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AGENDA BRIEFING FORUM

6:30pm Tuesday, 14 July 2026

Held in the Council Chambers, Melville Civic Centre,
10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon

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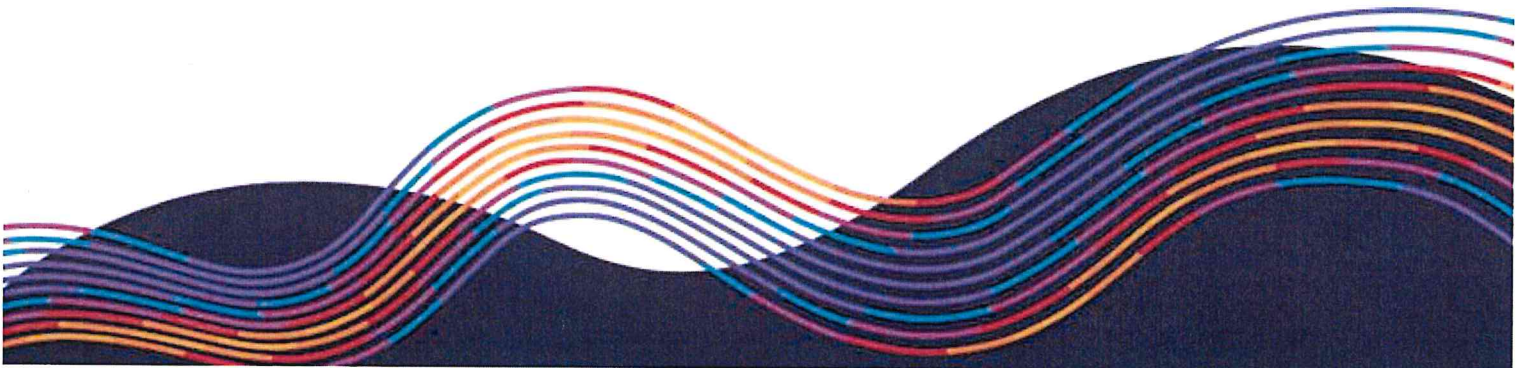
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Presiding Member

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Date

21 July 2026



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Vibrant, Sustainable, Inclusive Melville

Mission

To provide good governance and quality services for the City of Melville community.

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- **Excellence** - Striving for the best possible outcomes.
- **Participation** – Involving, collaborating and partnering.
- **Integrity** - Acting with honesty, openness and with good intent.
- **Caring** – Demonstrating empathy, kindness and genuine concern.

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Healthy, safe and inclusive communities with a sense of belonging and wellbeing.	A clean, green and sustainable City for current and future generations.	Sustainable, connected development and transport infrastructure across our City.	Economic prosperity and vibrant resilient communities and businesses.	Leadership and good governance for the benefit of the whole community.

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The purpose of this Forum is to provide an opportunity for Elected Members to ask questions and obtain additional information in respect to reports and items on the attached Council Agenda. It is not a decision making forum, nor is it open for debate on matters. Members of the public are able to present deputations in respect to matters on the Council Agenda at this Forum, prior to matters being formally deliberated upon at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

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OFFICIAL**1 OFFICIAL OPENING**

The Presiding Member welcomed those in attendance to the meeting, officially declared the meeting open at 6:30pm and invited Cr G Barber to read the Acknowledgement of Country and advised those present of the Purpose of the Agenda Briefing Forum, the Disclaimer, the Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility, the Audio Recording Advice and the *Privacy and Responsible Information Sharing Act 2024* collection notice.

2 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**In Attendance**Councillors

Cr M Woodall
Cr G Barber
Cr N Robins
Cr S Hong
Cr C Ross
Cr D Lim (*from 6:30pm*)
Cr K Wheatland (*until 9:05pm*)
Cr M McGoldrick
Cr S Green
Cr C Yorke

Ward

Bull Creek - Leeming Ward
Bicton - Attadale - Alfred Cove Ward
Bateman - Kardinya - Murdoch Ward
Bateman - Kardinya - Murdoch Ward
Applecross - Mount Pleasant Ward
Applecross - Mount Pleasant Ward
Palmyra - Melville - Willagee Ward
Palmyra - Melville - Willagee Ward (*electronic attendance*)
Central Ward
Central Ward

Officers

Ms G Bowman	Chief Executive Officer
Ms M Pickering	Director Community Development
Mr G Tuffin	Director Corporate Services
Mr J Coten	Director Environment & Infrastructure
Mr P Varelis	Director Planning
Mr M Yildiz	Director Legal, Governance & Risk
Mr G Ponton	Manager Strategic Urban Planning
Ms R Ellis (<i>until 9:45pm</i>)	Manager Communications & Engagement
Mr A Cook (<i>until 9:45pm</i>)	Acting Head of Community Safety
Ms R Parks (<i>until 9:43pm</i>)	Acting Manager Healthy Melville
Ms J Armarego (<i>until 9:43pm</i>)	Healthy Melville Coordinator – Health Promotions
Ms C Newman	Head of Governance
Ms M Smith Poulton	Lead Governance
Mr O Pugh	Governance Officer (Council Support)

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At the commencement of the meeting:

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Apologies

Cr G Panayotou

Bicton - Attadale - Alfred Cove Ward

Cr J Spanbroek

Bull Creek - Leeming Ward

On Approved Leave of Absence

K Mair

Mayor

At 6:30pm, Cr D Lim entered the meeting.

