



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK

Agenda Briefing Forum Notes – 5 November 2019



**WE'RE OPEN
VIC PARK**

Please be advised that an **Agenda Briefing Forum** was held at **6:30 pm** on **Tuesday 5 November 2019** in the **Council Chambers**, Administration Centre at 99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park.

Mayor Karen Vernon
8 November 2019



Table of contents

Item	Page no
1 About the Agenda Briefing Forum	4
2 Opening	5
3 Announcements from the Presiding Member	5
4 Attendance.....	6
4.1 Apologies.....	6
4.2 Approved leave of absence	6
5 Declarations of interest.....	7
6 Public participation time.....	7
7 Presentations	11
8 Deputations.....	11
9 Method of dealing with agenda business.....	11
10 Reports to Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on 19 November 2019.....	12
15 Questions from members without notice on general matters.....	23
16 Public participation time	23
17 Confidential matters	25
18 Closure	25

1 About the Agenda Briefing Forum

The purpose of the Agenda Briefing Forum is to ask questions and seek clarity on the draft Ordinary Council Meeting agenda, in line with the Agenda Briefing, Concept Forum and Council Workshops Policy.

The meeting is open to all members of the public, except during the consideration of matters deemed confidential in line with the *Local Government Act 1995*.

Members of the public that are directly impacted by an item on the agenda may participate in the meeting through any of the following methods.

1. Deputation

A deputation is a presentation made by a group of between two and five people affected (adversely or favourably) by a matter on the agenda. A [Deputation Form](#) must be submitted to the Town no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting and is to be approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

2. Presentation

A presentation is a submission made by an individual affected (adversely or favourably) by a matter on the agenda. A [Presentation Form](#) must be submitted to the Town no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting and is to be approved by the Chief Executive Officer.

All others may participate in the meeting during the allotted Public Participation Time. While it is not required, members of the public are encouraged to submit their questions and statements in advance by [email](#) or by completing the [Public Question/ Statement Form on the Town's website](#). Please note that questions and statements related to an agenda item will be considered first. All those dealing with matters of a general nature will be considered in the order in which they have been received.

For any questions regarding the Agenda Briefing Forum or any item presented in the draft agenda, please contact the Governance team at GovernanceVicPark@vicpark.wa.gov.au

Disclaimer

Any plans or documents in agendas, minutes and notes may be subject to copyright. The express permission of the copyright owner must be obtained before copying any copyright material.

Any advice provided by an employee of the Town on the operation of written law, or the performance of a function by the Town, is provided in the capacity of an employee, and to the best of that person's knowledge and ability. It does not constitute, and should not be relied upon, as a legal advice or representation by the Town. Any advice on a matter of law, or anything sought to be relied upon as representation by the Town, should be requested in writing.

Noting that the Agenda Briefing Forum is only for the purpose of seeking further information on the draft Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda, and does not constitute a decision-making forum, any person or entity who has an application or submission before the Town must not rely upon officer recommendations presented in the draft agenda. Written notice of the Council's decision, and any such accompanying conditions, will be provided to the relevant person or entity following the Ordinary Council Meeting.

2 Opening

Mayor Karen Vernon opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

Acknowledgement of the traditional owners

Ngany yoowart Noongar yorga ngany wadjella yorga. Ngany djerapiny Wadjak – Noongar boodja-k yaakiny, nidja bilya bardook.

I am not a Noongar woman, I am a non-Indigenous woman. I am honoured to be standing on Wadjak - Noongar country on the banks of the Swan River.

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaaditjin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging Leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

Ngany youngka baalapiny Noongar birdiya wer moort nidja boodja.

I thank them for the contribution made to life in the Town of Victoria Park and to this region.

3 Announcements from the Presiding Member

3.1 Purpose of the Agenda Briefing Forum

The purpose of this forum is to provide an opportunity for Elected Members to ask questions and obtain additional information on officer reports in the draft Ordinary Council Meeting agenda. It is not a decision-making forum, nor is it open for debate.

