%	2,150,565
140	Waste Service Charge		47,575,391	45,410,947	2,164,444	5%	51,291,362
150	Fees & Charges		2,103,036	2,078,718	24,318	1%	28,862,332
160	Interest Earnings		775,888	691,421	84,467	12%	11,650,029
170	Registrations, Licences & Permits		1,292,224	1,301,857	9,633	1%	5,851,390
340	Profit on Disposal of Assets	(6)	0	52,012	52,012	100%	624,144
			61,463,038	59,138,441			155,217,538
Expenditure from operating activities							
200	Employee Costs	(1)	(11,026,820)	(10,837,347)	189,474	2%	(130,204,399)
210	Materials & Contracts - Maintenance	(2)	(2,665,221)	(4,889,999)	2,224,778	45%	(58,691,759)
220	Materials & Contracts - Other Works	(3)	(5,754,262)	(8,039,572)	2,285,310	28%	(74,159,136)
240	Utilities	(4)	(609,760)	(749,567)	139,808	19%	(10,692,935)
250	Depreciation & Amortisation		(5,114,394)	(5,553,852)	439,458	8%	(65,406,460)
270	Insurance Expenses	(5)	0	(219,087)	219,087	100%	(2,272,249)
280	Other Expenditure		(122,454)	(123,446)	992	1%	(10,463,027)
350	Loss on Disposal of Assets	(6)	(8)	(69,314)	69,306	100%	(831,773)
			(25,292,919)	(30,482,185)			(352,721,739)
Amount attributed to operating activities			**36,170,118**	**28,656,256**			**(197,504,201)**
Depreciation on assets			5,114,394	5,553,852	439,458	8%	65,406,460
Profit/(Loss) on asset disposals			(8)	17,302	17,310	100%	207,630
Noncash movements in non current assets and liabilities			641,218	(1,237,357)			(14,848,285)
Total excluded from operating results			**5,755,604**	**4,333,798**			**50,765,805**
Investing activities							
Capital grants and subsidies		(7)	1,534,294	455,000	1,079,294	237%	21,823,419
Proceeds from disposal of assets		(6)	0	386,679	386,679	100%	4,640,150
Capital Expenditure		(8)	(2,071,117)	(1,762,747)	308,370	17%	(133,819,544)
Amount attibuted to investment activities			**(536,823)**	**(921,068)**			**(80,689,308)**
Financial activities							
Transfers from reserves			22,973	0			34,527,271
Amount attributed to financial activities			**22,973**	**0**			**(5,445,067)**
Amount raised from rates			185,003,765	184,716,457			186,249,822
Net surplus/(deficit) at start of financial year			250,880,400	263,408,393			0

City of Stirling
Statement of Financial Position
As at period ended 31 July 2026

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ASSETS	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	176,674,983
Trade receivables	300,201,368
Other financial assets at amortised cost	1,840,600
Inventories	6,819,277
Contract assets	1,915,710
Total Current Assets	487,451,939
NON CURRENT ASSETS	
Investments	58,275,204
Other financial assets at amortised cost	387,945
Investment Property	11,172,296
Other Receivables	2,521,843
Property, Plant & Equipment	824,533,484
Infrastructure	1,738,516,614
Inventory	59,098
Intangible assets	2,993,935
Right of use assets	706,094
Total Non Current Assets	2,639,166,512
TOTAL ASSETS	3,126,618,451
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Trade and other payables	66,226,988
Contract liabilities	1,809,214
Lease liabilities	192,402
Employee related provisions	21,700,189
Other provisions	17,528,180
Total Current Liabilities	107,456,974
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Lease liabilities	537,916
Employee related provisions	1,688,699
Total Non Current Liabilities	2,226,615
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**109,683,589**
NET ASSETS	**3,016,934,862**
EQUITY	
Accumulated Surplus	1,054,167,354
Transfer to Accumulated Surplus	22,973
Change in Net Assets resulting from Operations	222,708,178
Accumulated Surplus	1,276,898,504
Reserves - Cash Backed	150,736,983
Reserves - Asset Revaluation	1,589,299,374
TOTAL EQUITY	**3,016,934,862**

The Statement of Financial Position should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

Restricted Assets
As at 31 July 2026

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Current assets	
Cash & Equivalents	176,674,983
Receivables - Current	300,201,368
Other Assets	1,840,600
Inventories	6,819,277
Contract Assets	1,915,710
	487,451,939
Less current liabilities	
Creditors & Provisions	(83,832,939)
Other Liabilities - Current	(1,809,214)
Lease Liabilities - Current	(192,402)
Employee Provisions - Current	(21,704,949)
	(107,539,505)
Net current assets	379,912,434
Less Restricted assets Reserves	(150,736,983)
Add - cash backed leave	21,704,949
Net surplus/(deficit)	250,880,400

CITY OF STIRLING
CASH & INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 July 2026

	Short term Rating	Long-term Rating	Allocation %	AV RATE[1] %	TOTAL FUNDS $	MUNI FUNDS $	REST FUNDS $	TRUST FUNDS $	RESERVE FUNDS $
IN HOUSE INVESTMENTS									
Banks									
Bank of Queensland	A2	A-	21	4.67%	40,785,843	5,050,000	842,336		34,893,507
Bendigo / Adelaide Bank	A2	A-	5	4.54%	8,881,639				8,881,639
NAB	A1+	AA-	27	4.76%	52,821,080	2,950,000	14,844,029	38,579	34,988,472
Rabo Bank	F1	A+	5	4.60%	9,166,667				9,166,667
Sun Corp Metway	A1+	AA-	15	4.96%	28,300,315			17,256,833	11,043,482
Westpac	A1+	AA-	28	4.97%	54,509,916		1,959,027		52,550,889
TOTAL INVESTMENTS			**100**	**4.82%**	**$ 194,465,460**	**$ 8,000,000**	**$ 17,645,392**	**$ 17,295,412**	**$ 151,524,656**

[1] Average Rate for each bank relates to the investments held at monthend i.e. Total Funds balance

	INTEREST RECEIVED TO DATE	%	FULL YEAR BUDGET
INTEREST EARNED			
Municipal Fund	72,990	1.81%	4,037,419
Reserve Fund	590,906	9.53%	6,200,538
Restricted Fund	86,710	11.38%	762,072
TOTAL	**750,606**	**6.82%**	**11,000,029**

INTEREST RATES	JUL %	AUG %	SEP %	OCT %	NOV %	DEC %
AVGE EARNED RATE (ALL INVESTMENTS)	4.82					
BENCHMARK RATE	5.02	5.02	5.02	5.02	5.02	5.02

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
AVGE EARNED RATE (ALL INVESTMENTS)						
BENCHMARK RATE	5.02	5.02	5.02	5.02	5.02	5.02

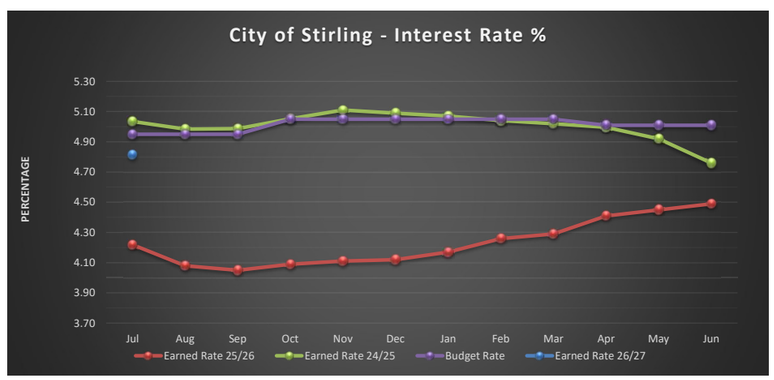
MARKET AVERAGE INTEREST RATES	At Call %	30 Day %	90 Days %	180 Days %	5 Yr Bond %	YTD Av %
FOR 2026-27 YEAR ONLY	4.35	4.26	4.46	4.77	4.55	4.50

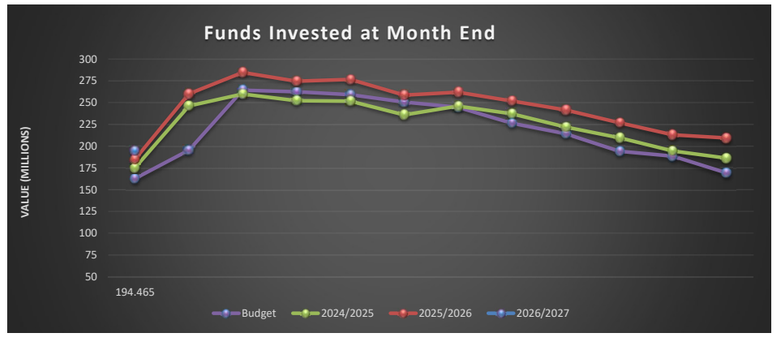
COMMENTARY

1 **The City of Stirling continues its cautious approach in managing and investing its funds and only invests funds as per the City's investment policy. To date the City only invests in approved and authorised institutions in line with the WA *Local Government Act 1995* and its Amendments 2012.**

2 **For this financial year 2026/27, the City continued its cash investments strategy with local banking institutions administrated in house. The City may also consider recommendations from approved advisors should the need arise.**

3 **This report is supported by detailed statements of borrowers of the City's funds with details thereto.**





TRUST FUND DETAILS	BALANCE $
Other Bonds	584,200
Right of Way Bonds	418,416
Payment in Lieu of Public Open Space	11,180,007
Town Planning Schemes	4,997,414
Other Trusts	20,785
FINANCE ONE	17,200,822
INVESTMENT REGISTER	17,295,412
Funds to be Transferred	**94,590**

RESERVE FUND DETAILS	BALANCE $
Asset Acquisition Reserve	115,274
Cash in Lieu of Public Open Space	2,003,353
Churchlands Lighting Reserve	2,000
Corporate Project Fund	7,945,265
Capital Investment Reserve	66,766,642
Investment Income Reserve	7,611,535
Leave Liability Reserve	16,174,583
Long Service Leave Reserve	1,120,478
Payment in Lieu of Parking Reserve	3,539,996
Plant Replacement Reserve	9,192,918
Public Parking Strategy Reserve	7,163,090
Road Widening Compensation Reserve	168,913
Scarborough Development Contribution Plan	315,101
ROW Improvement Works	0
Security Service Reserve	1,040,361
Strategic Waste Development Reserve	22,882,071
Tree Fund Reserve	1,514,669
Workers Compensation Reserve	3,180,734
FINANCE ONE	150,736,983
INVESTMENT REGISTER	151,524,656
Funds to be Transferred	**787,673**

RESTRICTED FUND DETAILS	BALANCE $
Builders Registration Board Levy	130,623
BCITF Levy	30,782
Client Bonds	1,000
Development Trust	6,230
Hall Hire Bonds	3,400
Payment in Advance	-
Other Rest Funds	9,445
Pay in Lieu POS	5,557,764
Performance Bonds	6,086,059
Section 152 Land	1,722,744
Street Trees Bonds	208,885
Unclaimed Monies	114,595
Other Bonds	9,431
Verge Bonds	3,649,012
FINANCE ONE	17,529,970
INVESTMENT REGISTER	17,645,392
Funds to be Transferred	**-115,422**

12.2/P1 URBAN TREE PLANTING AND HABITAT SUPPORT FOR THREATENED BLACK COCKATOOS

Business Unit:	Parks and Environment	Service: Conservation & Wildlife
Ward:	City Wide	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Executive - *Governing the City and the community through executive powers.*

Council Resolution

0926/017

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Proud

1. **That Council NOTES the report in relation to supporting threatened black cockatoos through tree planting across the City and supports the continued integration of black cockatoo habitat considerations into relevant planting, pruning, ecological mapping and tree management processes.**
2. **That Council CONSIDERS a new project proposal via the 2027/28 Integrated Planning and Budgeting process for funding to establish a Cockatoo Foraging Program, aimed at supporting habitat continuity where potential foraging habitat may be impacted by State led projects.**
3. **That the City INVESTIGATES adding relevant black cockatoo habitat information, including cockatoo feeding trees and other suitable ecological layers where appropriate, to the City's externally facing IntraMaps platform.**
4. **That Council CONTINUES to advocate for the undergrounding of power across the City to support increased canopy coverage and improved long term tree outcomes.**

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0) by exception resolution.

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Committee Recommendation

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Officer's Recommendation

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4. That Council CONTINUES to advocate for the undergrounding of power across the City to support increased canopy coverage and improved long term tree outcomes.

Purpose

To present a report to Council in relation to providing greater support to Western Australia's threatened black cockatoos, including the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo and the Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo, in line with Council Resolution Number 0326/009.

Details

The City's current approach is to support black cockatoo habitat through existing reserve planting programs, tree species selection, ecological corridor planning, tree protection and bird waterer planning, while balancing bird safety, public safety, infrastructure, maintenance and site suitability.

External guidance, including Murdoch University resources for local governments and the sector leading City of Swan's Black Cockatoo Conservation Action Plan, supports this approach by identifying food resources, vegetation corridors, roosting habitat, water availability and vehicle strike risk as key considerations for local government.

The following sections respond to each of the seven matters identified in the Notice of Motion.

Reviews the City's street and reserve tree species list and associated planting guidelines to assess opportunities to better support habitat for Western Australia's threatened black cockatoos, including consideration of prioritising Swan Coastal Plain tree species with demonstrated ecological feeding value.

The City currently supports opportunities for Western Australia's threatened black cockatoos through reserve planting programs and, where suitable, street tree species selection. In reserves, locally appropriate species are prioritised where they suit site conditions and the intended function of the reserve. Species selection considers ecological value, including known or potential feeding value for black cockatoos, alongside establishment success, maintenance requirements and long-term landscape function.

External guidance identifies *Banksia Sp.*, *Hakea Sp.* and ornamental nut trees as important black cockatoo food species for the Perth and Peel region. These species can be considered for reserve planting, revegetation and restoration where they are suited to local site conditions.

The City reviews its annual street tree planting program to support climate resilience, long term tree success and ecological suitability. Species selection is informed by a structured assessment process that considers diversity targets, nursery availability, community acceptance, soil suitability, surrounding infrastructure, streetscape character, heritage considerations, site constraints and current strategic direction. The annual review provides an opportunity to reassess species performance, respond to emerging environmental conditions and ensure planting decisions continue to balance ecological value, operational requirements and long-term urban forest outcomes. On verges, where an established dominant species remains suitable, it is generally continued to maintain neighbourhood character. Where it is no longer appropriate, a species suitable to the existing streetscape is selected.

Street tree planting is subject to additional constraints, including road safety, sightlines, underground and overhead services, available soil volume, resident preference and setbacks from traffic. In some locations, species that are highly attractive to black cockatoos may increase the likelihood of birds feeding close to roads, noting that vehicle strike is a recognised threat to black cockatoos. For this reason, black cockatoo feeding value is considered in street tree selection but is generally weighted more strongly in reserves, parks, and larger open space settings, where food trees can be established with fewer road safety and infrastructure constraints.

Murdoch University's *Keep Carnaby's Flying* guidance recommends setbacks when planting black cockatoo foraging trees on road verges and advises against planting them on median strips. These guidelines substantially limit the number of suitable street tree locations for black cockatoo foraging across the City (see Table 1).

Road Type	Speed Limit	Distance Between Tree Trunk and Kerb
Quiet suburban street verge	50 Km/h or less	At least 3-5 metres
Busy road verge	More than 50 Km/h	At least 10 metres

Table 1: Minimum recommended distances between black cockatoo foraging tree trunks and kerbs

For the 2026 winter tree planting program, the City has used 74 species across Reserve and Tree Plantings. Of these, 28 are species that may contribute to black cockatoo foraging, and 23 are habitat supporting species that may contribute to canopy, shelter, movement corridor or broader habitat values.

