



ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
AGENDA

25 FEBRUARY 2025

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CITY OF GREATER GERALDTON
ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 5.00PM
CHAMBERS, CATHEDRAL AVENUE

A G E N D A

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

I would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji people who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which we meet/stand. I would like to pay my respects to the Elders past, present and future for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Yamatji people.

3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present:

Officers:

Others:

Members of Public:

Members of Press:

Apologies:

Leave of Absence:

Cr J Denton

Cr K Parker

4 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

There are no questions from previous meetings.

6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions provided in writing prior to the meeting or at the meeting will receive a formal response. Please note that you cannot make statements in Public Question Time and such statements will not be recorded in the Minutes.

Our Local Laws and the Local Government Act require questions to be put to the presiding member and answered by the Council. No questions can be put to individual Councillors.

7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**Existing Approved Leave**

Councillor	From	To (inclusive)	Date Approved
Cr J Denton	5 February 2025	9 March 2025	28/1/2025
Cr K Parker	20 February 2025	14 March 2025	28/1/2025
Cr M Librizzi	4 March 2025	5 March 2025	28/1/2025
Mayor J Clune	16 April 2025	5 May 2025	28/1/2025
Cr K Parker	12 July 2025	23 July 2025	28/1/2025

**Note: If Elected Members' application for leave of absence is for the meeting that the request is submitted, they will be noted as an apology until Council consider the request. The granting of the leave, or refusal to grant the leave and reasons for that refusal, will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.*

If an Elected Member on Approved Leave subsequently attends the meeting, this will be noted in the Minutes at 'Record of Attendance'.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.25 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Leave of Absence for:
 - a. Cr A Horsman for the period 26 February to 10 March 2025; and
 - b. Deputy Mayor Cr N Colliver for the period 4 June to 13 June 2025.

8 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS

There is none.

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 28 January 2025, as previously circulated, be adopted as a true and correct record of proceedings.

10 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR AND PRESENTATIONS*Events attended by the Mayor or designated representative*

DATE	FUNCTION	REPRESENTATIVE
29 January 2025	Triple M Interview - Outcomes of Council Meeting 2025	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 January 2025	Triple M Perth Interview – Air BnB Amendments, Telstra Tower, Dog Attacks	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 January 2025	Geraldton Guardian – Batavia Units	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 January 2025	Filming for the Outcome of Council Meeting Videos with the theme "What's your day job?"	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 January 2025	Geraldton Ending Homelessness Leadership Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 January 2025	City of Greater Geraldton media catch up - Mahomets Flats Key Worker Accommodation Expression of Interest	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 January 2025	Meeting with President of the Geraldton Bowling Club - Synthetic Surface Grant	Mayor Jerry Clune
29 January 2025	Bendigo Community Bank 2024 Post Christmas Event	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
31 January 2025	CBD Do-Over Project	Mayor Jerry Clune
31 January 2025	7NEWS Interview - Funding for Mobile Phone Coverage at Flat Rocks	Mayor Jerry Clune
1 February 2025	Geraldton's Big Ocean Community Swim	Mayor Jerry Clune
1 February 2025	Geraldton Pottery Club - Kiln Loading Workshops	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 February 2025	Mayor/Deputy Mayor/CEO Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 February 2025	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
3 February 2025	Media Announcement by the Hon John Carey MLA, Minister for Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; Homelessness – Batavia Coast Marina Stage 2 (BCM2) – Station Square	Mayor Jerry Clune
4 February 2025	Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen's Memorial Trust – Annual General Meeting (AGM)	Mayor Jerry Clune
4 February 2025	Concept Forum	Mayor Jerry Clune
6 February 2025	Mid West Creative Ecology Summit 2025	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 February 2025	Heritage Advisory Committee Meeting	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
7 February 2025	Introductory Meeting with Racing WA	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 February 2025	Australian Citizenship Ceremony	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 February 2025	Planning Meeting for Governor-General Visit with Bundiyarra Aboriginal Community Aboriginal Corporation CEO	Mayor Jerry Clune
7 February 2025	Geraldton Regional Art Gallery (GRAG) Exhibition Opening Night - RE-FOCUSED Geraldton Camera Club/Batavia Unravalled	Cr Steve Cooper
7 February 2025	The Invisible Boys Exclusive Preview Screening - Perth	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
11 February 2025	Introductory Meeting – Department of Defence – Geraldton Defence Facility Relocation Opportunity - Canberra	Mayor Jerry Clune
11 February 2025	NBN Co Community Morning Tea - Mullewa	Cr Jennifer Critch
11 February 2025	Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) - Member Dinner - Canberra	Mayor Jerry Clune
12 February 2025	RCA Delegation and Full Member Meeting – Canberra: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senator Perin Davey, Shadow Minister for Water; • Hon Matt Thistlethwaite MP - Assistant Minister for Immigration • Hon Catherine King MP - Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government; • Hon Dan Tehan MP - Shadow Minister for Immigration and Citizenship 	Mayor Jerry Clune

