



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Ordinary Council Meeting Minutes – 18 March 2025



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An **Ordinary Council Meeting** was held at **6:30 PM** on **Tuesday 18 March 2025** in the **Council Chambers**, Administration Centre at 99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park.

Her Worship the Mayor Karen Vernon

21 March 2025

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1 Declaration of opening

Mayor Karen Vernon opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

Cr Daniel Minson read out the Acknowledgement of Country.

Ngany djerapiny Wadjak – Noongar boodja-k yaakiny, nidja bilya bardook.

I am honoured to be standing on Whadjuk - Nyungar 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.

2 Announcements from the Presiding Member

2.1 Recording and live streaming of proceedings

In accordance with regulation 14I of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, this meeting is being audio and video recorded and live streamed on the Town's website.

Under clause 39(1) of *the Meeting Procedure Local Law 2019* I do not give permission for any other person to record the proceedings of this meeting. By being present at this meeting, members of the public consent to the possibility that their image and voice may be live streamed to public. Recordings are also made available on the Town's website following the meeting.

2.2 Public question time and public statement time

There are guidelines that need to be adhered to in our Council meetings and during question and statement time people speaking are not to personalise any questions, or statements about Elected Members, or staff or use any possible defamatory remarks.

In accordance with clause 40 of the *Town of Victoria Park Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019*, a person addressing the Council shall extend due courtesy and respect to the Council and the processes under which it operates and shall comply with any direction by the presiding member.

A person present at or observing a meeting shall not create a disturbance at a meeting, by interrupting or interfering with the proceedings, whether by expressing approval or dissent, by conversing or by any other means.

When the presiding member speaks during public question time or public statement time any person then speaking, is to immediately stop and every person present is to preserve strict silence so that the presiding member may be heard without interruption.

2.3 No adverse reflection

In accordance with clause 56 of the *Town of Victoria Park Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019*, both Elected Members and the public when speaking are not to reflect adversely on the character or actions of Elected Members or employees.

2.4 Town of Victoria Park Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019

All meetings of the Council, committees and the electors are to be conducted in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and the *Town of Victoria Park Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019*.

2.5 Mayor's Report – February to March 2025

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

Since this is his first official meeting in the role, on behalf of Council, I extend our congratulations to David Doy, who has been appointed as the Town's new Chief Community Planner. David joined the Town in 2018 as the inaugural Manager Place Planning, and last year was Acting CEO of the Town. His promotion to Chief is a natural progression in his career. We look forward to working with you.

The Town has a busy events program over the next 2 weeks.

The Harmony Week Picnic is on this Friday 21 March at Rayment Park from 4pm onwards, with free family entertainment.

We will be launching Arts Season 2025 with the Arts and Culture Fest on Saturday 29 March at McCallum Park from 6.30pm. There will be free entertainment with live dance, theatre and musical experiences, art projections and light shows on Boorloo Bridge.

AFL Footy Season kicks off on Sunday 30 March with a Derby Day at The Circus Park, Burswood from 12pm to 3pm with live music, pre-game activities, football merchandise and the West Coast Eagles mascots.

MAYOR'S REPORT – February to March 2025

On **19 February**, Deputy Mayor Ife and I joined the Town's executive management at a Federal Grants Commission hearing to discuss the distribution of Federal grant funding allocated to Victoria Park.

Later that day, I went to the launch of the "Mini Woollies" program for schools at the East Victoria Park Education Support Centre.

I also participated in 2 radio interviews and 3 Television interviews that day in regards to Council's opposition to the proposed motorsport street circuit at Burswood Park.

On **20 February**, the CEO and I had a meeting with the CEO of Mindarie Regional Council to discuss MRC current issues, including FOGO and Waste to Energy, followed by a site tour of the Tamala Park landfill and the Neerabup Resource Recovery Facility.

On **23 February**, I attended the Burswood Peninsula Neighbourhood Watch Community Fiesta sponsored by a Town community grant.

On **25 February**, the CEO and I attended the Tourism Council of WA's State Election Breakfast at Optus Stadium with the Minister for Tourism as guest. That was followed by an interview on 6PR about the Burswood Park proposed motorsport street circuit.

Later that day, the CEO and I met with Hannah Beazley MLA, Member for Victoria Park, to make a final presentation on our Election advocacy priority projects.

On **26 February**, the CEO and I met with Mic Fels, the Liberal candidate for the Federal seat of Swan to discuss our Electoral advocacy priority projects.

Later that day, I attended a briefing for Mindarie Regional Council.

On **27 February**, I attended the Business News State Election Breakfast with Liberal Party leader Libby Mettam held at Crown Perth.

Later that day I met with Mayor Greg Milner of City of South Perth to discuss general council issues, including Local Government Act reform.

That evening I attended an Ordinary meeting of Mindarie Regional Council.

On **4 March**, I attended the Business News State Election Breakfast with Premier Roger Cook held at Crown.

On **6 March**, I attended the West Coast Eagles AFL Season launch breakfast. That was followed by a lunch with the Mayors of Canning and South Perth.

On **7 March**, I attended a lovely International Women's Day afternoon tea jointly presented by the Town and the Victoria Park Community Centre.

On **10 March**, I attended a meeting of metropolitan area Mayors and Shire Presidents hosted by the City of Swan, where election commitments and Local Government Reform were the hot topics of conversation.

On **15 March**, I held Share with the Mayor at the Library.

3 Attendance

Mayor	Ms Karen Vernon
Banksia Ward	Cr Claire Anderson Cr Peter Devereux Cr Peter Melrosa Cr Lindsay Miles
Jarraah Ward	Cr Sky Croeser Cr Jesse Hamer Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife Cr Daniel Minson
Chief Executive Officer	Mr Carl Askew
Chief Operations Officer Chief Financial Officer Chief Community Planner	Ms Natalie Adams Mr Duncan Olde Mr David Doy
Manager Governance and Strategy Manager Place Planning Coordinator Governance and Strategy	Ms Bernadine Tucker Mr Jack Hobbs Mr Jordan McDermott
Meeting Secretary Public liaison	Ms Winnie Tansanguanwong Ms Sarah Vader
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3.1 Apologies

Nil.

3.2 Approved leave of absence

Nil.

4 Declarations of interest

4.1 Declarations of financial interest

Nil.

4.2 Declarations of proximity interest

Nil.

4.3 Declarations of affecting impartiality

12.1 40kmh on Local Streets - Request to proceed to community engagement phase	
Cr Sky Croeser	I have discussed this with members of the community.
13.3 Feasibility Report to Resurface the Kensington Bushland Pathways - Request for Extension	
Cr Sky Croeser	I have discussed this with members of the Friends of Jirdarup and members of the community
17.1 Mayor Karen Vernon - Carlisle Traffic Management Issues	
Cr Sky Croeser	I have discussed this with members of the community
Mayor Karen Vernon	I have received communications from members of the community about the subject matter of my motion.

5 Public question time

5.1 Response to previous public questions taken on notice at Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 February 2025

John Collins

Regarding concerns about Archer Street and the bicycle pathway, was a preliminary survey conducted to estimate the expected number of bicycles using the two laneways? If so, what were the numbers as a result?

The recorded 30 cyclists per day on the protected bike lane along Archer Street between Gemini Way and Raleigh Street in March 2024 is just a snapshot of time and serves as a baseline for cycling activity after the streetscape improvements. Ongoing traffic counts will track trends, seasonal variations, and the long-term impact of the bike lane.

Forecast bicycle volumes along Archer Street are not known at this point in time as there are many variables that could influence the uptake of cycling within the recently constructed facilities. These include:

1. Commissioning of the new Carlisle Train Station as part of the Metronet delivery
2. Continuation of the bicycle facilities linking Orrong Road to Albany Highway
3. Future Orrong Road Upgrade
4. Congestion – Ease of using other modes of transport for short local trips

Vince Maxwell

In 2021, the council decided to withdraw from the Future Fund reserve to break a contract with the Mindarie Regional Council Resource Recovery operator. Can the council clearly identify where the resulting revenue stream from this expenditure is reflected in the Town's accounts?

When adopting the budget at the Special Council Meeting dated 2 August 2021, the following resolution was made, under item 10.2.

6. Change of use of Future Fund reserve

(a) Pursuant to Section 6.11 of the Local Government Act 1995, authorises the change of use of the Future Fund Reserve to include the funding operational changes arising from the strategic review of Mindarie Regional Council (MRC) to be repaid from expected savings in waste disposal fees over a period of 10 years.

5.2 Public question time

Public question time opened at 6:41 pm.

Mayor Karen Vernon asked questions as Presiding Member on behalf of **Steve and Linda Winter**

1. *Would the Victoria Park Council consider allowing ratepayers to use the underutilised electric vehicle charging stations, with costs and implementation timeline to be determined?*

The Chief Operations Officer advised that as previously stated, the answer remains unchanged. The Town is not currently allowing ratepayers to use the charging stations.

Vince Maxwell, Victoria Park

1. *At the June 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting, a decision was made to pay \$7.2 million for a contract. In response to my previous question, the Town confirmed in tonight's agenda that the Future Fund was repurposed in August 2021 to cover this cost. Did the decision taken in June 2021 include the use of the Future Fund for this payment?*

The Chief Financial Officer took the question on notice.

2. *Referring to the financial statement, attachment 14.2.1 page 13, could you clarify what the chart represents?*

Chief Financial Officer advised that the chart refers to invoices paid against a particular project.

3. *At the February Council Meeting Minutes, the Mayor disagree with Mr Maxwell's assessment regarding the Town's Capital Work program. Can you clarify what you disagreed with as I highlighted the significant gap between the budgeted amount and the actual result represented by the red figure?*

Mayor Vernon advised that that was not the question Mayor Vernon addressed back in February. Mr Maxwell suggested that the Capital Works program was falling behind or significantly delayed but given

that the 2024/2025 program includes some large projects, many of which were never expected to start in July 2024, it is important to note that some projects will be completed while others may not start for various reasons. We are still within the current financial year; Hence, the Mayor does not believe that the Town running behind.

Bill Campton, Carlisle

1. Why is the traffic calming scheme on Star Street using aggressive speed humps that cause noise and blinding headlights, and why is the speed limit set at 30 kmph when more gently designed humps in Lathlain are posted at 20 kmph?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the Town does not place the speed signs on the road. That responsibility lies with Main Roads, as they are in charge of line marking and signage. They determine the speed limits for each location

2. Was any survey conducted to compare the number of bicycles versus cars using Archer Street before proposing bike lanes on both sides? From my observation, there seems to be a significant difference between the number of cars and bicycle. Who is the primary focus of this initiative?

The Chief Community Planner advised that in designing the Archer Street and Mint Street streetscape improvement plan, our goal is to increase the number of cyclists. Prior to the works, there were very few cyclists using Archer Street. The intent is that once the improvements are completed, more cyclists will use the road, particularly those riding to the stations or principal shared path. The Town will continue to monitor the situation to see if the number of cyclists increases, but that is the intended outcome.

3. Who are we catering for in this?

The Chief Community Planner advised that the Town's Integrated Transport Strategy, approved in 2021, provides clear guidance on shifting transportation modes. While cars remain a critical and historic means of moving around the town and surrounding areas, the goal is to reduce the reliance on cars and encourage more people to walk or ride bikes. To achieve this, the Town recognises the need to improve infrastructure to make alternative modes of transport more appealing and expects to see an increase in the number of cyclists.

Mayor Vernon directed the question to Chief Operations Officer regarding the potentially unacceptable narrowing of Archer Street due to the addition of bike lanes, specifically asking about the street's width and its ability to accommodate the newly installed protected bicycle lanes.

The Chief Operations Officer advised that in terms of the actual width, it meets the requirements for all traffic designated to travel on those roads, including the incorporation of the bike lane.

Mayor Vernon further advised that Archer Street has always been one lane of traffic in either direction, and it is a wide enough street that the engineers determined it could accommodate both vehicles and a protected bicycle lane. This was part of the engineering assessment conducted during the feasibility phase before the program was implemented.

Sam Zammit, St James

1. The recordings of the Council meetings do not appear on the Town's website. When can residents expect them to be posted online?

The Manager Governance and Strategy advised that the Town has changed the providers, and the previous provider made some changes that have affected the display of the recordings. We have been in contact with them and are working to have the recordings restored on our website. It has not been resolved yet, but we are still actively working on it.

2. When can we expect it to resolve?

The Manager Governance and Strategy advised that the timeframe is uncertain, as we are still working with the provider to resolve the issue.

3. Mr Zammit recently tried to contact the CEO through the Town's phone system but was told calls couldn't be transferred directly. What is being done to ensure residents can reach them when needed?

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he is not aware of the specific situation being referenced, but will conduct a more detailed investigation. Generally, calls are initially directed to the CEO's Executive Assistant before being forwarded to the CEO.

4. Why are Greens campaign signs still on the gate despite the 48-hour removal rule?

Mayor Vernon advised that we do not discuss elected members personal matters in council meetings but thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Luana Lisandro, Lathlain

1. According to the attachment on the Town's website for Archer Street Stage 2A between Mars and Gemini Way, the plans indicate a pedestrian crossing at the raised plateaus on the intersection of Star and Archer Street. Will this pedestrian crossing be implemented, and if so, when?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that there are currently two raised plateaus on Star Street at the Archer Street intersection, serving as pedestrian access. For the two locations on Archer Street with rubber speed cushions, the administration plans to propose a similar design and construction as pedestrian plateaus in next year's budget.

2. The response does not fully answer my question which was referring to the previously completed works, where the map clearly designates the existing raised plateau on Star Street as a pedestrian crossing. If you zoom in, the plans show vertical lines indicating a crossing, and this is also reflected in the documents on the Town's Archer Street improvement webpage.

The Mayor directed the question to Chief Community Planner regarding the Archer Street improvements plan.

The Chief Community Planner advised that Ms Lisandro may be referring to the streetscape improvement plan on the website, which is a concept design. It would be helpful to clarify whether the document is referring to the concept design or the detailed design issued for construction. The concept design does show raised plateaus on Star Street with line markings resembling pedestrian crossings. However, during

the detailed design process, these markings and the overall design were reviewed and tested through an approval process with Main Roads, which led to the current design.

3. *In that case, considering that Main Roads controls the speed limits and signage, as stated in previous responses, and that they reviewed the design plan, did Main Roads recommend removing the potential for a pedestrian crossing on the existing raised plateaus? Specifically, did they advise against adding a pedestrian crossing to those raised plateaus?*

The Chief Operations Officer advised that it was the town's decision to put the speed control measures in.

The Chief Community Planner advised the second part of question that Main Roads has specific requirements for pedestrian crossings, including lighting that must be met for it to be considered a formal crossing. The concept design, which resembles a pedestrian crossing, would not have been approved by Main Roads as a formal pedestrian crossing. Instead, it was designed as a raised plateau with line markings, which is not classified as a formal pedestrian crossing,

4. *The officer's report on the Notice of Motion, mentions several measures including a raised plateau at Western Street and Archer Street, a flat-top plateau at Archer Street near the roundabout at Star Street, and possible horizontal deflection treatments to slow traffic on Star Street. Can you clarify if there are any plans for pedestrian crossings at the roundabout at Star and Archer Street, considering these are all unbudgeted items?*

The Chief Operations Officer advised that the locations and treatments referred to are part of the proposals being put forward for consideration in the financial year 2025/2026 budget. As for designated pedestrian crossing locations, that will be evaluated as part of the design process.

Public question time closed at 7.07pm

6 Public statement time

Public statement time opened at 7.07pm

Mayor Karen Vernon read out the statement as Presiding Member on behalf of **Anja Bartels, Carlisle** about safety concerns and request for a pedestrian traffic light on Roberts Road for safety during school hours and weekends.

Vince Maxwell, Victoria Park

Made a statement about concerns over deferred capital works and unforeseen budget expenses.

Bill Campton, Carlisle

Made a statement about concerns over aggressive traffic calming measures at Star Street and request for alternative solutions.

Sam Zammit, St James

Made a statement about his dissatisfaction with the Towns after-hours service regarding dust complaints from building sites and concerns over recycling bin availability.

Luana Lisandro, Lathlain

Made a statement about consideration of speed limits, vulnerable road users, and the need for an integrated approach to traffic calming and pedestrian safety on Archer Street, Roberts Road, and surrounding areas.

Public statement time closed at 7:20pm

7 Confirmation of minutes and receipt of notes from any agenda briefing forum

OFFICE RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (35/2025):

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

Seconded: Cr Claire Anderson

That Council:

1. Confirms the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 18 February 2025.
2. Receives the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 19 February 2025.
3. Receives the notes of the Agenda Briefing Forum held on 4 March 2025.
4. Receives the notes from Urban Forest Strategy Implementation Working Group held on 12 February 2025.

Carried (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

8 Presentation of minutes from external bodies

OFFICE RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (36/2025):

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

Seconded: Cr Sky Croeser

That Council:

1. Receives the minutes of Catalina Regional Council Meeting held on 5 December 2025.
2. Receives the minutes of Mindarie Regional Council Meeting held on 12 December 2025.
3. Receives the minutes of Catalina Regional Special Council Meeting held on 19 December 2025.