Species that may Contribute to Black Cockatoo Foraging		
Agonis flexuosa 'Burgundy'	*Corymbia calophylla*	*Jacaranda mimosifolia*
Allocasuarina fraseriana	*Corymbia eximia*	*Liquidambar styraciflua*
Araucaria heterophylla	*Corymbia ficifolia*	*Macadamia integrifolia*
Banksia ashbyi	*Eucalyptus decipiens*	*Melaleuca leucadendra*
Banksia attenuata	*Eucalyptus gomphocephala*	*Melaleuca rhaphiophylla*
Banksia grandis	*Eucalyptus marginata*	*Olea europaea*
Banksia littoralis	*Eucalyptus rudis*	*Pistacia chinensis*
Banksia menziesii	*Eucalyptus todtiana*	*Prunus dulcis*
Banksia prionotes	*Eucalyptus torquata*	
Callistemon salignus	*Hakea laurina*	

Species that may Contribute to Canopy, Shelter, Movement Corridor or Broader Habitat		
Angophora costata	*Eucalyptus cinerea*	*Lophostemon confertus*
Brachychiton discolor	*Eucalyptus cladocalyx 'Nana'*	*Melaleuca leucadendra*
Brachychiton populneus	*Eucalyptus leucoxylon subsp. megalocarpa*	*Melaleuca linariafolia*
Callistemon 'Kings Park Special'	*Eucalyptus macrandra*	*Melaleuca quinquenervia*
Corymbia citriodora	*Eucalyptus melliodora*	*Melaleuca viridiflora*
Corymbia maculata	*Eucalyptus nicholii*	*Metrosideros excelsa*
Cupaniopsis anacardioides	*Eucalyptus sideroxylon*	*Tristaniopsis laurina*
Eucalyptus camaldulensis	*Hibiscus tiliaceus*	

Considers how verge and reserve planting programs may support black cockatoo habitat within ecological movement corridors, including recognised regional green corridors and Perth NatureLink pathways.

Existing tree planting programs support ecological connectivity by strengthening links between parks, conservation reserves, streetscapes and other natural areas within the urban forest network. Planting in reserves and open spaces can provide food resources, shelter and movement opportunities for native fauna, including black cockatoos.

Where planting occurs within or near recognised ecological movement corridors, including regional green corridors and Perth NatureLink pathways, the City considers opportunities to prioritise species that contribute to habitat value and landscape connectivity. Verge planting can also provide canopy cover and stepping stone habitat across the urban landscape; however, species selection in road environments must also account for safety, site constraints and the risk of encouraging black cockatoos to feed too close to traffic.

This approach also aligns with external guidance that recognises vegetation corridors and mature native food trees as important for black cockatoos in urban areas. The City's Plant and Tree Giveaway also gives residents an opportunity to support habitat on private land by planting suitable black cockatoo feeding trees and shrubs in backyards.

The greatest opportunity to support black cockatoo habitat through planting is in reserves, conservation areas and larger green spaces where ecological function, safe foraging opportunities and establishment conditions can be more effectively managed. Street and verge planting will continue to contribute to canopy, shade and urban biodiversity outcomes while recognising the operational constraints that apply in road reserve settings.

Considers current tree pruning and canopy management practices for street and reserve trees with regard to ecological arboricultural best practice, including retention of canopy density and structural integrity where trees are not constrained by (single wire) overhead infrastructure.

The City prunes trees, where practicable, in accordance with Australian Standard AS4373:2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees. Pruning is undertaken as required and is primarily driven by safety, access, regulated infrastructure clearance, tree health and retention of sound structure. This includes clearance from overhead powerlines and service infrastructure, removal of hazardous branches, pedestrian and vehicle access, sightlines, regulatory signage visibility and removal of dead, dying, diseased or pest-affected material.

While it is not possible to fully apply AS4373:2007 to trees under powerlines where prescribed clearances must be achieved to ensure compliance with the 'Code of Practice for Personnel Electrical Safety for Vegetation Control Work Near Live Powerlines' under the State's Electricity Regulations 1945, the City still specifies under its Tree Maintenance contracts best practice pruning practices such as natural target pruning to ensure the best possible tree health outcomes are achieved.

Pruning outcomes differ between street and reserve environments. Street trees are more constrained by roads, services, pedestrian access, property interfaces and other infrastructure, which limits opportunities to retain lower canopy layers, deadwood or other habitat features where these may create an unacceptable risk. In reserves and other less constrained settings, there is greater scope to retain canopy density, natural form, structural complexity, deadwood and hollows where risk can be appropriately managed.

Current practices are consistent with operational and safety requirements and generally support retention of tree framework and structural integrity. Opportunities to retain canopy density, natural form and habitat features are considered where site conditions allow and where this can be achieved without compromising public safety, infrastructure clearance or access.

Advocacy opportunities continue to support the undergrounding of power across the City. Streets with underground power support increased canopy and provide greater opportunity to apply AS4373:2007 to the City's trees.

Investigates the feasibility of establishing ecological information registers and spatial mapping to assist future planning and decision-making, which may include:

i. Locally significant native food trees;
ii. Known or potential black cockatoo night and day roost sites (subject to appropriate protections); and
iii. Known nesting trees where data is available.

The City uses relevant State Government ecological datasets, including Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) spatial information (see Figure 1), species records and NatureLink, to inform environmental planning and decision-making. These datasets are complemented by site specific ecological condition assessments undertaken by the City.

The public can also directly access relevant State Government datasets through data.wa.gov.au and regional ecological connectivity information through naturelinkperth.org.

The site-specific condition assessments provide more detailed information on vegetation condition, habitat quality and ecological values at individual sites. Their findings inform recommendations for protection, restoration and improvement works, and support more consistent consideration of biodiversity outcomes across City managed land.

These datasets assist officers to identify relevant habitat values early in planning and to manage works near important ecological features more consistently across service areas.

The City will also investigate adding a filter to its externally facing IntraMaps platform to help identify cockatoo feeding trees within the street tree inventory.

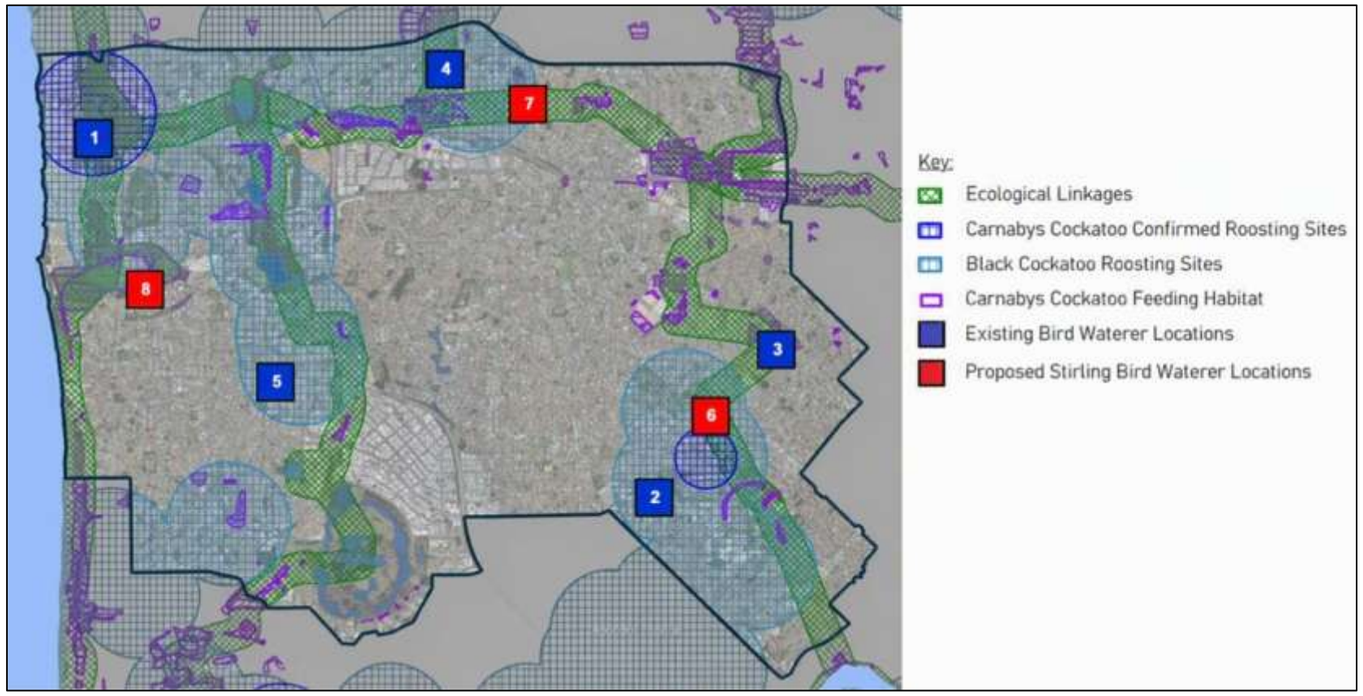


Figure 1: Ecological linages, black cockatoo roosting sites and bird waterers across the City

Considers opportunities to support habitat establishment in proximity to known roost locations, including the role of reliable water sources and other supporting habitat features.

Roosting sites are important for black cockatoos because they provide locations where birds can rest, sleep and gather. They are generally associated with tall, mature trees and are often located near feeding habitat and reliable water sources. The City has a number of unconfirmed roosting sites identified through external databases, although these records do not provide a complete representation of roosting activity across the City. Observations by the Conservation and Wildlife Service Unit indicate that black cockatoos also use a range of City reserves and green spaces for foraging and daytime resting.

City managed sites that support black cockatoo foraging or roosting values include Star Swamp, Carine Regional Open Space, Breckler Park, Dianella Regional Open Space, Trigg Bushland and Hamersley Public Golf Course. Other important sites, such as Coolbinia Bushland and Mount Lawley Golf Course, also contribute to the broader habitat network.

The City has previously assessed optimal locations for bird waterers to support native bird populations, including black cockatoos. A report to Council was presented on 28 May 2024 that included consideration for funding the City's first Bird Waterer. That assessment identified eight potential locations, with five installed to date and the remaining locations subject to future budget cycles, as shown in Figure 1.

Waterer placement requires careful consideration to ensure locations are near viable roosting or feeding habitat, support regional connectivity, avoid conflict with existing natural water sources and can be reliably maintained. The preferred long-term approach remains protection and improvement of existing wetland, bushland and conservation reserve habitat, with water supplementation used where it supports identified habitat needs.

DBCA guidance states that artificial hollows are most appropriate in known nesting areas where natural hollows are limiting and does not recommend installation in built up and urbanised areas of metropolitan Perth and Peel due to risks to breeding success and fledglings. As black cockatoos generally use the City for foraging and roosting rather than nesting, artificial hollows are not recommended as a habitat support measure within the City of Stirling.

Considers how habitat continuity may be maintained where removal of trees with ecological value is required, including the potential for staged replacement or succession planting approaches and the use of fast-establishing food species as interim habitat where appropriate.

Where removal of trees with ecological value is required, the City supports habitat continuity through replacement planting and, where feasible, succession planning. In conservation areas, dead trees are generally retained as habitat trees where they can safely remain, recognising their value for fauna, structural complexity and ecological function. Exceptions apply where trees are woody weed species or present an unacceptable hazard. This approach is also being considered more in a developed park context with success.

In street environments, trees that have been removed are replaced as soon as practicable, with species selection informed by streetscape character, the annual tree planting program review, site suitability and operational requirements. This supports continuity of canopy cover over time while recognising the constraints associated with road safety, services, access and available planting space.

In limited circumstances, most often in parks or less constrained open space settings, replacement planting may be established close to an existing tree before removal occurs. This can help maintain local canopy and habitat values while the replacement tree establishes. However, staged replacement opportunities depend on site conditions, available space, safety considerations, maintenance capacity and the timing and certainty of the proposed tree removal.

The City typically becomes aware of major development and infrastructure projects several years before works commence, as proponents are required to seek local government comment during the approvals process and often engage with the City early to build support for their proposals. This presents an opportunity to establish a proactive Cockatoo Foraging Program that identifies upcoming developments and prioritises the planting of black cockatoo foraging species, both native and exotic, in nearby parks and reserves ahead of habitat loss. Known projects such as the ECU Mount Lawley Redevelopment and the Reid Highway Erindale Road Grade Separation Project demonstrate how advance planning could be used to strengthen local foraging resources before impacts occur. This proposed program would also provide an opportunity to align with regional initiatives such as Corridors for Carnabys, led by Professor Kingsley Dixon.

Considers how relevant ecological information may be integrated into the City's environmental planning frameworks and spatial datasets to assist future planning, asset management and biodiversity outcomes.

Ecological corridor and habitat information is already integrated across the City's strategic, spatial and operational frameworks. At the strategic planning level, the Local Planning Strategy 2019 and Local Biodiversity Strategy 2010 identify the protection of ecological corridors as an important consideration for future land use, biodiversity conservation and environmental planning. Both strategies include mapped ecological corridor information that can inform planning, project design and decision-making.

The Urban Forest Plan 2018 reinforces this approach by recognising tree planting as a way to create green corridors for wildlife and support a connected urban forest.

The City Trees Policy embeds tree protection and habitat value in the City's operational policy framework by providing additional protection for habitat trees and remnant trees. This supports consideration of ecological value when decisions are made about tree protection, retention, pruning, removal and replacement planting.

State Government planning frameworks also support this approach. *Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million 2018* identifies the importance of protecting the green network and ecological linkages, while the *Urban Greening Strategy for Whadjuk and Bindjareb 2026* recognises green links as important for wildlife movement, including black cockatoos. This aligns with the City's focus on canopy, corridors, biodiversity and community participation.

This integrated approach is consistent with other local government examples, including the City of Swan and avoids duplicating existing City strategy, policy and operational frameworks.

Together, these documents demonstrate that ecological corridor and habitat information is already reflected in the City's planning, biodiversity, urban forest and tree management frameworks. The key opportunity is to continue maintaining and aligning these datasets and decision making tools, so they are used consistently across service areas to support future planning, asset management and biodiversity outcomes.

Financial Assessment and Implications

The estimated $50,000 allocation to establish a Cockatoo Foraging Program is preliminary and would be refined through project scoping and site selection then provided for consideration in the 2027/28 Integrated Planning and Budgeting process.

Stakeholder Engagement

If the Cockatoo Foraging Program is supported for the 2027/28 Budget, community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with the City of Stirling's Community Engagement Policy, which outlines the City's commitment to best practice, meaningful and inclusive engagement. To ensure a consistent approach, business unit activities are delivered in line with the Business Unit Consultation Procedures, which are reviewed annually and provide practical guidance on minimum standards, including consultation requirements, impacted consultation radius, consideration of submissions and reporting formats.

Options Summary

The following options were considered, presented in the order in which they are recommended.

OPTIONS	
1.	1. That Council NOTES the report presented in relation to supporting threatened black cockatoos through tree planting across the City and supports the continued integration of black cockatoo habitat considerations into relevant planting, pruning, ecological mapping and tree management processes. 2. That Council CONSIDERS a new project proposal via the 2027/28 Integrated Planning and Budgeting process for funding to establish a Cockatoo Foraging Program, aimed at supporting habitat continuity where potential foraging habitat may be impacted by State led projects. 3. REQUESTS Officers to investigate adding relevant black cockatoo habitat information, including cockatoo feeding trees and other suitable ecological layers where appropriate, to the City's externally facing IntraMaps platform. 4. CONTINUES to advocate for the undergrounding of power across the City to support increased canopy coverage and improved long term tree outcomes.
2.	1. That Council NOTES the report presented in relation to supporting threatened black cockatoos through tree planting across the City.