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representatives from the Office of the Minister for Housing and Homelessness Hon Darren Chester MP - Shadow Minister for Regional Development Joanna Vaughan on behalf of Hon Tony Bourke MP, Minister for the Arts 	
13 February 2025	Australian War Memorial New Main Entrance – “Places of Pride” Canberra	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 February 2025	Mayor/Deputy Mayor/CEO Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 February 2025	Marketing & Media Regular Catch up	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 February 2025	Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia Her Excellency the Honourable Ms Sam Mostyn AC – Meet and Greet at Geraldton Airport	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 February 2025	HMAS Sydney II Memorial Guided Tour with the Governor-General	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 February 2025	City of Greater Geraldton Civic Reception attended by the Governor-General and Community Members	Mayor Jerry Clune
17 February 2025	Smoking Ceremony and Dinner attended by the Governor-General and Aboriginal Elders at Bundiyarra	Mayor Jerry Clune
18 February 2025	Audit Committee Meeting	Mayor Jerry Clune
18 February 2025	Midwest Multicultural Association Sundowner attended by the Governor-General	Mayor Jerry Clune
18 February 2025	Agenda Forum	Deputy Mayor Cr Natasha Colliver
18 February 2025	Photo for Media Release – Shore Leave – Mid West Ports Authority and City of Greater Geraldton	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 February 2025	City of Greater Geraldton FY2024 Final Audit Fraud Risk Questionnaire	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 February 2025	Pickleball at QEII Centre - visit by Hon Melissa Price MP, Member for Durack and Hon Sussan Ley MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 February 2025	Mercantile Club Viewing	Mayor Jerry Clune
19 February 2025	Your Voice Our Future Council Member Workshop	Mayor Jerry Clune
23 February 2025	Northern Country Zone (NCZ) of Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Dinner - Kalbarri	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 February 2025	Northern Country Zone Tour of Shire Projects - Kalbarri	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 February 2025	Northern Country Zone Meeting - Kalbarri	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 February 2025	Army Exercise Logistics Discussion	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 February 2025	Mullewa Councillor/Mayor Catch Up - Geraldton	Mayor Jerry Clune
24 February 2025	Ordinary Meeting of Council 2025	Mayor Jerry Clune

Note: Whilst it is noted that Council Members may have also been in attendance at the above events, this is a record of attendance by the Mayor, or where a Council Member has been asked to represent the Mayor.

11 UNRESOLVED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

There is none.

12 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND OFFICERS

12.1 REPORTS OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

DS055	COUNCIL POLICY 2.5 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT ATTRACTION
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-25-016280
AUTHOR:	S McCaughey, A/Manager Customer and Business Engagement
EXECUTIVE:	R Hall, Director Development Services
DATE OF REPORT:	7 February 2025
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/19/0008
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x2)
	A. Draft Council Policy - 2.5 Economic Development and Investment Attraction (v4)
	B. Comparison Table - Council Policy - 2.5 Economic Development and Investment Attraction (v4)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider Council Policy 2.5 Economic Development and Investment Attraction, version 4. The policy has undergone its biennial review, with administrative changes proposed to the Policy Statement, Policy Details and Roles and Responsibilities sections, as outlined in the attached comparison table.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Council Policy 2.5 Economic Development and Investment Attraction, version 4.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

Council Policy 2.5 Economic Development and Investment Attraction was last reviewed by Council on 21 December 2021 - Item No. CCS660. The Policy aims to maximise economic activity in Greater Geraldton.

The policy review ensures governance compliance and acknowledges that while some referenced documents have lapsed, their strategic intent remains relevant. A study on the City's economic development capacity is underway to assess resource needs for the development of a new Economic Development Strategy and supporting policies.

In summary, the proposed changes include:

- Updated branch names and position titles to align with the Development Services structure in the Policy Statement, Policy Details and Roles and Responsibilities sections.
- Minor rephrasing to improve readability and clarity.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

Council Policy 2.5 Economic Development and Investment Attraction focuses on growing our population and supporting investment in the Greater Geraldton region for the benefit of the local community and businesses.

Economy:

Council Policy 2.5 Economic Development and Investment Attraction was developed to stimulate, support and grow the local and trade economies of Greater Geraldton.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires that Council establish good governance principles through the introduction of policies and guidelines.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council policies are reviewed and endorsed by Council on a regular basis. Council Policy 2.5 Economic Development and Investment Attraction was last approved by Council on 21 December 2021 (Item No. CCS660).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:

There are no significant changes to the intent of the policy proposed and any amendments are administrative in nature, therefore Council consideration is sought via this item.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Pursuant to section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the role of Council includes determination of council policies:

2.7. Role of council

- (1) *The council —*
 - (a) *governs the local government's affairs; and*
 - (b) *is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.*
- (2) *Without limiting subsection (1), the council is to —*
 - (a) *oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and*
 - (b) *determine the local government's policies.*

Pursuant to section 5.56 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires local government to plan for the future of the district.

5.56. Planning for the future

- (1) *A local government is to plan for the future of the district.*
- (2) *A local government is to ensure that plans made under subsection (1) are in accordance with any regulations made about planning for the future of the district.*

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Any proposed implementation of the identified policy incentives will be presented to Council, where financial and resource implications will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.1	Local business is empowered and supported.
Outcome 2.3	The voice of the community is heard at regional, state and national forums.
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit
Outcome 2.5	Our competitive advantages are built upon and our business success is celebrated.
Outcome 2.6	A diverse and globally recognised regional capital.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

Council Policy 2.5 Economic Development and Investment Attraction aims to boost economic activity in Greater Geraldton by fostering investment, creating jobs and promoting development, leading to sustainable growth and enhanced quality of life.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Ensuring that the Council Policy Register is current and comprehensive supports the role of Council in the good government of the City of Greater Geraldton. The proposed updates provide continued accountability and compliance with any endorsed incentives or agreements. Additionally, a study focused on the City's economic development capacity is underway to determine the most effective allocation of resources in alignment with the City's strategic goals.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The Council may choose to consider alternative amendments to the policy. This is a matter for the Council.