Carried (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

9 Presentations

9.1 Petitions

OFFICE RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (37/2025):

Moved: Mayor Karen Vernon

Seconded: Cr Daniel Minson

That Council:

1. Receive the petition from Anjali Jeenarain requesting that the bus stop at 57a Archer Street not be placed at the proposed location. We urge the Council and PTA to reconsider the decision and explore other alternatives that will serve better the needs of the community while minimising impact on local businesses and residents.
2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to refer the petition to the Public Transport Authority (PTA) for consideration.
3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to advise Anjali Jeenarain in writing of Councils decision.

Carried (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

9.2 Presentations

Nil.

9.3 Deputations

Nil.

10 Method of dealing with agenda business

COUNCIL RESOLUTION (38/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Peter Devereux

That the following items be adopted by exception resolution, and the remaining items be dealt with separately.

11.1 Council Resolutions Status Report - February 2025

13.1 TVP/24/31 Estate Parks and Streetscape Maintenance Tender

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15.4 Compliance Audit Return 2024

Carried (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

11 Chief Executive Officer reports

11.1 Council Resolutions Status Report - February 2025

Location	Town-wide
Reporting officer	Governance Officer
Responsible officer	Manager Governance and Strategy
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	1. Outstanding Council Resolutions Report February 2025 [11.1.1 - 32 pages] 2. Completed Council Resolutions Report February 2025 [11.1.2 - 8 pages]

Summary

The Council Resolution status reports are provided for Council's information.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes the Outstanding Council Resolutions Report as shown in attachment 1.
2. Notes the Completed Council Resolutions Report as shown in attachment 2.

Background

1. On 17 August 2021 Council resolved as follows:

That Council:

1. *Endorse the inclusion of Council Resolutions Status Reports as follows:*
 - a) *Outstanding Items – all items outstanding; and*
 - b) *Completed Items – items completed since the previous months' report to be presented to each Ordinary Council Meeting, commencing October 2021.*
2. *Endorse the format of the Council Resolutions Status Reports as shown in Attachment 1.*

Discussion

The Outstanding Council Resolutions Report details all outstanding items. A status update has been included by the relevant officer/s.

The Completed Council Resolutions Report details all Council resolutions that have been completed by officers from 23 January 2025 to 27 February 2025. A status update has been included by the relevant officer/s.

Legal and policy compliance

Not applicable.

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation.
Future budget impact	Not applicable.

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial	Not applicable.		Low	
Environmental	Not applicable.		Medium	
Health and safety	Not applicable.		Low	
Data, Information Technology and Cyber	Not applicable.		Medium	
Assets	Not applicable.		Medium	
Compliance Breach	Not applicable.		Low	
Reputation	Not applicable.		Low	
Service delivery interruption	Not applicable.		Medium	

Engagement

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
All service areas	Relevant officers have provided comments on the progress of implementing Council resolutions.

Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL3 - Accountability and good governance.	The reports provide elected members and the community with implementation/progress updates on Council resolutions.

Further consideration

Not applicable.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (39/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Peter Devereux

That Council:

1. Notes the Outstanding Council Resolutions Report as shown in attachment 1.
2. Notes the Completed Council Resolutions Report as shown in attachment 2.

Carried by exception resolution (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

12 Chief Community Planner reports

12.1 40kmh on Local Streets - Request to proceed to community engagement phase

Location	Town-wide
Reporting officer	Place Leader - Transport
Responsible officer	Manager Place Planning
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	1. 40 Kmh on Local Streets Rationale - Perth Inner City Group Feb 2025 [12.1.1 - 18 pages]

Summary

The 40kmh Safer Speeds Project is working to improve road safety by reducing speeds on local roads. The Perth Inner City Group (PICG) is taking an area-wide approach to coordinate implementation, reduce costs, and provide consistency for community living within the Perth inner city, which includes the Town of Victoria Park (the Town).

The purpose of this report is to seek consent to undertake a community information campaign for the 40kmh Safer Speeds Project as it applies to the Town.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Requests the CEO to undertake a community information campaign in partnership with the Perth Inner City Group, for the 40kmph Safer Speeds Project as it applies to the Town of Victoria Park.
2. Requests the CEO to provide a further report to Council by June 2025 summarising the results of the community information campaign and recommendations on next steps for progressing the 40kmph Safer Speeds Project.

Background

1. Council adopted the Town's Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS) in April 2022.
2. The ITS aims to improve road safety for all road users through various initiatives including the Town advocating, as a member of the Perth Inner City Group (PICG), for *"support for legislative change and policy support for the wider roll out of lower speed limits throughout the Town and wider inner-city area"* (Action #23).
3. The PICG is a voluntary alliance of five inner-city local governments including the Town, City of Perth, City of South Perth, City of Subiaco and City of Vincent, with the purpose of collaborating across borders to make the Perth inner-city the most appealing destination for residents, visitors, businesses, and investors.
4. In July 2024, the PICG identified implementing an inner-city slow speed zone as an advocacy priority.

- 5. The PICG is taking a united approach to reduce the speed on local roads from 50kmh to 40kmh as part of the 40kmh Safer Speeds Project (the Project).
- 6. The Project follows the successful implementation of a safer speeds trial and subsequent area-wide speed reduction on local roads within the City of Vincent.
- 7. From April to December 2024, Town staff have participated in progressing Stage 1 of the Project, including project planning, commencing funding applications for signage, and the preliminary stages of design.
- 8. A Concept Forum was held with Elected Members on the Project in October 2024, including the progress to date and lessons learnt from the City of Vincent.

Discussion

- 9. Reducing speed limits on local roads to 40kmph can significantly reduce the severity of crashes, therefore reducing the likelihood of fatalities. Slower speed limits also support healthier streets and can enhance the liveability of the inner city. These benefits of the Project, and others, are outlined in detail in the Perth Inner City Group 40kmh Project Rationale at Attachment 1.
- 10. Stage 2 of the Project proposes all PICG members undertaking simultaneous community engagement on the proposal with a community education focus.
- 11. The Project’s community engagement plan is currently being prepared in close collaboration between PICG members.
- 12. It is intended that each PICG local government will undertake engagement activities across March – April 2025 to demonstrate alignment with united branding, messaging and methods.
- 13. The Administration is seeking Council’s support to undertake a community information campaign, in partnership with other PICG member Councils, in accordance with Stage 2 of the Project.
- 14. This communications approach will ensure consistent messaging across the project area, whilst enabling each Council to consider further local communications unique to their area.
- 15. It is recommended that a further report be provided to Council summarising the results of the community information campaign and with recommendations on next steps for progressing the 40kmh Safer Speeds Project.

Relevant documents

[Policy 103 Communication and engagement](#)

Legal and policy compliance

Not applicable.

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation.
Future budget impact	The passing of this recommendation does not result in funds being required in future budgets, however, should Council resolve to subsequently implement

Stage 3 of the Project this may result in additional funds being required in future budgets, primarily for the capital costs of signage.

At this point in time the project is proceeding on the predication that the Road Safety Commission will be contributing to the cost of signage for each of the PICG local governments however a public commitment has not yet been made.

Details of the estimated future budget impacts in relation to progressing to Stage 3 of the Project, including the status of the Road Safety Commission's contribution, will be provided in a further report to Council after the conclusion of the community information campaign.

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial	Not progressing a community information campaign as part of the Project in collaboration with other PICG Councils may increase costs to the Town to progress the project independently.	Low	Low	TREAT by undertaking a community information campaign in collaboration and alignment with timing of other PICG member Councils.
Environmental	Not applicable		Medium	
Health and safety	Failure to progress the Project to a community information campaign will delay the Projects safety benefits being realised for community members	Low	Low	TREAT by undertaking a community information campaign in collaboration with other PICG member Councils.
Data, Information Technology and Cyber	Not applicable		Medium	
Assets	Not applicable		Medium	
Compliance Breach	Not applicable		Low	
Reputation	Failure to progress the project may result in negative public perceptions of the Council's commitment to achieving the Town's strategic objectives for road safety	Low	Low	TREAT consent to progressing the Project to a community information campaign and provide clear communications explaining the rationale and implications of the

Service delivery interruption	Not progressing to Stage 2 in line with other PICG Councils may impact on the service delivery of other projects under the Integrated Transport Program.	Low	Medium	TREAT by undertaking a community information campaign in collaboration with other PICG member Councils.
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Engagement

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
Communications	Advice provided to the PICG on community engagement approach for the Project.
Street Improvement	Input into project planning and the preliminary stages of design as part of Stage 1 of the Project.
Place Planning	Input into project planning and the preliminary stages of design as part of Stage 1 of the Project.

Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL2 - Communication and engagement with the community.	Undertaking a community information campaign for the 40kmh Safer Speeds Project provides the community information say on the proposed speed limit reduction for local roads.

Environment	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN6 - Improving how people get around the Town.	Progressing the 40kmh Safer Speeds Project to lower speed limits on local roads will contribute to achieving the objectives of the Town's Integrated Transport Strategy through improving road safety for all users, encouraging mode shift and working with partners and community to achieve transport outcomes.

Social	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S1 - Helping people feel safe.	Progressing the 40kmh Safer Speeds Project to lower speed limits on local roads can contribute to Town-wide road safety improvements and increase safety benefits for the local community.

Further consideration

16. This report has been modified to clarify the recommendation to undertake a 'community information campaign', previously referred to as a 'community engagement campaign'. PICG will have a consistent approach to the information being shared, while allowing each member Local Government to refine their communications activities to suit their local community.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (40/2025):

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

Seconded: Cr Daniel Minson

That Council:

1. Requests the CEO to undertake a community information campaign in partnership with the Perth Inner City Group, for the 40kmph Safer Speeds Project as it applies to the Town of Victoria Park.
2. Requests the CEO to provide a further report to Council by June 2025 summarising the results of the community information campaign and recommendations on next steps for progressing the 40kmph Safer Speeds Project.

Carried (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

12.2 Draft Oats Street Station Precinct Plan and Scheme Amendment - Request to proceed to public advertising

Location	Carlisle East Victoria Park
Reporting officer	Coordinator Strategic Planning and Economic Development
Responsible officer	Manager Place Planning
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Plan 1 - Oats Street Station Precinct [12.2.1 - 1 page] 2. Draft Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan Report [12.2.2 - 104 pages] 3. Scheme Amendment Report - Oats Street Station Precinct [12.2.3 - 36 pages] 4. Vic Park Local Planning Strategy - Oats Street Station Chapters [12.2.4 - 13 pages] 5. Oats Street Precinct Preferred Growth Scenario Report [12.2.5 - 40 pages]

Summary

This report is seeking endorsement by Council to advertise the Town’s draft Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan (OSSPSP) and Local Planning Scheme No.2 (LPS2) Amendment No.1 (Scheme Amendment), for the purpose of public advertising as required by the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

Should Council endorse the OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment, the documents will be submitted to the Western Australian Planning Commission for assessment and endorsement to commence public advertising later in 2025.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receives the draft Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan and associated Local Planning Scheme No.2 Amendment No.1.
2. Endorse the draft Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan for public advertising in accordance with Schedule 2 (Part 4 – Structure Plans) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.
3. Resolve pursuant to Section 75 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 to initiate an Amendment (Amendment No.1) to the Town of Victoria Park Local Planning Scheme No. 2 for the purpose of supporting the future implementation of the final Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan.
4. Determines pursuant to Regulation 35(2) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, Amendment No. 1 is a ‘standard amendment’ for the following reasons:
 - a. The amendment is consistent with a local planning strategy for the scheme that has been endorsed by the Commission;
 - b. The amendment is consistent with a region planning scheme that applies to the scheme area;
 - c. The amendment does not result in any significant environmental, social, economic or governance impacts on land in the scheme area.

5. Requests the CEO to, pursuant to Section 46A of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, seek approval from the Western Australian Planning Commission to advertise Amendment No.1 without modification and seeks approval to advertise pursuant to Section 83A of the Planning and Development Act from the Minister for Planning.
6. Supports the CEO seeking approval from the Western Australian Planning Commission to undertake concurrent advertising of the draft Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan and Amendment No.1 for public comment, for a period of 42 days, in accordance with the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.
7. Require the CEO to provide a report back to Council within 60 days of the close of the advertising period, including:
 - a. A schedule of submissions made during the advertising period, together with
 - b. The comments and recommendations in response to those submissions.

Background

1. The Town's Local Planning Strategy (2022) sets the strategic objectives for the Town's activity centres and provides the supporting framework to deliver strategic urban planning and development projects across the Town for the next 10 – 15 years.
2. Action 3.2 of the Local Planning Strategy requires the preparation of a precinct structure plan (PSP) for the Oats Street Station Neighbourhood (Figure 1) to guide future updates to the local planning framework and identify public realm, access and infrastructure upgrades.

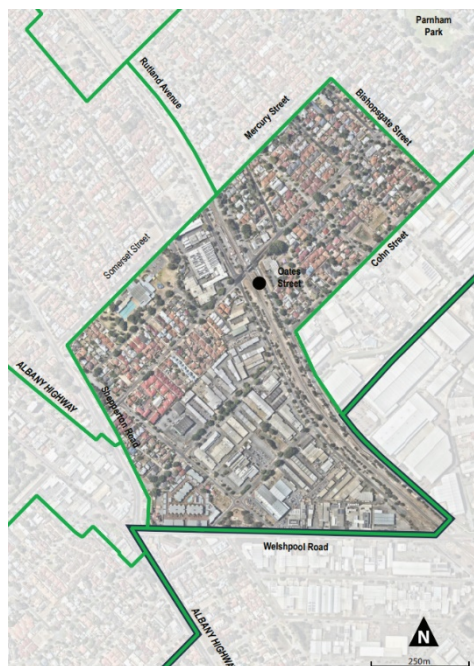


Figure 1. Local Planning Strategy – Oats Street Neighbourhood boundary

3. The Local Planning Strategy objectives for the Oats Street neighbourhood should guide future updates to the local planning framework for the precinct and are as follows:
 - *OS.1 To maximise higher density residential and mixed-use development close to the Oats Street station and high frequency bus services.*
 - *OS.2 To ensure an appropriate transition in built form and scale between future higher density development and surrounding lower scale development.*
 - *OS.3 To address gaps in the provision of Public Open Space as per the Public Open Space Strategy.*

4. In December 2021, the Council approved the granting of easements to Western Power over Lot 121 and Lot 22 Shepperton Road and Lot 311 Somerset Street, East Victoria Park for the purpose of removing overhead power lines as part of the METRONET Level Crossing Removal project. The \$347,000 (plus GST) compensation payment received for the granting of the easement was subject to an agreement the funds were used for the purpose of preparing a PSP for the Oats Street Station neighbourhood.
 5. In April 2023, the Council awarded a Tender to Urbis Pty Ltd to prepare a PSP and Scheme Amendment. Urbis are the lead planning and design consultant, and they sub-contract technical consultants in transport, civil engineering, architecture, landscape design and environment management to assist.
 6. The project is being carried out in stages:
 - Stage 1 – ‘Background and Context Analysis’ (complete).
 - Stage 2 – ‘Scenario Development’ – developing two different growth scenarios based on Stage 1 outcomes, engaging with landowners, community and stakeholders, technical testing, identifying a Preferred Growth Scenario as the basis of guiding stage 3 (complete).
 - Stage 3 – ‘Drafting PSP and Scheme Amendment’, preparing recommended updates to local planning framework (land use and development control provisions, zones) and recommending associated infrastructure improvements (current project stage).
 - Stage 4 – ‘Advertising draft PSP and Scheme Amendment’.
 - Stage 5 – ‘Finalise PSP / Scheme Amendment’.
 7. Based on the results of Stage 1 analysis and engagement findings, two planning scenarios were developed based on a ‘Consolidated Core’ and ‘Distributed Density’. The two scenarios provided different options for growth and change in the precinct to accommodate more dwellings and an appropriate extent and mix of commercial land uses to achieve the State government and Town’s strategic objectives for infill development and density around train stations. The two scenarios were tested through engagement with the community and key stakeholders in October-November 2023 as part of Stage 2.
 8. Considering the feedback received and support for various components of each scenario, a Preferred Growth Scenario was prepared as detailed in the Preferred Growth Scenario report at Attachment 5, generally comprising:
 - Up-coding of existing residential areas to encourage redevelopment of properties for medium density villas, townhouses and mid-rise apartments (to 3-4 storeys).
 - Consolidating higher density Mixed Use redevelopment opportunities, up to 10 storeys, closer to the train station to leverage investment from METRONET.
 - Extending Mixed Use redevelopment opportunities down Milford Street (north side and part of the sound side) to create a strong link between the station and St James Town Centre (Albany Highway) allowing for building heights up to 6 storeys.
 - Extending Mixed Use redevelopment opportunities along part of Swansea Street East to Welshpool Road to leverage the amenity from the recently upgraded Forward Reserve.
 - Retain a portion of the existing light industrial area for light industry and mixed business/commercial (no residential) to allow for the ongoing diversification of businesses in this area and to landbank this area for potential redevelopment in the longer term.
 - Retain Aqualife and TAFE as Scheme Reserves, noting opportunities for master planning and future redevelopment through other processes.
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- Opportunities to improve the public realm and streetscapes to enhance connections to the station as well as improving spaces around Water Corporation drainage sumps in Beatty Ave, Forward St and Jupiter St.
9. On 23 May 2024, the Council resolved (108/2024) to:
- a. *endorse the Oats Street Precinct Preferred Growth Scenario as the basis for preparing the draft Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan and Scheme Amendment.*
 - b. *instruct the Chief Executive Officer to provide a further report to Council seeking consent to advertise the draft Structure Plan and Scheme Amendment prior to commencing any statutory advertising.*

Discussion

10. Stage 3 – ‘Drafting PSP and Scheme Amendment’ is now complete with the preparation of the draft Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan report at Attachment 2 and Scheme Amendment Report at Attachment 3.
11. Stage 4 ‘Engagement and advertising draft PSP and Scheme Amendment’ requires approval of both documents by Elected Members, and subsequently the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) and Minister, prior to the commencement of public advertising.
12. Endorsement to advertise the OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment will provide further opportunity for community, businesses, government departments and other key stakeholders to review the complete suite of documents prior to Council considering the structure plan for final endorsement and submission to the WAPC and Minister for Planning for approval.