Recommended Action

The recommended course of action is for Council to endorse a practical, staged and integrated approach to supporting threatened black cockatoos across the City. This approach recognises that black cockatoo habitat outcomes are already being considered through reserve planting programs, tree species selection, pruning practices, ecological mapping, condition assessment and tree management processes while also identifying opportunities to strengthen habitat continuity over time.

Council should continue embedding black cockatoo habitat considerations into relevant operational and strategic decision making, including the retention of existing habitat features where safe and appropriate, targeted planting of suitable foraging species, staged replacement where habitat trees may be lost, and the use of ecological mapping to better inform future planning. This case by case approach enables the City to balance ecological benefit with public safety, infrastructure constraints, maintenance capacity, budget availability, long term tree establishment and broader community outcomes.

To provide a more targeted response where habitat may be affected by State led works, Council could consider a new project proposal through the 2027/28 Integrated Planning and Budgeting process to establish a Cockatoo Foraging Program. The program would focus on planting suitable foraging trees and shrubs in priority locations where existing or potential habitat may be reduced within coming years, supporting habitat continuity while allowing funding, timing and delivery requirements to be assessed through the City's established budget process.

Council should also request Officers to investigate whether relevant black cockatoo habitat information, such as cockatoo feeding trees and suitable ecological layers, can be added to the City's externally facing IntraMaps platform where appropriate. This would improve transparency, support community awareness and provide a stronger evidence base for future planning. Continued advocacy for underground power remains an important complementary action, as it would support increased canopy coverage, improved long term tree outcomes and greater opportunities for habitat planting across public open space.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

Local Government Act 1995
Local Biodiversity Strategy 2010
Local Planning Strategy 2019 - Part 1
Local Planning Strategy 2019 – Part 2
Urban Forest Plan 2018
City Trees Policy
Urban Greening Strategy 2026

Meeting Date	Council Resolution Number	Council Resolution
17 March 2026	0326/009	That a report be PRESENTED to Council no later than September 2026 which: a. Reviews the City's street and reserve tree species list and associated planting guidelines to assess opportunities to better support habitat for Western Australia's threatened black cockatoos, including consideration of prioritising Swan Coastal Plain tree species with demonstrated ecological feeding value. b. Considers how verge and reserve planting programs may support black cockatoo habitat within ecological movement corridors, including recognised regional green corridors and Perth NatureLink pathways. c. Considers current tree pruning and canopy management practices for street and reserve trees with regard to ecological arboricultural best practice, including retention of canopy density and structural integrity where trees are not constrained by (single wire) overhead infrastructure. d. Investigates the feasibility of establishing ecological information registers and spatial mapping to assist future planning and decision-making, which may include: i. Locally significant native food trees; ii. Known or potential black cockatoo night and day roost sites (subject to appropriate protections); and iii. Known nesting trees where data is available. e. Considers opportunities to support habitat establishment in proximity to known roost locations, including the role of reliable water sources and other supporting habitat features. f. Considers how habitat continuity may be maintained where removal of trees with ecological value is required, including the potential for staged replacement or succession planting approaches and the use of fast-establishing food species as interim habitat where appropriate. g. Considers how relevant ecological information may be integrated into the City's environmental planning frameworks and spatial datasets to assist future planning, asset management and biodiversity outcomes.
28 May 2024	0524/029	1. That Council lists for CONSIDERATION funding for improvements at La Grange Dongara Reserve, Innaloo during the 2025/2026 annual budget process following community engagement on proposed improvements; and 2. That Council lists for CONSIDERATION funding for a bird waterer be installed at Millet Park, Innaloo and Rannoch Tay Ern Reserve, Hamersley during the 2024/2025 annual budget process

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our natural environment

Objective: A biodiverse City

Priority: Undertake conservation, protection and enhancement of natural ecosystems and biodiversity

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Climate Transition & Environment	If the City under-delivers on emissions, water and waste outcomes or fails climate resilience for assets/services, then costs, compliance exposures and community impacts increase.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Nil.

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

Councillor Rob Paparde disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/SP1 as he is a member of a group proposed to receive grant funding.

Councillor Stephanie Proud JP disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/SP1 as she has a long-term relationship with Metso since being sponsored by the City.

Councillor Elizabeth Re disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/SP1 as some of the associations are known to her.

12.2/SP1 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM JULY 2026 ROUND - LARGE GRANTS

Business Unit:	Strategy and Performance	Service: Strategy & Performance
Ward:	City Wide	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Executive - *Governing the City and the community through executive powers.*

Council Resolution

0926/018

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Proud

That Council APPROVES the Community Grants Program July 2026 Round Large Grant recommendations for a total grant funding amount of $108,193 (including Value in Kind) as contained in Attachment 1.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0) by exception resolution.

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Committee Recommendation

That Council APPROVES the Community Grants Program July 2026 Round Large Grant recommendations for a total grant funding amount of $108,193 (including Value in Kind) as contained in Attachment 1.

Officer's Recommendation

That Council APPROVES the Community Grants Program July 2026 Round Large Grant recommendations for a total grant funding amount of $108,193 (including Value in Kind) as contained in Attachment 1.

Purpose

To approve the Community Grants Program July 2026 Round Large Grant applications that have been recommended for funding by the City's internal grant assessment panels.

Details

On 1 July 2026, the City launched its 2026/2027 Community Grants Program, a centralised approach to the distribution of grants to the community. The Community Grants Program Guidelines provide detail on eligibility requirements and priorities for the program, outlining that grant funds will be distributed to the community via five grant streams:

- Active and Healthy Communities;
- Innovative and Productive Communities;
- Locally led and Creative Communities;
- Sustainable Communities; and
- Vibrant Communities.

An overview of the priorities and eligibility criteria for each grant stream can be found on the City's website at www.stirling.wa.gov.au/grants. Three types of grants are available - small, medium and large in the July 2026 Round. Grant applications are assessed by a panel of City officers who provide recommendations for funding.

Small and medium grants, which are those recommended by the panel to receive $20,000 or less, are submitted to a City Director for approval. As per the Guidelines, those applications recommended by the panel to receive $20,001 or more are submitted to Council for approval. To ensure transparency for our community, all successful grant projects are published on the City's website. This allows community members to see how grant funding is allocated and how funded projects are contributing to positive outcomes across the City.

Eligible applications are assessed by a Grant Assessment Panel utilising the five set assessment criteria, with each criterion weighted at 20% as follows:

Criterion	Description	Weight
1 – Aims, Outcomes & Objective Alignment	Detailed explanation of initiative and how it aligns with the grant stream objectives	20%
2 – Community Need & Benefit	Identified community need for initiative that will directly benefit the Stirling community	20%
3 – Community Reach & Support	Identified a target audience and know how they will promote the initiative to them	20%
4 – Quality, Experience & Planning	Applicant has the capacity to deliver the initiative	20%
5 – Financial Considerations	Budget demonstrates value for money, is achievable and expenditure evidence has been provided	20%

A score out of 10 for each measure is provided by each Assessment Panel member and this score is weighted and combined to provide a final score out of 100. The scores awarded by each assessment panel member are averaged to determine the final assessment score.

July 2026 Round - Large Grant Recommendations

The July round of the Community Grants Program opened 1 July 2026 and closed 31 July 2026 with 32 small, 33 medium and 12 large applications received. Of the 12 large grant applications, three applications have been recommended for funding by the City's Assessment Panels with a total funding support of $108,193 (including Value in Kind). Nine applications were deemed ineligible or not supported.

A summary of the recommended July 2026 Large Grant Applications are outlined in the table below:

Applicant	Activity	Grant Stream	Previous Funding 2025-2026	Funding Requested	Panel Score	Funding Recommendation
Scarborough Beach Association	Carols at Scarborough 2026	Vibrant Communities	**$42,500** Grant: $37,500 Value in Kind: $5,000	**$51,321** Grant: $45,600 Value In Kind: $5720.80	66	**$40,721** Grant: $35,000 Value in Kind: $5,720.80 **Conditions of grant outlined in Attachment 1**
Ozzy Samba School Inc	Brazilian Beach Carnival 2027	Vibrant Communities	**$37,472** Grant: $35,000 Value in Kind: $2,472	**$52,119** Grant: $49,500 Value In Kind: $2619.00	63	**$37,472** Grant: $35,000 Value in Kind: $2,472 **Conditions of grant outlined in Attachment 1**
Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Inc	MetSO Community Music 2027 Program	Locally Led and Creative Communities	**$22,500** Grant: $10,000 Value in Kind: $12,500	**$30,000** Grant: $10,000 Value In Kind: $20,000	86	**$30,000** Grant: $10,000 Value in Kind: $20,000
Total Funding Support Recommended						**$108,193 (Inc. Value In Kind)**

The City's Community Grants Assessment Panel assessed each application against a robust set of criteria, including alignment with the City's strategic objectives, value for money, the quality and adequacy of supporting information, funding capacity and the anticipated benefit to the community.

An overview of the assessment is provided in Attachment 1, including details of the proposed activity, the Assessment Panel score, the recommended level of funding support and any applicable grant conditions.

All approved small, medium and large grant recipients will be published on the City's website once grant agreements have been executed by all parties.

Financial Assessment and Implications

The City's Community Grants Program is designed to build a sustainable, inclusive, and vibrant community through transparent and equitable funding processes. Grant funding has been recommended for activities that demonstrate the greatest community benefit, taking into consideration alignment with program objectives, assessment outcomes and the available budget.

The Panel highlighted the importance of event organisers considering long-term financial sustainability and adapting event scale and delivery to respond to current economic conditions and in recognition of cost-of-living pressures affecting residents. Applicants are encouraged to diversify revenue sources through sponsorship, partnerships and other funding opportunities. Given the increasing prevalence of naming rights in sponsorship arrangements, the City will update its Community Grants Guidelines to provide greater clarity around branding and acknowledgement requirements, particularly where the City's financial contribution exceeds that of a proposed naming rights sponsor.

A total allocation of $600,000 has been included in the City's 2026/27 Integrated Planning and Budget for the Community Grants Program. The Large Grant funding recommendations from the July 2026 funding round, totalling up to $108,193 (including Value in Kind support), are within the approved budget allocation.

Stakeholder Engagement

The Community Grants Program was promoted extensively between May and July 2026 through a coordinated communications campaign, including social media, e-newsletters, digital advertising across City libraries and targeted stakeholder communications. Collectively, e-newsletter promotions reached more than 163,000 recipients.

To support awareness and encourage high-quality applications, the Community Grants Program webpage served as a central information hub, providing guidance, frequently asked questions and application resources. In addition, previous grant applicants were directly notified of the funding round opening via a dedicated grants e-newsletter.

The City also provides pre-lodgement support to assist applicants in developing competitive grant applications. In June 2026, three free grant writing workshops were also delivered to support community members in navigating the application process. These sessions provided an overview of the Community Grants Program and funding guidelines, with grant support officers available to assist attendees in identifying the most appropriate grant stream and understanding the requirements for a successful application.

The City will continue to work collaboratively with grant recipients throughout the planning and delivery phases to ensure funding outcomes are achieved and any conditions are appropriately addressed. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application and provided with feedback outlining the rationale for the funding decision, including applicants that were successful, unsuccessful, or deemed ineligible.

Recommended Action

It is recommended that Council approves the Community Grants Program July 2026 Large Grant Round recommendations for a total funding contribution of up to $108,193.00 (including Value in Kind) and in accordance with funding conditions as per Attachment 1.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

Community Grants Program Policy and Guidelines.

Local Government Act 1995

Meeting Date	Council Resolution Number	Council Resolution
20 June 2023	0623/023	“That Council ADOPTS the City of Stirling Community Grants Policy, to replace the Community Arts and Events Policy; the Grants and Funding Policy; and the Financial Assistance, Donations, Grants and Recognition Policy.”

Sustainable Stirling 2022-2032

Key Result Area: Our leadership

Objective: A well-governed City

Priority: Comply with legislation, standards and obligations

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Governance, Integrity & Compliance	If governance integrity or compliance practices degrade, then decisions and operations may breach obligations or erode trust, leading to regulatory action and impaired service legitimacy.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Community Grants Program July 2026 Round - Large Grant Recommendations ⇩

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

Community Grants Program July 2026 Funding Recommendations

Applicant:	**Scarborough Beach Association**
Activity:	**Carols at Scarborough 2026**
Date:	**13 December 2026**
Location:	**Scarborough Foreshore Amphitheatre**
Grant stream:	**Vibrant Communities – Large Grants**

Assessment

Total Averaged Weighted Panel Score = 66

What is the activity?	Carols at Scarborough is held annually each December at the Scarborough Beach Amphitheatre. The free event celebrates the festive season and promotes community connection through live performances from the Australian Army Band Perth, choir and local artists, as well as a visit from Santa and a fireworks display.	**Average Weighted Panel Score 13.5**
Why is it important?	Attracting an estimated 5,000 to 7,000 attendees, it fosters community connection and participation and delivers broader tourism and economic benefits to the local area. As a free, family-friendly event and demonstrated attendance, it is aligned with the program's objectives of supporting high-impact local free community initiatives.	**Average Weighted Panel Score 27.5**
How will it be delivered?	Scarborough Beach Association will partner with Neuromuscular WA to deliver the event. Proceeds raised also support Neuromuscular WA as the nominated charitable beneficiary.	**Average Weighted Panel Score 24.5**

Recommendation and Funding Conditions

The panel recognised Carols at Scarborough as an iconic event that brings the community together to celebrate the festive season. The applicant has identified $28,200 in proposed sponsorship and local business support, including a Naming Rights Sponsor. A further $29,500 is proposed through a Lotterywest WA application, however this funding remains unconfirmed. No direct financial contribution to the event has been currently identified from the Scarborough Beach Association or Neuromuscular WA. While recognising the strong community value of Carols at Scarborough, the Panel noted the City's proposed contribution would exceed that of the proposed Naming Rights Sponsor. As such, discussions and inclusion in the grant agreement regarding appropriate sponsor recognition and event branding is recommended to ensure the City's investment is appropriately acknowledged.

Total Activity Budget	Requested Funds	Funded in 2025/26	Recommended Funding
$104,712	**$51,321.00** Grant: $45,600 Value In Kind $5720.80	**$42,500.00** Grant: $37,500 Value in Kind: $5,000	**$40,721.00** Grant: $35,000 Value In Kind: $5,720.80 *(Venue hire and waste management)*

Community Grants Program July 2026 Funding Recommendations

Applicant:	**Ozzy Samba School Inc**
Activity:	**Brazilian Beach Carnaval 2027**
Date:	**27 February 2027**
Location:	**Scarborough Amphitheatre and The Esplanade Foreshore**
Grant stream:	**Vibrant Communities – Large Grants**

Assessment

Total Averaged Weighted Panel Score = 63

What is the activity?	A free event held at Scarborough Beach. Celebrates Brazilian culture through music, dance, food and entertainment. The event includes a street carnival parade, live performances, beach activities, food vendors and interactive experiences for all ages.	**Average Weighted Panel Score** **16**
Why is it important?	The event celebrates cultural diversity and fosters community connection through arts and cultural participation. Free pre-event workshops provide opportunities for community members to learn Brazilian percussion and dance, culminating in participation in the carnival. The event attracts the local Brazilian community as well as visitors from across the broader Perth region, with attendance estimated at more than 5,000.	**Average Weighted Panel Score** **28**
How will it be delivered?	Ozzy Samba School will deliver a series of free community drumming and dance workshops in the lead-up to the event. The main event will feature roving street parades of drummers and dancers, samba, folklore and capoeira performances, live music, food vendors, beach-based activities and family entertainment.	**Average Weighted Panel Score** **18.5**

Recommendation and Funding Conditions

The event is expected to attract more than 5,000 attendees and has identified funding from sponsors (to be confirmed), Lotterywest WA, vendors and applicant contributions. Given the available Community Grants Program 2026-2027 budget and strong demand for limited funding, the Panel considered it appropriate to maintain funding at the previous financial year level. The Panel also noted the importance of event organisers scaling delivery to align with available funding, sponsorship and other revenue sources.