At 6:31pm, Cr K Wheatland left the meeting.

OFFICIAL**3 DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS****3.1 Declarations by Members who have not read and given due consideration to all matters contained in the business papers presented before the Meeting**

Nil.

3.2 Declarations by Members who have received and not read the Elected Members Bulletin

Nil.

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)**Approved Deputations**UP26/116 Classification of Land at Eastern Edge of Wireless Hill, Almondbury Road, Booragoon

- Mr G Jenke and Ms M Matthews, Applecross

UP26/117 Proposed Amendment to Local Planning Scheme 6 – Lot 5 (414) Canning Highway, Attadale – Inclusion of Additional Land Uses

- Mr T Will and Mr C Hayes, Perth

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- Dr E Wajon, Winthrop
- Mr J Meotti, Leeming
- Mr G Stapleton, Myaree
- Mr A Seaward, Leeming and Mr D Coombs
- Mr C Brando, Winthrop

15.1 Notice of Revocation Motion – UP23/4033 Canning Bridge POS Option Analysis Report (18 and 19 April 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council)

- Ms S Flis, Ms P Samson, and Dr J Horton, Applecross
- Ms F Kenny and Mr D Kenny, Applecross

Approved Written SubmissionM26/93 Special Meeting of Electors – 23 June 2026 Motion Carried

- Ms C Richardson

At 6:35pm, Cr K Wheatland returned to the meeting.

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5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

5.1 Financial or Proximity Interests

Under sections 5.60A and/or 5.60B of the *Local Government Act 1995*

Nil.

5.2 Disclosure of Interest That May Cause a Conflict

Under 22 *Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021* or a City of Melville (Code of Conduct)

Nil.

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OFFICIAL**6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

At 6:36pm the Presiding Member opened Public Question Time.

6.1 Questions Received with Notice**6.1.1 Ms F Kenny, Applecross**Question 1:

Given that the council ratified and subsequently endorsed their decision to proceed with the rezoning and development of The Town Square project in 2023, why has the rezoning not been completed?

Response 1:

Council resolved in April 2023 to support the site being identified as public open space through the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan review, and that recommendation was subsequently endorsed through the relevant planning process. However, the Activity Centre Plan recommendation did not, in itself, request rezoning of the land, it remains in the Centre Zone and within freehold ownership of the City of Melville.

Question 2:

Why is the 'Statement of Impact', confidential and under separate cover?

Response 2:

The Statement of Impact contains legal advice and in accordance with the requirements of section 5.23(4)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Council meeting may be closed to members of the public to the extent necessary to ensure that the information is dealt with at the meeting on a confidential basis.

Question 3:

Is the City of Melville in breach of Local Government Act 5.94 which mandates that the public has a right to inspect agendas and interconnected reports?

Response 3:

There is no breach of the requirements under the *Local Government Act 1995*. The right for the public to inspect certain local government information under section 5.94 of the Local Government Act is qualified by section 5.95(6) of the Local Government Act whereby the right for the public to inspect information is qualified and does not extend to information that is prescribed as being confidential information.

OFFICIALQuestion 4:

Did The City obtain legal advice on this revocation motion?

Response 4:

Yes, as noted in the response to question 2.

Question 5:

Does the impact statement contain any information that is entitled to legal professional privilege?

Response 5:

The City reserves its right to maintain legal professional privilege in respect of the legal advice received.

Question 6:

If the answer to 5. is yes, then can that information be redacted and the remainder published?

Response 6:

Whilst the City reserves its right to maintain legal professional privilege in respect of the legal advice received notwithstanding that there may be aspects of the Statement of Impact that may be redacted. Further, in accordance with section 5.95(7) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council may resolve to make that confidential information available for inspection.

Question 7:

What is the total cost spent to date on the Public Open Space / Town Square project at Moreau Mews? Including:

- *Pop up events at Moreau Mews*
- *Forums*
- *On line surveys- preparation*
- *Preparation of concept plans*
- *Advertising*
- *Meetings*
- *Signage*
- *Demolition*
- *Work to clear the site*
- *1 full time employee to manage project 2023-24.*

Response 7:

Some administrative and operational costs associated with the above work have not been costed directly to the project. Costs for items such as planning, design, demolition and direct staff time is approximately \$645k to date.

OFFICIAL**6.1.2 Ms E Cole, Melville**Preamble:

Section 5.28 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA) protects the statutory right of electors to require a Special Meeting of Electors to consider specified matters of public concern. The provision is intended to provide electors with a meaningful opportunity to publicly consider and make recommendations on matters that have attracted sufficient community concern.

The Special Meeting of Electors held on 23 June 2026 was convened following a valid petition concerning the proposed clearing of native vegetation at John Connell Reserve. Prior to that meeting, an alternative motion was accepted by the City Administration that sought to bring forward the clearing works. That motion was subsequently debated, accepted and will be voted upon by Council next week.

Question 1:

Given that the motion would substantially progress the very matter that electors had petitioned to have considered at the Special Meeting of Electors, on what legal or governance basis did the City determine that allowing the motion to proceed was consistent with the purpose and intent of section 5.28?