DS056 COUNCIL POLICY 2.6 MINE RESOURCING

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-25-016288
AUTHOR:	S McCaughey, A/Manager Customer and Business Engagement
EXECUTIVE:	R Hall, Director Development Services
DATE OF REPORT:	7 February 2025
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/19/0008
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x2)
	A. Draft Council Policy - 2.6 Mine Resourcing (v4)
	B. Comparison Table - Council Policy 2.6 Mine Resourcing (v4)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider Council Policy 2.6 Mine Resourcing, version 4. The policy has undergone its biennial review, with administrative changes proposed to the Policy Statement, Policy Details and Roles and Responsibilities sections, as outlined in the attached comparison table.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE Council Policy 2.6 Mine Resourcing, version 4.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

Council Policy 2.6 Mine Resourcing was last reviewed by the Council on 21 December 2022 - Item No. CCS002. This Policy aims to ensure that mining operations deliver maximum economic and social benefit to Greater Geraldton and to the Midwest region.

The policy review ensures governance compliance and acknowledges that while some referenced documents have lapsed, their strategic intent remains relevant. A study on the City's economic development capacity is underway to assess resource needs for the development of a new Economic Development Strategy and supporting policies. The policy could be considered to be retired in the future subject to the outcome of the study currently underway.

In summary the proposed changes include:

- Expanded acronym in Policy Statement for clarity;
- Updated position title after consultation with Mid West Development Commission to 'Local Content Advisor';
- Updated branch name and position titles to align with Development Services structure in the Policy Details and Roles and Responsibilities sections; and

- Minor rephrasing to improve readability and clarity.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

The purpose of Council Policy 2.6 Mine Resourcing is to advocate for the Midwest region and maximise the economic and social benefit for communities near mining operations.

Economy:

This Policy promotes collaboration with both existing and new regional mining ventures to encourage the sourcing of products, services and staff from the local community, which benefits the local economy.

Environment:

Mining operations are monitored and assessed through relevant State Government Authorities to ensure adherence to responsible mining practices and environmental sustainability.

Leadership:

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires that Council establish good governance principles through the introduction of policies and guidelines.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council policies are reviewed and endorsed by Council on a regular basis. Council Policy 2.6 Mine Resourcing was last approved by Council on 21 December 2022 (Item No. CCS002).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:

The Mid West Development Commission was consulted to confirm the correct position title reference in the policy.

There are no significant changes to the intent of the policy proposed and any amendments are administrative in nature, therefore Council consideration is sought via this item.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Pursuant to section 2.7 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the role of Council includes determination of council policies:

2.7. Role of council

(1) *The council —*

(a) *governs the local government's affairs; and*

(b) *is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.*

(2) *Without limiting subsection (1), the council is to —*

- (a) *oversee the allocation of the local government's finances and resources; and*
- (b) *determine the local government's policies.*

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

Resources may need to be evaluated for community development initiatives, such as partnerships with local businesses or local infrastructure projects that support mining operations. Any emerging resource needs would be considered in future budgets.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.1	Local business is empowered and supported.
Outcome 2.5	Our competitive advantages are built upon and our business success is celebrated.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

Council Policy 2.6 Mine Resourcing encourages regional growth outcomes by promoting Geraldton as an attractive destination for the mining workforce and their families.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Ensuring that the Council Policy Register is current and comprehensive supports the role of Council in the good government of the City of Greater Geraldton. A study focused on the City's economic development capacity is underway to determine the most effective allocation of resources in alignment with the City's strategic goals.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

The Council may choose to consider alternative amendments to the policy. This is a matter for the Council.

12.2 REPORTS OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

CC025	DRAFT PUBLIC ART MASTERPLAN 2025-2030
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-25-010673
AUTHOR:	T Cornish, Manager Libraries, Heritage and Gallery
EXECUTIVE:	F Norling, Director Community and Culture
DATE OF REPORT:	3 February 2025
FILE REFERENCE:	RC/8/0011-004
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Draft Public Art Masterplan 2025-2030

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council endorsement of the draft version of the City of Greater Geraldton Public Art Masterplan 2025-2030 for public consultation.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. ADOPT the City of Greater Geraldton Public Art Masterplan 2025-2030 as a draft for the purpose of public consultation;
2. ADOPT the City of Greater Geraldton Public Art Masterplan 2025-2030 for final approval should no objecting comments be received during the public consultation period; and
3. REQUIRE a further report to Council if any objecting submissions are received during the public consultation period.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

The City of Greater Geraldton (the City) is home to an extensive collection of artworks, ranging from functional and integrated artworks, including established and well-loved pieces such as the elements comprising the HMAS *Sydney II* Memorial and the *Wind Sails* on the Mahomet's Overpass, to new iconic commissions such as the *Horizon* and *Protected Memories* sculptures and *Kingfisher's Flight* on the rear of the Geraldton Regional Art Gallery (GRAG). The City's Public Art Collection is supported by a community art program which over the years has included initiatives such as the Post Office Lane Lightbox Gallery, Bus Shelter projects and AMC Park. The City's current Public Art Strategy 2020-2025 was authored in 2019 by consultants Element Advisory Pty Ltd and endorsed by Council on 24 November 2020.