3.2 Notice of recording and live-streaming

All participation in the meeting will be audio recorded and live-streamed on the Town's website. The live-stream will be archived and made available on the Town's website after the meeting.

3.4 Public participation time

There are two opportunities to ask questions and make statements at the beginning and at the end of the meeting. Each public participation time will be held for 30 minutes.

3.5 Additional announcements

Mayor Karen Vernon welcomed Cr Jesvin Karimi, Cr Wilfred Hendriks, live-streaming viewers and the regular members of the public in attendance.

The removal of the formality of standing for the Mayor's arrival to be more in line with the informal nature of the meeting was addressed.

4 Attendance

Mayor	Ms Karen Vernon
Banksia Ward	Cr Claire Anderson Cr Wilfred Hendriks
Jarrah Ward	Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife Cr Brian Oliver Cr Vicki Potter Cr Jesvin Karimi
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Anthony Vuleta
Chief Operations Officer	Mr Ben Killigrew
Chief Financial Officer	Mr Michael Cole
Chief Community Planner	Ms Natalie Martin Goode
Manager Development Services	Mr Robert Cruickshank
Manager Governance and Strategy	Ms Danielle Uniza
Secretary	Ms Amy Noon
Public	12

4.1 Apologies

Nil.

4.2 Approved leave of absence

Banksia Ward	Cr Ronhhda Potter
---------------------	-------------------

5 Declarations of interest

Declaration of financial interest

Nil.

Declaration of proximity interest

Nil.

Declaration of interest affecting impartiality

Nil.

6 Public participation time

Fiona Audcent-Ross and Klaus Backheuer

1. How many signatures did the Town receive with the sandpit petition and how many were valid Town's electors?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that there were 446 signatures and 291 (65%) were electors.

2. Why is the draft Public Open Space Strategy, a draft document not yet ratified by the Council, being referred to in the recommendation when other strategic plans and management plans were not included? Can recommendation two be altered to begin "Endorses the preparation of a vegetation report for the Kent Street Sandpit, consistent with existing Council recommendations, decisions and resolutions, ensuring that the proposed revegetation of the site?"

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the report does speak to some of the documents and previous Council resolutions. The draft Public Open Space Strategy is considered a seriously entertained document as it has been endorsed by Council to proceed to public advertising. There are reservations about changing the recommendation as the report talks to the broader use of the area, with re-vegetation being the main focus, but also includes paths, themed planting and educational signage. The report is not strictly a vegetation report as it also needs to consider design, community engagement in said design and site preparation, as well as potential future funding and stages of works.

3. The risk management consideration table mentions rezoning from its current parks and recreation classification to explore options. Would endorsing the recommendation as is, including the listing of possible re-zoning the area and suggestion to investigate other options, automatically result in overturning and revoking all existing Council resolutions, decisions and plans to revegetate?

If yes: Are the Mayor and the Councillors willing to support this dramatic change in policy?

If no: What does it mean then, and can this be clarified within the report in detail?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the risk table states "Potential loss of future financial or other social benefits as a result of not exploring options outside of the current parks and recreation zone". The zoning of the site is currently parks and recreation and will not change. The risk was referring to Council endorsing the recommendations of the report and, in doing so, acknowledging that there is a risk that there is a loss of potential financial benefit to the Town as the site may not be used for any other purpose outside of the parks and recreation zoning.

4. Point seven in the background of the report mentions "business case" and "exploring all options for the site". Can all background Council resolutions and management plans be included in the report? Given it has been council policy since 2000 to revegetate the sandpit, shouldn't this Public Open Space Strategy statement,

which is not line with current policy, be removed from the background section? Instead this section, or the documents section, could list the key documents that set out the Council's policy to revegetate the site.

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the ultimate aim of revegetating the site is supported. There are a number of other things that need to be accounted for including the site still being a contaminated site. Revegetation in its simple form without earthworks, pathways and community infrastructure would be a sub-par result. There is a need to plan for the future of the site to give it its best chance of success.