The OSSPSP

13. The OSSPSP (Attachment 2) document is made up of two parts:
- (a) Part One ‘Implementation’ - sets out the vision for the area and the technical planning and development guidance for the implementation of the OSSPSP. It is to be read in conjunction with the Town of Victoria Park Local Planning Scheme No.2.
 - (b) Part Two ‘Explanatory’ - sets out physical analysis, opportunities and constraints, precinct boundary, stakeholder and community engagement, design responses to the six design elements in ‘State Planning Policy 7.2 ‘Precinct Design’ and rationale for implementation actions.
14. Technical Reports & Strategies that have guided the preparation of the AHPSP and provide further guidance on its implementation are included as Appendices.

Part 1 – Vision and Objectives

15. The OSSPSP sets out the Vision and Objectives for the Precinct in response to the outcomes of Stage 1 and Stage 2. The Precinct Objectives articulate how the PSP responds to the six Design Elements outlined in State Planning Policy 7.2 ‘Precinct Design’ being: Urban Ecology, Urban Structure, Public Realm, Movement, Land Use and Built Form.

Part 1 - Sub-Precincts

16. The draft OSSPSP divides the Oats Street Station precinct into four distinct sub-precincts (Figure 2) each with a specific intent:
- a. Station Core Sub-Precinct
The Station Core is the focus of new transit oriented development, leveraging from the Oats Street Train Station and will undergo transformative change to support higher density mixed use development.

b. Mixed Use Frame Sub-Precinct

The Mixed Use Frame provides for a secondary redevelopment focus around the Milford, Forward and Swansea Street East area to create a strong link between Oats Street Train Station and the St James Town Centre as well as the associated commercial areas on Albany Highway and Welshpool Road, and the amenity offered by Forward Reserve.

c. Mixed Business Sub-Precinct

The Mixed Business Frame comprises portions of the existing light industrial area which forms a transition to the wider Welshpool Industrial Area.

d. Residential Frame Sub-Precinct

The Residential Frame sub-precinct frames the Station Core sub-precinct and is intended for redevelopment of medium density houses, townhouses and mid-rise apartments.

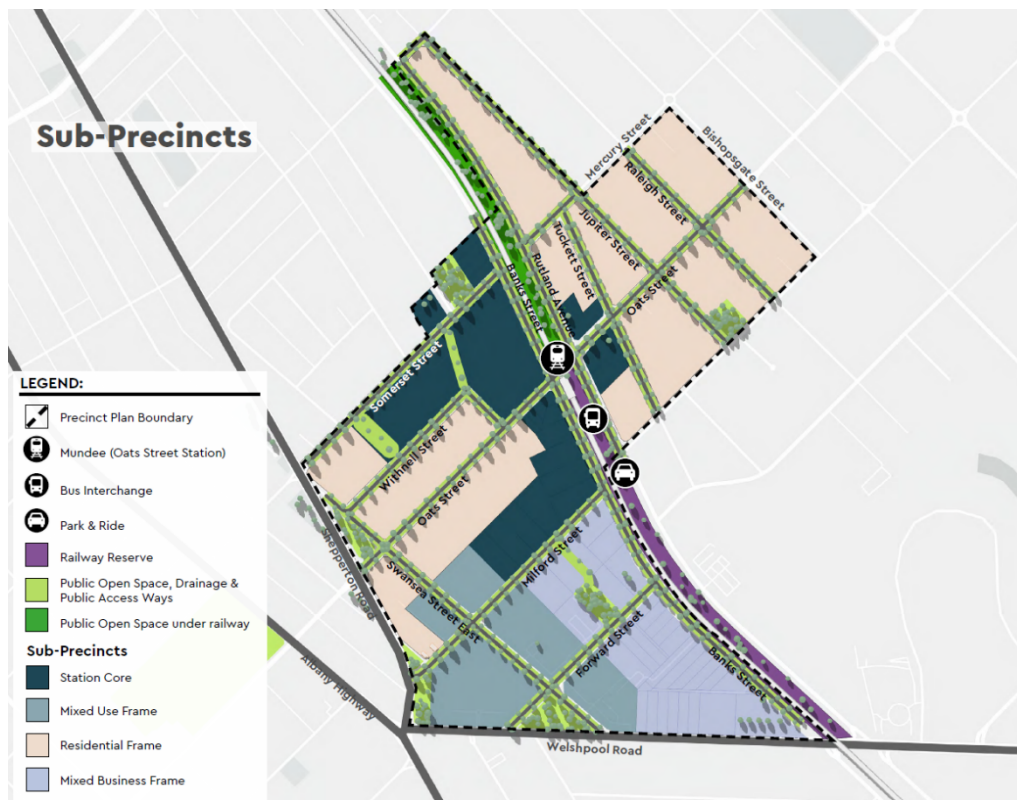


Figure 2. Oats Street Station PSP – Sub-Precinct boundaries

Part 1 – Development Requirements

17. The OSSPSP sets out the overarching development requirements for all land within the precinct and relate to:
 - a. Land Use,
 - b. Residential Densities,
 - c. Subdivision requirements,
 - d. Primary Development Controls (Building Height, Plot Ratios and Setbacks etc),
 - e. General development requirements relating to the design of new development.
18. The OSSPSP development requirements promote a diverse range of building heights and typologies consistent with the context and objectives of each sub-precinct.

Part 2 – Explanatory Section

19. Part 2 provides planning background and explanatory information to support the implementation of Part 1 including rationale for the PSPs response to matters related to:
- Urban structure,
 - Movement network,
 - Public realm interventions,
 - Environmental assets,
 - Water management, infrastructure and servicing.
20. Part 2 offers additional supportive actions and initiatives for each sub-precinct that are needed to bring the overarching vision for the precinct to fruition. The recommended implementation actions are primarily for consideration of implementation through the Town’s Strategic Programs including advocacy to State Government agencies and service providers.

OSSPSP Scheme Amendment

21. The proposed Scheme Amendment comprises the required modifications to the LPS2 Scheme Text and Scheme Map to implement the OSSPSP to ensure that no existing scheme provisions conflict with the intent and provisions of the OSSPSP.
22. The proposed Scheme Amendment is considered a ‘standard’ amendment, pursuant to Regulation 35(2) of the Regulations, for the following reasons:
- a. The amendment is consistent with a local planning strategy for the scheme that has been endorsed by the Commission;
 - b. The amendment is consistent with a region planning scheme that applies to the scheme area;
 - c. The amendment does not result in any significant environmental, social, economic or governance impacts on land in the scheme area.

Advertising of Structure Plan and Scheme Amendment

23. The Deemed Provisions stipulate under Part 4 Cl.18(1) that the Town must within 28 days of preparing a structure plan commence public advertising. The period for making submissions on a proposed structure plan is 42 days.
24. Pursuant to Regulation 46A of the Regulations the Town must seek approval from the WAPC to advertise the Scheme Amendment and subsequently the Minister for Planning pursuant to Regulation 46B. The period for making submissions on a proposed standard amendment to a local planning scheme is 42 days pursuant to Regulation 47(3).
25. To simplify the consultation process for the OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment, it is recommended that the Town seeks the approval of the WAPC to grant an extension to commence the advertising of the OSSPSP to allow advertising of the two documents to be undertaken concurrently.

Next Steps

26. Should Council resolve to endorse the OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment for public advertising, the two documents will be submitted to the WAPC for assessment and approval to commence advertising. The WAPC may endorse the OSSPSP, and in the case of the Scheme Amendment the Minister for Planning, with or without modifications. Public advertising will then be undertaken for a period of 42 days.

27. Following the statutory advertising period of the OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment, the Administration will review submissions and provide a schedule of submissions and responses back to Council for further consideration.
28. Modifications to the OSSPSP and/or Scheme Amendment may be required in response to the advertising process. These will be presented to Council for consideration as to endorse a final OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment for endorsement by the WAPC and approval by the Minister for Planning.
29. The OSSPSP will become operational upon its approval by the WAPC and the gazettal of the Scheme Amendment to LPS2.

Relevant documents

[Local Planning Strategy \(2022\)](#)

[Oats Street Station Preferred Growth Scenario Report](#)

Legal and policy compliance

[Planning and Development Act 2005](#) – Part 5 (Local Planning Schemes) s75 Amending scheme

[Planning and Development \(Local Planning Schemes\) Regulations 2015](#) - Schedule 2 (Part f – Structure Plans).

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation.
Future budget impact	Not applicable.

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial	Delaying or not progressing the project to advertising could result in additional costs associated with longer project timeframes.	Low	Low	TREAT risk by supporting the OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment progressing to advertising.
Environmental	Delaying or not progressing the project to advertising could result in delaying the implementation of development controls to address environmental objectives.	Medium	Medium	TREAT risk by supporting the OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment progressing to advertising.

Health and safety	Delaying or not progressing the project to advertising could result in delaying future development and street upgrades, and the improved activation this would bring and its contribution to improved community safety.	Low	Low	TREAT risk by supporting the OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment progressing to advertising.
Data Information Technology and Cyber	n/a		Medium	
Assets	n/a		Medium	
Compliance Breach	n/a		Low	
Reputation	Delaying or not progressing the project to advertising would not align with community, landowner and State Govt expectations for timely updates to the planning framework, especially following the extensive community engagement undertaken to date.	High	Low	TREAT risk by supporting the OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment progressing to advertising.
Service delivery interruption	Delaying or not progressing the project would prevent the Town's administration from meeting its obligations under the Local Planning Strategy and Corporate Business Plan.	Low	Medium	TREAT risk by supporting the OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment progressing to advertising.

Engagement

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
Place Planning	Place Planning is leading the project with input from East Victoria Park and Carlisle Place Leaders and other specialists as required.

Urban Planning	Urban Planning have reviewed Part One and provided feedback on draft provisions to ensure operation of the OSSPSP is clear and suitable implementation of the proposed development requirements
Technical Services	Street Improvement has been a key stakeholder providing feedback on the technical appendices – in particular, review of the movement network approach and input into the streetscape typologies, the role of various transport modes within the precinct and proposed future public realm improvements.

External engagement	
Stakeholders	Businesses, Residents, Landowners, Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, METRONET, utility providers, TAFE.
Period of engagement	Aug-Nov 2023 (Stage 1 and 2)
Level of engagement	3. Involve
Methods of engagement	<p>Engagement activities undertaken for Stage 1 and 2 include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • direct contact with landowners by letter, phone, email where possible, one-on-one meetings with interested landowners and a landowners intentions survey. • leaflet drops and direct engagement with businesses to promote the project and direct them to project information Your Thoughts (the Town’s engagement platform). • promotion of the project through the Town’s social media, e-news and a community survey. • one-on-one meetings with key stakeholders (the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, METRONET, utilities, TAFE facility manager and Aqualife facility manager. • direct engagement with the Town of Victoria Park Young Leaders. • community information session held at Carlisle TAFE (16 November 2023).
Advertising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letters to landowners (800+) • Leaflets to businesses (800+) • Flyers to letterboxes • Emails to Register for Project Updates. • E-News • Town’s website • Social media • Posters displayed at Admin Centre and Library

Submission summary	Comments received during Stage 1 and the Stage 2 Scenarios have informed the preparation of the Preferred Growth Scenario that the OSSPSP and Scheme Amendment are based on.
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Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL2 - Communication and engagement with the community.	OSSPSP process ensures communication aligns with the community's priorities and content reflects previous Council decisions.

Economic	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EC1 - Facilitating a strong local economy.	The OSSPSP will provide additional opportunities for business diversity and growth that align to the Town's strategic direction and are complementary to the existing hierarchy of activity (commercial centres) in particular the nearby Albany Highway Secondary (Activity) Centre

Environment	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN1 - Protecting and enhancing the natural environment.	The OSSPSP makes recommendations regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> improving the local environment – canopy coverage, stormwater management/water quality, remediating contaminated soil. built form sustainability. transport and parking strategies to increase active transport trips and reduce private vehicle use.
EN3 - Enhancing and enabling liveability through planning, urban design and development.	The OSSPSP makes recommendations to upgrade streetscapes and drainage sumps with a focus on significantly improving the walking/cycling environment and access to a range of open space areas and places to dwell along the street.
EN4 - Increasing and improving public open spaces	The OSSPSP makes recommendations for upgrading drainage basins to provide publicly accessible space around the basins for community use (subject to further Water Corporation approval processes) and improving access to the linear parkland provided through METRONET under the rail line.
EN6 - Improving how people get around the Town.	The OSSPSP makes recommendations for upgrading streetscapes with a focus on significantly improving the walking/cycling environment to improve movement around and through the precinct, especially to and from the train station and bus interchange, St James town centre, Aqualife, regional bike path and open spaces.

Social	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S1 - Helping people feel safe.	The OSSPSP facilitates development that activates the area, improves its image and will make recommendations regarding upgrades to streetscapes which may improve safety and perceptions of safety.
S2 - Collaborating to ensure everyone has a place to call home.	The OSSPSP facilitates residential development, in particular apartments, that will add to the diversity of housing products available in the Town. The plan will make recommendations regarding affordable housing.

Further consideration

At the Agenda Briefing Forum meeting held on 4 March 2025, the following information was requested

30. Q. Consider whether renaming to **the Oat Street Precinct Structure Plan** by removing 'station' from the title, to give it a broader remit, might present any potential issues.

A. The name of the draft Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan reflects the naming conventions of State Planning Policy 7.2 Precinct Design Guidelines. The Guidelines identify precinct typologies including Activity Centres, Stations, Urban Corridors and Residential/Mixed Use precinct. The Oats Street Station neighbourhood, as identified in the Town's Local Planning Strategy, is classified as a 'Station Precinct' being consistent with the following criteria:

Station precincts are areas with the potential to accommodate transit-oriented development (TOD) surrounding stations and other transport interchanges. These precincts range from major centres of transit and urban activity, to smaller centres focused around a local station.

While removing 'station' does not present any major issues, the Administration recommend that the name of the structure plan remain as Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan to maximise consistency with the naming conventions of the State Planning framework and the primary purpose of the precinct plan to accommodate transit-orientated development.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives the draft Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan and associated Local Planning Scheme No.2 Amendment No.1.
2. Endorse the draft Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan for public advertising in accordance with Schedule 2 (Part 4 – Structure Plans) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.
3. Resolve pursuant to Section 75 of the Planning and Development Act 2005 to initiate an Amendment (Amendment No.1) to the Town of Victoria Park Local Planning Scheme No. 2 for the purpose of supporting the future implementation of the final Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan.
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 7. Require the CEO to provide a report back to Council within 60 days of the close of the advertising period, including:
 - c. A schedule of submissions made during the advertising period, together with
 - d. The comments and recommendations in response to those submissions.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Jesse Hamer

That the item relating to the Oats St Station Precinct Structure Plan be referred back to the CEO, for a workshop can be held by September 2025.

Lost (3 - 6)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Jesse Hamer and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa and Cr Lindsay Miles

Reason: To allow adequate time for the outstanding items within the next steps section of the oat Street precinct preferred growth scenario report to be addressed and to investigate the feasibility of infrastructure contributions per state planning policy 3.6 related to the planned development under the Oat Street Station Precinct Structure Plan. And to develop a strategy on financing social, public, open space, green transport, and community asset delivery considering the Town's planning and development horizon with a particular focus on infrastructure contributions.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (41/2025):

Moved: Cr Sky Croeser

Seconded: Cr Peter Melrosa

That Council:

1. Receives the draft Oats Street Station Precinct Structure Plan and associated Local Planning Scheme No.2 Amendment No.1.
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7. Require the CEO to provide a report back to Council within 60 days of the close of the advertising period, including:
 - a. A schedule of submissions made during the advertising period, together with
 - b. The comments and recommendations in response to those submissions.