Response 1:

Section 5.28 to 5.33 of the Local Government Act and Regulations 15 to 18 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations set out the legislative framework in respect of electors' special meetings. In particular, Regulation 18 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations specifically refers to the procedure to be followed at a special meeting of electors is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting. Motions presented to a special meeting of electors must be moved and seconded by electors and must relate to the purpose of the special meeting of electors. There is no legislative requirement that only motions that support the purpose of the special meeting of electors can be presented to the special meeting of electors. On this basis it was entirely appropriate for the electors in attendance to consider all motions related to the purpose of the Special Meeting of Electors.

Question 2:

Please identify any legal advice, governance policy, administrative guidance, or statutory authority relied upon in reaching that conclusion.

Response 2:

Section 5.28 to 5.33 of the Local Government Act and Regulations 15 to 18 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations set out the legislative framework in respect of electors' special meetings. The conduct of the special meeting of electors held on 23 June 2026 complied with all legislative requirements, including in respect of the motions presented to the special meeting of electors.

OFFICIAL**6.2 Questions Received at the Meeting****6.2.1 Dr J Horton, Kardinya**Question 1:

What level of community consultation or discussion with community was done before submitting the revocation motion?

Response to Question 1:

This question was taken on notice in accordance with section 6.8(1)(b) and 6.9(c) of the *City of Melville Local Government (Meeting Procedures) Local Law 2022*. The question and response will be provided in the agenda for the August 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council to be distributed on Friday, 31 July 2026.

6.2.2 Dr K Sanders, BictonPreamble:

My question relates to the special electors meeting regarding the expansion of the Spartan Cricket Club's land. Motion four, I was surprised to see it as I was in the overflow room and couldn't actually see that motion and there weren't enough agendas handed out. I queried this with the Council and was told that it never appeared on the website because it was received too late. My friend also queried this because she'd looked at her phone at 6:22pm and seen that it wasn't on the City's website. She was told that it was on the website and had been put on there the previous day and she needed to refresh her cache, so these are two clashing explanations for why motion four never appeared on the online agenda.

Question 1:

Can somebody please clarify why there were two opposing answers to that question?

Response 1:

The fourth motion was not published on the City of Melville website in the initially published version of the agenda. It was subsequently published in the hardcopy versions that were handed out on the evening of the meeting.

Question 2:

Why were there so few agendas handed out?

Response 2:

We have a sustainability mandate, so we do not print out more than we think we are going to use. We worked with what we thought we were going to need on the night.

6.3 Questions Taken on Notice at Previous Meeting

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2026.

At 6:50pm the Presiding Member closed Public Question Time.

OFFICIAL**7 AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS**

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2026.

8 APPLICATIONS FOR NEW LEAVE OF ABSENCE

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2026.

9 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2026.

10 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

Nil.

11 IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

At 6:51pm, the Presiding Member advised the Council that the following items have been identified as containing confidential attachments, and may be considered behind closed doors:

- C26/405 RFT252639 Supply Tree Planting and Watering Services; and
- 15.1 Notice of Revocation Motion – UP23/4033 Canning Bridge POS Option Analysis Report (18 and 19 April 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council)

12 PETITIONS

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2026.

13 ADOPTION OF RECOMMENDATIONS EN BLOC

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, 21 July 2026.

OFFICIAL**14 REPORTS****14.1 Reports from Committees**

Nil.

14.2 Reports of the Chief Executive Officer**Items Brought Forward**

At 6:54pm, the Presiding Member brought forward item UP26/116 Classification of Land at Eastern Edge of Wireless Hill, Almondbury Road, Booragoon.

UP26/116 Classification of Land at Eastern Edge of Wireless Hill, Almondbury Road, Booragoon**Deputations**

At 6:54pm, Mr G Jenke gave a deputation which concluded at 7:03pm. At 7:05pm, Mr G Jenke returned to the Public Gallery.

[Deputation – Mr G Jenke](#)

Officer Presentation

At 7:05pm, Mr G Ponton, Manager Strategic Urban Planning provided an officer presentation which concluded at 7:08pm. At 7:09pm, Mr G Ponton responded to questions which concluded at 7:12pm.

[Officer Presentation – Item UP26/116](#)

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Notes from Forum

General discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation. During discussion of the item, the following questions and/or requests for information were raised by Elected Members and will form part of the Final Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda:

Question 1:

I just wondered, in the blue area, is that where the scar tree is located? It's been pointed out to me before, on the way in there's a scar tree on the left-hand side of the driveway. Is that where that's located?

Response to Question 1:

It's in the vicinity of that blue area highlighted. This is basically the perimeter wire fence to the area that appears as Wireless Hill. The scar tree is either just inside or outside of that blue boundary. In any event, the scar tree has additional levels of protection.

Question 2:

Will that need the Aboriginal Heritage Act to come into play then?

Response to Question 2:

This question was taken on notice and a response will be provided in the final July 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda to be distributed on Friday, 17 July 2026.

OFFICIALQuestion 3:

Why is 12 months required for the report back to Council?

Question 4:

What would be the implications of the Council adopting a shorter time frame for that first presentation back to an EMES and then for the second one back to Council?

Response to Questions 3 & 4:

The 12 months is an estimate of the time and resources required to explore the issues, in particular the complications with part Lot 50 or 52, the freehold land. The investigations as to how that land value can be recovered through offsets or alternative compensation measures will require initial contact with the State Government and options explored under the Metropolitan Region Scheme. We just envisage with that piece of freehold land, there is a number of steps to ensure that we retain the community value of that site.