5. Background point one states "Lot 705, commonly referred to as the Kent Street Sand Pit, is part of a land parcel" but that is factually incorrect. Lot 705 is about 25.5 hectares. The sandpit is part of Lot 705. Is this error in point one to be corrected?

Background point one says the site (referring to the Kent Street Sandpit) "occupies approximately four hectares." How has the four hectares area in this statement been calculated? The SERS Site Management Plan 2017 says Kent Street Sandpit occupies approximately eight hectares. Is there a more precise size?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the report can be amended to be correct for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the sandpit is 7.0881 hectares.

6. Background point eight refers to the DWER reclassification and states that the sandpit is now deemed suitable for other limited uses such as commercial use or for residential use, provided groundwater bores are not used. This is factually incorrect. The report states "Restriction on use: The land use of the site is restricted to recreational open space which excludes sensitive uses with accessible soil such as childcare centres, kindergartens, pre-schools and primary schools. The site should not be developed for a more sensitive use such as residential use or childcare centres without further contamination assessment and/or remediation. Due to the presence of buried waste beneath the site generating landfill gas (such as carbon dioxide) the construction of buildings with enclosed spaces or large areas of impermeable surfaces (such as asphalt car parks or sporting courts) is not permitted without further assessment of landfill gas. Can background point eight be corrected?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that this information has been originally drawn from the classification system that DWER applies on their website. The classification reads:

"the site was contaminated but has been cleaned up to a standard where it is suitable for limited uses (e.g. the site may be suitable for an apartment block, but not for a kindergarten)". If any redevelopment was to occur (such as residential or commercial), this would not occur without further contamination assessment and/or remediation, as stated in the investigation report.

7. The relevant documents section of the report does not list any documents that the report refers to.

Greg Davis

1. Made a statement in regards to the redevelopment of Higgins Park and the use of the oval for overflow for West Coast Eagles.

2. Is there another fence in front of garden beds at the new dog park in Zone 2x?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that he didn't know the plans well enough and took the question on notice.

3. *What will the area of the revised dog park be?*

The Chief Operations Officer took the question on notice.

4. *What is the breakdown of the size of sandpit, lawn and garden area of the total area of the dog park?*

The Chief Operations Officer took the question on notice.

5. *How many of the trees that were planted by the community members in Zone 2x remain? How many were removed? How many died?*

The Chief Operations Officer took the question on notice.

6. *Will the community trees be lowered in to the revised ground level?*

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the Town is trying to keep as many trees as it possibly can.

Phil Hulvert

1. *Made a statement regarding the hockey club being included in the process for Higgins Park.*

Gordon Edwards

1. *Made a statement regarding the bus shelter on Berwick Street.*

Sam Zammit

1. *Why was it necessary to remove the opening prayer at Council meetings and change the name of the Christmas street party?*

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that the *Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019* doesn't require the Council to do the opening prayer at meetings. There was a public comment period for the draft local law before it was adopted. The Town's Strategic Community Plan targets an inclusive community and the need for the prayer was removed as it was not inclusive for the whole community. The Town has followed other Councils to only require a declaration of opening that doesn't observe any particular religions.

The Summer Street Party is an event that the Town has run for five years now. The Town celebrates Christmas in other ways in its events program. The Summer Street Party doesn't include a visit from Santa Claus as it is not a Christmas pageant.

2. *Why did the Town change the name of Early Settlers to Old Faithful?*

The Chief Community Planner advised that a report was considered by Council recently and it can be given to Mr Zammit. The name Early Settlers wasn't considered to be inclusive, particularly for Aboriginal people. Participants of the event were consulted and they supported changing the name to something more appropriate.

3. *If the previous questions were put to the people in the same way as the Town to City poll, the people would agree with him.*

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that the Town to City poll is item 10.1 in the agenda and Council will consider it at the Ordinary Council Meeting in two weeks time.