Funding is conditional upon the satisfactory acquittal of the organisation's current grant in accordance with the City's Community Grants Guidelines.

Total Activity Budget	Requested Funds	Funded in 2025/26	Recommended Funding
$121,733	**$52,119.00** Grant: $49,500 Value In Kind $2619.00	**$37,472.00** Grant: $35,000 Value In Kind: $2,472	**$37,472.00** Grant: $35,000 Value In Kind: $2,472 *(Venue hire; waste and development application fees)*

Community Grants Program July 2026 Funding Recommendations

Applicant:	**Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Inc**
Activity:	**MetSO Community Music 2027 Program**
Date:	**January 2027 – December 2027**
Location:	**City of Stirling**
Grant stream:	**Locally Led & Creative Communities – Large Grants (including Value in Kind)**

Assessment

Total Averaged Weighted Panel Score = 86

What is the activity?	MetSO Community Music 2027 is a year-round program providing public performances, rehearsals, workshops, scholarships and volunteer opportunities for community musicians and audiences of all ages across the City of Stirling.	**Average Weighted Panel Score** **17**
Why is it important?	The program provides significant community benefit by increasing access to arts and cultural participation, supporting local musicians and volunteers and fostering social connection through inclusive, low-cost community experiences. It is expected to reach approximately 3,000 City of Stirling residents through free and low-cost activities, including dedicated concerts for children, seniors and culturally diverse communities.	**Average Weighted Panel Score** **34**
How will it be delivered?	Metropolitan Symphony Orchestra Inc will deliver the program through its volunteer-led ensembles and partnerships with local schools, libraries, aged-care facilities and community organisations. The program includes four concerts at Churchlands Senior High Concert Hall, four Parkland Villas concerts, North Beach ensemble and children's concerts, library performances, a Seniors Week concert, weekly rehearsals at North Beach and Yokine Community Facilities, workshops and artist and instrument scholarship programs.	**Average Weighted Panel Score** **35**

Recommendation and Funding Conditions

The panel recognised the program's broad community reach, accessible music activities and strong volunteer and partnership support. The panel recommends grant funding of $10,000 with $20,000 value-in-kind support for City of Stirling direct managed facility venue hire.

Total Activity Budget	Requested Funds	Funded in 2025/26	Recommended funds
$80,760	**$30,000** **Grant: $10,000** **Value in Kind: $20,000**	**$22,500** **Grant: $10,000** **Value In Kind: $12,500**	**$30,000** **Grant: $10,000** **Value In Kind: $20,000** *(Venue hire)*

12.2/TE1 79073 PROVISION OF CLEANING SERVICES

Business Unit:	Facilities, Projects and Assets	Service: Facility Management
Ward:	City Wide	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Executive - *Governing the City and the community through executive powers.*

Council Resolution

0926/019

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Proud

That the tender from Pickwick Group Pty Ltd for the Provision of Cleaning Services tender be ACCEPTED, based on the Schedule of Rates as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0) by exception resolution.

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Committee Recommendation

That the tender from Pickwick Group Pty Ltd for the Provision of Cleaning Services tender be ACCEPTED, based on the Schedule of Rates as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1.

Officer's Recommendation

That the tender from Pickwick Group Pty Ltd for the Provision of Cleaning Services tender be ACCEPTED, based on the Schedule of Rates as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1.

Purpose

To report on the results from public Invitation for Tender (IFT) and the evaluation of tenders, in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

Details

Tender Description

The City of Stirling (City) are seeking to engage a suitably experienced and resourced Contractor to provide cleaning services across a range of City facilities located throughout the City. The objective of this contract is to ensure City buildings and amenities are maintained in a clean, safe, hygienic, presentable condition for staff, visitors, and the broader community.

The City requires commercial cleaning, including duct, filter & high-level cleaning of its public buildings and facilities consisting of the following two main groups:

- Group 1 – Public Toilet Facilities
- Group 2 – Community & Administration Facilities:
  a) Recreation Centres
  b) Community Centres and Halls
  c) Public Libraries
  d) City of Stirling Civic and Administration Centre
  e) Administration Offices

Tender Details

IFT Number	79073	
IFT Title	Provision of Cleaning Services	
Contract Term	Initial:	Three Years
	Extension Options:	Four options to extend for one year each
Tendered Rates/Cost	Provided in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report	
Advertising:	Saturday 27 June 2026	The West Australian
Tender Deadline:	Wednesday 29 July 2026	2.00pm
Tender Opening:	Wednesday 29 July 2026	2.00pm

Tender Submissions

Thirteen tenders were received, including alternative and non-conforming Tenders:

Tenderer	Trading Name
Blackstone Group Holdings Pty Ltd	
Brighttmark Group Pty Ltd	
Briteshine Cleaning & Maintenance Services Pty Ltd	
CleanPro Work Place Services Pty Ltd	Cleanpro (Perth)
Cube 4 Services Pty Ltd	
Iconic Property Services Pty Ltd	
Intelife Group Limited	Civitus
Office Cleaning Experts Pty Ltd	OCE Facility Services
Pickwick Group Pty Ltd	
SERVICEFM Pty Ltd	
The Trustee for Panich Family Trust	DMC Cleaning
Uniting Global Pty Ltd	
V.D.G. PTY. LTD.	

Contract

Commencement Date of New Contract: 1 November 2026

Completion Date of New Contract: 31 October 2029

Price Basis of New Contract: Schedule of Rates

Tender Evaluation Panel

The tender evaluation panel comprised of four members, including a Business Unit Manager (Chairperson) and Officers. Process and probity advice during evaluation was provided by a City Procurement Officer.

Evaluation of Tenders

The objective of the evaluation panel is to recommend a suitably qualified and experienced Contractor or Contractors to satisfy the requirement of the above-mentioned IFT.

Based on evaluation of the received submissions and subsequent compliance assessments, the Evaluation Panel recommend that the Tenderer(s) recommended in this report be accepted at the estimated Contract value and Contract term provided above, based on the weighted criteria outlined below:

79073 Provision of Cleaning Services								
Tenderers		Blackstone Group Holdings Pty Ltd	Brighttmark Group Pty Ltd	Briteshine Cleaning & Maintenance Services Pty Ltd	CleanPro Work Place Services Pty Ltd T/As Cleanpro (Perth)	Cube 4 Services Pty Ltd	Iconic Property Services Pty Ltd	Intelife Group Limited T/As Civitus
Criteria	Weighting	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score
Section A: Experience	30%							
Section B: Project Details	35%							
Section C: Sustainability	5%							
Non-Price	70%							
Price	30%							
Total Weighted Adjusted Score		36	61	58	38.5	31	53.5	48
Ranking		12	2	3	11	13	6	9

79073 Provision of Cleaning Services							
Tenderers		Office Cleaning Experts Pty Ltd T/As OCE Facility services	Pickwick Group Pty Ltd	SERVICESFM Pty Ltd	The Trustee for Panich Family Trust T/As DMC Cleaning	Uniting Global Pty Ltd	V.D.G.PTY.LTD.
Criteria	Weighting	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score
Section A: Experience	30%						
Section B: Project Details	35%						
Section C: Sustainability	5%						
Non-Price	70%						
Price	30%						
Total Weighted Adjusted Score		56.5	69	53	54	53	45
Ranking		4	1	7	5	7	10

Evaluation Justification

The Tender Evaluation Panel (TEP) recommends awarding the contract to Pickwick Group Pty Ltd based on the combined non-priced and priced scores providing overall quality and value for money. Further evaluations, including probity, financial, and Workplace Health & Safety assessments, did not identify any issues that would prohibit the award.

Pickwick Group Pty Ltd performed well in both qualitative (non-priced) assessments and “value for money” (VFM)/weighted price assessment, ranking top against other tenderers.

The TEP assessed the tender submissions and agreed to shortlist three submissions for further assessment based on their total weighted adjusted scores. The shortlisted tenderers were:

- Pickwick Group Pty Ltd
- Brightmark Group Pty Ltd
- Office Cleaning Experts Pty Ltd T/As OCE Facility services

Several clarifications were sought from the shortlisted tenderers to assist in a more detailed assessment of their submissions. Clarifications included whether additional cleaning hours for seasonal public toilet cleaning had been included, whether hours for regular cleaning had been included and calculated correctly as well their hourly rates.

Both Brightmark Group Pty Ltd and Office Cleaning Experts Pty Ltd T/As OCE Facility services made errors in their cleaning hours and, as a result, Office Cleaning Experts no longer presented as a value for money option for the City and Brightmark Group Pty Ltd.'s annual rates also increased.

The Pickwick Group Pty Ltd is therefore recommended as the preferred tenderer. Hours submitted compare favourably with the City's modelling and expectations and the estimated price is like current costs considering the increase in levels of services requested.
The Pickwick Group Pty Ltd is also the incumbent service provider which realises additional savings to the City due to not having to mobilise a new contractor.

Comment

All members of the evaluation panel have made a conflict of interest declaration in writing confirming they have no relationships with any of the tenderers.

It is confirmed that the following checks have been undertaken:

Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Reference Checks successfully?	YES
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Probity assessment and been deemed compliant?	YES
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Financial Viability assessment and been deemed acceptable?	YES
Was a Conflict of Interest declared? If yes, please specify how it was managed	NO
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone a Work Health and Safety assessment and been deemed acceptable?	YES

Financial Assessment and Implications

Budget Item:	Building Cleaning Costs
Contract Budget Amount:	$2,578,356
Proposed Lump Sum	$2,799,161

All figures quoted in this report are exclusive of GST.

Expenditure under this Contract is not capped or fixed. The estimated Contract award value is based on estimated expenditure but may vary depending on budget availability.

Prices above do not include consumables.

Budget will be adjusted as part of the annual budgeting process.

Stakeholder Engagement

In accordance with Section 1.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 14(1) of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 the Tender was advertised in a statewide publication. A link to the Tender documents was also made available via the City's website.

Following contract execution, details will be included on the Tender Register on the City's Website.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

The Tender has been conducted in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.
City of Stirling Procurement Policy
Delegated Authority Register
Local Government Act 1995

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our built environment

Objective: Ensure City assets meet current and future community needs

Priority: Provide quality, well-maintained facilities for the benefit of the community

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Community & Partnerships	If the City does not maintain effective two-way engagement, trusted partnerships and clear communication with its diverse community and stakeholders, then expectations are misunderstood and social licence erodes, leading to reduced trust in Council decisions, opposition to projects and weaker delivery of SCP/CBP goals.
Health, Safety & Wellbeing	If the WHS Management System, including safe systems of work, contractor management, and verification of critical controls, is not designed, implemented and verified, people may be harmed (physical or psychosocial), leading to serious injury or fatality, regulatory action and loss of trust.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Evaluation & Price Modelling (previously circulated to Elected Members under confidential separate cover in accordance with section 5.23(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* - (c) the information contained in a tender received by the local government for a contract to the extent that the information (i) is a tendered price or (ii) a tendered methodology for calculating a price)

Attachment 2 - List of Directors ⇩

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

List of All Tenderers' Directors and Shareholders

Tenderer (ASIC registered) and Trading Name	Director or Shareholder's Name
Blackstone Group Holdings Pty Ltd	Said Shah
	Nicholas Tripoli
	Reuben Thew
Brighttmark Group Pty Ltd	Buddhika Sampath Munasinghe
	Thushara Nilanthi Abeywardana
Briteshine Cleaning & Maintenance Services Pty Ltd	Mladen Govedarica
	Vera Govedarica
CleanPro Work Place Services Pty Ltd T/As Cleanpro (Perth)	Damian Pellicia
	Adrian Pelliccia
	Adam Davies
Cube 4 Services Pty Ltd	Brett Robertson
Iconic Property Services Pty Ltd	John Cionci
Intelife Group Limited T/As Civitus	Paul Fleay
Office Cleaning Experts Pty Ltd T/As OCE Facility Services	Craig Tonkin
Pickwick Group Pty Ltd	Deva Dassan Solomon
	Selina Sharmalar Solomon
	Inbamanay MJ Arumanayagam

	Emril Mohamed Ali
	Chellam Joanne Waite
SERVICEFM Pty Ltd	James Pollock
	Joanne Rigon
	Ben Pursche
	Tracy Hamilton-Beehag
	Damien Doherty
	Mal Hemmerling
	Glen Browne
The Trustee for Panich Family Trust T/As DMC Cleaning	Nina Panich
Uniting Global Pty Ltd	Sunanda Shrestha
V.D.G. PTY. LTD.	Dean Graoroski

All Recommendation approvers are to remove themselves from the voting process if you have a conflict of interest with any of the individuals listed in this attachment

12.2/TE2 79315 TURF NUTRIENT SUPPLY

Business Unit:	Parks and Environment	Service: Parks & Streetscapes
Ward:	City Wide	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Executive - *Governing the City and the community through executive powers.*

Council Resolution

0926/020

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Proud

That the tenders from Evergreen Garden Care Australia Pty Ltd, Farmarama Pty Ltd, Greenway Solutions Pty Ltd, Greenshed Pty Ltd T/As Living Turf and Australian Agribusiness (Holdings) Pty Ltd T/As Nuturf for Turf Nutrient Supply be ACCEPTED, based on the Schedule of Rates as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0) by exception resolution.

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Committee Recommendation

That the tenders from Evergreen Garden Care Australia Pty Ltd, Farmarama Pty Ltd, Greenway Solutions Pty Ltd, Greenshed Pty Ltd T/As Living Turf and Australian Agribusiness (Holdings) Pty Ltd T/As Nuturf for Turf Nutrient Supply be ACCEPTED, based on the Schedule of Rates as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1.

Officer's Recommendation

That the tenders from Evergreen Garden Care Australia Pty Ltd, Farmarama Pty Ltd, Greenway Solutions Pty Ltd, Greenshed Pty Ltd T/As Living Turf and Australian Agribusiness (Holdings) Pty Ltd T/As Nuturf for Turf Nutrient Supply be ACCEPTED, based on the Schedule of Rates as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1.

Purpose

To report on the results from public Invitation for Tender (IFT) and the evaluation of tenders, in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

Details

Tender Description

The City of Stirling (City) invites tenders from professional suppliers for the supply of turf nutrients, soil amendments and wetting agents. Products are to be either delivered directly to the City, or to the City's nominated contractor for application.