Question 5:

Is there any chance of separating the two parcels of land so that one could be expediated? The freehold land is obviously more delicate and more complex; is it possible to expediate the red zoned area to become an integral part of Wireless Hill?

Response to Question 5:

This question was taken on notice and a response will be provided in the final July 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda to be distributed on Friday, 17 July 2026.

OFFICIAL**SUMMARY**

- At the [Ordinary Meeting of Council on 15 July 2025](#) (UP25/73, page 23), Council considered the potential reclassification of land at 4–6 Almondbury Road, Booragoon, together with the adjacent strip forming part of Lot 52 (10 Almondbury Road), for possible inclusion within the Wireless Hill Class A Class Reserve. The interim report noted the merits of progressing investigation of the subject land as part of the review of the Booragoon (Melville City Centre) Structure Plan and provided for a further progress report by July 2026.
- A detailed ecological investigation has been completed, and the assessment confirms the sites are of high ecological value, containing Endangered Banksia Woodlands, high-quality native vegetation and habitat for threatened species, including the Forest Red-tailed Black Cockatoo. The vegetation is contiguous with Yagan Mia Wireless Hill Park, and the land functions as part of the broader reserve system.
- These findings establish a strong environmental basis to progress consideration of formalising the inclusion of the subject sites within the wider Wireless Hill Class A Reserve. Investigations also confirm that the change in classification will still allow access paths through the land as well as a degree of management to reduce bushfire risks for adjoining sites. This addresses the key matters previously identified in relation to retaining the current C Class designation.
- It is noted that the portion of Lot 52, west of the Davy Road access road is zoned land (Centre C1) which is owned freehold by the City. Whilst investigations conclude this land is suited to formal inclusion in the Wireless Hill reserve, options to retain or recover the value of the land need to be explored given its freehold status.
- It is therefore recommended that Council note the findings of the environmental investigations and confirm progression of further land administration and planning actions to progress inclusion of the subject sites within the wider Wireless Hill A Class Reserve.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

1. **Notes the outcomes of the environmental assessments for the land at 4–6 Almondbury Road, Booragoon and the adjacent strip forming part of Lot 52 (10 Almondbury Road) west of the Davy Street access road, including the identification of high-quality vegetation, threatened ecological community values and black cockatoo habitat.**
2. **Notes the Council resolution of July 2025 (UP25/73) and the requirement to undertake further investigations, including ecological and environmental considerations, to inform a future decision on reserve classification**
3. **Requests the Chief Executive Officer to undertake detailed land administration investigations under the *Land Administration Act 1997*, with a view to facilitating the inclusion of the sites, being Lots 2674 and 2335 (4–6 Almondbury Road) and the strip of land forming part of Lot 52 (10 Almondbury Road) west of the Davy Street access road, within the Wireless Hill Class A Reserve, consistent with the broader reserve.**
4. **Requests the Chief Executive Officer to undertake detailed statutory planning investigations, including engagement with the State Government, to identify and assess appropriate planning pathways, including potential Metropolitan Region Scheme reservation, having regard to the environmental values of the sites.**
5. **Requests the Chief Executive Officer to report back to Council, via an Elected Member Engagement Session, on the outcomes of the investigations by December 2026, and to Council by July 2027, to enable an informed determination on the future reserve classification of the sites.**

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At 7:12pm, the Presiding Member brought forward item UP26/117 Proposed Amendment to Local Planning Scheme 6 - Lot 5 (414) Canning Highway, Attadale - Inclusion of Additional Land Uses.

At 7:13pm, Mr O Pugh left the meeting.

At 7:18pm, Mr O Pugh returned to the meeting.

UP26/117 Proposed Amendment to Local Planning Scheme 6 - Lot 5 (414) Canning Highway, Attadale - Inclusion of Additional Land Uses

Deputations At 7:13pm, Mr T Will and Mr C Hayes gave a deputation which concluded at 7:16pm. At 7:19pm, Mr T Will and Mr C Hayes returned to the Public Gallery.

Officer Presentation At 7:19pm, Mr G Ponton, Manager Strategic Urban Planning provided an officer presentation which concluded at 7:22pm. At 7:22pm, Mr G Ponton responded to questions which concluded at 7:23pm.

[Officer Presentation – Item UP26/117](#)

Disclosure of Interest Nil.

Notes from Forum General discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation. During discussion of the item, the following questions and/or requests for information were raised by Elected Members and will form part of the Final Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda:

Question 1:

The report says that, if we had gone down the rezoning to centre 2 route, it would introduce the potential for bonus height, which isn't currently applicable to the mixed use zone. But the applicant seemed to indicate they'll still be seeking that bonus height. Could you provide some clarity around that, please?

Response to Question 1:

The bonus height is applicable to the centre zone and the Structure Plan also gives provision for land which is located on a corner, so there's additional bonus available in that regard whereas the mixed use zone doesn't offer that option.

The bulk of the built form in the indicative proposal that has been submitted is in the centre zone land. That's the key point of difference and possibly the reason why the applicants aren't overly concerned about the approach that we are recommending. If the entire lot was to be zoned centre, then those bonuses would be applicable right throughout each of those properties, and in addition that end lot would also benefit from the provision in the Structure Plan that gives an extra bonus for corner properties.