Mayor Karen Vernon advised Mr Zammit that in regards to an issue he has previously raised, the quotes to repair the potholes at the Oat Street railway crossing have been received and the contractor selected. There was a hold up in getting the permits from the PTA to do the work within land controlled by them. The works are anticipated to commence before Christmas

John Gleeson

1. What does the rainbow flag represent?

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that the rainbow flag is being flown to celebrate Pride WA month for November and recognise the LGBTIQ community and their contribution to the community.

2. Why isn't there a Rotary, Chinese or Japanese flag?

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that anyone can apply for a flag to be flown under the Flags and Banner Masts Policy. The policy also allows the Town to fly flags they see appropriate.

3. There needs to be more Town flag poles and the Town flag needs to be put up.

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that the Town is considering installing more pole. The Town flag is not currently flying because it was in a bad state but the design for a new flag has been approved and will be ready by the end of November.

Mayor Karen Vernon presented the Town's old flag to Mr Gleeson.

4. Did the design for the new flag go out to schools or was it done in-house?

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that the Town already has a logo, emblem and corporate design and this was used for the flag design.

Luana Lisandro

1. Asked the Town to consider amending the proposed Meetings of Electors Policy to exclude electors' meetings being held in the last two weeks of December and the first two weeks of January.

2. Expressed disappointment in the library not being included in the title of item 13.3 as the library has been neglected.

7 Presentations

Item	Presenter
12.3 - Underground Power Subsidy and Service Charges – Carlisle North, Victoria Park East and Victoria Park West	Mr Graham Downe

The following presentation was made at the time of the item being considered.

8 Deputations

Nil.

9 Method of dealing with agenda business

Due to the high interest level from members of the gallery, item 12.6 was brought forward to be the first item on the agenda.

Item 12.3 was brought forward to be the second item on the agenda because of presentations being made on the item from Town officers and Western Power.

12.6 Petition Relating to the Revegetation of Kent St Sand Pit

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

12.3 Underground Power Subsidy and Service Charges - Carlisle North, Victoria Park East and Victoria Park West

A presentation was made on the item by Graham Downe from Western Power.

Questions and responses

Cr Wilfred Hendriks

1. Why is the variance so large?

Mr Graham Downe advised that the estimating model for the E50 was based on street frontage and the number of lots and doesn't take in to account the complexities of projects such as materials, project management and construction costs.

An officer presentation was requested on the item and delivered by the Manager Technical Services and Manager Corporate Support.

Questions and responses

Cr Brian Oliver

1. Why is there no contingency included in the project cost?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the contingency is within the contract budget from Western Power. The Town is splitting the amount of the contract will include contingencies in loan borrowings.

The Manager Corporate Support advised that the E10 is plus or minus 10% and those percentages have not be allowed for in the budget.

2. Can the amounts being released from the reserve be included under point eight of the recommendation?

The Chief Financial Officer advised that the transfer of funds from the reserve will be included in the quarterly budget review that will be brought back to Council for a decision.

3. Is point 11 of the recommendation a duplication of point eight?

The Chief Financial Officer advised the point eight relates to funding discounts and point 11 relates to drawing down from the reserve.

Cr Vicki Potter

1. Will the total amount held in the underground power reserve be drawn down to pay for the project?

The Chief Financial Officer advised that the majority of the reserve will be utilised. The Town will continue to put more money in the reserve for the life of the program. The money borrowed will fund most of the Town's cost and the money from the reserve will be used to fund discounts.

The Manager Technical Services advised that money held in the underground power reserve was used to fund SUPP5.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the reserve will be drawn down but Council will decide if the money was to be spent.

Mayor Karen Vernon

1. Does the cost of servicing the proposed loan mean that Council needs to amend Policy 305 Loan Borrowing Limitations, which states that the combined cost of servicing the Town's loans is not to exceed 10% of the total revenue from rates?

The Chief Financial Officer advised that proposed loan will be 7.7% of the rate base so it is under the 10% threshold.