Until the development of the Public Art Strategy 2020-2025, the City's collection had grown organically, with works and programs delivered in response to short term goals and needs. With the review of the current Public Art Strategy due this year comes the potential to build on the Strategy to leverage and reposition the existing collection. The Masterplan has been developed to incorporate learnings from the current Strategy and to undertake a long-term approach to consolidate, maintain and ultimately grow a cohesive collection of public art. The Masterplan acknowledges the diverse context of the City, including a broad range of themes which seek to articulate the history and identity of the community and endeavours to deliver on the themes outlined in the Public Art Strategy.

In development of the Masterplan the City's Geraldton Regional Art Advisory Committee (GRAAC) considered the curatorial themes and the distribution of the City's collection across the region, noting the high concentration of works in the Central Business District and the need to ensure this was more equitable into the future. This feedback aligned with Officer observations during the drafting of the City's Public Art Trail Map where Greenough and Cape Burney were noted as lacking in public art installations. The GRAAC also acknowledged the priorities set by the City's Strategic Community Plan and the Corporate Business Plan and how this shaped the allocation of budget and resources. Additionally, the Committee expressed a preference not to prioritise the proposed future public art works listed in the Masterplan, preferring instead for these to be presented equally as opportunities for future consideration at the appropriate time. Consequently, Officers have been investigating opportunities to deliver the next public art commission, including the Greenough/Cape Burney locale, acknowledging that specific community engagement is yet to be undertaken.

In finalisation of the Masterplan, the spelling of the word "Yamaji" was updated to "Yamatji", aligning it with the City's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). Reference to the Beresford Foreshore was also added, as well as some minor amendment to wording in the section describing the design elements.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

There are no adverse community impacts. Public works of art aim to enrich the community by evoking meaning and purpose in the public setting. Public art plays an important role in the community and includes both permanent and ephemeral art installations and activities which involve integrating an artistic feature into an outdoor public space or feature. Essentially public art is defined as any artistic work which is installed in the public domain outside of a Gallery context. The Masterplan will give voice to community sentiment and priorities regarding important themes for cultural expression and key locations for public art across Greater Geraldton.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts. The Masterplan provides for the exploration of economic opportunities for local artists, fabricators, suppliers and installers through the commissioning of works. Artworks have the potential to become civic icons which are memorable and engaging and therefore an attraction to visitors and tourists.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts. Public art humanises the built environment and invigorates public spaces. Places with strong public art expressions break the trend of “sameness” and give communities a stronger sense of place and identity.

Leadership:

There are no adverse leadership impacts. The Masterplan reflects the strategic framework for the approval and funding of future artworks to ensure this aligns with current best practice and City policies and procedures. The Masterplan also refers to the guidance provided to Council by the GRAAC. The GRAAC consists of elected members, community representatives and City Officers.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council has previously adopted Item No. DCS478 City of Greater Geraldton Public Art Strategy 2020-2025. This is the first iteration of a Public Art Masterplan for the City of Greater Geraldton for consideration and subsequent endorsement by Council.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:

The GRAAC reviewed the Public Art Strategy 2020-2025 at their meeting on 01 August 2024. Following this, a first draft of the Masterplan was presented to the Committee with feedback gathered for consideration. At their next meeting on 14 November 2024, the draft plan was updated to include suggested changes, advancing the Masterplan to the next stage of community consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no statutory/regulatory or policy compliance issues associated with implementation of the recommended course of action.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The Masterplan will assist with defining Council, community and arts expectations in balance with available budget and resources, providing a roadmap and methodologies for the management of a program that presents, grows and maintains public art in the City. A Public Art Reserve was created as a part of the 2023-2024 annual budget process and as a means to support the future commissioning of new public art works. The Masterplan will assist in delivering new public art aligned with the City’s Public Art Strategy and within available resource allocation.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.1	Enhanced lifestyle through spaces, places, programs and services that foster connection and inclusion.
Outcome 1.3	Pride in place and a sense of belonging is commonplace.
Outcome 1.10	A place where people have access to, engage in and celebrate arts, culture, education and heritage.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.4	A desirable place to live, work, play, study, invest and visit

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

The City plays an important role in regional tourism. The City's public art collection enhances regional visitor appeal and bolsters community pride. In addition, the commissioning of artwork provides regional employment opportunities. The development of curatorial themes within the Masterplan not only considers stories of the Central Business District and Coastal Threshold, but also of the Hinterland – the theme of the Hinterland evoking stories of similar theming to those of relevance to country, landscapes and communities which extend beyond Greater Geraldton.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

An endorsed Masterplan will assist Officers to make informed and considered recommendations for any future proposed public art installations within the City, whilst providing a framework for the care and maintenance of the City's existing public art collection.

The City's existing policies applicable to commissioning and decommissioning of public art ensure that its collection is managed responsibly to minimise any associated risks.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers as the development of a Public Art Masterplan was identified in the Public Art Strategy endorsed by Council in 2020.