OFFICIAL**SUMMARY**

- The City received an application to amend Local Planning Scheme No.6 (LPS6), initially proposing to rezone Lot 5 (414) Canning Highway from “Mixed Use” to “Centre C2”, together with a modification to the Structure Plan.
- The amendment was intended to facilitate a consolidated redevelopment across land at 410–412 Canning Highway and 168 Stock Road.
- Lot 14 (410 Canning Highway) is City-owned and under contract for sale, subject to a future development approval over the amalgamated site.
- Rezoning would have aligned land use permissibility across the four lots, however it would also have introduced potential bonus height provisions beyond the current four storey limit.
- To avoid this outcome, the proposal has been revised in consultation with the applicant to amend Clause 19 (Additional Uses) of LPS6 instead, resolving land use conflicts without altering built form controls.
- Preliminary advertising in accordance with draft LPP 1.23 resulted in one objection, with issues considered manageable through the assessment process.
- This report outlines the merits of the revised amendment and seeks Council endorsement to refer the application to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) for approval to advertise.
- Subject to WAPC approval, the amendment will be formally advertised and returned to Council for further consideration following the advertising period.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. Pursuant to Section 75 of the Planning and Development Act 2005, resolves to initiate Scheme Amendment No. 21 to Local Planning Scheme No. 6 to amend Clause 19 Additional Uses Table 4 as follows-

No	Description of land	Additional Use	Conditions
22	Lot 5 (414) Canning Highway, Attadale	Shop (P) Convenience Store (P) Restaurant/Café (P) Liquor Store – Small (D)	

2. Forward the application to the Western Australian Planning Commission seeking approval to advertise the proposed scheme amendment.
3. Subject to approval from the Western Australian Planning Commission, authorises the preparation, processing, and public advertising of documentation for the Scheme Amendment in accordance with the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.
4. Resolve that the amendment is a “Standard” amendment under the provisions of the Regulations for the following reasons:
 - (a) An amendment relating to a zone or reserve that is consistent with the objectives identified in the scheme for that zone or reserve; an amendment that is consistent with a local planning strategy for the scheme that has been endorsed by the Commission.
 - (b) An amendment to the scheme so that it is consistent with a region planning scheme that applies to the scheme area, other than an amendment that is a basic amendment.
5. Notes that a further report will be presented to Council at the conclusion of the advertising period to consider submissions and provide recommendations to the Western Australian Planning Commission on whether the proposed amendment should be approved, modified, or refused.

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At 7:23pm, the Presiding Member brought forward item M26/93 Special Meeting of Electors - 23 June 2026 Motion Carried.

At 7:23pm, the Presiding Member advised that a written submission had been received from Ms C Richardson in relation to this matter and will be included in the notes of the meeting.

[Written Submission – Ms C Richardson](#)

M26/93 Special Meeting of Electors - 23 June 2026 Motion Carried**Deputations**

At 7:24pm, Dr E Wajon gave a deputation which concluded at 7:33pm.
At 7:38pm, Dr E Wajon returned to the Public Gallery.

[Deputation – Dr E Wajon](#)

At 7:38pm, Mr J Meotti gave a deputation which concluded at 7:48pm.
At 7:48pm, Mr J Meotti returned to the Public Gallery.

[Hardcopy Deputation – Mr J Meotti](#)

[Hardcopy Deputation – Mr J Meotti – Speech Notes](#)

At 7:48pm, Mr G Stapleton gave a deputation which concluded at 7:58pm. At 7:59pm, Mr G Stapleton returned to the Public Gallery.

[Deputation – Mr G Stapleton](#)

[Hardcopy Deputation – Mr G Stapleton](#)

At 7:59pm, Mr A Seaward and Mr D Coombs gave a deputation which concluded at 8:05pm. At 8:16pm, Mr A Seaward and Mr D Coombs returned to the Public Gallery.

[Deputation – Mr A Seaward and Mr D Coombs](#)

At 8:16pm, Mr C Brando gave a deputation which concluded at 8:24pm.
At 8:27pm, Mr C Brando returned to the Public Gallery.

[Deputation – Mr C Brando](#)

Officer Presentation

At 8:27pm, Mr J Coten, Director Environment & Infrastructure and Ms M Pickering, Director Community Development provided an officer presentation which concluded at 8:30pm. At 8:30pm, Mr J Coten, Ms C Newman, Head of Governance and Mr M Yildiz, Director Legal, Governance & Risk responded to questions which concluded at 8:46pm. [Officer Presentation – Item M26/93](#)

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

OFFICIAL**Notes from Forum**

General discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation. During discussion of the item, the following questions and/or requests for information were raised by Elected Members and will form part of the Final Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda:

Question 1:

When is the clearing of the remnant bushland scheduled?

Response to Question 1:

It's likely to be cleared in early 2027-28 once the designs have been completed and tenders are awarded.

Question 2:

Has the City applied for an extension of the clearing permit for DWER yet?

Response to Question 2:

We haven't as of yet. We want to get the exact timelines lined up and then we'll know how long we need to apply for an extension.

Question 3:

Regarding the June 2026 Special Meeting of Electors, could you perhaps just explain why this building was chosen as the venue?

Question 4:

Does the livestreaming requirements under legislation apply to electors meetings?

Response to Questions 3 & 4:

We selected this building originally because we looked at the live streaming capabilities of this building to bring those requirements into another venue. We looked at a range of other venues, including the Main Hall, however they don't have the live streaming capabilities that are required for these meetings. Most rooms were booked, and we were working within a very finite timeframe. We were also up against things like Budget at the June Ordinary Meeting of Council and a range of other meetings that had already been set. There are very limited capabilities within the City of Melville for venues of that size at a cost-effective approach.