Tender Details

IFT Number	79315	
IFT Title	Turf Nutrient Supply	
Contract Term	Initial:	Three years
	Extension Options:	Two options to extend for one year each
Tendered Rates/Cost	Provided in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report	
Panel Allocation	For bagged and blended fertilisers, and, other items (listed in the pricing spreadsheet), direct engagement based on schedule of rates, availability of product(s) and suitability of the product(s). For custom blended fertilisers (not listed in the pricing spreadsheet), all panel members will be requested to quote. Work awarded to the best priced panel member that meets availability and suitability of the product(s) requirements.	
Advertising:	Saturday 4 July 2026	The West Australian
Tender Deadline:	Thursday 23 July 2026	2.00pm
Tender Opening:	Thursday 23 July 2026	2.00pm

Tender Submissions

Six tenders were received, including alternative and non-conforming Tenders:

Tenderer	Trading Name
Evergreen Garden Care Australia Pty Ltd	N/A
Farmarama Pty Ltd	N/A
Greenway Solutions Pty Ltd	N/A
Greenshed Pty Ltd	Living Turf
Australian Agribusiness (Holdings) Pty Ltd	Nuturf
Nutrien Ag Solutions Limited	N/A

Contract

Commencement Date of New Contract: 20 October 2026

Completion Date of New Contract: 19 October 2029

Price Basis of New Contract: Schedule of Rates

Tender Evaluation Panel

The tender evaluation panel comprised of four members, including a Business Unit Manager (Chairperson) and Officer(s). Process and probity advice during evaluation was provided by a City Procurement Officer.

Evaluation of Tenders

The objective of the evaluation panel is to recommend suitably qualified Contractors to satisfy the requirement of the above mentioned IFT.

Based on evaluation of the received submissions and subsequent compliance assessments, the Evaluation Panel recommend that the Tenderer(s) recommended in this report be accepted at the estimated Contract value and Contract term provided above, based on the weighted criteria outlined below:

Turf Nutrient Supply							
Tenderers		**Evergreen Garden Care Australia Pty Ltd**	**Farmarama Pty Ltd**	**Greenway Solutions Pty Ltd**	**Greenshed Pty Ltd T/As Living Turf**	**Australian Agribusiness (Holdings) Pty Ltd T/As Nuturf**	**Nutrien Ag Solutions Limited**
Criteria	Weighting	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Withdrawn from Tender
Section B: Experience	35%						
Section C: Project Details	35%						
Non-Price	70%						
Price	30%						
Total Weighted Adjusted Score		**54.4**	**65**	**65.7**	**66.4**	**65.4**	
Ranking		**5**	**4**	**2**	**1**	**3**	

Evaluation Justification

The recommended suppliers have all been included on the panel, having demonstrated the capability, experience and product suitability required to meet the City's turf nutrition requirements and achieving suitable weighted evaluation outcomes against the non-price and price criteria.

The panel arrangement will provide the City with access to multiple suppliers, ensuring supply continuity, competitive pricing and flexibility to source products best suited to varying turf management requirements.

The proposed panel structure, including direct engagement for standard products and competitive quotation processes for custom blends, will support value for money outcomes, encourage ongoing market competition and ensure the City can procure suitable turf nutrient products in a timely and cost-effective manner throughout the contract term.

Comment

All members of the evaluation panel have made a conflict-of-interest declaration in writing confirming they have no relationships with any of the tenderers.

It is confirmed that the following checks have been undertaken:

Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Reference Checks successfully?	YES
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Probity assessment and been deemed compliant?	YES
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Financial Viability assessment and been deemed acceptable?	YES
Was a Conflict of Interest declared? If yes, please specify how it was managed	NO
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone a Work Health and Safety assessment and been deemed acceptable?	YES

Financial Assessment and Implications

Budget Item: Turf Nutrient Supply to various accounts for City Parks, Reserves and Hamersley Public Golf Course.

Estimated Annual Budget Amount: $688,000.00

Estimated Annual Spend: $688,000.00

All figures quoted in this report are exclusive of GST

Expenditure under this Contract is not capped or fixed. The estimated Contract award value is based on estimated expenditure but may vary depending on budget availability.

Stakeholder Engagement

In accordance with Section 1.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 14(1) of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 the Tender was advertised in a statewide publication. A link to the Tender documents was also made available via the City's website.

Following contract execution, details will be included on the Tender Register on the City's Website.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

The Tender has been conducted in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.
City of Stirling Procurement Policy
Delegated Authority Register
Local Government Act 1995

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our built environment

Objective: Create unique and liveable neighbourhoods and places

Priority: Improve the quality, liveability and identity for local areas

Objective: Ensure City assets meet current and future community needs

Priority: Provide quality well-maintained sporting reserves, parks and open spaces for the community

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Health, Safety & Wellbeing	If the WHS Management System, including safe systems of work, contractor management, and verification of critical controls, is not designed, implemented and verified, people may be harmed (physical or psychosocial), leading to serious injury or fatality, regulatory action and loss of trust.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Evaluation & Price Modelling (previously circulated to Elected Members under confidential separate cover in accordance with section 5.23(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* - (c) the information contained in a tender received by the local government for a contract to the extent that the information (i) is a tendered price or (ii) a tendered methodology for calculating a price)

Attachment 2 - List of Directors

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

List of All Tenderers' Directors and Shareholders

Tenderer (ASIC registered) and Trading Name	Director or Shareholder's Name
Australian Agribusiness (Holdings) Pty Ltd T/As Nuturf	Ying Choi Alan Abel Yu
	Wun Lam Wong
	Pak To Sunny Wu
	Mark Herron
	Sze Mun Ho
Farmarama Pty Ltd	Digby Lawrence Nupen
	John Simpson
Greenshed Pty Ltd T/As Living Turf	Robert Francis Cooper
Greenway Solutions Pty Ltd	Paul Hove Spencer
	Christopher Andrew Chapman
	Gavin John Peaty
	John Malcolm Peaty
	Sharon Peaty
Evergreen Garden Care Australia Pty Ltd	Andrew Martin
	Ashley John Eustace
	Matthew Graeme Courtenay
	Alan Joseph Bergin
	Mark Cavell Portman
Nutrien Ag Solutions Limited	Craig Haselby

All Recommendation approvers are to remove themselves from the voting process if you have a conflict of interest with any of the individuals listed in this attachment

Councillor Damien Giudici disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/TE3 as in his fulltime employment he has engaged a number of these contractors.

Manager Parks and Environment, Dion Johnson, disclosed an Impartial Interest in Item 12.2/TE3 as he has a friendship with the General Manager.

12.2/TE3 79349 SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS

Business Unit:	Parks and Environment	Service: Parks & Streetscapes
Ward:	City Wide	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Executive - *Governing the City and the community through executive powers.*

Council Resolution

0926/021

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Proud

That the tenders from Aquamonix Pty Limited, BD Water Pty Ltd, Elliotts Irrigation Pty Ltd, Hydroquip Pumps & Irrigation Pty Ltd, Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd, Newground Water Services Pty Ltd and Western Irrigation Pty. Ltd. for the Supply and Installation of Irrigation Systems and Associated Works be ACCEPTED, based on the Schedule of Rates as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0) by exception resolution.

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Committee Recommendation

That the tenders from Aquamonix Pty Limited, BD Water Pty Ltd, Elliotts Irrigation Pty Ltd, Hydroquip Pumps & Irrigation Pty Ltd, Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd, Newground Water Services Pty Ltd and Western Irrigation Pty. Ltd. for the Supply and Installation of Irrigation Systems and Associated Works be ACCEPTED, based on the Schedule of Rates as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1.

Officer's Recommendation

That the tenders from Aquamonix Pty Limited, BD Water Pty Ltd, Elliotts Irrigation Pty Ltd, Hydroquip Pumps & Irrigation Pty Ltd, Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd, Newground Water Services Pty Ltd and Western Irrigation Pty. Ltd. for the Supply and Installation of Irrigation Systems and Associated Works be ACCEPTED, based on the Schedule of Rates as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1.

Purpose

To report on the results from public Invitation for Tender (IFT) and the evaluation of tenders, in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

Details

Tender Description

The City of Stirling (City) invited submissions for the supply and installation of irrigation systems, as well as the supply, installation and maintenance of Controllers and Type Elliotts non-chemical iron filtration systems. The requirements outlined in the tender documents establish the standard specifications for the provision and ongoing maintenance of these systems and equipment.

This Invitation for Tender (IFT) seeks suitable contractors to provide some or all the following categories of works:

- Panel 1 – Supply and Installation of Pre-Designed Irrigation Systems
- Panel 2 – Supply and Installation of Rainman MP Controllers field unit or SDS Two Wire Controller and Associated Work
- Panel 3 - Supply and Installation of Type Elliotts Non-Chemical Iron Filtration Systems

The Contractor will be responsible of delivering all works in accordance with the City's standards, relevant codes, and industry best practices, ensuring reliability, efficiency, and long-term performance of the installed systems. This includes the coordination of all necessary labour, materials, plant, and equipment to complete the work in a safe and timely manner. For each job, the Contractor will be provided with a site-specific design plan and detailed specifications to guide the works. The Contractor shall also ensure that all installed systems are fully operational, properly commissioned, and supported by appropriate documentation and maintenance services

Tender Details

IFT Number	79349	
IFT Title	Supply and Installation of Irrigation Systems and Associated Works	
Contract Term	Initial:	Three years
	Extension Options:	Two extension options for one year each
	Defects Liability Period:	52 weeks following the date of practical completion
Tendered Rates/Cost	Provided in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report	
Panel Allocation	The City intends to award Contracts up to 3-5 Respondents per panel. Notification for award of Work will be through a Purchase Order; subsequently it will become an obligation on the panel member to deliver the Work.	

When a Work is awarded to a panel member, the panel member must meet the requirements and the relevant awarded Work specification.

1. The City intends and is not bound to distribute Work by the following Work allocation methodology for all panels.
   (a) Up to three to five panel members will be on each panel.
   (b) When the estimated Work price is less than or equal to $20,000 ex-GST, work will be offered for acceptance to the best priced panel member (calculated as a lumpsum, based on agreed contract Schedule of Rates) who can meet the Work timeline.
   (c) When the estimated Work price is more than $20,000 ex-GST, all panel members will be given opportunity to provide a quote for the Work on fair and equitable grounds. Whilst the panel member cannot exceed the agreed contract Schedule of Rates, the City has an expectation that reduced rates will be offered if the Work is deemed to be of significant volume. All quotes will be evaluated, and the Work will be offered for acceptance to the best priced panel member who can meet the Work requirements, including timeline. Provision of quote does not become an obligation on the City to accept it for award of Work.
2. Notification for award of Work will be through a Purchase Order and subsequently it will become an obligation on the panel member to deliver the Work.
3. When a Work is awarded to a panel member, the panel member must meet the requirements and relevant awarded Work specification.
4. The City reserves the right to add and remove panel members in accordance with the Conditions of Contract throughout the term of the engagement.
5. The City reserves the right to suspend allocation of new Work to any panel members experiencing contract performance issue(s). The suspension will be lifted only upon complete resolution of the issue(s).
6. The City reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to engage contractors who are not members of this panel to perform any part of the Services where the City reasonably determines that Panel Contractors are unavailable, unable, or otherwise unsuitable to complete the Work.
7. Without limiting the generality of clause 1, the City may engage a Non-Panel Contractor in circumstances including, and not limited to:
   (a) Capacity constraints where no Panel Contractor can meet the required start date or delivery timeframe;
   (b) Specialist or emergent expertise required for a particular task that is outside the scope or capability of Panel Contractors;
   (c) Default or repudiation by a Panel Contractor, including failure to remedy defective work within a reasonable time;

(d) Insolvency or suspension of a Panel Contractor's operations;

(e) Conflict of interest or other ethical, probity or legal impediment preventing a Panel Contractor from undertaking the Work;

(f) Health, safety or environmental risk where immediate engagement of an alternative contractor is necessary to protect persons, property or the environment;

(g) Industrial action or workforce disruption affecting a Panel Contractor's ability to perform;

(h) Natural disaster or emergency requiring urgent response beyond the capacity of Panel Contractors;

(i) Warranty, defects or remediation work where the Panel Contractor is unable or unwilling to undertake remedial works within a reasonable period.

8. Engagement of a Non-Panel Contractor by the City does not relieve any Panel Contractor of its obligations under this Contract, including obligations in relation to warranties, indemnities, confidentiality and rectification of defective work, unless the City expressly agrees in writing.

9. The City may recover from a Panel Contractor any additional costs reasonably incurred by the City as a direct result of the Panel Contractor's default, failure to perform, or breach of this Contract, including costs associated with engaging a Non-Panel Contractor, subject to the City providing reasonable particulars of such costs.

Advertising:	Saturday 20 June 2026	The West Australian
Tender Deadline:	Wednesday 22 July 2026	2.00pm
Tender Opening:	Wednesday 22 July 2026	2.00pm

Tender Submissions

Nine tenders were received, including alternative and non-conforming Tenders:

Tenderer	Trading Name
Aquamonix Pty Limited	
BD Water Pty Ltd	
Elliotts Irrigation Pty Ltd	Elliots Filtration
Fiore Family Trust	LD Total
Horizon West Landscape & Irrigation Pty Ltd	
Hydroquip Pumps & Irrigation Pty Ltd	Hydroquip Pumps
Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd	Water Link
Newground Water Services Pty Ltd	
Western Irrigation Pty. Ltd.	

Contract

Commencement Date of New Contract: October 2026

Completion Date of New Contract: October 2029

Price Basis of New Contract: Schedule of Rates

Tender Evaluation Panel

The tender evaluation panel comprised of six members, including a Business Unit Manager (Chairperson) and Officers. Process and probity advice during evaluation was provided by a City Procurement Officer.

Evaluation of Tenders

The objective of the evaluation panel is to recommend a suitably qualified and experienced Contractor or Contractors to satisfy the requirement of the above mentioned IFT.

Based on evaluation of the received submissions and subsequent compliance assessments, the Evaluation Panel recommend that the Tenderer(s) recommended in this report be accepted at the estimated Contract value and Contract term provided above, based on the weighted criteria outlined below:

Tender 79349 Supply and Installation of Irrigation Systems and Associated Work - Panel 1 Supply & Installation of Pre-Designed Irrigation Systems								
Tenderers		**Newground Water services Pty Ltd**	**BD Water Pty Ltd**	**Horizon West Landscape & Irrigation Pty Ltd**	**Hydroquip Pumps & Irrigation Pty Ltd**	**Fiore Family Trust T/As LD Total**	**Western Irrigation Pty. Ltd.**	**Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd**
Criteria	Weighting	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score
Section A: Experience	35%							
Section B: Project Details	35%							
Section C: Sustainability	5%							
Non-Price	75%							
Price	25%							
Total Weighted Adjusted Score		**77.5**	**59.5**	**38.5**	**60**	**38.5**	**73.5**	**64.5**
Ranking		**1**	**5**	**6**	**4**	**6**	**2**	**3**

Tender 79349 Supply and Installation of Irrigation Systems and Associated Work - Panel 2 Supply & Installation of Rainman MP Controllers field unit or SDS Two Wire Controller and Associated Work					
Tenderers		**Aquamonix Pty Ltd**	**BD Water Pty Ltd**	**Fiore Family Trust T/As LD Total**	**Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd**
Criteria	Weighting	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score
Section A: Experience	35%				
Section B: Project Details	35%				
Section C: Sustainability	5%				
Non-Price	75%				
Price	25%				
Total Weighted Adjusted Score		**70**	**69**	**42**	**70**
Ranking		**1**	**3**	**4**	**1**

Tender 79349 Supply and Installation of Irrigation Systems and Associated Work - Panel 3 Supply & Installation of Type Elliotts Non-Chemical Iron Filtration Systems					
Tenderers		**Elliotts Irrigation Pty Ltd**	**BD Water Pty Ltd**	**Fiore Family Trust T/As LD Total**	**Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd**
Criteria	Weighting	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score
Section A: Experience	35%				
Section B: Project Details	35%				
Section C: Sustainability	5%				
Non-Price	75%				
Price	25%				
Total Weighted Adjusted Score		**81**	**68**	**40**	**73**
Ranking		**1**	**3**	**4**	**2**

Evaluation Justification

The tender evaluation panel recommends awarding contracts to Aquamonix Pty Limited, BD Water Pty Ltd, Elliotts Irrigation Pty Ltd, Hydroquip Pumps & Irrigation Pty Ltd, Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd, Newground Water Services Pty Ltd and Western Irrigation Pty. Ltd. based on the combined non-priced and priced scores providing overall quality and value. Further evaluations, including probity, financial, and Workplace Health & Safety assessments, did not identify any issues that would prohibit the award.