12.3 REPORTS OF CORPORATE SERVICES

CS188	2025 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORDINARY ELECTION
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-25-013755
AUTHOR:	P Radalj, Director Corporate Services
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate Services
DATE OF REPORT:	5 February 2025
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/8/0007-004
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x2)
	A. WAEC Cost Estimate - 2025 Local Government Ordinary Election
	B. WAEC Written Agreement – 2025 Local Government Ordinary Election

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to appoint the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC) to conduct the 2025 Local Government Ordinary Election by postal vote.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

PART A

That Council by Absolute Majority pursuant to Section 4.20(4) and 4.61(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. DECLARE, in accordance with section 4.20(4) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the conduct of the 2025 ordinary election, together with any other elections or polls which may be required; and
2. DECIDE, in accordance with section 4.61(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* that the method of conducting the election will be as a postal election.

PART B

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. APPROVE the Australia Post Priority Service for the lodgement of election packages.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

The local government ordinary election will be held on Saturday 18 October 2025 and the terms of six (6) offices of councillor will end on this date.

Following the representation review in 2022-23, the Minister for Local Government approved the recommendation of the Local Government Advisory Board to reduce the number of offices of councillor at the City of Greater Geraldton from 12 to eight (8) over two election cycles (2023 and 2025).

Subsequently the Governor made an order on the recommendation of the Minister for Local Government, with the publication of the order in the Government Gazette on 30 June 2023 finalising the review process:

- 2023 ordinary election – reduced the number of offices of councillor from twelve (12) to ten (10), with a directly elected mayor (council of eleven); and
- 2025 ordinary election – reduce the number of offices of councillor from ten (10) to eight (8), with a directly elected mayor (council of nine).

The vacancies at the 2025 ordinary election will be:

- Four vacancies for the office of councillor – four-year term – expiring in October 2029.

Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC)

On 13 December 2024, the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner provided a cost estimate for the WAEC to conduct the City of Greater Geraldton ordinary election in 2025 as a postal election (Attachment No. CS188A).

The Electoral Commissioner has provided an estimate based on four (4) councillor vacancies and advised an increase in costs compared to 2023. Reasons for the cost increase include:

- a 45% cost increase from Australia Post, comprising of a 25% increase which came into effect in March 2024, and an additional 20% proposed increase currently being considered by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, which if approved will take effect in July 2025; and
- a 9% increase in the salaries paid to Returning Officers as required by the Public Sector CSA Agreement 2024.

The cost estimate includes the increase that occurred in March 2024, and the expected one happening in July of this year as notified by Australia Post. To use the priority postal service is estimated to cost the City an extra \$17,308 on top of the attached cost estimate.

Should the actual costs incurred to conduct the election be less or greater than what WAEC has estimated, the final cost may differ from the cost estimate provided to the City.

The Electoral Commissioner has provided a written agreement to conduct the 2025 Local Government Ordinary Election for the City of Greater Geraldton (Attachment No. CS188B). A resolution of Council as presented is required for the WAEC to undertake the election.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**Community:**

The Community has previously participated in a postal election for the ordinary election of council in 2021 and 2023. Elector participation in 2021 was 27.69% against a state average 30.2%, and in 2023 was 33.40% against a state average 31.6%.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts from the WAEC running a Local Government Election as a postal election. The WAEC is required by the *Local Government Act 1995* to conduct local government elections on a full cost recovery basis and the WAEC makes every endeavour to keep future costs to a minimum.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

The WAEC City of Greater Geraldton Election Report for the ordinary election in 2023 reported compliance with *Local Government Act 1995* and *Local Government Election (Regulations) 1997*, including provisions for the appointment of a Returning Officer, Statutory Advertising, Electoral Rolls, Nominations, Issue and Counting of Votes and Declaration of Results.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council previously appointed the WAEC to conduct the 2023 ordinary election as a postal election (28 March 2023 – Item No. CS027, Ordinary Council Election 2023).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/Council Member consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 4.20(4) and 4.61(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The WAEC has estimated the cost to conduct the 2025 ordinary election, as a postal election, will be approximately \$173,000 excluding GST.

The use of the Australia Post Priority Service for the lodgement of election packages is estimated to cost the City an extra \$17,308 on top of the attached cost estimate.

An additional amount of \$6,000 will be set aside to cover any local advertising and promotion, hire costs and staff costs relating to election day/night.

Election costs will be budgeted for in the 2025-26 financial year.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.7	Council understands its roles and responsibilities and leads by example.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Should the WAEC be appointed to conduct the 2025 ordinary election, the Commission will be responsible for the management of the risk of non-compliance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government Act (Elections) Regulations 1997* in relation to:

- The performance of duties by the Returning Officer (WAEC appointed);
- Nomination process;
- Issuing of electoral rolls;
- Issue and collection of ballot papers;
- Statutory advertising; and
- Reporting to the Minister.

Any residual risk to the City will be mitigated through staff training, online systems and the support of the Returning Officer, provided through the WAEC. Additional assistance, guidelines and support are also available through the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and the Western Australian Local Government Association.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers as previous Council decisions to appoint the WAEC to conduct a postal election have proven effective. The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries has previously recommended that local governments appoint the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner to conduct the ordinary election in 2023 due to additional complexity of optional preferential voting, given that the WAEC has specialist expertise in conducting elections and CountWA software for vote counting.

CS189 COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN 2024

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-25-003689
AUTHOR:	J Bianchi, Coordinator Governance and Risk
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate Services
DATE OF REPORT:	24 January 2025
FILE REFERENCE:	RM/6/0020
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Compliance Audit Return 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's adoption of the Compliance Audit Return (CAR) 2024 as required under the provisions of regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 7.13(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulations 14 and 15 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the Audit Committee report on the Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024;
2. ADOPT the Compliance Audit Return 2024 for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024; and
3. NOTE that the Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024 will be submitted to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) by 31 March 2025.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with section 7.13(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) and regulation 14 and 15 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* (the regulations), a local government authority is required to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1 January to 31 December each year and prepare a Compliance Audit Return in a form approved by the Minister.