Question 5:

Mr Stapleton, in his deputation, gave a very compelling argument that we could take quite a sizable amount of money from our reserves to remediate John Connell Reserve. He did send an email to the City. What is the executive's thoughts on that; to take such a chunk from reserves? What are the implications? How would that work?

Response to Question 5:

This question was taken on notice and a response will be provided in the final July 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda to be distributed on Friday, 17 July 2026.

OFFICIALQuestion 6:

Was the City aware before the meeting that there wasn't going to be enough chairs in the venue, forcing people to choose between standing all night or sitting on the floor, for the number of tickets that had been allocated?

Response to Question 6:

We activated the booking system to assist us with managing those numbers for that very reason. Initially, the bookings opened on Saturday, 30 May, and they were very quiet. There was a spike in bookings following Tuesday, 5 June, and by Wednesday the initial 100 allocation had been consumed.

We had a plan in place for an overflow area, being the bottom floor of the Civic Centre, because we do have a capacity of about 200 in there. We currently have about 170 chairs that we use through the various meeting rooms. We considered whether or not we would bring in chairs but would've had to hire those for the overflow area, but it was anticipated most attendees could be accommodated in the main room.

Question 7:

Mr Brando discussed in his deputation the requirement for ID to be provided to receive a voting card. Can you speak more around the process that happened on the night? How can we be certain that they were all Melville residents?

Response to Question 7:

Everyone who was registered was pre-validated before the commencement of the meeting and we verified those against our most recent electoral roll. Where we couldn't verify it, we went to our residents and ratepayers roll as well, or our rates section through our internal business systems.

Everyone who had pre-registered was validated. Where we couldn't validate them or we needed further information, they were placed on a separate list and we asked for that further information at that particular time. As has been said previously, when voting in a local, state or federal election, there is no requirement to provide evidence. Also, an elector is defined as being someone who is eligible to vote, so there is a whole range of things that make someone eligible to vote. They don't necessarily have to be on the roll or live in the City of Melville, so in some cases asking for ID wouldn't have assisted us with that process.

OFFICIALQuestion 8:

I understand that on registration people were allowed to ask for any number of tickets in the initial phase, so how could you determine who was getting it if they were able to ask for, say, five or six tickets? And I believe at least in one instance I can get the person to verify that they asked for two tickets with one name and got them, so how did you verify that they were all electors of the City of Melville?

Response to Question 8:

A part of the process was people needed to provide their details to be registered for a ticket. If they were placed on the waitlist, they could ask for additional tickets. When those tickets were offered to them, they then had to provide all the required information for each attendee, so that we could validate them. If the information wasn't able to be validated, they were placed on a separate list and we validated it on the night.

Question 9:

So people who attended at the desk and wrote their name down and didn't provide any ID, they were not verified as to whether they were electors or not?

Response to Question 9:

They needed to provide a valid address within the City of Melville. They also signed a declaration saying that they were eligible to be an elector for the City of Melville.

Question 10:

I understand no one had to sign a declaration. They just had to write their name down and they were given a yellow card, so I would like some proof of that to be provided.

Response to Question 10:

There was a declaration made at the top of every page that people were required to sign.

Question 11:

Going back to Mr Stapleton's deputation, but not just him, because a lot of the deputees stated the desire to revisit the John Connell Reserve Masterplan and revegetate the tip site. If we're not looking at clearing until 27-28, if we were to go back and look at the masterplan and the revegetation of the tip site, what sort of date would the Cricket Cub be looking at getting a new cricket pitch?

Response to Question 11:

Staff will still be working on implementing the Council resolution of 21 April, and work on the masterplan is still going ahead. We believe it will be about mid-2027 that the masterplan may be finished, but that will be undertaken in conjunction with the work on the actual project as adopted by Council.

OFFICIALQuestion 12:

Hypothetically, if you were to remediate, dare I say, with the funds if they became available, when potentially would the cricket club look at a new cricket pitch?

Response to Question 12:

Well, the report on the masterplan will come back in mid-2027, so it would really depend on any decision that Council makes moving forward after that. Hypothetically, assuming that Council did decide to remediate and build ovals, then there would be a time frame of presumably several years for the design, construction and remediation to occur. However, the masterplan will come back to a future meeting of Council for a decision.

Question 13:

Mr Brando mentioned that he got an email initially saying he was on the waiting list and then never received anything else, and so he just came on the night. How many people do you think were on the waiting list and never received any further communication?

Response to Question 13:

This question was taken on notice and a response will be provided in the final July 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council agenda to be distributed on Friday, 17 July 2026.

Question 14:

So just to clarify, anyone who registered before, say maybe two hours before the meeting, was offered a place or a ticket?

Response to Question 14:

The waitlist was monitored daily and people were released through to receive tickets each day, up to and including the day of the event.

Question 15:

I'm not very familiar with the process the Governance team follows for Special Meetings of Electors, but given the fact that Mr Meotti was the lead spokesperson for the June 2026 Special Meeting of Electors, why is he required to apply for a meeting ticket?

Question 16:

If he didn't secure a ticket in time, would that mean he wouldn't be able to present the presentation he prepared, which is the very reason the meeting was called. Could you please clarify how this process works?