Carried (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

12.3 Proposed naming changes in the Edward Millen Precinct

Location	East Victoria Park
Reporting officer	Place Leader – Urban Design
Responsible officer	Manager Place Planning
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Consultation-Detailed Report Edward Millen Re-naming [12.3.1 - 7 pages] 2. Community Consultation questions [12.3.2 - 3 pages] 3. Edward Millen Redevelopment Project-Heritage Interpretation Strategy [12.3.3 - 82 pages]

Summary

The Town has undertaken further research and consultation into the proposed renaming of Edward Millen Park and Edward Millen Home, colloquially known as Edward Millen House, as part of the Edward Millen Redevelopment Project to better reflect the site's heritage.

It is recommended that the Town proceed with renaming Edward Millen House to Elizabeth Baillie House and that the new playground in Edward Millen Park be named Mildred Creak Playground.

The name of Edward Millen Park is recommended to remain until the Town's approach to cultural mapping, and dual naming has been determined in consultation with the Mindeera Advisory Group.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Endorses the renaming of Edward Millen Home to Elizabeth Baillie House.
2. Endorses the naming of the new playground, designed to be constructed as part of the Edward Millen Redevelopment Project, as Mildred Creak Playground.

Background

1. The Edward Millen Redevelopment Project aims to realise the full potential of the heritage-listed buildings and the expansive 4.7 hectare Edward Millen Park reserve.
2. The original owner and builder of the property was Elizabeth Baillie, who opened a maternity hospital called the Rotunda Hospital. That building was later named Edward Millen Home and is colloquially known as Edward Millen House.
3. Changing the name of Edward Millen Park and the Edward Millen House building has been a consideration and theme throughout the Edward Millen Redevelopment Project, especially through the development of the Edward Millen Park Masterplan.
4. At the 18 February 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM), Council approved the Edward Millen Park Masterplan to proceed to detailed design.
5. Through the extensive Heritage Interpretation work undertaken for the project (as contained in Attachment 3) it was advised the Town should consider such a name change for the park and building.

6. In May 2021, through Council Resolution 94/2021, Council determined to:
 - a. *Progress the detail design for the landscape master plan.*
 - b. *Endorses community consultation to be undertaken on a proposal to rename Edward Millen House and Park to "Elizabeth Baillie House" and "Elizabeth Baillie Park" and present that naming proposal to the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage and the Heritage Council as a formal request.*

Discussion

2021 Community Engagement

7. In July 2021, community consultation was undertaken on the proposal to re-name Edward Millen Park and Edward Millen House to Elizabeth Baillie House and Elizabeth Baillie Park. The outcomes of the community consultation are contained in Attachment 1 'Community Consultation – Detailed report Edward Millen Renaming' and Attachment 2 'Community Consultation Questions'.
8. The consultation received 102 responses, comprising support for the proposal to re-name Edward Millen House and Edward Millen Park to Elizabeth Baillie House and Elizabeth Baillie Park as follows:
 - 82% Support
 - 16% Do Not Support
 - 4% Unsure
9. Following the 2021 community consultation, the Town received a letter relating to Elizabeth Baillie which makes an allegation of violent abuse; however, the origin of the letter or validity of the allegations made cannot be verified.
10. Following the strong community support for the name change and receipt of the letter, the Town has conducted a detailed descendant search and historical biography research for Edward Millen and Elizabeth Baillie (contained at Attachment 4).
11. The research verified that Elizabeth Baillie's early pioneering work, as one of the first midwives registered in Western Australia, and her ambition to build purpose-built maternity hospital and provide women with an alternative to home birth.
12. The research also verified that Edward Millen was born in England and migrated to New South Wales in 1880, where he worked as a journalist and later became the Minister for Repatriation after entering politics. The Rotunda Maternity Hospital was renamed Edward Millen House in his honour in 1924.
13. The site was also home to the Mildred Creak Building, a centre for the treatment and care of autistic children in Perth.
14. The building was named after Mildred Creak, an English doctor who established a set of diagnostic criteria for autism, at a time when autism was thought to be caused by inadequate parenting.
15. The landscape works for the redevelopment project includes a new inclusive playground, which is specially designed for all abilities and neurodiverse children.

Progress of redevelopment and renaming

16. In August 2023, the Town of Victoria Park granted a 20-year lease over the site to private equity firm Blackoak Capital Ventures, to restore and redevelop the buildings and surrounding reserve.
17. In early 2024, the Administration made the decision to take the topic of renaming Edward Millen precinct to the Mindeera Advisory Group, as the Reconciliation Action Plan had just been endorsed, and it listed dual naming as a priority deliverable.

18. On the 6 June 2024 the project team presented the renaming options to the Mindeera Advisory Group who provide the following feedback:
 - a. Support for the naming for Elizabeth Baillie House and Mildred Creak Playground.
 - b. Truth telling is important, and it should be stated on a plaque that the Rotunda Hospital was not an option for First Nations mothers.
 - c. Cultural mapping of the Town is a priority, and this could inform dual naming of the Park.

19. The Administration believes there is an opportunity to incorporate truth telling on interpretive signage, in the redevelopment of the site. The signage could tell the history of the Rotunda Hospital and acknowledge that the hospital was not an option for First Nations mothers. Cultural mapping of the Town is a priority, however it is a very large and costly project. The early stage of the cultural mapping is beginning in the McCallum Park project. At the completion of the cultural mapping of the Town, a list of names could be put forward for dual naming of the Park.

20. Blackoak Capital Ventures is seeking that the Town finalise the name of the Edward Millen House building so the correct and final naming can be used in the branding, and final wayfinding signage for the project.

21. It is recommended that the Town proceed with renaming Edward Millen House to Elizabeth Baillie House and that the new playground in Edward Millen Park be named Mildred Creak Playground.

22. The name of Edward Millen Park is recommended to remain until the Town's approach to cultural mapping, and dual naming has been determined in consultation with the Mindeera Advisory Group.

23. The Department of Planning Lands and Heritages (DPLH) Heritage Council have advised the Town they would not change the name of Edward Millen Home (aka House) on the Register Entry. The Heritage Council have advised *"If the Town wishes to change the name of the place to better acknowledge and interpret the work of Elizabeth Baillie, that does not require the name in the Register Entry to also be changed."*

24. Landgate Geographic Names and Addressing, has advised they do not maintain a list for building or playground names so there is not a requirement for the Town to advise Landgate on the proposed name change.

Relevant documents

Not applicable.

Legal and policy compliance

Not applicable.

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation.
Future budget impact	Not applicable.

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial			Low	
Environmental			Medium	
Health and safety	Not finalising the naming of the building means emergency services could be delayed trying to find these places.	High	Low	TREAT by naming the building and playground to avoid any confusion or delays.
Data, Information Technology and Cyber			Medium	
Assets			Medium	
Compliance Breach			Low	
Reputation	The process for renaming the building began in 2021 and this needs to be finalised to avoid reputational damage.		Low	TREAT by naming the building and playground to avoid any confusion or delays.
Service delivery interruption			Medium	

Engagement

Staff at the Town of Victoria Park have been consulted.

Internal engagement	
Place Planning	Supportive of the name change.
Coordinator Local History (Library)	Engaged with during the creation of the Heritage Interpretation Strategy and opportunity to rename the State Listed Heritage Buildings. Is supportive of the name change, however, has advocated for the name Edward Millen for the park to remain, due to his service to the community both at the local and national levels.
Project Management Office	Supportive of the name change.

External engagement	
Landgate, Geographic Names & Addressing	Engaged through the naming process investigations. Advised that they do not maintain a list for building names so there is not a requirement for the Town to advise Landgate on the naming.
DPLH Heritage Council	Engaged through the naming process investigations. Advised they would not change the name of Edward Millen Home on the Register Entry providing the following explanation: <i>"If the Town wishes to change the name of the place to better acknowledge and interpret the work of Elizabeth Baillie, that does not require the name in the Register Entry to also be changed. Formally changing the name of a place in a Register Entry is actually very rare, however the functional or operational names of registered places are regularly changed. This process does not require the approval of the Heritage Council."</i>
Blackoak Capital Ventures	Engaged through the naming process investigations. Advised of their support for the proposed name change.
Mindeera Advisory Group	Engaged through the naming process investigations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advised of their support for the naming for Elizabeth Baillie House and Mildred Creek Playground. ▪ Truth telling is important, and it should be stated on a plaque that the Rotunda Hospital was not an option for First Nations mothers. ▪ Cultural mapping of the Town is a priority and this could inform dual naming of the Park.

Strategic alignment

Social	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	Re-naming the historic landmark to better reflect its heritage and provides the community with greater opportunity to learn about this history and Elizabeth Baillie's significant contribution to the history of the site.

Further consideration

At the Agenda Briefing Forum meeting held on 4 March 2025, the following information was requested

25. Q. Provide more information regarding the potential timing to submit an application for renaming Edward Millen Park to Elizabeth Baillie Park.

A. Should Council resolve to rename Edward Millen Park, the application could be submitted to Landgate within 1 month of the Council's resolution.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

Seconded: Cr Sky Croeser

That Council:

1. Endorses the renaming of Edward Millen Home to Elizabeth Baillie House.
2. Endorses the naming of the new playground, designed to be constructed as part of the Edward Millen Redevelopment Project, as Mildred Creak Playground.

AMENDMENT (43/2025):

Moved: Mayor Karen Vernon

Seconded: Cr Jesse Hamer

That point 1 of the officer recommendation be amended to read:

1. Endorses the renaming of Edward Millen Home to Elizabeth Baillie House, and Edward Millen Park to Elizabeth Baillie Park, and authorises the CEO to submit an application to the relevant authorities for renaming of the Park.

Carried (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

Reason: During the 2021 community consultation, 82% of the survey respondents supported changing the name to Elizabeth Baillie House and Elizabeth Baillie Park. It is time to reflect that sentiment especially given the proposed completion of the works to the House and Park by the end of 2025.

It is appropriate to finalise the recognition of Elizabeth's contribution to this Precinct via the renaming of both the House and Park at the same time now, to provide an opportunity to celebrate that recognition.

Once the cultural mapping is done for the Town at a later date, dual naming can be achieved with a singular focus on recognising the Indigenous history of the Precinct and focussing celebrations on that.

Procedural Motion

Moved: Cr Sky Croeser

Seconded:

That this item be deferred to April Ordinary Council Meeting 2025.

Reason: This amendment came through in the last couple hours. This is a really important space within the Town, it is very important to many people, and I would like elected members to have more than two hours to consider the different options for naming it. Because I want us to get it right.

The motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

AMENDED OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (44/2025):

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

Seconded: Cr Sky Croeser

That Council:

1. Endorses the renaming of Edward Millen Home to Elizabeth Baillie House, and Edward Millen Park to Elizabeth Baillie Park, and authorises the CEO to submit an application to the relevant authorities for renaming of the Park.
2. Endorses the naming of the new playground, designed to be constructed as part of the Edward Millen Redevelopment Project, as Mildred Creak Playground.

Carried (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

12.4 Sponsorship Approval Arts Programs

Location	East Victoria Park
Reporting officer	Arts Development Officer
Responsible officer	Manager Community
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	Nil

Summary

This report provides opportunity for Council to determine sponsorships for the Town's 2025 art programming.

Officer Recommendation

That Council approves the following sponsorship support from Hawaiian Park Centre:

1. Arts Season (April 2025) - \$5,000 monetary support and in-kind support (access to and use of venue space in the Hawaiian Park Centre); and,
2. Youth Art Awards (June 2025) - \$2,500 monetary support and in-kind support (access to and use of venue space in the Hawaiian Park Centre, staff assistance and marketing support).

Background

1. The Town is planning and delivering the annual Arts Season from 1-30 April 2025.
2. The Town is planning to deliver Youth Art Awards in June 2025.
3. These events support the Town's vision as 'A dynamic place for everyone'.
4. The art and culture events are consistent with the Arts & Culture Plan 2020-2025, particularly the following Strategic Focus areas
 - Strategic Focus Area 2: Develop and grow local talent: attract, retain and support creative community, and
 - Strategic Focus Area 3: Diversify the cultural offering, ensuring representation of the Town's unique community.
5. As part of the 2024/2025 Town budget, \$5,000 revenue was noted for sponsorships of the Town's 2025 Arts Season event and \$15,000 for Youth Arts Awards.
6. As per Clause 13 of Policy 116 – Sponsorship, a sponsorship agreement can only be entered into with the approval of the Council.

Discussion

7. Town officers consulted with previous partners, to discuss their interest and involvement in partnership for the 2025 Arts Season, and Youth Art Awards.

8. Hawaiian Park Centre is an existing partner who supports a range of Town events and projects focused on community outcomes and benefits.
9. For Art Season, Hawaiian will provide \$5,000 of monetary support in addition to in-kind support via access to / use of venue space for the facilitation of the Junior Artists Club (a school holiday children's art activity) at the Park Centre.
10. Council approved \$15,000 of anticipated revenue for the 2025 Youth Art Awards, Hawaiian will contribute \$2,500 of monetary support, as well as in-kind support via access to and use of space for the Youth Art Awards exhibit, staff assistance and marketing support.
11. For the remaining revenue amount (\$10,000) for the Youth Art Awards, support will be sought for award prizes.
12. Hawaiian will receive the following benefits as a Premier Partner for both events:
 - Logos on event promotional material at the event
 - Acknowledgement, including logo, on event advertising and promotion (newsletter and website)
 - Acknowledgement on event social media
 - Acknowledgment in media relations activities conducted
 - Direct community engagement opportunities at the event
 - Recognition in event presentations and speeches
 - Logo on promotional signage at event site
 - Access to post-event report
 - Complimentary double passes to the event, including food and drink vouchers and reserved parking
 - Presented with event memorabilia
 - Inclusion of one question of your choice in the event's survey (approval by the Town required)

Relevant documents

[Event Partnership Booklet](#)

[Policy 116 - Sponsorship](#)

[Art Season 2025 Program](#)

Financial implications

Current budget impact

Within the 2024/2025 Events Arts and Funding budget, a total of \$5,000 was allocated as revenue for the Arts Season event, and \$15,000 for the Youth Arts Awards budget.

These allocations will offset the operational costs of the events, providing:

- Venue and staff assistance for the facilitation of an Arts Season children's activity and the Youth Art Awards exhibit and event at the Hawaiian Park Centre; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prizes for the Youth Art Awards. <p>Should the Town not receive the proposed sponsorship support outlined in this report, adjustments will be made to each events' operations to ensure delivery within budget.</p>
Future budget impact	Not applicable.

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial	Loss of revenue to support the delivery of the event.	High	Low	TREAT risk by accepting sponsorship offers and developing an agreement that creates a win-win situation for all parties.
Environmental	Not applicable.		Medium	
Health and safety	Not applicable.		Low	
Data, Information Technology and Cyber	Not applicable.		Medium	
Assets	Not applicable.		Medium	
Compliance Breach	Not applicable.		Low	
Reputation	Not accepting local business sponsorship will diminish relationships with intended sponsors		Low	TREAT risk by accepting appropriate sponsorship offers and developing an agreement that creates a win-win situation for all parties.
Service delivery interruption	Where funding has been offered and not accepted, a change to the event product and scope will occur.		Medium	TREAT risk by accepting appropriate sponsorship offers and developing an agreement that creates a win-win situation for all parties.

Engagement

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
Governance	Advice on Policy 116 – Sponsorship, in relation to sponsorships for the event
Procurement	Written agreement preparation and review

Communications and Engagement	Identification and alignment of organisations for active sponsorships for Town events
Place Planning	Identification and alignment of organisations for active sponsorships for Town events
Community Development	Identification and alignment of organisations for active sponsorships for Town events
Events Arts and Funding	Identification and alignment of organisations for active sponsorships for Town events

External engagement	
Stakeholders	Targeted consultation occurred with previous event partners aligned to desired outcomes.
Period of engagement	November 2024 - Ongoing.
Level of engagement	4. Collaborate
Methods of engagement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct engagement (via email and in-person) to businesses to invite participation in the event and share event details (i.e. promotional collateral). 2. Ongoing engagement with interested businesses across all communication mediums (emails, phone calls and meetings) delivered to support event involvement across all partnership levels.
Advertising	N/A
Submission summary	<p>Several meetings were held with Hawaiian to determine sponsorship support for each event.</p> <p>No other businesses expressed interest in supporting the events.</p> <p>As the Hawaiian submission aligned with the Sponsorship Proposal, was the only submission received, and is a long term partner of the Town for this type of activity, the Arts Development Officer and Coordinator Events, Arts and Funding undertook a consensus assessment process, outside of a formal panel process.</p>
Key findings	Hawaiian is interested in investing in community arts which aligns with their sponsorship objectives.

Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL1 – Effectively managing resources and performance.	To provide good governance of sponsorship arrangements between the Town and local businesses.

Economic	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EC1 - Facilitating a strong local economy.	To maximise opportunities for collaboration, networking and relationship building between businesses in the Town, and the community.
EC2 - Connecting businesses and people to our local activity centres through place planning and activation.	Promoting the Town as a destination to visit during the street party and again after the event.