Pursuant to regulation 14(3A) of the regulations:

(3A) The local government's audit committee is to review the compliance audit return and is to report to the council the results of that review.

The CAR 2024 was submitted to the Audit Committee Meeting on 18 February 2025 (AC154), for the Committee to review and subsequently report the results of the review to Council.

The compliance matter relating to Ministerial approval (Item No. CS157) for an extension to the date that the Annual Financial Report (2023-24) is required to be submitted is noted in the CAR.

The Audit Committee resolved to:

1. *REVIEW* the results of the Compliance Audit Return 2024.
2. *REPORT* to Council the results of the Audit Committee review of the Compliance Audit Return 2024, at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 25 February 2025.

The Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting 18 February 2025 will be presented to Council as a report to be received at the March 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

There are no adverse community impacts.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

It is a legislative requirement under the provisions of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* regulation 14(3) that the Audit Committee report to Council the results of their review of the Compliance Audit Return. The CAR is to be presented to Council at a meeting of the Council and adopted by the Council.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

The Compliance Audit Return 2023 was adopted by Council on 27 February 2024 (Item No. CS097).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:

The CAR was submitted to the Audit Committee Meeting on 18 February 2025 for the Audit Committee to review the results.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 7.13 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and regulation 13 and 14 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial or resource implications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

Local governments are legislatively required to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1 January to 31 December each year and prepare a return in the form approved by the Minister. The return must be reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Committee is required to report to the Council the results of the review. Council must adopt the CAR and submit to the DLGSC CEO by the 31 March following the period to which the return relates. Compliance with these provisions mitigates the risk of regulatory non-compliance.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

CS190	STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY AND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 2025
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-25-016699
AUTHOR:	J McLean, Senior Management Accountant / Analyst
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate Services
DATE OF REPORT:	7 February 2025
FILE REFERENCE:	FM/17/0015
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1)
	Monthly Management Report for period ended 31 January 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a comprehensive report on the City's finances to 31 January 2025.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Regulation 34 and 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ended 31 January 2025, as attached; and
2. RECEIVE the monthly Statement of Financial Position as at 31 January 2025, as attached.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

The financial performance and position at the end of January 2025 is detailed in the attached report.

Summarised below are the variances between Year-to-Date (YTD) budgets and actuals:

Operating Income	\$	895,166	1.1%	over YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Operating Expenditure	\$	803,911	1.4%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Net Operating	\$	1,699,077	7.6%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Expenditure	\$	9,030,206	37.2%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capital Revenue	\$	842,884	56.6%	under YTD Budget	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cash at Bank – Municipal	\$	6,578,729			
Cash at Bank – Reserve	\$	2,322,754			
Current Investments	\$	68,366,780			

Current Rates Collected to January 2025	85.66%
Current Rates Collected to January 2024	85.58%
Rates Arrears Collected to January 2025	41.74%
Rates Arrears Collected to January 2024	40.37%

The attached report provides explanatory notes for items greater than 10% or \$50,000. This commentary provides Council with an overall understanding of how the finances are progressing in relation to the budget. The financial performance presented in the January financials show a YTD positive variance of \$1,699,077 in the net operating surplus/(deficit) result.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

There are no adverse community impacts.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

The Financial Management Regulations require presentation each month of a statement of financial activity accompanied by other supporting information that is considered relevant and a statement of financial position. In addition to the compliance requirements, the purpose of regularly reporting on the financial activities of the City is to enable Council Members to monitor and review the allocation of financial and other resources against the budget. Reporting on a regular basis evidences the ongoing financial management and performance of the accounting systems. The monthly report provides a summary of the organisation's liquidity and going concern status.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Council is provided with financial reports each month.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/Council Member consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Section 6.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* require the local government to prepare a statement of financial activity, reporting on the revenue and expenditure as set out in the adopted annual budget.

Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* also requires the local government to prepare a statement of financial position as at the last day of the previous month.

A statement of financial activity, statement of financial position and any accompanying documents are to be presented at an Ordinary Meeting of the Council within two months after the end of the month to which the statements relate.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

As disclosed in the attached report.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.3	Accountable leadership supported by a skilled and professional workforce.
Outcome 4.4	Healthy financial sustainability that provides capacity to respond to change in economic conditions and community priorities.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The provision of monthly financial reports to Council fulfils the relevant statutory requirements and is consistent with good financial governance.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

There are no alternative options to consider.

12.4 REPORTS OF INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - NIL

There are none.

12.5 REPORTS OF OFFICE THE CEO - NIL

There are none.

12.6 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED**RR68 REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED - JANUARY**

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-25-018579
AUTHOR:	R McKim, Chief Executive Officer
EXECUTIVE:	R McKim, Chief Executive Officer
DATE OF REPORT:	14 February 2025
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0029
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x4)
	A. DSDD028 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval
	B. CS191 - Corporate Business Plan 2024-25 - Quarter Two Reporting
	C. CS192 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – January 2025
	D. CS193 - List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – January 2025

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to receive the Reports of the City of Greater Geraldton.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:**PART A**

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
 - a. Reports – Development Services:
 - i. DSDD028 - Delegated Determinations and Subdivision Applications for Planning Approval; and
 - b. Reports – Corporate Services:
 - i. CS191 - Corporate Business Plan 2024-25 - Quarter Two Reporting.