Response to Questions 15 & 16:

Discussions were had with Mr Meotti several times in the lead up to the meeting. He actually called to advise that he hadn't received a ticket, and we assured him that he was on the wait list and would be eligible to attend. A special effort was made on the night of the meeting to round up everyone who had submitted motions or questions and ensure that they had access to the meeting room.

OFFICIALQuestion 17:

Regarding the presentation and for the benefit of the sporting clubs, could you indicate whether you're confident that an extension for the clearing permit will be granted?

Response to Question 17:

That will be a decision for DWER.

Question 18:

In relation to the petition and the reasons why the electors wanted to have this Special Meeting of Electors, does motion four that was passed fit within those reasons? Is it valid?

Response to Question 18:

The purpose of the meeting was:

"The matters proposed to be discussed at the Special Electors' Meeting relate to the John Connell Cricket Pitch Project (approved 21 April 2026, estimated cost \$4.68 million), including the following:

- The proposed clearing of approximately 209 mature native trees and 0.68 hectares of remnant native vegetation at John Connell Reserve."*

There's a clear link between that and the project that the cricket club is seeking to have progressed.

- "The absence of any clearly demonstrated strategic need for the proposed cricket pitch expansion.*
- Reliance on potentially outdated cost estimates and absence of secured external funding.*
- Potential financial impacts on future rates, borrowings and capital works priorities.*
- Insufficient assessment of alternative options that may avoid or substantially reduce environmental impacts.*
- Concerns regarding Governance processes, transparency and evidence-based decision making."*

The broadness of some of those terms does relate specifically to the project.

SUMMARY

- Following a request from the community, signed by 410 residents, a Special Meeting of Electors was held on Tuesday 23 June 2026 for the purpose of considering the "John Connell Oval Project".
- At the Special Meeting, four motions were received and presented to the community, with one motion being passed by the meeting.
- This report presents the motion carried at the Special Meeting of Electors, along with officer comments and recommendations for the consideration of the Council.

OFFICIAL**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION****SME Motion 4**

That the Council:

- 1. Acknowledges that Motion 4 was carried at the Special Meeting of Electors on 23 June 2026;**
- 2. Notes that the John Connell Reserve extension project has been scoped and that the City has created a program of works. The proposed timeframes and scheduling set out in Motion 4, including commencement of clearing and associated early works no later than Q3 2026/27, cannot be met due to the required design, approvals, procurement and delivery timeframes;**
- 3. Does not endorse the staged delivery approach proposed in Motion 4, as separating clearing and field extension works from floodlighting and other project components is likely to increase cost, duplication, disruption and delivery risk; and**
- 4. Uphold the Council resolution of 21 April 2026 relating to the John Connell Reserve Field Extension Project, including proceeding in accordance with the scoped program of works and associated funding, approvals and delivery requirements.**

At 7:59pm, Cr K Wheatland left the meeting.

At 8:06pm, Cr K Wheatland returned to the meeting.

At 8:16pm, Cr S Hong left the meeting.

At 8:19pm, Cr S Hong returned to the meeting.

At 8:21pm, Mr O Pugh left the meeting.

At 8:27pm, Mr O Pugh returned to the meeting.

At 8:40pm, Mr P Varelis left the meeting.

OFFICIAL

At 8:46pm, the Presiding Member brought forward item 15.1 Notice of Revocation Motion - UP23/4033 Canning Bridge POS Option Analysis Report (18 and 19 April 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council).

15.1 Notice of Revocation Motion - UP23/4033 Canning Bridge POS Option Analysis Report (18 and 19 April 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council)**Deputations**

At 8:47pm, Ms S Flis and Ms P Samson gave a deputation which concluded at 8:57pm. At 9:05pm Ms S Flis and Ms P Samson returned to the Public Gallery. [Deputation – Ms S Flis and Ms P Samson](#)

At 9:06pm, Ms F Kenny and Mr D Kenny gave a deputation which concluded at 9:17pm. At 9:22pm Ms F Kenny and Mr D Kenny returned to the Public Gallery.

Officer Presentation

At 9:23pm, Mr P Varelis, Director Planning responded to questions which concluded at 9:34pm.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil.

Notes from Forum

General discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation. During discussion of the item, the following questions and/or requests for information were raised by Elected Members and will form part of the Final Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda:

Question 1:

Is it true that since the WAPC approval regarding Canning Bridge, the activity centre and that heights have been freed and so on, that up to eight submissions for further high-rise development has occurred?

Response to Question 1:

We aren't aware of there being an influx of planning applications as a result of the WAPC decision.

Question 2:

Have any developers invested approached the City regarding purchasing any part of the Moreau Mews public open space?

Response to Question 2:

About 18 months ago the City was approached by an adjacent landowner to discuss interface with Moreau Mews and the development that they have planned for the future, and how their development could interface with the public open space. There was no formal or direct request for purchasing.

Question 3:

Will this motion interfere with plans that investors and developers have with interfacing with the public open space?

Response to Question 3:

There have been no statutory planning approvals for significant developments adjacent to the site, so we're not aware of any significant impacts at this point in time.

OFFICIALQuestion 4:

Why did we have to get legal advice?

Response to Question 4:

It was determined that it was appropriate for a complex revocation motion such as this, and also what was identified in the legal advice in regards to the validity, as well as the risks to the City in respect of following through with the revocation motion.

Question 5:

It came up that \$635,000 was spent to date, and I think that's just since 2023. Did that include the consultants' fees?