Social	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	Creating an event that has something for everyone, that celebrates diversity and is inclusive in all its elements.
S4 - Improving access to arts, history, culture and education.	Increase access to a variety of art, history, culture and educational opportunities throughout the event for all community members and groups.

Further consideration

Nil.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (45/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Claire Anderson

That Council approves the following sponsorship support from Hawaiian Park Centre:

1. Arts Season (April 2025) - \$5,000 monetary support and in-kind support (access to and use of venue space in the Hawaiian Park Centre); and,
2. Youth Art Awards (June 2025) - \$2,500 monetary support and in-kind support (access to and use of venue space in the Hawaiian Park Centre, staff assistance and marketing support).

Carried (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

13 Chief Operations Officer reports

13.1 TVP/24/31 Estate Parks and Streetscape Maintenance Tender

Location	Burswood
Reporting officer	Manager Infrastructure Operations
Responsible officer	Chief Operations Officer
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	1. CONFIDENTIAL - TV P-24-31 Evaluation Report [13.1.1 - 19 pages]

Summary

To seek Council approval to appoint a preferred contractor to carry out the Estate maintenance requirements for Parks and Streetscapes in the Burswood Peninsula, as the value of the tender exceeds \$500,000. It is estimated the value of the contract will cost in the order of \$510,708.00 over the next 3 years with 2 possible 12-month extensions.

Officer Recommendation

That Council awards the contract associated with TVP/24/31 The Peninsula Estate Parks and Streetscape Maintenance, to Gas Assets Pty Ltd, Trading As Gecko Contracting Turf and Landscape Maintenance (ACN 168 398 990), for maintenance of the designated Parks and Streetscapes, with the terms and conditions as outlined in the contract, as a schedule of rates, cost estimated at \$170,236 per annum.

Background

1. The Public Open Space (POS) in the Burswood area is currently managed by inhouse staff as well as external contractors.
2. It is a higher maintenance section of POS due to the mix of parks, gardens, a complex irrigation system, an ornamental lake and surrounded by medium and high-density development.
3. TVP/24/31 The Peninsula Estate Parks and Streetscapes Maintenance was published through Tenderlink, on Friday 8 November 2024 and advertised in the West Australian on Saturday 9 November 2024.
4. Suppliers were requested to provide landscape and irrigation maintenance services to maintain and improve the POS on designated sites within the Burswood development.
5. The approved municipal funding allocation for this item is \$453,756 in the 2024/2025 maintenance budget.
6. The Town received five (5) submissions. Of these submissions, all were deemed compliant.
7. An evaluation of the tender submissions against the prescribed criteria has been completed and it is recommended that Council accepts the submission made by Gas Assets Pty Ltd, Trading As Gecko Contracting and enters a contract for the maintenance of the designated Parks and Streetscapes with the terms and conditions as outlined in the contract as a schedule of rates. The cost is estimated at \$170,236.00 per annum, or \$510,708.00 over 3 years.

Discussion

8. The assessment of the submissions was formally undertaken by a panel that included:
9. Manager Infrastructure Operations
10. Specialised Park Supervisor
11. Strategic Projects Manager
12. The evaluation of the submissions against the quantitative and qualitative criteria resulted in the recommendation below.

Company	Ranking
Gas Assets Pty Ltd, Trading As Gecko Contracting Turf and Landscape Maintenance	1

Compliance criteria

13. The compliance criteria used in the assessment was:
 - (a) Compliance with the Conditions of Submission
 - (b) Compliance with the General Conditions of Contract, Special Conditions, and this Request
 - (c) References
 - (d) Acknowledgement of Addenda (if any)
 - (e) Complete Pricing Schedule
 - (f) Corporate Information
 - (g) Financial Position
 - (h) Conflict of Interest
 - (i) Insurance
 - (j) Access and Inclusion Plan (AIP)
 - (k) Complete Respondent's Offer

Selection criteria

Organisational Capacity i). The Respondent must demonstrate that it has the organisational capacity to perform the Customer Contract; and ii). Provide a comprehensive timeframe for the delivery of the proposed Goods and any related services identifying key dates and milestones and outlining how any timing requirements specified in Schedule 2 - Specification / Statement of Requirements, will be met.	Weighting 20%
Demonstrate Experience i). The Respondent must provide details of contracts for similar Goods and any related services provided for other clients. The Respondent must provide: (a) A detailed description of the Goods and / or Services provided;	Weighting 20%

<p>(b) Similarities between the previous contracts and this Request;</p> <p>(c) When the previous contracts were performed; and</p> <p>(d) The outcome of the previous contracts.</p> <p>ii). The Respondent must also provide a minimum of [2] referees in respect of the contracts detailed above. Referee details must include:</p> <p>(a) The referee’s name and position;</p> <p>(b) Company name;</p> <p>(c) The contact telephone number; and</p> <p>(d) The contract or project title.</p>	
<p>Environmental Sustainability</p> <p>Respondents should provide evidence of sustainability in the delivery of the project / goods or services, and in the general day-to-day operation of their organisation.</p> <p>i). Does your organisation have an Environmental Management System (EMS) or adopt any environmental/sustainability practices? If yes, please provide details.</p> <p>ii). Does your organisation practice waste minimisation e.g., reduce packaging, or packaging with recycled materials or using compostable packaging? Please provide details including % of reused/recycled materials used.</p> <p>iii). Has your organisation ever received a warning or convicted of an environmental breach in Australia or overseas? If so, please provide details and outcome of the matter.</p> <p>iv). Please provide examples relating to the key environmental impacts considered over the life cycle of the goods/service.</p> <p>Some examples for consideration are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design for energy efficiency for energy using products. • Reduced use of water (e.g. water saving/ efficiency) • Design for recyclability • Carbon Neutrality • Substitution of environmentally harmful or scarce materials. • Noise levels of plant and equipment when in use. • Improved soil quality by reducing or eliminating releases to land (e.g. chemical fertilisers). <p>Address the above information in an attachment and label it “Sustainability”</p>	<p>Weighting</p> <p>10%</p>
<p>Support of Local Businesses</p> <p>Respondents should provide evidence of sustainability in the delivery of the project / goods or services, and in the general day-to-day operation of their organisation. Respondents should also demonstrate the benefits and contribution to the Town of Victoria Park local economy and community. Areas you may wish to cover include:</p> <p>i. Does your organisation have premises (i.e. main office / branch office / depot) located within the Town’s boundaries? YES / NO, if yes, please specify and provide street address, and duration of tenancy at this location.</p>	<p>Weighting</p> <p>10%</p>

<p>ii. What percentage of your employees lives within the Town’s boundaries?</p> <p>iii. Detail the involvement of any employees listed above in the delivery of the contract should you be successful?</p> <p>iv. How many employees from Town of Victoria Park will be engaged in delivery of the goods or services? What total annual salaries will the employees receive?</p> <p>v. Are you using Town of Victoria Park based sub-contractors /suppliers to deliver the goods or service? YES / NO, if yes, please specify what percentage of the total contract value will be paid to subcontractors/ supplier should you be successful?</p> <p>vi. If your organisation is awarded this contract will you purchase any goods / services from local businesses? YES / NO, if yes, please specify the type of goods / services required and an estimated value.</p> <p>vii. Does your organisation have any local employment initiative / program? YES / NO, if yes, please provide details.</p> <p>Address the above information in an attachment and label it “Sustainability”</p>	
<p>Price</p> <p>i. Price to be offered as a schedule of rates. Include in the rates all:</p> <p>a. Items, tasks and requirements detailed in the Specifications;</p> <p>b. Any other costs; and</p> <p>c. Disbursements to provide the required service and appropriate level of the Goods and Services Tax.</p> <p>ii. The offered price must represent the best value for money.</p>	<p>Weighting 40%</p>

Legal and policy compliance

[Section 3.57 of the Local Government Act 1995](#)

[Part 4 Division 2 of the Local Government \(Functions and General\) Regulations 1996](#)

[Policy 301 – Procurement](#)

Financial implications

<p>Current budget impact</p>	<p>As the value of the contract exceeds \$500,000, the acceptance of the offer/tender and subsequent award of any such contract is to be determined by Council.</p> <p>Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation.</p>
<p>Future budget impact</p>	<p>Funds to cover the ongoing maintenance of the Peninsula area will need to be included in future Parks Maintenance budgets.</p>

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial	Failure to provide suitable level of service with funds available	Medium	Low	TREAT risk by carrying out appropriate tender process and providing required budget.
Environmental	Failure to maintain POS to appropriate standard causing weed infestation	Medium	Medium	Treat risk by appointing suitably qualified and experienced contractor carrying out regular maintenance
Health and safety	Public injury during maintenance activities	Low	Low	Treat risk by appointing suitably qualified and experienced contractor with safety systems in place
Data, Information Technology and Cyber	N/A		Medium	
Assets	Failure of POS infrastructure	Low	Medium	Treat risk by carrying out regular inspections during maintenance activities.
Compliance Breach	Failure to comply with purchasing requirements	Low	Low	TREAT risk by carrying out appropriate tender process.
Reputation	Failure to maintain POS to standard expected of residents	Medium	Low	Treat risk by appointing suitably qualified and experienced contractor carrying out regular maintenance
Service delivery interruption	Contractor fails to keep up with maintenance schedule	Medium	Medium	Treat risk by appointing suitably experienced and resourced contractor able to deliver the maintenance requirements.

Engagement

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
Procurement	Provided advice and acted as a probity advisor throughout the process.
Parks	Provide feedback on maintenance schedule required and tender specifications.

Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL1 – Effectively managing resources and performance.	Going through a public tender process allows for open submissions and transparency of process.

Environment	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN4 - Increasing and improving public open spaces	Providing well maintained and aesthetically pleasing POS has positive mental health benefits for the community

Further consideration

Not applicable.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (46/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Peter Devereux

That Council awards the contract associated with TVP/24/31 The Peninsula Estate Parks and Streetscape Maintenance, to Gas Assets Pty Ltd, Trading As Gecko Contracting Turf and Landscape Maintenance (ACN 168 398 990), for maintenance of the designated Parks and Streetscapes, with the terms and conditions as outlined in the contract, as a schedule of rates, cost estimated at \$170,236 per annum.

Carried by exception resolution (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

13.2 Proposed Seasonal Agreements for Perth Cricket Club and Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club

Location	Carlisle
Reporting officer	Manager Property Development and Leasing
Responsible officer	Chief Operations Officer
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	1. Draft Key Terms - PCC [13.2.1 - 5 pages] 2. Draft Key Terms - VPXHC [13.2.2 - 5 pages] 3. Attachment from 15 Nov 2022 OCM Report - Noting Community Leases Holding Over [13.2.3 - 2 pages]

Summary

For Council to consider the proposed seasonal licences for Perth Cricket Club and Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approves the proposed new seasonal licence agreements for Perth Cricket Club (PCC) and Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club (VPXHC), on the terms outlined in *Attachment 1* and *Attachment 2*.
2. Approves the request for a 20% reduction in electricity and water charges, having regard to shared community use of Fletcher Park, Carlisle.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute as a deed the seasonal licence agreements referred to in 1 above, together with any reasonable and necessary amendments.

Background

1. PCC and VPXHC have shared the premises and ovals at Fletcher Park, Carlisle on a seasonal basis for a considerable number of years.
2. PCC has a seasonal lease agreement (1 October – 31 March) dating back to the City of Perth. PCC's current seasonal lease agreement commenced on 1 October 1998, with the fixed term expiring on 31 March 2008.
3. VPXHC has a seasonal licence agreement (1 April – 30 September) dating back to the City of Perth. VPXHC's current seasonal licence agreement commenced on 1 April 1993, with expiry of the fixed term on 30 September 2008.
4. Council Resolution 235/2022, dated 15 November 2022 authorised the Chief Executive Officer to enter into new five year seasonal lease agreements for PCC and VPXHC.
5. In response to the Town offering PCC and VPXHC new five year seasonal lease agreements, PCC and VPXHC have requested seasonal licences instead.
6. The proposed heads of terms for new seasonal licence agreements are substantially close to the terms outlined in Council Resolution 235/2022, with adjustments including a seasonal licence agreement with a three-year initial term, with an option for a further three years, updated maintenance and cleaning

responsibilities, a liquor licensing provision, and a 20% reduction in electricity and water charges to reflect community use of Fletcher Park.

Discussion

8. Policy 310 – Leasing and Licencing supports shared use of community facilities to maximise accessibility and utilisation. The policy supports sporting clubs that share premises to operate under licence agreements rather than leases, as highlighted in the following extract:
"Licences provide non-exclusive possession of a Facility use and typically provide sporting clubs and other community based user groups with a use of a Facility shared with other users, for example on a seasonal basis. Shared use promotes greater utilisation of Facilities, which are a finite resource."
9. PCC and VPXHC are further requesting a 20% reduction in electricity and water charges, due to their non-exclusive use of Fletcher Park, and shared usage with the public, citing:
 - a. Frequent public use of the park by dog walkers, residents, and other community members.
 - b. While training lights are for VPXHC and PCC exclusively, there is the presence of other ground lighting and water facilities that serve non-club users, including security lights, public toilets, and drinking fountains.
 - c. The Grounds Curator uses the scheme water taps to water the cricket pitches while preparing the wickets during summer as they cannot use the bore water sprinklers. Both clubs note that considerable water is used by the Curator.
 - d. Other Community groups are also allowed to hire the club facilities through the Town when either club are not in occupation, leading to additional, uncompensated utility costs for PCC and VPXHC.
10. Policy 310 – Leasing and Licencing, Paragraph 10(e), states:
11. *"The Town as the Licensor will be responsible for: (e) All utility costs associated with the Facility (which may in the interests of promoting responsible consumption be on charged in part or in full to the Licensee)".* This provides scope for the Town to on-charge a portion of utility bills to the Licensees.
12. Both clubs acknowledge existing State Government Discounts on utility bills but emphasise that their request accounts for additional unpaid use of park facilities by non-club members.
13. Water Corporation has confirmed that sewer service charges at Fletcher Park are based on 17 major fixtures at the property, totalling a monthly charge of \$2,010.67. After State Government discounts, the clubs still face a minimum charge of \$858.08 per month, not including water usage. The clubs maintain that a portion of these costs should be discounted due to non-club users, supporting their request for a 20% reduction in water and electricity charges to be covered by the Town of Victoria Park.
14. The proposed seasonal licence agreements align with the Town's policy objectives by promoting responsible utility consumption for not-for-profit community groups, while ensuring Fletcher Park remains available for sport and recreation usages.
15. Following a lengthy negotiation process with PCC and VPXHC to resolve detail points, PCC and VPXHC have confirmed their agreement to the draft key terms in *Attachment 1* for PCC, and *Attachment 2* for VPXHC.
16. It is recommended that Council approve the attached draft key terms, to enable the Town to formalise new seasonal licences agreements for both sporting clubs, PCC and VPXHC.

Relevant documents

[Policy 310 – Leasing and Licencing](#)

Legal and policy compliance

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation.
Future budget impact	If this recommendation is approved, future budgets will need to cover a 20% reduction in recovery of electricity and water costs. These costs are estimated to be \$200-250 per month.

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial	Increased utility costs for the Town if a reduction is granted.	Low	Low	Accept risk as part of a normal local government business activity relating to use of facilities by the public.
Environmental	Not applicable		Medium	
Health and safety	Not applicable		Low	
Data, Information Technology and Cyber	Not applicable		Medium	
Assets	Increased budget allocation to account for 20% of electricity and water charges.	Low	Medium	Treat risk by ensuring there is sufficient budget.
Compliance Breach	Ensure compliance with <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .	Low	Low	Treat risk by ensuring compliance with <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> and following necessary procedures.
Reputation	Negative perception if clubs as stakeholders do not have up to date agreements providing lease/licence tenure.	Medium	Low	Treat risk by entering into new agreements.

Service delivery interruption	Continued activation of Fletcher Park for community sports.	Low	Medium	Treat risk by ensuring both community sporting clubs are supported.
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Engagement

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
Manager Place Planning	No objection
Manager Assets and Environment	No objection

Strategic alignment

Social	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S2 - Collaborating to ensure everyone has a place to call home.	Supporting not-for-profit community based sporting teams that have an agreement with the Town intends to provide a positive value outcome for the community.

Further consideration

Not applicable.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (47/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Peter Devereux

That Council:

1. Approves the proposed new seasonal licence agreements for Perth Cricket Club (PCC) and Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club (VPXHC), on the terms outlined in *Attachment 1* and *Attachment 2*.
2. Approves the request for a 20% reduction in electricity and water charges, having regard to shared community use of Fletcher Park, Carlisle.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to execute as a deed the seasonal licence agreements referred to in 1 above, together with any reasonable and necessary amendments.

Carried by exception resolution (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

13.3 Feasibility Report to Resurface the Kensington Bushland Pathways - Request for Extension

Location	Town-wide
Reporting officer	Environment Officer
Responsible officer	Chief Operations Officer
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	Nil

Summary

The purpose of this report is to request an extension from Council on the delivery of a feasibility report to resurface the Kensington Bushland pathways.