The tenderers performed well in both qualitative (non-priced) assessments and 'value for money' (VFM)/weighted price assessment, all ranking within the top three (Panel 2 and Panel 3) and five (Panel 1) were selected into each Panel.

The submissions demonstrated a strong overall level of capability and relevant experience in commercial irrigation installation, maintenance, upgrades and associated works. The responses provided evidence of experienced personnel, suitable plant and equipment, established supply chains and the capability and capacity to manage multiple work orders and project timeframes.

Aquamonix Pty Limited, Elliotts Irrigation Pty Ltd, Newground Water Services Pty Ltd and Western Irrigation Pty. Ltd. Are the current service providers to the City for the Supply and Installation of Irrigation Systems and Associated Work. All these companies have relevant experience and resources to undertake the contract in relevant categories, each having met KPI requirements of the contract for the past five years.

The panel will be awarded as below;

Panel 1 – Supply and Installation of Pre-Designed Irrigation Systems

- Newground Water Services
- Western Irrigation Pty Ltd
- Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd
- Hydroquip Pumps
- BD Water Pty Ltd

Panel 2 – Supply and Installation of Rainman MP Controllers field unit or SDS Two Wire Controller

- Aquamonix Pty Limited
- BD Water Pty Ltd
- Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd

Panel 3 - Supply and Installation of Type Elliotts Non-Chemical Iron Filtration Systems

- Elliotts Filtration
- Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd
- BD Water Pty Ltd

Pricing in the Panel 3 category has increased considerably, mainly due to the material price increases (Iron Filtration units) as the new products have been updated and are far more efficient and effective than the previous products.

Comment

All members of the evaluation panel have made a conflict of interest declaration in writing confirming they have no relationships with any of the tenderers.

It is confirmed that the following checks have been undertaken:

Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Reference Checks successfully?	YES
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Probity assessment and been deemed compliant?	YES
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Financial Viability assessment and been deemed acceptable?	YES
Was a Conflict of Interest declared? If yes, please specify how it was managed	YES
Chairperson of the evaluation panel declared an Impartiality Interest in accordance with the Employee Conflict of Interest Management Practice.	
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone a Work Health and Safety assessment and been deemed acceptable?	YES

Financial Assessment and Implications

Budget Item: Irrigation Program

Estimated Annual Budget Amount: $2,716,000 ex GST

Estimated Annual Spend: $2,716,000 ex GST

All figures quoted in this report are exclusive of GST

Expenditure under this Contract is not capped or fixed. The estimated Contract award value is based on estimated expenditure but may vary depending on budget availability.

All procurement over $20,000 ex GST for all three Panels will require quotes from all Contractors. For works less than or equal to $20,000 ex GST, the City will calculate the total cost for each job against pricing submissions and award the works to the lower value submission.

Stakeholder Engagement

In accordance with Section 1.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 14(1) of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 the Tender was advertised in a statewide publication. A link to the Tender documents was also made available via the City's website.

Following contract execution, details will be included on the Tender Register on the City's Website.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

The Tender has been conducted in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

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Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our built environment

Objective: Ensure City assets meet current and future community needs

Priority: Provide quality well-maintained sporting reserves, parks and open spaces for the community

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Health, Safety & Wellbeing	If the WHS Management System, including safe systems of work, contractor management, and verification of critical controls, is not designed, implemented and verified, people may be harmed (physical or psychosocial), leading to serious injury or fatality, regulatory action and loss of trust.

A detailed analysis of risk is shown in the attached options analysis.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Evaluation and Price Modelling (previously circulated to Elected Members under confidential separate cover in accordance with section 5.23(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* - (c) the information contained in a tender received by the local government for a contract to the extent that the information (i) is a tendered price or (ii) a tendered methodology for calculating a price)

Attachment 2 - List of Directors

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

List of All Tenderers' Directors and Shareholders

Tenderer (ASIC registered) and Trading Name	Director or Shareholder's Name
Aquamonix Pty Limited	Wayne John Evens Paul William Upton
BD Water Pty Ltd	Barkley Richard Day
Elliotts Irrigation Pty Ltd T/As Elliots Filtration	Andrew Craig Ogden Martyn Bradley Gray Jarrod Charles Galipo Alan Troy Campbell
Fiore FamilyTrust trading as LD Total	Paul Fiore
Horizon West Landscape & Irrigation Pty Ltd	Allen Ryan
Hydroquip Pumps & Irrigation Pty Ltd T/As Hydroquip Pumps	Anthony Neville McFadden
Waterlink Elements Pty Ltd T/As Water Link	Nathan Ben Philips
Newground Water Services Pty Ltd	Peter Michael Scotford Bruce Lindsay Scarterfield
Western Irrigation Pty. Ltd.	Andrew Craig Ogden Martyn Bradley Gray Jarrod Charles Galipo Alan Troy Campbell

All Recommendation approvers are to remove themselves from the voting process if you have a conflict of interest with any of the individuals listed in this attachment

12.2/TE5 79441 RCB GREEN WASTE REMEDIATION WORKS

Business Unit:	Facilities Projects & Assets	Service: Project Management
Ward:	Hamersley	Location: Balcatta
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Executive - *Governing the City and the community through executive powers.*

Council Resolution

0926/022

Moved Councillor Creado, seconded Councillor Proud

1. **That Council ACCEPTS the tender submitted by Signature Paving & Earthworks Pty Ltd T/as Signature Civil for Contract 79441 RCB Green Waste Remediation Works, based on the Pricing Schedule detailed in Confidential Attachment 1, for both Separable Portion 1 and Separable Portion 2.**

2. **That Council APPROVES the transfer of $685,000 from the Strategic Waste Development Reserve to a new account 'RCB Green Waste Remediation Works' to facilitate the delivery of Contract 79441 RCB Green Waste Remediation Works.**

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0) by exception resolution.

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Committee Recommendation

1. That Council ACCEPTS the tender submitted by Signature Paving & Earthworks Pty Ltd T/as Signature Civil for Contract 79441 RCB Green Waste Remediation Works, based on the Pricing Schedule detailed in Confidential Attachment 1, for both Separable Portion 1 and Separable Portion 2.

2. That Council APPROVES the transfer of $685,000 from the Strategic Waste Development Reserve to a new account 'RCB Green Waste Remediation Works' to facilitate the delivery of Contract 79441 RCB Green Waste Remediation Works.

Officer's Recommendation

1. That Council ACCEPTS the tender submitted by Signature Paving & Earthworks Pty Ltd T/as Signature Civil for Contract 79441 RCB Green Waste Remediation Works, based on the Pricing Schedule detailed in Confidential Attachment 1, for both Separable Portion 1 and Separable Portion 2.

2. That Council APPROVES the transfer of $685,000 from the Strategic Waste Development Reserve to a new account 'RCB Green Waste Remediation Works' to facilitate the delivery of Contract 79441 RCB Green Waste Remediation Works.

Purpose

To report on the results from public Invitation for Tender (IFT) and the evaluation of tenders, in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.

Details

Tender Description

As reported to Council on 26 August 2025 (12.1/TE4 RFP Recycling Centre Balcatta Redevelopment):

'In addition to the scope included in this Tender (waste transfer station sheds), the next phases of the project will include the development of a concept plan and cost estimates for the following key areas:

- *Refurbishment of the existing green waste processing and management area' (amongst other things).*

A design was then prepared for future delivery of the project.

The materials 'bunkers' being constructed as part of the current RCB Redevelopment Project have structurally impacted on the south-west corner of the green waste area, which has required a new wall and slab to be constructed as variations to the project. Considering this, and the poor state of the green waste facilities in general, it is seen as an opportune time to consider additional minor works to the green waste service area.

The recommended works, both Separable Portion 1 (SP1) and SP2, ('clouded' in green) are shown below in relation to the works being carried out by the existing contractor as part of the current RCB Redevelopment Project ('clouded' in red).

SP1 involves the repair and upgrade to the northern green waste 'bunker' inclusive of push up walls. SP2 involves regrading of the area and improvements to drainage across the site.

The works are recommended as the area is in poor condition with inadequate drainage and surfacing to the area and there is an opportunity to deliver the project now alongside the RCB Redevelopment project.


NOTES:
THE WORKS ARE TO BE COMPLETED IN THE FOLLOWING SEPARABLE PORTIONS.
SEPARABLE PORTION 1 WORKS:
1.1 DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING RCP RETAINING WALL.
1.2 CONSTRUCTION OF PRECAST BLOCK RETAINING WALLS.
1.3 NEW 100 MM THICK CONCRETE HARDSTAND.
1.4 REMEDIATION TO THE EXISTING LIMESTONE BLOCK WALL
1.5 SHOTCRETE FACING TO THE EXISTING BLOCK WALL
SEPARABLE PORTION 2 WORKS:
2.1 REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING STORMWATER PITS AND PIPES
2.2 INSTALL ROCK PITCHING
2.3 REMEDIATION OF SERVICES, IRRIGATION AND OTHER AFFECTED INFRASTRUCTURE.
2.4 RIP EXISTING SURFACE AND CONSTRUCT NEW HARDSTAND AREAS TO FALLS
2.5 REMEDIATION TO ENTRY RAMP
Works to be delivered by RCB Main Contractor
Green waste slab - RCB Main Contractor
Green waste wall replacement - RCB Main Contractor
Out of Scope - RCB Main Contractor
Works to be delivered by Recommended Tenderer
Separable Portion 1
Separable Portion 2
LEGEND:
EXISTING LEVEL CONTOURS
EXISTING DRAINAGE LINE
EXISTING DRAINAGE LINES TO BE REMOVED
EXISTING WATER/RETICULATION LINES
EXISTING COMMUNICATION LINES
NEW DRAINAGE LINE
NEW GRAVEL HARDSTAND
NEW SEALED AREA (DOUBLE 7L/7mm)
NEW CONCRETE SLAB
ROCK PROTECTION
GRATED PIT
NEW HEADWALL
EXISTING LIMESTONE WALL
INSTALL ROCK PROTECTION
REPLACE EXISTING PIPE
PRECAST BLOCK RETAINING WALL TO DETAIL
REMOVE EXISTING CONCRETE PIPES
INSTALL NEW GRATED PIT
INSTALL 1 ROW PRECAST BLOCK WALL
EXISTING LOADING RAMP
150 PVC STORMWATER PIPE CAPPED
REMOVE EXISTING STORMWATER PIPE - STB RIP
250 RC RETAINING WALL 2500 HIGH
SLAB EDGE THICKENING NOT IN SCOPE
WORKS NOT IN SCOPE
REMOVE EXISTING GRATED PIT
250 RC RETAINING WALL 1500 HIGH
PROPOSED BUNKER
SLAB ON GROUND HIGH CL51
RIP EXISTING PAVEMENT, PLACE NEW SUBCOURSE, MIX AND COMPACT TO REACH DESIGN LEVELS
RIP AND REGRADE TO DESIGN LEVELS SPRAY SEAL WITH 14/7mm AGGREGATE
SITE LAYOUT – GREENS AREA
1:200 @ A1

The scope is divided into two separable portions:

- Separable Portion 1 – North Green Waste Bay: Walls and Hardstand and
- Separable Portion 2 – Site Drainage and Regrading.

It is recommended the City undertakes both separable portions at the same time due to cost and mobilisation efficiencies.

The Contractor must manage staging, access, traffic, safety, environmental controls and coordination with ongoing Recycling Centre operations and concurrent contractors.

Tender Details

IFT Number	79441	
IFT Title	RCB Green Waste Remediation Works	
Contract Term	Initial:	Three Months
	Extension Options:	Nil
	Defects Liability Period:	12 Months
Tendered Rates/Cost	Provided in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report	
Advertising:	Saturday 11 July 2026	The West Australian
Tender Deadline:	Wednesday 29 July 2026	2.00pm
Tender Opening:	Wednesday 29 July 2026	2.00pm

Tender Submissions

Five tenders were received, including alternative and non-conforming Tenders:

Tenderer	Trading Name
Byte Construct Pty Ltd	Byte Construct Pty Ltd
Egan Civil Pty Ltd	Castle Civil
Doolee Construction Pty Ltd	Doolee Construction
Dowsing Group Pty Ltd	Dowsing Group and Dowsing Concrete
Signature Paving & Earthworks Pty Ltd	Signature Civil

Contract

Commencement Date of New Contract:	September 2026
Completion Date of New Contract:	December 2026
Price Basis of New Contract:	Fixed Price Lump Sum

Tender Evaluation Panel

The tender evaluation panel comprised of four members, including a Business Unit Manager (Chairperson) and Officers. Process and probity advice during evaluation was provided by a City Procurement Officer.

Evaluation of Tenders

The objective of the evaluation panel is to recommend a suitably qualified and experienced Contractor or Contractors to satisfy the requirement of the above-mentioned IFT.

Based on evaluation of the received submissions and subsequent compliance assessments, the Evaluation Panel recommend that the Tenderer(s) recommended in this report be accepted at the estimated Contract value and Contract term provided above, based on the weighted criteria outlined below:

RCB Green Waste Remediation Works						
Tenderers		**Byte Construct Pty Ltd**	**Egan Civil Pty Ltd T/A Castle Civil**	**Doolee Construction Pty Ltd**	**Dowsing Group Pty Ltd T/A Dowsing Group and Dowsing Concrete**	**Signature Paving & Earthworks Pty Ltd T/A Signature Civil**
Criteria	Weighting	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score	Weighted Score
Section B: Experience	30%					
Section C: Project Details	30%					
Non-Price	60%					
Price	40%					
Total Weighted Adjusted Score		72	75	75	81	79
Ranking		5	4	3	1	2

Evaluation Justification

All tender submissions were assessed as demonstrating the capability, capacity and relevant experience required to undertake the works and were all considered competent respondents.

While Dowsing Group achieved the highest overall weighted evaluation score, Signature Civil submitted the lowest combined conforming tender price and achieved a strong assessment across the non-price criteria. When considering both price and non-price outcomes, the Tender Evaluation Panel determined that Signature Civil represents the best overall value-for-money outcome for the City.

The panel is satisfied that Signature Civil has the necessary resources, technical capability and understanding of the project requirements to successfully deliver the works to the required standard and within the required timeframe. Awarding both Separable Portion 1 and Separable Portion 2 to Signature Civil also secures the tendered combined-award discount and enables a coordinated delivery approach across the full scope of works.

Accordingly, the Tender Evaluation Panel recommends the award of both Separable Portion 1 and Separable Portion 2 to Signature Paving & Earthworks Pty Ltd trading as Signature Civil for the total Fixed Price Lump Sum of $385,599.14 (excluding GST).

Comment

All members of the evaluation panel have made a conflict-of-interest declaration in writing confirming they have no relationships with any of the tenderers.