10 Chief Executive Officer reports

10.1 Report on the results of the Poll of Electors

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

10.2 Adoption of Policy 053 - Meetings of Electors

Questions and responses

Mayor Karen Vernon

1. *Is cl.3 supposed to refer to Annual Meeting of Electors as per the definition, instead of Annual General Meeting of Electors?*

The Manager Governance and Strategy advised that this would be changed for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

2. *Is the order of proceedings in cl.3 inconsistent with Reg 15 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations which requires the first matter to be discussed at a General Meeting of Electors to be the contents of the Annual Report for the previous financial year?*

The Manager Governance and Strategy advised that this would be changed for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

3. *Is cl.3(c) referring to "presentation of the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements" inconsistent with Reg 15 which refers to discussion of the contents of the Annual Report and Audited Statements?*

The Manager Governance and Strategy advised that the word presentation gives the connotation that it will be presented at the Annual Meeting of Electors but it will have been considered at an Ordinary Council Meeting prior to the meeting of electors. This will be changed for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Further consideration to be added to the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda

1. Outline changes made to the policy following the questions asked by Mayor Karen Vernon.

10.3 Adoption of Council meeting schedule for 2020

Questions and responses

Cr Vicki Potter

1. *The heading for Policy 051 is wrong in the policy book on the Town's website.*

The Manager Governance and Strategy noted the error.

Mayor Karen Vernon

2. The policy book lacks an index.

The Manager Governance and Strategy advised that all policies will be on the website individually soon.

10.4 Tamala Park Regional Council - Additional Power of Attorney

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

11 Chief Community Planner reports

11.1 Edward Millen Park Masterplan - Request to Proceed to Public Advertising

Questions and responses

Cr Claire Anderson

1. The paving around the Rotunda entry space to be re-paved with high quality granite pavers. Is this stone flat surface or cobble stones?

The Chief Community Planner advised that cobble stones will not be used as these cause access issues. It will be large stone paving with a flat surface.

2. The nature play zones and the map attachment at dot point 16 clearly elaborates more detail about the access. Will this area have accessible equipment?

The Chief Community Planner advised that there will be accessible equipment. This will be clarified for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

3. Council recently created the Community Sounding Board which includes 107 people with various expertise and experiences. Will the Community Sounding Board members be sent an email requesting their input into the consultation process?

The Chief Community Planner advised that they will be.

Mayor Karen Vernon

1. The master plan depicts modern style shade shelters/structures in the central performance space and family BBQ seating area. Are the visualisations of these structures representative of a design principle from the design team or the community, as referred to in paragraph 9 of the report, and if so, what is the design principle for them?

The Chief Community Planner advised that they were derived from design principles from the design team and the community.

2. Is there scope for these structures to be replaced with a structure inspired by and in keeping with the architectural heritage of Edward Millen House such as a rotunda or pagoda rather than a flat-top structure?

The Chief Community Planner advised that it would be possible but would be a deviation from strategies of the master plan. As Edward Millen is state heritage listed, any additions cannot mimic any existing

architecture but needs to be sympathetic to what already exists.

3. Is it not possible?

The Chief Community Planner advised that it could be but would be deviation from the principles in the document. It can also be considered in the detailed design phase.

3. Who prepared the total estimated cost of \$5.885 million? Was it the consultants or the Town? Is there a breakdown of what is included in the total estimated cost?

The Chief Community Planner advised that it was prepared by the consultants. Including the breakdown will be considered for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Cr Vicki Potter

1. Are there plans for power outlets in the stage area?

The Chief Community Planner advised that this can be confirmed and included for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Further consideration to be added to the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda

1. Include details about accessible equipment.
2. Include the breakdown of what is included in the total estimated cost.
3. Include whether power outlets will be available in the stage area.

11.2 53 & 55 Canning Highway, Victoria Park - Unlisted Use (Temporary Property Sales Suites) and Signage

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

11.3 Scheme Amendment for Home Business Land Use Definition

Questions and responses

Cr Claire Anderson

1. How will prohibiting the retail sale display or hire of any goods work with home businesses such as beauticians or hairdressers that rely on products being sold?