PART B

That Council by Simple Majority, pursuant to Regulation 13 and 13A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* RESOLVES to:

1. RECEIVE the following appended reports:
 - a. Reports – Corporate Services:
 - i. CS192 – List of Accounts Paid Under Delegation – January 2025; and
 - ii. CS193 - List of Payments by Employees via Purchasing Cards – January 2025.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

Information and items for noting or receiving (i.e. periodic reports, minutes of other meetings) are to be included in an appendix attached to the Council agenda.

Any reports received under this Agenda are considered received only. Any recommendations or proposals contained within the "Reports (including Minutes) to be Received" are not approved or endorsed by Council in any way. Any outcomes or recommendations requiring Council approval must be presented separately to Council as a Report for consideration at an Ordinary Meeting of Council.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:**Community:**

There are no adverse community impacts.

Economy:

There are no adverse economic impacts.

Environment:

There are no adverse environmental impacts.

Leadership:

There are no adverse leadership impacts.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

Reports to be received by Council at each Ordinary Meeting of Council.

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:

There has been no community/Council Member consultation.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

There are no legislative or policy implications.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

There are no financial or resource implications.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Leadership	Direction: Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
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Outcome 4.3	Accountable leadership supported by a skilled and professional workforce
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REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

There are no risks to be considered.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

No alternative options were considered by City Officers.

13 MOTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

NM37 PROVISION OF ALCOHOL	
AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-25-021289
AUTHOR:	Cr A Horsman
EXECUTIVE:	R McKim, Chief Executive Officer
DATE OF REPORT:	18 February 2025
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0008
APPLICANT / PROPONENT:	Council
ATTACHMENTS:	No

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT:

I propose this motion in the hope that my fellow Council Members will join with me in showing our constituents and ratepayers that it is our responsibility to be transparent and accountable about the expenditure of any monies, however small an amount, on non-essentials such as alcohol.

EXECUTIVE COMMENT:

From an officer perspective, this is a matter for Council to determine. The provision of alcohol and food to Council Members after Council meetings has been a long held custom and practice.

To assist Council in making this decision:

- Finance Officers advise that in the last 12 months, the cost of alcohol provided after Council meetings is approximately \$70 to \$100.
- The CEO conducted a brief straw pole of a sample of other Western Australian Local governments. Of the 15 responses, all advised that after their Council meetings a limited amount of responsibly served alcohol is provided.

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.4	Community safety, health and well-being is paramount.
Strategic Direction: Leadership	Aspiration: A strong local democracy with an engaged community, effective partnerships, visionary leadership and well informed decision-making.
Outcome 4.2	Decision making is ethical, informed and inclusive.
Outcome 4.3	Accountable leadership supported by a skilled and professional workforce.

COUNCIL MEMBER MOTION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Section 5.20 of the Local Government Act 1995 RESOLVES to:

1. DIRECT the CEO to implement the permanent removal of alcoholic beverages from the Council Chambers as made available to Councillors and Staff during canapés and meals on occasions of monthly meetings;
2. MAKES the determination on the following grounds that:
 - a. it is the right thing to do;
 - b. the working environment is not a suitable place for the consumption of alcohol;
 - c. ratepayers are not consulted as to whether they agree to or approve of their money being used to provide alcohol in chambers; and
 - d. Council should lead by example in cutting costs and setting an example for public accountability.

14 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**15 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING****16 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC**

Pursuant to Section 5.2 of the Meeting Procedures Local Law 2011, please note this part of the meeting *may* need to be closed to the public, *if* confidential discussion is required.

Livestreaming will be turned off if required.

CS194 RFT 2425 22 WET HIRE PLANT

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-25-014803
AUTHOR:	C Bryant, A/Manager Corporate Compliance
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate Services
DATE OF REPORT:	24 January 2025
FILE REFERENCE:	FM/25/0337
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Confidential – RFT 2425 22 Evaluation Report

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to award tender RFT 2425 22 Wet Hire Plant to the recommended tenderer.

The contract is to run for a period of two years for the delivery of budgeted wet hire plant.

The initial contract will be in place from 16 April 2025 to 15 April 2027 with the option of two additional one-year extensions exercisable at the discretion of the Principal.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That Council by Simple Majority pursuant to Sections 3.57 and 5.20 of the *Local Government Act 1995* RESOLVES to:

1. AWARD the contract RFT 2425 22 Wet Hire Plant to the recommended tenderer; and
2. RECORD the estimated annual contract value in the minutes.

PROPONENT:

The proponent is the City of Greater Geraldton (the City).

BACKGROUND:

Tender RFT 2425 22 Wet Hire Plant (RFT) was advertised in the Geraldton Guardian on 8 November 2024, in the West Australian on 9 November 2024, and the City's TenderLink e-Tendering Portal. The RFT closed on 6 December 2024.

Wet hire of plant means that you are hiring and paying for both the plant and a person to operate that plant. Dry hire is where you are only hiring and paying for the plant itself and no operator.

Twenty two interested parties registered to receive copies of the tender, and three tender submissions were received. The tender assessment was undertaken by a panel of five Officers with three voting and two non-voting.