It is confirmed that the following checks have been undertaken:

Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Reference Checks successfully?	YES
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Probity assessment and been deemed compliant?	YES
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone Financial Viability assessment and been deemed acceptable?	YES
Was a Conflict of Interest declared? If yes, please specify how it was managed	NO
Has the recommended Tenderer(s) undergone a Work Health and Safety assessment and been deemed acceptable?	YES

Financial Assessment and Implications

Budget Item:	RCB Green Waste Remediation Works
Budget Amount:	$0.00
Amount Spent to Date:	$37,298
Proposed Construction Cost:	$385,599.13
Project Related Costs:	$259,400
Total Proposed Project Cost:	$682,298.13
Balance:	($682,298.13)

The balance of the Strategic Waste Development Reserve at end of year is currently anticipated to be $9,571,460.

All figures quoted in this report are exclusive of GST

- Expenditure under this Contract is not capped or fixed.
- The estimated Contract award value is based on estimated expenditure but may vary depending on budget availability.
- Deficit to be funded from Strategic Waste Development Reserve

Stakeholder Engagement

In accordance with Section 1.8 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 14(1) of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 the Tender was advertised in a statewide publication. A link to the Tender documents was also made available via the City's website.

Following contract execution, details will be included on the Tender Register on the City's Website.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

The Tender has been conducted in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.
City of Stirling Procurement Policy
Delegated Authority Register
Local Government Act 1995

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our natural environment

Objective: Support a low-waste, circular economy that protects our environment from the impacts of waste

Priority: Improve resource recovery for all waste streams across the City

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Climate Transition & Environment	If the City under-delivers on emissions, water and waste outcomes or fails climate resilience for assets/services, then costs, compliance exposures and community impacts increase.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Evaluation & Price Modelling (previously circulated to Elected Members under confidential separate cover in accordance with section 5.23(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* - (c) the information contained in a tender received by the local government for a contract to the extent that the information (i) is a tendered price or (ii) a tendered methodology for calculating a price)

Attachment 2 - List of Directors

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

List of All Tenderers' Directors and Shareholders

Tenderer (ASIC registered) and Trading Name	Director or Shareholder's Name
Byte Construct Pty Ltd	Terrence Hare Colette Janetta Hare Glen David Boultbee Sivamainthan Kamalanathan
Egan Civil Pty Ltd T/A Castle Civil	Damian Egan Louie Hancock
Doolee Construction Pty Ltd	Francis Lee Eanna Doolin
Dowsing Group Pty Ltd T/A Dowsing Group and Dowsing Concrete	Luke Alexander Dowsing Samuel Charles Dowsing Bohdan Michael Dowsing
Signature Paving & Earthworks Pty Ltd T/A Signature Civil	Derek Scott Gale Kirsten Leanne Gale

All Recommendation approvers are to remove themselves from the voting process if you have a conflict of interest with any of the individuals listed in this attachment

13. REPORTS FOR CONSIDERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 4.2(4) OF THE MEETING PROCEDURES LOCAL LAW 2021

In accordance with Clause 4.2(4) of the City of Stirling Meeting Procedures Local Law 2021, the Chief Executive Officer may include on the agenda of a Council meeting, in an appropriate place within the order of business, any matter which must be decided, or which he considers is appropriate to be decided, by that meeting.

13.1 2027 COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Business Unit:	Governance	Service: Council Governance
Ward:	Not Applicable	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Executive - *Governing the City and the community through executive powers.*

Council Resolution

0926/023

Moved Councillor Proud, seconded Councillor Paparde

1. That Council ENDORSES the setting of the Committee and Council meeting dates for 2027, as detailed in Attachment 1.

2. That the City GIVES NOTICE of the 2027 Committee and Council meeting dates in accordance with legislative requirements.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Recommendation

1. That Council ENDORSES the setting of the Committee and Council meeting dates for 2027, as detailed in Attachment 1.

2. That the City GIVES NOTICE of the 2027 Committee and Council meeting dates in accordance with legislative requirements

Purpose

To provide Council with the proposed schedule of Committee and Council meetings for 2027 (Attachment 1 refers).

Details

Committee and Council meetings provide the opportunity for Elected Members to consider matters requiring a Council decision.

The Community and Resources Committee and the Planning and Development Committee consider and discuss matters within their respective areas before making recommendations for determination by Council. The Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee also meets quarterly throughout the year.

When drafting the 2027 meeting dates, officers considered legislative requirements, operational needs and feedback received from Elected Members in previous years. Key considerations included:

- Avoiding consecutive meetings of the two major Committees where possible.
- Avoiding "double Council" meetings where recommendations from both major Committees are considered at a single Council meeting.
- Consideration of public holidays and school holiday periods.
- Limiting significant breaks in the meeting schedule (outside of the mid-year recess).
- The mid-year recess to include time both within and outside of the school holidays.
- Ensuring legislative and reporting requirements, particularly for financial and planning matters, can be met.
- Ensuring compliance with election year requirements, including the caretaker period.
- Including a week following the election period to induct newly appointed Elected Members.
- Maintaining the commencement time of 6.00pm for Committee meetings.
- Maintaining the commencement time of 6.30pm for Council meetings (consistent with Council Resolution Number 0822/063) with the exception of the final Council meeting of the year which is to begin at 5.30pm.
- Retaining Monday evenings for Elected Member Workshops, Wednesday evenings for Citizenship Ceremonies and Thursday evenings for external committee and governance commitments.

The dates for some local government sector events, including the ALGA National General Assembly and the WALGA Annual General Meeting, have not yet been confirmed. Where possible, flexibility has been incorporated into the schedule to accommodate any changes that may be required.

Financial Assessment and Implications

Nil.

Stakeholder Engagement

The Executive Team and the Mayor were consulted on the proposed 2027 meeting date schedule to ensure legislative, financial and planning requirements were met.

Following Council's endorsement, in accordance with Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the 2027 meeting dates will be uploaded to the City's website and included within the City's corporate calendar.

Relevant Policies, Legislation and Council Resolutions

Section 5.25(1)(g) of the *Local Government Act 1995* provides for the giving of public notice of the date and agenda for Council or Committee meetings.

Regulation 12(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 provides:

> *(2) The CEO must publish on the local government's official website the meeting details for the following meetings before the beginning of the year in which the meetings are to be held –*
>
> *(a) ordinary council meetings; and*
>
> *(b) committee meetings that are required under the Act to be open to members of the public or that are proposed to be open to members of the public.*

Meeting Date	Council Resolution Number	Council Resolution
30 August 2022	0822/063	*…3. That all Council meetings COMMENCE at 6.30pm.*

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our leadership

Objective: A well-governed City

Priority: Comply with legislation, standards and obligations

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Governance	The City will act with integrity and implement appropriate processes and controls to avoid breach of legislation.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Proposed 2027 Meeting Dates

Available for viewing at meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

January 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 New Year's Day *Summer holidays*	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Australia Day	27	28	29	30	31

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

February 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Term 1 begins	2 Parmelia Room 6pm P&D	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 CNL Chambers 6.30pm CNL	10	11	12	13	14
15 Parmelia Room 6pm ARIC	16 Parmelia Room 6pm CRC	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 CNL Chambers 6.30pm CNL	24	25	26	27	28

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

March 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Labour Day	2 Parmelia Room 6pm P&D	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 CNL Chambers 6.30pm CNL	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Parmelia Room 6pm CRC	17	18	19	20	21
22 CNL Chambers 6pm EGM (TBC)	23 CNL Chambers 6.30pm CNL	24	25	26 Good Friday	27	28 Easter Sunday
29 Easter Monday	30	31				

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

April 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 Term 1 ends	10 *Autumn holidays*	11
12 Parmelia Room 6pm **CEOPR**	13 Parmelia Room 6pm **P&D**	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 CNL Chambers 6.30pm **CNL**	21	22	23	24	25 Anzac Day
26 Anzac Day (additional)	27 Term 2 begins Parmelia Room 6pm **CRC**	28	29	30		

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

May 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1	2
3	4 CNL Chambers 6.30pm CNL	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Parmelia Room 6pm P&D	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 CNL Chambers 6.30pm CNL	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Parmelia Room 6pm CRC	26	27	28	29	30
31 Parmelia Room 6pm ARIC						

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

June 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 CNL Chambers 6.30pm **CNL**	2	3	4	5	6
7 Western Australia Day	8 Parmelia Room 6pm **P&D**	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 CNL Chambers 6.30pm **CNL**	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Parmelia Room 6pm **CRC**	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 CNL Chambers 6.30pm **CNL**	30				

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

July 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2 Term 2 ends	3 *Winter holidays*	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Term 3 begins	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Council Recess

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

August 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1
2	3 Parmelia Room 6pm **CRC**	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 CNL Chambers 6.30pm **CNL**	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Parmelia Room 6pm **P&D**	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 CNL Chambers 6.30pm **CNL**	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Parmelia Room 6pm **CRC**					

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

September 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2 **Nominations Close 4.00pm** Caretaker period 4pm until 1 day after results declared	3	4	5
6 **Parmelia Room 6pm** **ARIC**	7 **CNL Chambers 6.30pm** **CNL**	8	9	10	11	12
13 **Parmelia Room 6pm** **CEOPR**	14 **Parmelia Room 6pm** **P&D**	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 **CNL Chambers 6.30pm** **CNL**	22	23	24 **Term 3 ends**	25 *Spring holidays*	26
27 **King's Birthday**	28	29	30			

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

October 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1	2	3
4	5 Parmelia Room 6pm CRC	6	7	8	9	10
11 Term 4 begins	12 CNL Chambers 6.30pm CNL	13	14	15	16 Local Government Elections	17 Caretaker period ends 1 day after results declared.
18	19	20	21 CNL Chambers 5.30pm Special Council (Swearing in of the Mayor & new Councillors)	22	23	24
25	26 CNL Chambers 6.30pm Special Council (Appointment to Committees)	27	28	29	30	31

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

November 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3 Elected Member Inductions	4	5	6	7
8	9 Parmelia Room 6pm CRC	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 CNL Chambers 6.30pm CNL	17	18	19	20	21
22 Parmelia Room 6pm ARIC	23 Parmelia Room 6pm P&D	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 CNL Chambers 6.30pm CNL					

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

December 2027

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Parmelia Room 6pm **CRC**	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 CNL Chambers 5.30pm **CNL**	15	16 Term 4 ends	17 *Summer holidays*	18	19
20	21	22	23 **Council Recess**	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day
27 Christmas Day (additional)	28 Boxing Day (additional)	29	30	31		

Legend: ■ Public holiday ■ School holidays ■ Term start/end

14. NOTICES OF MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

'Notices of Motion for Consideration' include a brief report to assist Council in deciding to approve or not approve the Motion.

A further and more detailed report will be submitted at a future Ordinary Council meeting for Motions that are approved, in accordance with Clause 4.5(2)(c) of the City of Stirling Meeting Procedures Local Law 2021.

14.1 PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR JOE FERRANTE - ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE GOVERNANCE AND INNOVATION WORKING GROUP

Business Unit:	Corporate Information Services	Service: Technology Services
Ward:	Not Applicable	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Advocacy - *Advocating to government or other organisations.*

Council Resolution

0926/024

Moved Councillor Ferrante, seconded Councillor Krsticevic

That the Chief Executive Officer WRITES to the Western Australia Local Government Association encouraging the establishment of a sector-wide Artificial Intelligence Governance and Innovation Working Group, with Elected Member representation, to:

a. Promote the responsible, ethical, and secure use of Artificial Intelligence across local government;

b. Support the development of governance frameworks, policies, and best-practice guidance for Artificial Intelligence adoption across WA councils;

c. Share local government Artificial Intelligence use cases, lessons learned and emerging best practice;

d. Support consistent approaches to Artificial Intelligence governance, cyber security, privacy, transparency and human oversight;

e. Identify opportunities for Artificial Intelligence to improve service delivery, accessibility, sustainability, innovation, and community wellbeing across the sector; and

f. Promote collaboration between local government, the State Government and relevant sector bodies.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Notice of Motion Recommendation

That the Chief Executive Officer WRITES to the Western Australia Local Government Association encouraging the establishment of a sector-wide Artificial Intelligence Governance and Innovation Working Group, with Elected Member representation, to:

a. Promote the responsible, ethical, and secure use of Artificial Intelligence across local government;

b. Support the development of governance frameworks, policies, and best-practice guidance for Artificial Intelligence adoption across WA councils;

c. Share local government Artificial Intelligence use cases, lessons learned and emerging best practice;

d. Support consistent approaches to Artificial Intelligence governance, cyber security, privacy, transparency and human oversight;

e. Identify opportunities for Artificial Intelligence to improve service delivery, accessibility, sustainability, innovation, and community wellbeing across the sector; and

f. Promote collaboration between local government, the State Government and relevant sector bodies

Background provided by Elected Member

"The WALGA Readiness Assessment highlights a significant opportunity for sector leadership. While interest in AI is high across local government, the assessment found that governance, capability, and technical readiness are generally still developing. This creates an opportunity for WALGA to play a coordinating role in sharing better practice, governance approaches and lessons learned across the sector."

Details

The City of Stirling recognises the increasing opportunities and challenges presented by Artificial Intelligence (AI) across the local government sector. The City has already undertaken significant work in this area through its Digital Strategy 2025–2028, Generative Artificial Intelligence Policy, advancement in AI and internal governance arrangements. The City also shares its experience with other local governments through externally organised forums, including sessions convened by professional services firms and sector conferences, as well as when approached directly. However, these arrangements remain largely informal and do not provide a consistent mechanism for sector-wide collaboration.

The City of Stirling recognises the value of a coordinated sector-wide approach to AI governance and innovation across Western Australian local government. The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) is well placed to convene this discussion, given its role as the peak body for the sector and its recent AI readiness work with member local governments.

A WALGA-led Artificial Intelligence Governance and Innovation Working Group would provide a practical forum for local governments to strengthen coordination, reduce duplication and support councils at different stages of AI maturity without imposing a one-size-fits-all approach. This would build on the informal sharing of AI information, policies and practices that already occurs between local governments to identify and assess better practice that may already be in place. It would also help support more consistent consideration of AI-related matters such as cybersecurity, privacy, transparency, human oversight, responsible innovation and community value.

The membership of the proposed working group should be determined by WALGA in consultation with the sector, with a view to ensuring appropriate representation from across local government and relevant partner organisations, while maintaining flexibility to reflect the purpose, scope and priorities of the group.

It is therefore considered appropriate for the Chief Executive Officer to write to WALGA in support of establishing the proposed working group and to encourage broader sector support from other Western Australian local government Chief Executive Officers.

Financial Assessment and Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the Chief Executive Officer writing to WALGA to establish a working group. Any future City participation in a working group would be managed within existing operational resources, unless a further report identifies additional resourcing requirements.

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our leadership

Objective: Strive for operational efficiency and effectiveness while maintaining a safe working environment

Priority: Drive improvement and innovation to build capacity and increase efficiency and effectiveness

Priority: Plan for the future, manage resources and measure performance

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Digital, Cyber & Information Resilience	If critical ICT, cyber and information privacy controls are inadequate, services and data can be compromised, leading to outages, reportable privacy breaches and loss of trust. Use of emerging technologies (including AI) without appropriate governance can amplify these exposures.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Nil.