Officer Recommendation

That Council approve an extension of time on the delivery of a feasibility report to resurface the Kensington Bushland pathways to June 2025.

Background

1. The pathways within Kensington Bushland need upgrading.
2. Upgrading the pathways in Kensington Bushland is crucial for enhancing access and inclusion for all community members. Improved pathways will facilitate safer and more convenient access for individuals with disabilities, parents with strollers and the elderly, ensuring that everyone can enjoy and benefit from our natural spaces.
3. In response to a Notice of Motion to conduct a brief feasibility assessment, including cost estimates, to resurface the Kensington Bushland portion of the Jirdarup Bushland precinct, at the 20 August 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting, Council resolved to:
 - (a) Request the Acting CEO conduct a brief feasibility assessment, including cost estimates, to resurface the Kensington Bushland portion of the Jirdarup Bushland precinct. To ensure that the pathways align with the Town's Access and Inclusion Plan, this assessment should give due consideration to the tender information adopted by Council at the April 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting regarding the Kent Street Sandpit, as well as the results of the Kent St Sand Pit Restoration Project Stage One tender assessment.
 - (b) That the feasibility report be presented at the March 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Discussion

4. At the time of writing this report, the Town of Victoria Park had released three Requests for Tender to seek a suitably qualified and experienced organisation for the implementation of Kent St Sand Pit Restoration Project – Stage One. This included the installation of trafficable perimeter and secondary pathways within the site.
5. The proposed pathway design for which tenders were sought aligns with access and inclusion requirements, including trafficability by emergency services vehicles.

6. It is anticipated that the information that is sought from contractors from the Tender process will serve as a basis from which to inform potential materiality and cost (e.g. cost per metre) that could also be applicable to Kensington Bushland. The intention was for the Town to liaise with those contractors who make submissions to get an indication of cost to renovate the pathways within Kensington Bushland.
7. However, at the time of writing this report the Town had been unsuccessful in obtaining a contractor. The feedback from potential contractors is that more time is required – up to six months – to allow completion of civil works projects. This is a product of the current demand on the civil works industry. The requirements of a Site Management Plan for the site were also deemed too onerous for contractors. This is being revised by the Department of Water and Environment Regulation, expected to return to the Town in March 2025.
8. Thereafter, the Town intends to release another round of Request for Tender, anticipated to be by April 2025 at the earliest.
9. As a result of the delay in the procurement process, the Town requests that Council grant an extension to the preparation of the feasibility report to resurface the Kensington Bushland pathways to June 2025.

Relevant documents

Not applicable.

Legal and policy compliance

Not applicable.

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation.
Future budget impact	Should the Council believe it is feasible to renovate the paths within Kensington Bushland, funds will be required in future budgets to undertake this work. This would likely be part of the Parks Renewal Program.

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Consequence rating	Likelihood rating	Overall risk level score	Council's risk appetite	Risk treatment option and rationale for actions
Financial	There may be a high cost to renovate the pathways within Kensington Bushland.	Moderate	Likely	High	Low	Depending on the appetite of the Council, it is proposed that the Town considers the available solutions the market may offer and undertake the works in a staged manner, potentially over several financial years. The Town may also seek grant

						funding to supplement the cost.
Environmental	Nil				Medium	
Health and safety	If the Town does not consider upgrading the pathways within Kensington Bushland, this becomes exclusionary in terms of safety and accessibility for all community members.	High	Likely	High	Low	Approve preparation of feasibility report to resurface the Kensington Bushland pathways.
Infrastructure/ ICT systems/ utilities	Nil				Medium	
Legislative compliance	Nil				Low	
Reputation	If the Town does not consider upgrading the pathways within Kensington Bushland to enhance accessibility and safety for our community, this becomes a reputational risk for the organisation.	High	Likely	High	Low	Approve preparation of feasibility report to resurface the Kensington Bushland pathways.
Service delivery	Nil.				Medium	

Engagement

Not applicable.

Strategic alignment

Environment	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN5 - Providing facilities that are well-built and well-maintained.	By creating a more accessible pathway, we are fostering a more connected and inclusive community, enabling everyone to engage with and enjoy this cherished local environment.

Social	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S3 - Facilitating an inclusive community that celebrates diversity.	Improved pathways will facilitate safer and more convenient access for individuals with disabilities, parents with strollers and the elderly, ensuring that everyone can enjoy and benefit from our natural spaces.

Further consideration

Not applicable.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (48/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Peter Devereux

That Council approve an extension of time on the delivery of a feasibility report to resurface the Kensington Bushland pathways to June 2025.

Carried by exception resolution (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

14 Chief Financial Officer reports

14.1 Schedule of Accounts- January 2025

Location	Town-wide
Reporting officer	Financial Services Controller
Responsible officer	Chief Financial Officer
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	1. Payment Summary January 2025 [14.1.1 - 9 pages] 2. Credit Card Transactions January 2025 [14.1.2 - 2 pages] 3. Fuel and Store Card Transactions January 2025 [14.1.3 - 1 page]

Summary

Council is required to confirm payments made from the municipal fund, payments by employees via purchasing cards each month and fuel and store card transactions under Section 13 and 13A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. The information required for Council to confirm the payments made is included in the attachment for the month ended 31 January 2025.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Receives the accounts for January 2025, as included in the attachment, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.
2. Receives the direct lodgement of payroll payments to the personal bank accounts of employees, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.
3. Receives the credit card transactions attachment, pursuant to Regulation 13A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.
4. Receives the fuel and store card transactions attachment, pursuant to Regulation 13A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Background

1. Council has delegated the Chief Executive Officer the authority to make payments from the municipal and trust funds in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.
2. Under Regulation 13(1) and 13A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, where a local government has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or authorised an employee to use a credit, debit or other purchasing card, each payment is to be noted on a list compiled for each month showing:
 - a) The payee's name
 - b) The amount of the payment
 - c) The date of the payment
 - d) Sufficient information to identify the transaction

3. That payment list should then be presented at the next ordinary meeting of the Council, following the preparation of the list, and recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.
4. The payment list and the associated report was previously presented to the Audit and Risk Committee. Given this Committee's scope has changed to focus more on the audit function, the payment listings will be forwarded to the Elected Members ahead of time. Any questions received prior to the finalisation of the report will be included along with the responses within the Schedule of Accounts report for that month.
5. The list of accounts paid in accordance with Regulation 13 and 13A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 is contained within the attachment and is summarised below.

Fund	Reference	Amounts
Municipal Account		
Automatic Cheques Drawn		\$0
Creditors – EFT Payments		\$3,694,070.12
Payroll		\$1,353,324.25
Bank Fees		\$6,271.26
Corporate MasterCard	January 2025	\$12,685.64
Total		\$5,066,351.27

Discussion

6. All accounts paid have been duly incurred and authorised for payment as per approved purchasing and payment procedures. It is therefore requested that Council confirm the payments, as included in the attachments.

Relevant documents

Nil

Legal and policy compliance

[Section 6.10\(d\) of the Local Government Act 1995](#)

[Regulation 13 of the Local Government \(Financial Management\) Regulation 1996](#)

[Procurement Policy](#)

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation
Future budget impact	Not applicable.

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk mitigation
Financial	Misstatement or significant error in Schedule of accounts.	Medium	Low	Treat risk by ensuring daily and monthly reconciliations are completed. Internal and external audits.
Financial	Fraud or illegal transactions	High	Low	Treat risk by ensuring stringent internal controls, and segregation of duties to maintain control and conduct internal and external audits.
Environmental	Not applicable.		Medium	
Health and safety	Not applicable.		Low	
Data, information technology and cyber	Not applicable.		Medium	
Assets	Not applicable.		Medium	
Compliance breach	Not accepting schedule of accounts will lead to non-compliance.	Medium	Low	Treat risk by providing reasoning and detailed explanations to Council to enable informed decision making. Also provide the Payment summary listing prior to preparation of this report for comments.
Reputation	Not applicable.		Low	
Service delivery interruption	Not applicable.		Medium	

Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL2 – Communication and engagement with the community	The monthly payment summary listing of all payments made by the Town during the reporting month from its municipal fund and trust fund provides transparency into the financial operations of the Town.
CL3 – Accountability and good governance.	The presentation of the payment listing to Council is a requirement of Regulation 13 & 13A of Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1996.

Further consideration

Not applicable.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (49/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Peter Devereux

That Council:

1. Receives the accounts for January 2025, as included in the attachment, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.
2. Receives the direct lodgement of payroll payments to the personal bank accounts of employees, pursuant to Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.
3. Receives the credit card transactions attachment, pursuant to Regulation 13A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.
4. Receives the fuel and store card transactions attachment, pursuant to Regulation 13A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Carried by exception resolution (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

14.2 Financial Statements January 2025

Location	Town-wide
Reporting officer	Financial Services Controller
Responsible officer	Chief Financial Officer
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	1. Financial Statements January 2025 [14.2.1 - 26 pages]

Summary

To present the statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure for the period ending 31 January 2025.

Officer Recommendation

That Council receives the financial statements for January 2025, as included in the attachment, pursuant to Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Background

1. Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* states that each month, officers are required to prepare monthly financial reports covering prescribed information, and present these to Council for acceptance. Number all paragraphs from here on, not including tables.
2. As part of the monthly financial reports, material variances are reported. Thresholds are set by Council and are as follows:

Revenue

Operating revenue and non-operating revenue – material variances are identified where, for the period being reported, the actual varies to the budget by an amount of (+) or (-) \$50,000 or 10% and, in these instances, an explanatory comment has been provided.

Expense

Operating expense, capital expense and non-operating expense – material variances are identified where, for the period being reported, the actual varies to the budget by an amount of (+) or (-) \$50,000 or 10% and in these instances, an explanatory comment has been provided.

3. For the purposes of explaining each material variance, a three-part approach has been applied. The parts are:

Period variation

Relates specifically to the value of the variance between the budget and actual figures for the period of the report.

Primary reason(s)

Explains the primary reason(s) for the period variance. Minor contributing factors are not reported.

End-of-year budget impact

Forecasts the likely financial impact on the end-of-year financial position. It is important to note that figures in this part are 'indicative only' at the time of reporting and may subsequently change prior to the end of the financial year.

Discussion

4. The Financial Statements – January 2025 complies with the requirements of Regulation 34 (Financial activity statement report) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*. It is therefore recommended that the Financial Statements – January 2025 be accepted.

Relevant documents

Not applicable.

Legal and policy compliance

[Regulation 34 of the *Local Government \(Financial Management\) Regulations 1996*](#)

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk mitigation
Financial	Misstatement or significant error in financial statements	Medium	Low	Treat risk by ensuring daily and monthly reconciliations are completed. Internal and external audits.
Financial	Fraud or illegal transaction	High	Low	Treat risk by ensuring stringent internal controls, and segregation of duties to maintain control and conduct internal and external audits.
Environmental	Not applicable.		Medium	
Health and safety	Not applicable.		Low	
Data information technology and cyber	Not applicable.		Medium	
Assets	Not applicable.		Medium	
Compliance Breach	Council not accepting financial statements will lead to non-compliance	Medium	Low	Treat risk by providing reasoning and detailed explanations to Council to enable informed decision making. Also provide the Payment summary listing prior to preparation of this report for comments.

Reputation	Not applicable.		Medium	
Service delivery interruption	Not applicable.		Medium	

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Commentary around the current budget impact is outlined in the Statement of Financial Activity, forming part of the attached financial activity statement report.
Future budget impact	Commentary around the future budget impact is outlined in the Statement of Financial Activity, forming part of the attached financial activity statement report.

Engagement

Internal engagement	
Service Area Leaders	All Service Area Leaders have reviewed the monthly management reports and provided commentary on any identified material variance relevant to their service area.

Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL2 – Communication and engagement with the community	To make available timely and relevant information on the financial position and performance of the Town so that Council and public can make informed decisions for the future.
CL3 – Accountability and good governance.	Ensure the Town meets its legislative responsibility in accordance with Regulation 34 of the <i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i> .

Further consideration

Not applicable.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (50/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Peter Devereux

That Council receives the financial statements for January 2025, as included in the attachment, pursuant to Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

Carried by exception resolution (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

14.3 Mid Year Budget Review 2024-2025

Location	Town-wide
Reporting officer	Manager Strategic Accounting
Responsible officer	Chief Financial Officer
Voting requirement	Absolute majority
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mid Year Budget Review - Budget Variations - for the year ending 30 June 2025 [14.3.1 - 2 pages]2. Mid Year Budget Review - Budget Requests - for the year ending 30 June 2025 [14.3.2 - 2 pages]3. Mid Year Budget Review - Statement of Financial Activity - for the year ending 30 June 2025 [14.3.3 - 1 page]

Summary

To consider the Mid Year Budget Review and seek approval from Council to amend the 2024-2025 Annual Budget.

Officer Recommendation

That Council:

1. Approves the Budget Variations as contained within Attachment 14.3.1.
2. Approves the Budget Requests as contained within Attachment 14.3.2.
3. Adopts the amendments to the 2024-2025 Annual Budget detailed in Attachment 14.3.3.

Background

1. Regulation 33A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* requires that between 1 January and the last day of February in each financial year a local government to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year.
2. The review of an annual budget must be submitted to Council on or before 31 March in that financial year.
3. The budget review assesses the financial performing to date and is used to identify variations from the budget by the year end. It may include new works and services not identified in the adopted budget.
4. Variations to the annual budget are addressed in this report, including the funding source identified to accommodate these items.

Discussion

5. The review of the forecast of the financial year end position was based on the financial position as of 31 December 2024.
6. The review process has been undertaken having regard for:
 - (i) actual revenues and expenses for the first six months of this financial year together with committed expenses.

- (ii) forecast revenue and expense position for the remaining six months of the financial year.
 - (iii) The variances create the increase/decrease to current budget and were identified as budget variations.
 - (iv) The variances require new or more budget was identified as budget requests.
7. The budget variations process identified \$2,124,988 decrease in the current budget. The lists of budget variations are presented within Attachment 14.3.1.
8. There are several works and services that require an additional or new budget. The identified variations were utilised to fund these requirements. The list of budget requirements is presented within Attachment 14.3.2.

Relevant documents

Not applicable

Legal and policy compliance

[Regulation 31 of the Local Government \(Financial Management\) Regulations 1996](#)

[Regulation 33A of the Local Government \(Financial Management\) Regulations 1996](#)

[Regulation 34 of the Local Government \(Financial Management\) Regulations 1996](#)

[Section 6.8 \(1\) of the Local Government Act 1995](#)

Financial implications

Current budget impact	<p>The budget variations and requests identified for this financial year, including explanation of the variances and requests, is contained within the attachments. All revenue and expense variances have been balanced with a net variance of \$nil.</p> <p>Variations to the Annual Budget, as outlined in the budget review, have been made regarding asset management requirements and principles. The proposed review will form the new budget once adopted.</p>
Future budget impact	Not applicable.

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial	Misstatement or significant error in financial statements	Moderate	Low	Treat risk by ensuring daily and monthly reconciliations is completed. Internal and external audits.
Financial	Fraud or illegal transaction	High	Low	Treat risk by ensuring stringent internal controls, and segregation of duties to maintain control and conduct internal and external audits.

Environmental	Not applicable.			
Health and safety	Not applicable.			
Data, Information Technology and Cyber	Not applicable.			
Assets	Not applicable.			
Compliance Breach	Council not accepting financial statements will lead to non-compliance	Major	Low	Treat risk by providing reasoning and detailed explanations to Council to enable informed decision making. Also provide the Payment summary listing prior to preparation of this report for comments.
Reputation	Not applicable.			
Service delivery interruption	Not applicable.			

Engagement

Internal engagement	
Service Area Leaders	All Service Area Leaders have reviewed the monthly management reports and provided commentary on any identified material variance relevant to their service area.

Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL1 – Effectively managing resources and performance.	Budget review is conducted frequently to ensure the budget is reflective of the community's current needs
CL3 - Accountability and good governance.	Accurate presentation of the budget is reflective of the community's current needs

Further consideration

- W4984 McCallum Park and Taylor Reserve requires additional expenditure budget to accommodate the contract variation. Function 10. a. of Register of Delegation and Sub Delegations allows up to 10% contract variation authorised by CEO. Current expenditure budget for this project is \$ 4,817,000. The additional \$426,611 expenditure budget will be funded from Future Projects Reserve. Attachment 14.3.2 has been updated to reflect this change.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (51/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Jesse Hamer

That Council:

1. Approves the Budget Variations as contained within Attachment 14.3.1.
2. Approves the Budget Requests as contained within Attachment 14.3.2.
3. Adopts the amendments to the 2024-2025 Annual Budget detailed in Attachment 14.3.3.

Carried by Absolute Majority (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

15 Committee Reports

15.1 Corporate Business Plan Quarter 2 Progress Report Oct - Dec 2024

Location	Town-wide
Reporting officer	Manager Governance and Strategy
Responsible officer	Chief Executive Officer
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	1. CBP Report Q2 (Oct- Dec 2024) [15.1.1 - 47 pages]

Summary

Officer Recommendation

The Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council accepts the Corporate Business Plan Quarter 2 Progress reports for 1 October – 31 December 2024.