The Manager Development Services advised that the proposed definition replicates the same definition from the planning and development local planning scheme definitions. Other local governments have taken a pragmatic approach to allow small scale retail sales to happen if associated, but incidental, to the business. The Town will contact other local governments and the WA Planning Commission to find out how they deal with it.

The Chief Community Planner advised that in terms of compliance, it is discretionary. Council can choose to take action or not. Other local governments have been quite lenient in this situation. It is rare that people go to home businesses just to buy retail goods.

Further consideration to be added to the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda

1. Include information on how other local governments and the WA Planning Commission deal with small scale retail sales.

11.4 Review of Local Planning Policy 7 'Vehicle Access to Properties via a Right-of-Way'

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

11.5 Higgins Park and Playfield Reserve Recreational Needs Assessment and Proposed Masterplan Scope

Questions and responses

Cr Claire Anderson

1. In the attachment, page 28, the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club Business Plan, the synthetic turf issue was to be resolved through the development of a business case, which has not been developed as yet? Can you advise why?

The Chief Community Planner advised that the club advised the Town that it was their role to develop a business case. This may not have happened because the club don't have a firm geographical location.

2. The development of a synthetic turf hockey pitch and two additional grass pitches is suggested. Does this need to be included in the recommendation?

The Chief Community Planner advised that there were nine options for the needs assessment and these were discussed at a concept forum. The grass pitches were not in the final four recommendations. These are not recommended by staff but elected members can change this at the Ordinary Council Meeting if they want to.

Cr Jesvin Karimi

1. What consultation has happened with Millen Primary School in relation to formalising arrangements for using their space for Auskick?

The Chief Community Planner advised that there have been several discussions between staff/consultants and the primary school. The sharing arrangement has been happening informally and there is a desire to formalise it.

Cr Wilfred Hendriks

1. If the school is incorporated into the master plan, can Playfield Street be closed?

The Chief Community Planner advised that this isn't something that was considered in the scope. It wasn't requested through the community engagement but is something that could be considered.

11.6 Review of Local Planning Policy 29 'Public Art Private Developer Contribution'

Questions and responses

Cr Claire Anderson

1. What was the rationale behind the 15% reduction for cash-in-lieu?

The Manager Development Services advised that it is not particularly scientific. The City of Vincent has a policy encouraging cash-in-lieu and it has worked for them so the Town is proposing similar arrangements.

11.7 1/109 President Street, Welshpool - Commercial Additions (Office)

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

12 Chief Operations Officer reports

12.1 Hillview Bushland Management Plan

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

12.2 Investigation of use of Glyphosate within the Town of Victoria Park

Questions and responses

Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

1. What would be the estimated cost increase if the Town started using steam treatment in areas immediately adjacent to schools, child care facilities and aged care facilities in addition to the areas where it currently uses steam?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that it would be roughly six to 10 times more expensive than the standard glyphosate treatment. An estimate will be included for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

2. Have we investigated the use of vinegar in the place of glyphosate, which I believe has been shown to be effective? Do we have any data on the cost and efficacy of vinegar in the place of glyphosate?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the Town has used a vinegar-based weed killer in the past. It includes acetic acid in high concentrations, hydrochloric acid, salts and detergents to penetrate leaves. It is a lot less effective than glyphosate and difficult and impractical to handle because of the acidity. It is also more expensive than glyphosate and is only effective on young, broad leaf weeds.

Further consideration to be added to the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda

1. Include estimate for using steam treatment in areas immediately adjacent to schools, child care facilities and aged care facilities, in addition to the areas where steam is currently used.

12.4 Proposed lease of 707-709 Albany Hwy to Paradigm Shift trading as Perth Cars & Commercials

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

12.5 Tender TVP19-21 Supply and laying of asphalt

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

12.7 Occupancy of 10 Kent Street, East Victoria Park

Questions and responses

Cr Claire Anderson

1. Why is the dependency on accessibility mentioned in the risk assessment down to the type of tenant?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that private sector for private use has lower standards of needs in regards to the building codes. This property cannot be leased commercially as it is zone parks and recreation. This will be looked in to and clarified for the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Further consideration to be added to the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda

1. Clarify why the dependency on accessibility mentioned in the risk assessment is down to the type of tenant.

12.8 Proposed Sale of 355-357 Shepperton Road, East Victoria Park

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

12.9 Discussion regarding Perth Football Club facilities

Questions and responses

Cr Brian Oliver

1. Are all the meetings held include in the report?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that it is his understanding that they have been.