Available for viewing at the meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

WALGA April 2026 Report - WA Local Government Sector AI Readiness Assessment

14.2 PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR ROB PAPARDE - ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITY OF STIRLING SCHOOL CIVIC EDUCATION AND COUNCIL TOUR PROGRAM

Business Unit:	Community Development	Service: Community Engagement
Ward:	Not Applicable	Location: Not Applicable
Applicant:	Not Applicable	

Role

Executive - *Governing the City and the community through executive powers.*

Council Resolution

0926/025

Moved Councillor Paparde, seconded Councillor Hatton

1. **That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to INVESTIGATE the establishment of a City of Stirling School Civic Education and Council Tour Program for primary and secondary school students within the City of Stirling.**

2. **The investigation to INCLUDE:**
   a. **Opportunities for school groups to visit the City of Stirling Administration Centre and Council Chamber.**
   b. **Educational presentations on the role of Local Government, Elected Members, Community Engagement, Planning, Environmental Management, Waste Services and local decision-making;**
   c. **Opportunities for students to observe or participate in mock council meetings and civic leadership activities;**
   d. **Partnerships with local public, independent and faith-based schools across the City;**
   e. **Resource requirements, staffing implications and potential budget considerations; and**
   f. **Opportunities to integrate the program with existing youth engagement initiatives.**

3. **That Council REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer report back to Council within six months with recommendations regarding implementation, costs, and any pilot program options.**

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

Notice of Motion Recommendation

1. That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to INVESTIGATE the establishment of a City of Stirling School Civic Education and Council Tour Program for primary and secondary school students within the City of Stirling.

2. The investigation to INCLUDE:
   a. Opportunities for school groups to visit the City of Stirling Administration Centre and Council Chamber.
   b. Educational presentations on the role of Local Government, Elected Members, Community Engagement, Planning, Environmental Management, Waste Services and local decision-making;
   c. Opportunities for students to observe or participate in mock council meetings and civic leadership activities;
   d. Partnerships with local public, independent and faith-based schools across the City;
   e. Resource requirements, staffing implications and potential budget considerations; and
   f. Opportunities to integrate the program with existing youth engagement initiatives.

3. That Council REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer report back to Council within six months with recommendations regarding implementation, costs, and any pilot program options.

Background provided by Elected Member

“The City of Stirling is the largest local government in Western Australia by population and serves a diverse community of more than 240,000 residents. Despite the significant role local government plays in the daily lives of residents, many young people have limited understanding of how councils operate, how decisions are made, and how they can participate in civic life.

A structured school tour program would provide students with a practical and engaging opportunity to learn about democracy at the local level. By visiting the Council Chamber and interacting with Elected Members and City staff, students would gain first-hand insight into the responsibilities of local government and the importance of community participation.

Such programs are already successfully delivered by various state and federal parliamentary institutions and have proven effective in improving civic awareness and encouraging future community leadership. Given the City of Stirling's scale and regional importance, it is well placed to provide similar opportunities to local schools.

The initiative would also:

- *Strengthen relationships between the City and local schools;*
- *Promote civic literacy and community engagement among young people;*
- *Increase awareness of council services and responsibilities;*
- *Encourage future participation in youth advisory groups, volunteering and local leadership opportunities; and*
- *Demonstrate the City's commitment to education, transparency and community involvement.*

As Western Australia's largest local government, the City of Stirling should lead by example in fostering civic understanding and inspiring the next generation of community leaders. Establishing a school civic education and council tour program would be a relatively modest initiative capable of delivering long-term benefits for both students and the broader community."

Details

This proposed initiative aligns with the ‘focus on young people’ within the City’s Strategic Community Plan which identifies supporting the wellbeing, inclusion and participation of young people as both a challenge and an opportunity. This proposed initiative also aligns with the City's Community Engagement Policy by creating opportunities to strengthen relationships with young people, improve civic understanding and support greater participation in local decision-making.

Notably, the City is currently delivering a ‘Youth Focus’ project to better understand the needs, aspirations and priorities of young people while strengthening relationships with schools, youth organisations and community networks. In partnership with the Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia (YACWA), the City has recruited and trained a team of young peer researchers aged 15 to 25 who are now engaging directly with young people across the City through surveys, conversations and outreach activities. The project also includes a community-wide Youth Focus Survey and engagement activities involving schools, parents, carers and service providers to inform future planning, decision-making and the City's Social Framework.

The City already undertakes a variety of initiatives that support civic learning and engagement with local schools. Recent examples include school visits to City facilities, tours of the Administration Centre and Council Chambers for organisations such as uLaunch and Purple Hands, and collaborative programs such as Beach School with Our Lady of Grace Primary School in North Beach. These initiatives provide valuable opportunities for students to learn about local government, environmental stewardship, community engagement and community leadership while fostering stronger connections between schools and the City.

While these activities continue to deliver positive outcomes, a more formalised and coordinated approach may assist the City to manage requests, strengthen relationships across its school network, ensure consistency of delivery and identify opportunities to expand participation across a greater number of schools and students. This is particularly relevant given the number of primary and secondary schools located within the City and the opportunity to establish a clearer pathway between civic education, community engagement and ongoing participation.

The proposed School Civic Education and Council Tour Program presents an opportunity to build on existing initiatives and complement the Youth Focus project. Evidence from local and international practice suggests that schools provide an effective environment for building civic awareness, developing leadership skills and encouraging lifelong participation in community life. Educational tours, presentations and mock council activities can help demystify local government, build trust and confidence in civic institutions, and create meaningful opportunities for young people to understand how decisions are made and how they can contribute. Such opportunities may provide a natural progression from the current Youth Focus project, enabling young people to move from sharing their views to becoming active participants in shaping their community.

Officers can prepare a report to be presented to the Community & Resources Meeting to be held on 16 February 2027.

Financial Assessment and Implications

The current Youth Focus community engagement initiative is being delivered within existing Community Engagement and Community Planning & Projects budget allocations. Any future recommendations arising from the investigation, including implementation options, resource requirements, costs and potential pilot programs, would be reported back to Council for consideration.

Sustainable Stirling 2026-2036

Key Result Area: Our community

Objective: Connect communities with their local areas

Priority: Build strong relationships with our diverse community

Priority: Facilitate social connections and access to services locally

Strategic Risk

Strategic Risk	Risk Appetite
Community & Partnerships	If the City does not maintain effective two-way engagement, trusted partnerships and clear communication with its diverse community and stakeholders, then expectations are misunderstood and social licence erodes, leading to reduced trust in Council decisions, opposition to projects and weaker delivery of SCP/CBP goals.

Relevant Documents and Information

Attachments

Nil.

Available for viewing at the meeting

Nil.

Linked Documents

Nil.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

15.1 PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TONY KRSTICEVIC - SHARK ATTACK MITIGATIONS

That a report be PRESENTED to a future Community and Resources Committee meeting outlining:

a. The current mitigation and safety measures employed along the City's coastline to prevent shark attacks; and

b. Any further mitigation measures such as drone technologies and resourcing that can be implemented by the City of Stirling.

Reason for Motion

"Shark attacks across the Western Australian Coastline have seen a significant increase over recent years. Over the weekend I had some preliminary discussions with a few members of the Trigg Surf Lifesaving Club about what more the City of Stirling can do to improve the safety of their members and all beach users along our coastline."

15.2 PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR TONY KRSTICEVIC - SCARBOROUGH TOURIST PRECINCT OPENING HOURS

That a report be PRESENTED to a future Ordinary Council Meeting outlining the potential benefits and pathway to having the Scarborough Tourist Precinct classified as an 'unrestricted daily trading' precinct under the *Retail Trading Hours Act 1987*.

Reason for Motion

"Having unrestricted trading hours in Scarborough would encourage more large retailers to establish a business in and around the Scarborough Tourist Precinct thus supporting an increase in local tourism, boost coastal business revenue, and provide greater convenience for local residents and visitors.

Scarborough is a major beach and entertainment hub. Visitors and tourists often want to shop outside standard restricted hours, such as early Sunday mornings or late weekend evenings.

Extended hours bring more people into the beachfront precinct. Nearby cafes, restaurants, and bars benefit from the extra visitors who stay longer in the area.

Allowing stores to open according to customer demand rather than fixed state limits helps local shops maximize their revenue during peak summer and holiday periods.

Major supermarkets or general retail shops in Scarborough must wait until 11.00am to open on Sundays. If a holidaymaker or local wants to buy groceries at 8.00am on a Sunday morning before heading to the beach, supermarkets cannot serve them.

The beachfront is primarily built around hospitality, entertainment, and accommodation. However, its general retail presence is limited because of the metropolitan closing times."

15.3 PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH RE - PEACE POLE AT THE STIRLING FORECOURT

That a Peace Pole be ESTABLISHED at the Forecourt at the City of Stirling Administration Building, to confirm our commitment to peace on Earth.

Reason for Motion

"In 1976, in Japan the first peace pole was established. Each pole displays the peace prayer 'May Peace Prevail on Earth' on four or six sides, usually written in multiple languages.

The World Peace Prayer and Flag Ceremony was created by Mrs. Saionji in 1983 as a global celebration of the oneness of humanity. The first Ceremony outside of Japan was held in Los Angeles, California - USA, in 1986 and since then, it has been presented to international audiences on every continent and in every prominent city throughout the world. Today, over 200,000 to 300,000 Peace Poles stand in nearly every country globally, installed in locations like schools, parks, the Pentagon, and the Giza pyramids.

With the City of Stirling's multicultural population, it's an important symbol of our unity and respect of cultures, to support the motto 'May peace prevail on Earth'."

15.4 PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH RE - SUPPORT KEEPING INNALOO POST OFFICE OPEN

That the Chief Executive Officer WRITES to Australia Post and the Federal Members whose oversight governs Australia Post, namely: Senator the Honourable Katy Gallagher MP, who is responsible for the Australian federal portfolios of Finance, Women, the Public Service, and Government services. And Honourable Anika Wells MP, the Minister for Communications and the Minister for Sport, for their support in Keeping the Innaloo Post office, open, that was established nearly sixty years ago, at the Innaloo Shopping Centre, Innaloo.

Reason for Motion

"Since 1967, the Innaloo Post Office has been an integral part of the local Community, especially with Seniors and disabled persons. So for nearly 60 years has serviced low-income earners and war service area of the suburb of Innaloo and the surrounding growing suburbs. A suburban post office provides vital local access to parcel pickup, postal shipping, and essential community banking services without requiring a trip into the city centre and encourages people to safely walk to their centres, talk and feel they belong to a community.

1. *The planned closure of the Innaloo Post Office will severely impact the local community, particularly elderly residents, small business owners, and those with limited mobility, who rely heavily on its accessible, central services within the shopping precinct. Also, the access to all proposed post office locations is more than 2 km in walking distance and are not readily serviceable by public transport, especially as many seniors may not have their driving licences, or the ability to walk themselves, which many residents believe is discriminating and ageist. The loss of this vital local hub will reduce essential postal, banking, and identity services, causing significant public inconvenience and economic disruption and anxiety.*

2. *Flawed Evaluation Metrics and Future Growth: The evaluation completely ignored the impact of the ongoing Stephenson Avenue Extension roadworks, which have restricted access to the Innaloo shopping precinct by car, foot, and public transport for over two years. Also, their decision relied heavily on local patronage data severely skewed by the retail downturn during the COVID-19 years. Crucially, it fails to account for the City of Stirling City Centre Project, which is projected to bring an additional 30,000 residents into this immediate catchment area over the coming years. The consultation period timeframe, failed to consider winter weather constraints, local digital literacy gaps, or physical transport realities.*

3. *Australia Post has admitted in writing, in their recent "Transition Plan' poster: "Some customers may experience longer travel times, increased walking distances or may need to use public transport to access services". And "Older community members, including residents from nearby aged care facilities, may need additional support to transition their services". And "Innaloo customers have a relatively high use of bill payments, meaning some customers may need additional support to access alternative ways to pay their bills".*

4. *Australia Post has failed to properly identify or deploy the additional services required to support customers, access other facilities, and the alternative bill payment program, which has contributed to confusions, anxious feelings and is eroding the independence of many senior residents and locals with disability issues, who do not have the means to travel further distances, for their day-to-day transactions."*

16. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil.

17. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil.

18. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Council Resolution

0926/026

Moved Councillor Re, seconded Councillor Dudek

That item 18.1 - Waste To Energy Tender Update be CONSIDERED Behind Closed Doors in accordance with Section 5.23(2)(c), (c)(i) and (c)(ii) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:-

(c) information contained in a tender received by the local government for a contract to the extent that the information:.

(c)(i) is a tendered price;.

(c)(ii) a tendered methodology for calculating a price;.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

At 7.21pm the meeting was closed to the public and all employees who were not required left the meeting for consideration of Item 18.1.

18.1 WASTE TO ENERGY TENDER UPDATE

Confidentiality

This report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 5.23(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:-

(c) information contained in a tender received by the local government for a contract to the extent that the information:.

(c)(i) is a tendered price;.

(c)(ii) a tendered methodology for calculating a price;.

CALL FOR ONE-THIRD SUPPORT TO REVOKE A PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISION (COUNCIL RESOLUTION NUMBER 0523/021)

One-third support is required for the Motion, as per Regulation 10 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, which prescribes the following procedure for dealing with revoking or changing decisions made at Council or Committee Meetings:

"If a decision has been made at a Council meeting, then any motion to revoke or change the decision must be supported by at least one-third of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of members of the Council.

If supported by one-third of the members, then any decision to revoke a resolution of the Council is required to be passed by an Absolute Majority."

Mayor Mark Irwin AM called for support from one-third of the members of Council. Support to revoke Council's resolution in relation to Council Resolution Number 0523/021 was given by Councillors Hatton, Proud JP, Ferrante, Krsticevic, Giudici and Dudek.

Council Resolution

0926/027

Moved Councillor Proud, seconded Councillor Hatton

1. **That Council NOTES, at its Special Council Meeting held 27 August 2026, the Mindarie Regional Council authorised the Chief Executive Officer of the Mindarie Regional Council to award Tender 13/155 for the provision of Waste to Energy Services to Kwinana Energy Recovery.**

2. **That Council NOTES on 4 May 2026 under the provision of Council Resolution Number 0523/021 dated 9 May 2023 (part 4 refers), the Chief Executive Officer confirmed his approval for Mindarie Regional Council to Enter into a Waste Supply Agreement with Kwinana Energy.**

3. **That Council NOTES the Cities of Wanneroo and Joondalup have withdrawn from the proposed Waste to Energy Contract.**

4. **That Council NOTES:**
   a. **The Waste to Energy transaction documents have been amended to remove the Cities of Wanneroo and Joondalup as participants; and**
   b. **The Cities of Perth, Stirling and Vincent, and the Towns of Cambridge and Victoria Park, will comprise the five participating constituent municipalities under the revised transaction.**

5. **That Council APPROVES the City of Stirling continuing to participate in the Mindarie Regional Council Waste to Energy transaction under the revised five-participant structure.**

6. **That Council AMENDS part 5 of its 9 May 2023 decision (Council Resolution Number 0523/021 refers), to read as follows:**
   "5. That Council ENDORSES the Mindarie Regional Council awarding a tender for waste to energy services, subject to the final form of a proposed Waste Supply Agreement being acceptable to the City".

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (12/1) by an Absolute Majority.

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Councillor Re.

Council Resolution

0926/028

Moved Councillor Proud, seconded Councillor Olow

That the Meeting be REOPENED to the public.

The motion was put and declared CARRIED (13/0).

For: Councillors Creado, Dudek, Ferrante, Giudici, Hatton, Ion, Krsticevic, Olow, Paparde, Perkov, Proud, Re and Mayor Irwin.
Against: Nil.

At 7.29pm the meeting was reopened to the public. The Presiding Member read the motion that was passed behind closed doors.

19. CLOSURE

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

These minutes were confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings on:

Date: .....

SIGNED:

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Presiding Member Signature

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Presiding Member Name (*please print*)