Background

1. At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 17 September 2024, Council resolved to receive one consolidated quarterly progress report on the actions, projects and outcomes of the Towns plans and strategies.
2. The quarterly progress reports enable Council to assess performance against strategies and plans, identify risks and significant variations in project performance and budgeting, receive information needed to be able to make informed decisions and to take action to address any issues that arise.
3. Quarterly reporting also gives the Council a higher level of transparency and accountability relating to strategic actions, plans and projects.

Discussion

4. An amended Corporate Business Plan 2023-2027 (CBP) was endorsed by Council on 16 July 2024.

Strategic outcome	Total Actions	No. of actions completed	No of actions overdue	No. of actions behind	No. of actions on track
Social	26	1	0	0	25
Economic	5	0	0	0	5
Environment	26	3	0	3	20
Civic Leadership	23	0	1	3	19

Totals	80	4	1	6	69
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5. Attachment 1 is a report on all actions for this financial year except those that have already been completed. The status of actions from the CBP for this financial year are below.
6. In Attachment 1, some of the projects (for example Stakeholder Relations) were marked as 100% complete last quarter, when they are actually ongoing projects. The percentages have been moved to below 100% this quarter, so that the written updates can still be seen by Council.

Relevant documents

Not applicable.

Legal and policy compliance

[Section 2.7 of the Local Government Act 1995](#)

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation.
Future budget impact	Not applicable

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial	Not Applicable		Low	
Environmental	Not Applicable		Medium	
Health and safety	Not Applicable		Low	
Data, Information Technology and Cyber	Not Applicable		Medium	
Assets	Not Applicable		Medium	
Compliance Breach	Not Applicable		Low	

Reputation	Negative public perception towards the Town in relation to transparency	Low	TREAT risk by ensuring accuracy of reporting and additional highlighting of any items of note within the report
Service delivery interruption	Not Applicable	Medium	

Engagement

Internal engagement

Governance and Strategy	Governance and Strategy coordinates the progress reports for Corporate Business Plan actions with input from all relevant service areas across the organisation.
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Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership

Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL1 – Effectively managing resources and performance.	Council is provided with information on the progress of items contained within the CBP to effectively manage resources and organisational performance.
CL3 - Accountability and good governance.	The Council and community are provided with a higher level of transparency and accountability relating to strategic actions, plans and projects

Further consideration

Not applicable.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (52/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Peter Devereux

The Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council accepts the Corporate Business Plan Quarter 2 Progress reports for 1 October – 31 December 2024.

Carried by exception resolution (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

15.2 Audit Actions Quarter 2 Update Report Oct - Dec 2024

Location	Town-wide
Reporting officer	Manager Governance and Strategy
Responsible officer	Chief Executive Officer
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CONFIDENTIAL - Open Audit Actions Q2 (Oct- Dec 2024) [15.2.1 - 6 pages]2. CONFIDENTIAL - AUDIT DASHBOARD [15.2.2 - 1 page]

Summary

Officer Recommendation

The Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council receives the Audit Update Report from October to December 2024 as contained in Attachment 1.

Background

1. The 2023-2026 Internal Audit Program was adopted by Council on 19 June 2023.
2. For 2024/2025, the following Audits are scheduled:
 - a) Emergency Management
 - b) Leases and Licensing Management
 - c) Assessment of Operational Risks

Discussion

3. The Lease and Licensing Management audit commenced on 13 November 2024 in line with the 2024/25 internal audit program. It is anticipated this audit will be finalised in February 2025.
4. In addition, the Town's Annual Financial Report was audited by the Office of Auditor General. This audit identified one significant, four moderate and one minor finding. These have been added to the Audit register as actions.
5. All other outstanding audit actions are being monitored.
6. Last quarter there were 18 outstanding audit actions at 60% completion. Since then, 6 actions have been added and 13 completed. There are now 11 outstanding actions that are 43% complete.

Relevant documents

Not applicable.

Legal and policy compliance

[Local Government \(Audit\) Regulations 1996](#)

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation.
Future budget impact	Not applicable

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial	Not adopting an internal audit program means we can't test our financial controls and mitigate financial loss through administrative errors, fraud, and corruption.	High	Low	TREAT risk by Adopting an internal program with a focus area on high-risk financial processes and activities.
Environmental	Not applicable		Medium	Not applicable
Health and safety	Not applicable		Low	Not applicable
Data, Information Technology and Cyber	If the Town does not adopt an internal audit program, there will be a reduction in testing of its systems and their security. This will reduce the Town's ability to mitigate information losses from administrative errors, fraud and corruption.	Medium	Medium	TREAT risk by ensuring commitment to management actions to address findings.
Assets	Not applicable		Medium	Not applicable
Compliance Breach	Not adopting an internal audit program means we cannot test our legislative compliance and mitigate financial loss through administrative errors, fraud, and corruption.	High	Low	TREAT risk by ensuring commitment to management actions to address findings.
Reputation	A poorly designed Internal Audit Program will make the Town vulnerable to non-	Moderate	Low	TREAT risk by ensuring commitment to management actions to address findings.

	compliance, fraud and corruption risks which adversely impact on the Town's reputation.		
Service delivery interruption	Not applicable	Medium	Not applicable

Engagement

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
Business unit managers	Providing responses and supporting documentation to the internal auditors. Providing quarterly updates and % completion for audit actions.
C-Suite	Noting the final internal audit outcomes.

Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL1 – Effectively managing resources and performance.	Internal audits promote integrity and identify areas for improvement
CL3 - Accountability and good governance.	As internal audit is a key pillar of organizational governance, a robust internal audit program, with oversight from the Audit Committee, will enable the Town to have a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, internal controls, and governance processes. The business improvements that result from an effective internal audit program will add value to the way the Town runs its business.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (53/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Peter Devereux

The Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council receives the Audit Update Report from October to December 2024 as contained in Attachment 1.

Carried by exception resolution (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

15.3 Quarterly Risk Management Report

Location	Town-wide
Reporting officer	Manager Governance and Strategy
Responsible officer	Chief Executive Officer
Voting requirement	Simple Majority
Attachments	1. CONFIDENTIAL - Strategic Risk Register [15.3.1 - 6 pages]

Summary

This report provides information to the Audit and Risk Committee on the management of the Town's risks.

Officer Recommendation

The Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council:

1. Notes the actions undertaken by the Town in relation to the management of operational and strategic risks.
2. Notes the Strategic Risk Register in Confidential Attachment 1.
3. Accepts reporting on an annual basis every March for the previous calendar year.

Background

1. The Town of Victoria Park has a suite of documents to manage and guide the Town's actions in response to risk management. This includes Policy 004 Risk Management, a Risk Management Framework and Management Practice, and a strategic and operational risk register.
2. In line with good risk management principles, all high and significant risks are reported to the Audit and Risk Committee.

Discussion

3. Policy 004 Risk Management was reviewed and amended on 13 December 2022 and then administratively amended on 24 August 2023. This policy is due for revision and is being presented to the 24 March 2025 Policy Workshop.
4. The Risk Management Framework (Framework) was revised by Council on 18 July 2023 with minor edits. A Council workshop was then held on 14 October 2024 to discuss a revision of the Framework, with proposed amendments subsequently being endorsed by Council on 10 December 2024.
5. The major update to the Framework included edits to the names of the Risk Impact categories, amending the corresponding descriptions, deleting the Infrastructure/ICT Systems/Utilities category and implementing two new categories, titled 'Assets' and 'Data, Information Technology and Cyber'.
6. The Risk Appetite and Opportunities table was also amended to reflect the changes to the Risk Impact Categories and the Risk Consequences table amended to reflect the new naming conventions, and new ratings have been added for the new categories of Information Security and Assets.
7. The Risk Management Practice was last reviewed on 3 November 2020. This management practice will undergo a further review following the outcome of the Policy 004 Risk Management review.

8. The Town has a Risk Management Working Group (RMWG) which comprises 10 staff across the for Directorates with responsibility to:
 - Identify, evaluate and document potential operational risks
 - Identify and document the appropriate measures which are in place to control identified risks
 - Assess the effectiveness of risks control measures (for efficiency and effectiveness) using reliable sources of information regarding both the potential consequences and likelihood of an event occurring as per the AS/NZ ISO 31000:2018 methodology
 - Identify priority risk treatment areas and make recommendations in relation to these to C-Suite via formalised reporting mechanisms.
9. The RMWG is to meet at least quarterly with the Minutes from meetings, along with any recommendations being proposed, being presented to C-Suite for endorsement. C-Suite endorsements and decisions relating to risk management will then be included in a quarterly report to the Audit and Risk Committee.
10. The RMWG last met on 18 June 2024. The next RMWG is scheduled for February 2025. An update on the actions from this meeting will be provided to the next Audit and Risk Committee.
11. The Strategic Risk Register was reviewed in a workshop with Council and the Audit and Risk Committee in 2024 with a new register being developed.
12. The new Strategic Risk Register was endorsed by Council on 10 December 2024.
13. Although being endorsed, there was also a request to allocate responsibility for the strategic risk register actions. The register was updated with this information and approved by C-Suite. The updated register is attached for information.
14. Since this workshop, no new strategic risks have been identified.

Audits

15. The Town completed all internal audits for 2023/24 as per the Internal Audit Plan. Three audits are planned for 2024/25 with the first of these audits, Leases and Licensing Management Audit, currently underway. The Emergency Management Audit and Assessment of Operational Risks audit are yet to commence.

Local government reform

16. The Local Government Amendment Act 2024 was considered by Parliament in December 2024 with limited sections coming into operation. Section 87 of this Act relates to audit committees and is still to be assented to. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries advises that the following changes will take place:

Audit committees will be revised as audit, risk and improvement committees (ARICs). ARICs must have an independent presiding member to ensure a level of neutrality and impartial oversight in chairing these meetings. An independent presiding member must be a person who is not a council member of a local government or an employee of the local government. If a deputy presiding member is appointed, they must also be independent.

The introduction of an independent presiding member provides an opportunity for increased community confidence in a local government's financial and risk management. Local

government operations may also benefit through appointing an independent chair with risk and financial management expertise that may otherwise be unavailable.

This reform reflects modern governance practices in State Government authorities and agencies as well as private corporations.

In relation to the current Act, an audit committee is required to be established comprising 3 or more persons appointed by absolute majority by a local government. Most of the members must be council members. The CEO or a local government employee cannot be a member.

17. Once section 87 of the Local Government Amendment Act 2024 comes into operation, the Town will have six months to implement the changes.

Relevant documents

[Policy 004 Risk Management](#)

Legal and policy compliance

Not applicable

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Nil
Future budget impact	Not applicable

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial		High	Low	
Environmental			Medium	
Health and safety			Low	
Data, Information Technology and Cyber			Medium	
Assets			Medium	
Compliance Breach			Low	

Reputation	Low			
Service delivery interruption	Not having a coordinated and robust risk management system will impact on service delivery	Medium	Medium	Treat the risk by providing regular reports on the Towns risk management

Engagement

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
Governance and Strategy	Governance and Strategy coordinate risk management across the town and liaise with a number of internal business units.

Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL3 - Accountability and good governance.	Regularly reviewing the Town's risks promotes good governance and aids in improving performance and efficiency.

Further consideration

Not applicable.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (54/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Peter Devereux

The Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council:

1. Notes the actions undertaken by the Town in relation to the management of operational and strategic risks.
2. Notes the Strategic Risk Register in Confidential Attachment 1.
3. Accepts reporting on an annual basis every March for the previous calendar year.

Carried by exception resolution (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

15.4 Compliance Audit Return 2024

Location	Town-wide
Reporting officer	Manager Governance and Strategy
Responsible officer	Chief Executive Officer
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	1. Compliance Audit Return 2024 [15.4.1 - 12 pages]

Summary

The Town is required to conduct an annual audit of statutory compliance (Compliance Audit Return) in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996. The completed 2024 Compliance Audit Return (CAR) is presented to the Audit and Risk Committee prior to adoption by Council. The adopted CAR must be submitted to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries by 31 March 2025.

Officer Recommendation

The Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that:

1. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 as contained in Attachment 1 be adopted.

Background

1. Regulation 14 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 (Regulations) requires that a CAR be completed and submitted to the Department by 31 March 2025.
2. The 2024 CAR contained the following compliance categories:
 - Commercial Enterprises by Local Governments;
 - Delegation of Power/Duty;
 - Disclosure of Interest;
 - Disposal of Property;
 - Elections;
 - Finance;
 - Integrated Planning and Reporting;
 - Local Government Employees;
 - Official Conduct;
 - Optional Questions; and
 - Tenders for Providing Goods and Services.
3. Regulation 15 of the Regulations requires a joint certification to be completed by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer. The document is to be forwarded to the Department via its online portal.

Discussion

4. In accordance with Regulation 14 of the Audit Regulations, the Town is required to carry out an annual audit of statutory compliance in the form determined by the Department.
5. The 2024 CAR deals with the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 and focuses on those areas considered high risk in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995 (Act) and associated regulations.
6. Of the questions asked, the Town was compliant in all categories.

Category	2023 Audit Questions	Compliance Rating	2024 Audit questions	Compliance rating
Commercial Enterprises by Local Governments	5	100%	5	100%
Delegation of Power/Duty	13	100%	13	100%
Disclosure of Interest	21	1 non compliance 95.2%	21	100%
Disposal of Property	2	100%	2	100%
Elections	3	100%	3	N/A
Finance	7	100%	7	100%
Integrated Planning and Reporting	3	100%	3	100%
Local Government Employees	5	100%	5	100%
Official Conduct	4	100%	4	100%
Optional Questions	9	3 non compliance 66.7%	9	100%
Tenders for Providing Goods and Services	22	1 non compliance 95.5%	22	100%
TOTAL	94	96.1%	94	100%

7. Following adoption of the CAR by the Audit and Risk Committee and Council, the CAR is to be certified by both the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer.
8. Once certified, the completed CAR must be submitted to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries by 31 March 2025.

Relevant documents

Not applicable.

Legal and policy compliance

[Regulation 14 of the Local Government \(Audit\) Regulations 1996](#)

[Regulation 15 of the Local Government \(Audit\) Regulations 1996](#)

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Nil
Future budget impact	Not applicable

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial		High	Low	
Environmental			Medium	
Health and safety			Low	
Data, Information Technology and Cyber			Medium	
Assets			Medium	
Compliance Breach	Not completing the CAR will result in non-compliance with the Towns statutory reporting obligations	High	Low	Treat risk by submitting the attached CAR to the Department by 31 March 2025.
Reputation			Low	

Service delivery interruption	Medium
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Engagement

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
Business unit Managers	The 2023 CAR was circulated to the relevant Business Unit Managers for comment.

Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL3 - Accountability and good governance.	As the completion of a CAR is a statutory requirement, it is important that this review be submitted to the Department by 31 March 2025

Further consideration

Not applicable.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION AND COUNCIL RESOLUTION (55/2025):

Moved: Cr Daniel Minson

Seconded: Cr Peter Devereux

The Audit and Risk Committee recommends to Council that:

1. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 as contained in Attachment 1 be adopted.

Carried by exception resolution (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

16 Applications for leave of absence

Nil.

17 Motion of which previous notice has been given

17.1 Mayor Karen Vernon - Carlisle Traffic Management Issues

In accordance with clause 23 of the Town of Victoria Park Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019, Mayor Karen Vernon has submitted the following notice of motion.

Motion

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. provide a report to the Ordinary Council meeting in March 2025 including:
 - (a) the current status on the Town's progress in responding to Resolution 282/2022 and Resolution 81/2023 to conduct a review of traffic management in Carlisle;
 - (b) whether the Town is proposing to install any further traffic interventions or calming treatments within Carlisle in the next 18 months, including the locations, types, indicative costs and timing of implementation of such further interventions and calming treatments;
2. remove the speed humps installed on Archer St, Carlisle between Planet St and Orrong Rd;
3. list for consideration in the draft 2025/26 budget the cost of installing a dedicated pedestrian crossing on Archer St, Carlisle between Bishopsgate St and Star Street.

Reason

There is a considerable level of concern within the Carlisle community about the safety of local roads, and how traffic volumes and speeds are being managed across a cross-section of intersecting roads.

Given the increased traffic volumes on Roberts, Rd, Archer St and Oats St over the last 5 years, and increases in traffic, diversion of traffic during railway crossing removals and railway line upgrades, it is timely to complete a review of the traffic management and effectiveness of traffic calming measures currently in use in this section of Carlisle, and potentially plan for future changes to traffic management.

The speed humps will need to be removed to address community concerns.

Strategic alignment

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL1 – Effectively managing resources and performance.	Timely review will enable better budget planning.

Economic	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EC2 - Connecting businesses and people to our local activity centres through place planning and activation.	Roads connect community and businesses safely and efficiently.

Environment	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN6 - Improving how people get around the Town.	People get to their destinations safely and expeditiously.