2. Was the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or any other elected members invited to the meetings listed in the report? If so, did they attend?

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that since she was elected, she has not attended any meetings.

Cr Vicki Potter advised that she didn't attend any of the meetings listed but did attend two public meetings.

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the information requested would be included for the Ordinary Council Meeting however, he is aware the previous Mayor did attend at least one of the meetings listed.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that the meetings he was invited to were only with the President of Perth Football Club and no elected members were invited.

3. Since your election to the role, have you met with representatives from the Perth Football Club? Will you?

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that she has received a meeting request to discuss the club's objectives and aims. This meeting hasn't taken place yet.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that a meeting was held last week, outside of the time frame that this report deals with, with representatives from the Perth Football Club. Plans were given to the Town but have not yet been assessed.

Further consideration to be added to the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda

1. Include whether the Mayor, Deputy Mayor or any other elected members were invited to the meetings listed in the report.

13 Chief Financial Officer reports

13.1 Schedule of Accounts for September 2019

Questions and responses

Cr Jesvin Karimi

1. Is the payment for the refund of rates for \$3,000 for VG Maxwell common? What are the implications for accounting processes?

The Chief Financial Officer advised that the payee paid incorrectly and was given a refund within two days.

13.2 Financial statements for the month ending 30 September 2019

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

13.3 Aqualife and Leisurelife Needs Analysis

There were no questions asked or presentations made in relation to this item.

13.4 Parking Trial

Questions and responses

Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

1. Did we collect any data or anecdotal information from business owners about foot traffic and how busy the businesses were during the parking trial? Do we have any evidence beyond their levels of satisfaction that changing the parking cost and duration of free parking actually increases visits to businesses in the area?

The Chief Financial Officer advised that the trial tested two variables, price and time, and a control was maintained. No anecdotal data was collected on foot traffic or business activity due to its subjective nature. The trial results showed an increase of parking instances (detailed in table 1 of the report) of 2%, 7.7% and 0.2% data indicating that more people parked in the area.

The Town did attempt to source objective, quantifiable data and worked with financial institutions to identify anonymised business turnover data however the information could only be provided at

a postcode level (6100) so was far too general to be useful.

Cr Vicki Potter

1. Does the Town still have foot traffic counters in this area of Albany Highway? Is it possible to access this data?

The Chief Financial Officer advised that he believes counters aren't installed in the trial area. This can be checked and confirmed.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that there is a counter at the intersection of Mint Street but it is a reasonable distance from the trial area.

2. Can this data be looked at?

The Chief Financial Officer advised that he would clarify if it can be.

Cr Wilfred Hendriks

1. Can the Town get rid of parking meters?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that anything can happen with the will of the Council but it would be a significant financial impact on the Town. The parking meters provide equitable access to help manage parking better. The Town used to be a parking spot for the City of Perth before the meters were introduced. The loan for the meters will be paid off in nine months and the money from the meters will then be reinvested into community infrastructure in the same zone. Parking meters are also a congestion management tool. As the Town grows, it needs ways to manage parking. The Integrated Movement Network Strategy (IMNS) addresses what needs to happen over the growth of the Town.

2. The demand for parking is in the peak times. Can the Town supply extra parking? Can parking be managed with time restrictions rather than paid parking?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that you can. 50% of the income from parking is from fines rather than paid tickets. The IMNS was developed before the Town was given its 19,200 dwelling target and it says that the Town does need to provide more parking. The Town is going more towards capping parking because roads can only handle so much traffic. Trends such as Uber and trackless trams also have a part to play. The IMNS was going to be reviewed this financial year but there was no money in the budget to do so. The Town will try and include it in the budget for next financial year.