The RFT has a two-year duration commencing from 16 April 2025 and has two one-year extension options at the absolute discretion of the City. The City has adopted a two-year supply contract period for a variety of goods and services used in the maintenance programs.

There has previously been multiple short term minor contracts via Request for Quote (RFQ) including VP242184 Supply of Wet Hire Plant 2021-2022 and VP403073 Supply of Wet Hire Plant 2024-2025.

COMMUNITY, ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEADERSHIP ISSUES:

Community:

Well maintained roads, beaches and recreation facilities reduces the likelihood of accidents or injury caused to members of the public and property.

Economy:

Awarding this tender will result in City funds flowing into the local economy through the employment of local contractors.

Environment:

All proposed wet hire plant will be undertaken with care for the environment in mind. Environmental controls are implemented as part of the individual maintenance programs. Tenderers were asked to provide evidence of environmentally sustainable practices in their tender submission.

Leadership:

The City of Greater Geraldton is committed to applying the objectives, principles and practices outlined in Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services, to all purchasing activity and to ensuring alignment with the City's strategic and operational objectives.

Disclosure of Interest:

No Officer involved in the preparation of this report has a declarable interest in this matter.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

As detailed above these specific works have not been previously tendered, however there are City precedents for procurement processes approaching tender threshold to be assessed and issued as public requests for tender. Such examples are RFT 2223 05 Bulldozer Wet Hire for Gravel Pits (Item No. CCS702 on 28 June 2022) and RFT 2223 06 Cleaning of BBQ's, Fish Cleaning Stations and Street Furniture (Item No. CCS711 on 26 July 2022).

COMMUNITY/COUNCIL MEMBER CONSULTATION:

Community and Council Member consultation does not occur with the award of the two-year supply contracts for essential services. Consultation relating to these activities takes place when Council confirms the annual budget for such essential services.

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The *Local Government Act 1995* and Council Policy 4.9 Procurement of Goods and Services were observed when preparing and recommending the award of this tender. Safe work methods and environmental management in line with legislative requirements will be observed as part of the delivery of the contract.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The approximate expenditure on Wet Hire Plant is \$209,010 (excluding GST) per annum (no traffic management required for this contract). Assuming all extension periods are exercised, the estimated total contract value over four years is \$836,040 (excluding GST). These funds are sourced primarily from the Maintenance Operations budget and any cost movement will be accounted for, and adjustments will be made in both Annual Budgets and the Long-Term Financial Plan (LTFP).

INTEGRATED PLANNING LINKS:

Strategic Direction: Community	Aspiration: Our Culture and heritage is recognised and celebrated. We are creative and resilient. We can all reach our full potential.
Outcome 1.4	Community safety, health and well-being is paramount.
Strategic Direction: Economy	Aspiration: A healthy thriving and resilient economy that provides opportunities for all whilst protecting the environment and enhancing our social and cultural fabric.
Outcome 2.1	Local business is empowered and supported.
Strategic Direction: Environment	Aspiration: Our natural environment has a voice at the table in all our decisions. We are a leader in environmental sustainability.
Outcome 3.1	A City that is planned, managed and maintained to provide for environmental and community well being.

REGIONAL OUTCOMES:

There are no impacts to regional outcomes.

RISK MANAGEMENT:

The successful tenderer shall have documented management plans in place to ensure the safety and protection of workers and the community in relation to this service.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED BY CITY OFFICERS:

This RFT was called to ensure compliance with the legislative procurement requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995*. The following alternative was considered in the procurement planning phase prior to calling this tender:

1. Call for individual quotations and tenders for specific wet hire plant. This option is not supported and was discounted due to the volume of administrative effort required, and the potential to have higher costs through multiple small purchases.

CS195	CONFIDENTIAL - POWER SUPPLY OFFER – CONTESTABLE SITES (Public Version)
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AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-25-006308
AUTHOR:	P Radalj, Director Corporate Services
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate Services
DATE OF REPORT:	13 February 2025
FILE REFERENCE:	GO/6/0013-003
ATTACHMENTS:	Yes (x1) Confidential Confidential – Information Package

This item has been provided to Council under separate cover.

Pursuant to Section 5.2 (1) of the Meeting Procedures Local Law February 2011, please note this part of the meeting will need to be closed to the public, as confidential discussion is required.

Note: This report to Council has been listed as confidential, as the matter if disclosed would reveal information that has a commercial value to a person, where the information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government (s.5.23(2)(e)(ii) Local Government Act 1995)

CS196 CONFIDENTIAL – PROPERTY DISPOSITION (Public Version)

AGENDA REFERENCE:	D-25-016754
AUTHOR:	P Radalj, Director Corporate Services
EXECUTIVE:	P Radalj, Director Corporate Services
DATE OF REPORT:	13 February 2025
FILE REFERENCE:	RV/4/0027
ATTACHMENTS:	No

This item has been provided to Council under separate cover.

Pursuant to Section 5.2 (1) of the Meeting Procedures Local Law February 2011, please note this part of the meeting will need to be closed to the public, as confidential discussion is required.

Note: This report to Council has been listed as confidential, as the matter if disclosed would reveal information about the business, professional commercial or financial affairs of a person, where the information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government (s.5.23(2)(e)(iii) Local Government Act 1995).

17 CLOSURE

APPENDIX 1 – ATTACHMENTS AND REPORTS TO BE RECEIVED

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