Social	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
S1 - Helping people feel safe.	Traffic management that creates safer solutions for vehicles and residents

Officer response to notice of motion

Location	Carlisle
Reporting officer	Traffic and Transport Engineer;
Responsible officers	Manager Technical Services; Manager of Projects
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	Nil

Officer comment

1. The Town's previous responses regarding the progress of Resolution 282/2022 and Resolution 81/2023, which call for a review of traffic management in Carlisle, remain unchanged. This is due to ongoing road closures and road construction projects related to METRONET and the Archer Street streetscape initiative, which continue to disrupt traffic patterns in the area. In previous reports staff reiterated that additional time was needed to prepare an area wide Traffic Management Plan for Carlisle and incrementally many treatments have already been actioned over the last 15 - 20 years which include some of the following;
 - Star Street (Roberts Road to Lion Street – Red painted median with tree planting introduced to narrow the overall carriageway cross-section.
 - Bishopsgate Street – Roberts Road to Archer Street – 2 X blister island treatments and cycle lanes installed to reduce traffic speed. III.
 - Mercury Street – Orrong Road to Harris Street – Speed Humps installed to discourage rat-running and reduce overall traffic volumes accessing the local road network.
 - Planet Street/Lion Street Intersection – Traffic Islands installed on the Planet Street approaches to improve visual cues for motorists as they approach the intersection. V.
 - Archer Street - Streetscape Improvement Project – Major ongoing works
 - More recently – Right turn ban at the intersection of Orrong Road/Roberts Road was introduced. This was completed in December 2023
2. Given the complexity of these road network changes predominately due to the Metronet project, it is recommended that the traffic study not occur until these projects are completed and normal traffic conditions are restored. As a result, it is unlikely that traffic modelling and detailed impact assessments can be conducted at this time. Traffic conditions are likely to be normalised by early 2026
3. An elected member portal post was provided in June 2023 which indicated the reasoning why any traffic management reviews would need to be delayed. The portal post indicated that it would be premature to formalise any networks changes given that; the rail shutdown is ongoing, bus route changes in place, Shepperton Road corridor changes, station precinct works still being progressed with the Armadale Line Upgrade Alliance (ALUA), active temporary traffic management and other works such as Archer Street and Mint Street Streetscape Project.
4. As part of the Low-Cost Urban Road Safety Program initiated by Main Roads WA, the Town has installed mini- roundabouts at several intersections within the Fletcher Park Precinct in Carlisle over the past twelve months. These include the intersections of Raleigh Street/ Mercury Street, Raleigh Street/ Lion Street, Lion Street/ Mars Street, Mercury Street/ Mars Street, and Mercury Street/ Jupiter Street.
5. Additionally, the Town is currently planning to upgrade an existing give-way priority-controlled intersection at Star Street and Lion Street to a roundabout intersection to enhance traffic safety. Site works for this project are expected to commence in the coming months and the project is currently at the procurement stage with detailed design complete. This is already a budgeted project and anticipate delivery in May 2025 subject to contractor scheduling.
6. Furthermore, the intersection of Oats Street and Tuckett Street has recently been upgraded to a new roundabout intersection as part of METRONET's Perth-Armadale elevated rail line and the upgraded Oats Street train station project.

7. In June 2024, the Town submitted a proposal to Main Roads WA for upgrading the existing roundabout at the Roberts Road/ Star Street/ Howick Street intersection under the 2025/26 Black Spot program. The proposed improvements include the installation of pre-deflections on all approaches along Roberts Road and the addition of a dedicated children's crossing facility. This enhancement aims to improve pedestrian safety, particularly as a small commercial precinct and Lathlain Primary School are located west of this intersection. This is another project that borders the Carlisle precinct and has been highlighted by the community as a location difficult for children to cross. Detailed design is anticipated to commence in July/August 2025 and delivery likely in November 2025.
8. These modifications are expected to encourage lower vehicle speeds when approaching the roundabout, reducing the likelihood of right-angle and rear-end crashes, which are currently recorded as the most common types of collisions at this intersection. To further reinforce these safety measures, necessary signage and pavement markings will be installed to alert drivers to the modified intersection. Additionally, two watts asphalt speed humps are proposed on the Howick Street and Start Street legs to further reduce vehicle speeds at the approaches. The total estimate of this upgrade is approximately \$600,000 and the approval of State Black Spot program is subject to approval by Main Roads WA. The project will form part of the 2025/2026 capital works program if the nomination is successful
9. Moreover, the Town also submitted a proposal to upgrade the priority-controlled intersection of Bishopsgate Street and Lion Street to a raised plateau intersection to Main Roads WA as part of 2025/26 Black Spot program. This proposal at this location is an effective traffic calming device to slow down vehicles on all four approaches and reduce severity of the crashes. This will help to increase driver awareness, contributing to a safer environment for both vehicles and pedestrians. It is also proposed to improve the pedestrian crossing facilities at this intersection. The total estimate of this upgrade is approximately \$212,500 subject to approval by Main Roads WA. This project will also be considered for the 2025/2026 capital works program. The cost sharing for State Blackspot projects is 2/3 State and 1/3 Local Government.
10. To address community concerns, it is recommended that the speed humps on Archer Street between Mars Street and Apollo Way, as well as between Weston Street and Marchamley Street, be removed. Additionally, the speed hump on Archer Street between Mars Street and Star Street may also be removed, as this section of Archer Street (from Mars Street to the town centre) will be upgraded to a raised section as part of the ongoing Archer Street Streetscape Project.
11. As part of these improvements, the Town is proposing to upgrade the intersection of Archer Street and Weston Street to a raised plateau intersection, incorporating pedestrian crossing facilities with medians on both sides of the Archer Street approach legs. Furthermore, additional pedestrian crossing facilities with median islands and pram ramps are being considered at the intersection of Archer Street and Marchamley Street to compensate for the proposed removal of speed cushions. All roadworks changes have a budgetary implication and therefore Council Staff will put forward a new initiative as part of the 2025/2026 budget process to fund the proposed changes.
12. To further enhance traffic calming, the Town is also considering installing flat-top road plateaus on the Archer Street approaches to the roundabout at Star Street. These would be similar to the devices currently installed on the Star Street approaches at this roundabout.
13. As part of these upgrades, some sections of the existing protected bike lanes will need to be modified to accommodate the recommended improvements, however bicycle lane continuity will remain through the intersections. This will be required to accommodate the new median island crossing points.

14. Additionally, to reduce the impact of noise, the Town is proposing to replace the speed cushions on Star Street (between Roberts Road and Lion Street) with horizontal type deflection type treatments, specifically, two lane Slow Point calming devices. This project will also be put forward as a new initiative as part of the 2025/2026 budget process
15. The estimated total cost of these interventions, covering both Archer Street (between Mars Street and Marchamley Street) and Star Street (between Roberts Road and Lion Street) is approximately \$585,000 and is currently unbudgeted for in the current years Capital Works Program. This is a high-level estimate based on simple concept sketches. These refinements to the design are proposed to be presented as a budget consideration in the 2025/26 budget.
16. It is important to note that the refinements being considered do not compromise the Archer Street and Mint Street Streetscape Improvement Design, originally approved in 2021, but are refinements based on community feedback and observations on what has been delivered so far. The Town will continue to plan for the delivery of the remainder of Archer Street and Mint Street consistent with the intent of the design approved by Council and the objectives in the Town's Integrated Transport Strategy.
17. Until these planned improvements are implemented, the Town intends to retain the existing speed cushions at their current locations.

Legal compliance

[Local Government \(Functions and General\) Regulations 1996 - Part 4 - Provision of goods and services](#)

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Risk rating	Risk appetite	Risk Mitigation
Financial	Costs for the recommended future treatments on Archer Street and Star Street are approximately \$575,000. If the abovementioned initiatives are supported by Council, municipal funds would likely be required to facilitate civil works. Other funding sources can also be investigated.	High	Low	TREAT risk – Prepare detailed designs to refine costs and identify any amenity impacts for Council to consider.
Environmental	Frequent sudden braking and acceleration at speed cushions can lead to increased fuel consumption and noise emissions.	Medium	Medium	TREAT risk – Installing traffic calming devices such as asphalt typed raised-plateau and horizontal deflection type treatments would reduce the noise pollution and minimize unnecessary braking
Health and safety	Sudden jolts over speed cushions can cause discomfort especially for	Low	Low	TREAT risk – Install treatments with horizontal deflection rather than vertical or ensure transition ramps and heights are

	people with medical conditions.			less severe (emergency vehicle/bus friendly options)
Data, Information Technology and Cyber	Nil	Nil	Medium	Nil
Assets	<p>Installation of traffic calming devices may result in road widening and the need to modify existing drainage infrastructure</p> <p>Installation of traffic calming devices may interfere with underground utilities and disrupt existing infrastructure.</p>	Medium	Medium	TREAT risk – Undertaking detailed design will highlight any impacted assets for Council to consider, including to incorporate proper drainage designs and conducting utilities mapping.
Compliance Breach	Nil	Nil	Low	Nil
Reputation	As per the completed public consultation feedback, it is understood that the residents in the locality are not in favour of the rubber speed cushions installed, but would prefer different forms of traffic calming measures to be considered	Medium	Low	TREAT risk – Installing traffic calming devices such as asphalt raised-plateaus and horizontal deflection type treatments with proper heights, spacing and less severe transitions would result in more accepted community outcome and solve the current environmental, health and safety issues regularly reported to Council.

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds do not exist within the annual budget. All new initiatives will need to go through the 2025/2026 annual budget process
Future budget impact	<p>High level estimates indicate the following budget allocations to remedy the current minor works changes.</p> <p>Archer Street Improvements – Scope includes the removal of cushions at targeted locations, raised plateau with pedestrian median treatments at intersection of Weston Street/Archer Street, median island treatments with pedestrian facilities at Archer Street/Marchamley Street and raised flat top plateaus on the Archer Street approaches at the Star Street roundabout - \$465,000</p>

Star Street - Replace speed cushions between Roberts Road and Lion Street) with horizontal type deflection type treatments, specifically, two lane Slow Point calming devices - \$120,000

Relevant documents

Not applicable.

MOTION

Moved: Mayor Karen Vernon

Seconded: Cr Peter Melrosa

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. provide a report to the Ordinary Council meeting in March 2025 including:
 - (a) the current status on the Town's progress in responding to Resolution 282/2022 and Resolution 81/2023 to conduct a review of traffic management in Carlisle;
 - (b) whether the Town is proposing to install any further traffic interventions or calming treatments within Carlisle in the next 18 months, including the locations, types, indicative costs and timing of implementation of such further interventions and calming treatments;
2. remove the speed humps installed on Archer St, Carlisle between Planet St and Orrong Rd;
3. list for consideration in the draft 2025/26 budget the cost of installing a dedicated pedestrian crossing on Archer St, Carlisle between Bishopgate St and Star Street.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

Seconded: Cr Peter Melrosa

That clause 50 - Speaking twice of the Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019 be suspended for the duration of the meeting, in accordance with clause 58 of the *Meeting Procedures Local Law 2019*.

Carried (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

Cr Peter Melrosa left the meeting at 8:30pm and returned at 8:32pm

Cr Sky Croeser left the meeting at 8:40pm and returned at 8:41pm

At 8.45pm, the Mayor adjourned the Council meeting.

At 9.02pm, the Mayor reconvened the Council meeting.

With the agreement of the Mover and Seconder, point 2 was reworded as follows:

“remove and replace the rubber speed cushions installed on Archer St, Carlisle between Planet St and Orrong Rd as part of planned upgrades scheduled in the Annual Budget 2025/2026”.

MOTION

Moved: Mayor Karen Vernon

Seconded: Cr Peter Melrosa

That Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. provide a report to the Ordinary Council meeting in March 2025 including:
 - (a) the current status on the Town’s progress in responding to Resolution 282/2022 and Resolution 81/2023 to conduct a review of traffic management in Carlisle;
 - (b) whether the Town is proposing to install any further traffic interventions or calming treatments within Carlisle in the next 18 months, including the locations, types, indicative costs and timing of implementation of such further interventions and calming treatments;
2. remove and replace the rubber speed cushions installed on Archer St, Carlisle between Planet St and Orrong Rd as part of planned upgrades scheduled in the Annual Budget 2025/2026;
3. list for consideration in the draft 2025/26 budget the cost of installing a dedicated pedestrian crossing on Archer St, Carlisle between Bishopsgate St and Star Street.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Peter Melrosa

Seconder: Mayor Karen Vernon

That point 2 be reworded to:

2. remove the rubber speed cushions installed on Archer St, Carlisle between Planet St and Orrong Rd; and Star St between Roberts Rd and Lion St by 30 April 2025.

And add a new point 3 and 4 to be:

3. Halt any further installations of this type of speed device on designated local distributors and district distributors within the Town.
4. Halt the intersection modifications proposed which are listed in point 8 and 9 of the officer’s comments to the Mayor’s Notice of Motion, until the traffic management review of Carlisle is complete and it can be determined whether other modifications are more suitable.

Reason:

The modification to point 2 is to ensure the Star St rubber speed cushions which are also problematic, are included in the motion.

The inclusion of a new point 3 is to ensure this unpopular speed device is not applied to any other roads in the Town with high traffic numbers, ensuring this issue does not present again.

The inclusion of a new point 4 is to ensure significant modifications to the network are not undertaken before a review of traffic management in Carlisle is undertaken and to ensure a level of consistency is properly considered for the network at these key local distributor intersections.

PROCEDURAL MOTION (56/2025):

Moved: Mayor Karen Vernon

Seconded: Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

That this item be deferred to the Special Council Meeting to be held on 25 March 2025.

Carried (9 - 0)

For: Mayor Karen Vernon, Cr Claire Anderson, Cr Sky Croeser, Cr Peter Devereux, Cr Jesse Hamer, Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife, Cr Peter Melrosa, Cr Lindsay Miles and Cr Daniel Minson

Against: Nil

18 Questions from members without notice

Questions taken on notice from members without notice at the Agenda Briefing Forum held on 4 March 2025

Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

1. Following up on elected member request for information, a community member inquired whether the Town's electric vehicle chargers could be made available for public use with a payment system. The response indicated that this might be being considered, and it depends on what Council decides. When is this expected to be discussed further?

While the chargers can have the capability to allow public access, the Town has no intention of pursuing this further at this stage.

Questions from members without notice

Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife

1. Regarding the public question regarding the Town's electric vehicle chargers, the response was that the Town is not willing to do that at this time. Is there an explanation for why this is the case?

The Chief Operations Officer advised that there are several reasons both for and against this proposal. On the positive side, it could potentially support the community, particularly electric vehicle owners, and provide a small revenue stream for the Town. However, the Town has also heard concerns about moving forward with it. The team has been looking into this informally, and at this stage, the Town would not recommend allowing the public to do so.

The Chief Financial Officer further advised that setting up free or discounted service requires careful consideration, especially regarding potential impacts on private operators. The Town cannot use our market power to unfairly affect them, and there are logistical challenges in managing private use and Town vehicle charging. While it may seem simple, it is more complex, and each site may have unique circumstances that need to be addressed.

2. Does that mean that this is a possibility in the future?

The Chief Financial Officer advised that conceptually, everything is possible, but it has not been fully considered yet. The main concerns are how to manage payments, who will oversee it, and the logistics of accessing the area outside of staff entry/exit bays, among other details. Therefore, there is no clear answer at this time.

Mayor Karen Vernon

1. Last year, I spoke with the Hawaiian Group about the possibility of introducing electric vehicle charging stations in their car park for the public. They mentioned they were exploring it, but their investigation showed that for a good customer experience, fast charging is required. However, fast charging requires a significant power load from the grid. Hawaiian Group's concern was that if too many vehicles were charging at once, it could overload the grid and cause issues. Is this something you recognise as an issue with electric vehicle charging stations where fast charging requires a lot of electricity, and customers may not be willing to leave their vehicles overnight for a slower charge?

The Chief Operation Officer advised that while everything Mayor Vernon mentioned is correct, the Town still has the ability to support fast charging, and the grid is capable of handling the required capacity. As for specific locations, each one needs to be studied individually. It is possible that Hawaiian Group did a study and found that fast charging would overload the grid, leading to whatever decision they have made. So, each location is assessed on its own merits.

2. Given that the Town has three locations with charging stations at the admin building, outside the leisure centre/ library, and at the depot, is there a concern about private vehicles paying to use the service and occupying those bays when the Town's needs are a priority? Could this be managed by limiting the charging service to certain hours, specifically when the town expects low demand for the facility, making it available during those times?

The Chief Operation Officer advised that if the Town were to consider this, it would be during hours when the bays are not being used by Town vehicles.

19 New business of an urgent nature introduced by decision of the meeting

20 Public question time

As there were no people in the public gallery, public question time opened and closed at 9:51pm.

21 Public statement time

As there were no people in the public gallery, public statement time opened and closed at 9:51pm.

22 Meeting closed to the public

Nil.

22.1 Matters for which the meeting may be closed

Nil.

22.2 Public reading of resolutions which may be made public

Nil.

23 Closure

There being no further business, Mayor Karen Vernon closed the meeting at 9:52 pm.

I confirm these minutes to be true and accurate record of the proceedings of the Council.

Signed:

Dated this: Day of: 2025