Further consideration to be added to the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda

1. Include foot traffic counter data if possible.

14 Committee reports

Nil.

15 Questions from members without notice on general matters

Cr Claire Anderson

1. What is the Town doing for International Day of People with a Disability on 3 December?

The Chief Community Planner took the question on notice.

Cr Wilfred Hendriks

1. When will the new flag poles go up? Can the Council have certainty?

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that an answer will be provided before the Ordinary Council Meeting.

16 Public participation time

John Gleeson

1. The Town needs more flag poles.

2. Thanked the Town for presenting him with the old Town flag.

3. Believes ratepayers shouldn't be charged for underground power.

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that it is a state government program and the Council just follows the rules.

4. If there are 10 houses on one block, do they pay for underground power once or 10 times?

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that people pay per lot, or per property. If there are 10 house that needs connections, they will all pay. Apartments are charged differently.

Sam Zammit

1. How much does it cost the Town to put up the Christmas tree lights each year?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that there is a budget line item for \$100,000. It costs \$40,000 to put the lights up and take them down.

2. Is there a program to clean bus shelters?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that there is a program to clean each shelter twice a year. There is limited budget that is spread as much as possible. Some shelters need more cleaning depending on the amount of usage and location.

Mayor Karen Vernon asked whether graffiti removal is dealt with separately.

The Chief Operations Officer advised that it is.

3. Endorsed statement made by Mr Gleeson about the public have to pay for underground power.

4. Is it still a three-way split to pay for connection to these services?

Mayor Karen Vernon advised that the state pays a portion, the Council pays a portion and individuals pay a portion however, the split is not all equal.

The Chief Financial Officer advised that it is not an even split across ratepayers. Residents pay 25-35%, the state pays 50% and the rest is funded by the Town.

5. Doesn't understand how people should have to pay for a service to be delivered when people didn't have to pay when the power poles were first put up.

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the State Underground Power Project is an opt-in situation. The Town asked ratepayers in 2016 if they would support having underground power in their suburbs. An average of 70% of those surveyed advised that would like it. The Town then requested funding from the state government. The Town was granted the highest subsidy from the state government. The project was supported by the majority of tenancies based on the E50 estimate. The report tonight deals with keeping costs within 10% of that.

6. The state government is trying to push their responsibilities on to local governments so that money comes out of ratepayers pockets.

7. Green domes are very poorly engineered and are not suitable for their task. The domes hold 440 volts of electricity. Many are already damaged and cracked. If someone touches one they are finished. Is willing to support Council with his time to get it reviewed.

Mayor Karen Vernon noted the comments but advised that the infrastructure belongs to Western Power.

Gordon Edwards

1. What is under Acton Real Estate in the Hubert Street car park?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that it is a storm water sump constructed by the City of Perth that drains the whole area. It is a concrete structure that you can drive into.

Greg Davis

1. Has the estimated cost for Carlisle North been increased because the area has been increased or because there are more residences?

The Chief Financial Officer advised that the E50 estimate was based on aerial data. The E10 estimate was based on a property count.

Luana Lisandro

1. Will all laneways have a power dome for future lighting?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that there have been discussions with Western Power to electrify laneways and it wasn't possible. The Town requested that a power dome be supplied to the end of each laneway to electrify and light in the future.

2. Will residents on laneways with underground power have significant discounts given they won't be given street lighting?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that this hasn't been considered in the discount schedule.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that it could be considered however, properties that front laneways have street addresses not laneway addresses. Laneways need to be 6.01 metres wide or greater for Western Power to supply power.

John Gleeson

1. Has the Council thought about putting in a deep bore and lakes at the sandpit?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the report responds to the petition's purpose. The Water Corporation have deep bores on the site and use them for water scheme. The sandpit would probably not be able to support a wetlands style. Mr Gleeson was encouraged to be a part of the engagement process.

17 Confidential matters

Nil.

18 Closure

There being no further business, Mayor Karen Vernon closed the meeting at 9.02pm.