Response to Question 5:

Yes it did.

Question 6:

What, if any, reputational risk is the City exposing itself to? Should the Council even consider this revocation motion?

Response to Question 6:

As has been stated by the deputies in respect of the impact of a decision where there's been significant stakeholder engagement and community engagement, the City would have a reputational risk if they were to deviate or change from established Council resolutions.

The question about loss of trust or loss of confidence in the Council, the legislative process always provides Council the ability to revoke previous decisions, provided that the requirements of the legislation are met. The consideration then is the community engagement and the social licence in regards to doing that process, noting that any decision that has been established by Council and to deviate from that will always leave a situation where aspects of the community will be dissatisfied with that particular decision.

The extent of that is hard to be able to establish because the expectation will be that it is quite a localised issue, however it is a localised issue that has a significant impact for those who are localised to that particular location.

OFFICIALQuestion 7:

Are we exposing ourselves to financial risk or business risk with some of our supply chains, and with people who want to do business with the Council if we entertain this revocation motion?

Response to Question 7:

Whilst it is quite a competitive market in regards to tendering or providing quotations for work that the City engages and procures, the expectation is that there's confidence in the process and the processes that Council will follow when engaging. However, I do note that any time a process is engaged with the City, the legislation is quite specific that Council or the local government can, at any time, reject any quotation or tender. Every respondent to a process is fully aware of that particular risk because it is embedded in the legislation.

Question 8:

Would there be potential with developer contributions to build an underground carpark under the current plan?

Response to Question 8:

As part of the Statutory Planning Committee's determination on the Canning Bridge Activity Centre Plan that was considered by Council last month, there was the requirement for the establishment of a community benefits framework, and that community benefits framework requires investigations to identify pieces of infrastructure that could have contributions collected from bonus heights at a rate of 3%. The City's currently in the process of investigating that community benefits framework subsequent to Council's decision last month.

Question 9:

Looking at the businesses adjacent to, for example Moreau Mews, and asking them to contribute more being that they will receive the benefit of being adjacent to the park, would that be something that the City would consider to get a bigger contribution from those businesses in terms of building an underground carpark? Or asking for an investor to build an underground carpark?

Response to Question 9:

The trigger for collecting community benefit contributions is development and the application for development. The City is not aware of any significant development applications for the businesses adjacent to Moreau Mews at the present time, so no, those discussions have not taken place.

At 8:48pm, Mr P Varelis returned to the meeting.

At 8:49pm, Ms J Armarego left the meeting.

At 8:54pm, Ms J Armarego returned to the meeting.

At 9:05pm, Cr K Wheatland left the meeting and did not return.

OFFICIAL

At 9:06pm, Mr G Tuffin left the meeting.

At 9:06pm, Cr N Robins left the meeting.

At 9:10pm, Mr G Tuffin returned to the meeting.

At 9:10pm, Cr N Robins returned to the meeting.

At 9:34pm, the Presiding Member adjourned the meeting.

At 9:41pm, the Presiding Member resumed the meeting.

At 9:41pm, Cr C Yorke returned to the meeting.

At 9:41pm, the Presiding Member brought forward item CD26/66 Healthy Melville Plan 2026-2030.

CD26/66 Healthy Melville Plan 2026-2030

Deputations Nil.

Officer Presentation At 9:42pm, Ms M Pickering, Director Community Development responded to questions which concluded at 9:43pm.

Disclosure of Interest Nil.

Notes from Forum General discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation. During discussion of the item, the following questions and/or requests for information were raised by Elected Members and will form part of the Final Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda:

Question 1:

What does the Public Health Act 2016 actually say that local governments need to do?

Question 2:

Is it very specific about what our role is?

Question 3:

Are there any measurables or quantified things in there that we have to do?

Response to Questions 1, 2 & 3:

It is very specific. Each local government has to prepare and publish a public health plan by 4 June, consistent with the WA Public Health Plan. We do have an extension because we applied for an extension, so we have to have one published by September. Each public health plan of each local government has to identify the public health needs of the district, include data on health status and health determinants, set objectives and priorities for health protection, promotion and improvement, and explain how this will be achieved, including monitoring and review.

OFFICIAL**SUMMARY**

- This report seeks Council adoption of the Healthy Melville Plan 2026–2030 as the City of Melville’s local public health plan.
- The Plan fulfils the City’s public health planning obligations under the Public Health Act 2016 (WA) and provides a five-year strategic framework for coordinated health promotion, prevention, protection and enabling action.
- The Plan identifies six evidence-informed priority areas and will be implemented through service planning, partnerships, annual planning and budget processes.
- As active living is now addressed within the broader Plan, Council Policy CP-028 – Physical Activity Policy is recommended to be rescinded to avoid duplication.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**That the Council:**

1. **Adopt the *Healthy Melville Plan 2026–2030* as the City of Melville’s local public health plan in accordance with Part 5 of the Public Health Act 2016 (WA); and**
2. **Rescind Council Policy CP-028 – Physical Activity Policy.**

OFFICIAL

At 9:43pm, the Presiding Member brought forward item CD26/67 Safer Melville Plan 2026-2031 Review.

CD26/67 Safer Melville Plan 2026-2031 Review

Deputations	Nil.
Officer Presentation	At 9:43pm, Ms M Pickering, Director Community Development was available to answer questions.
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Notes from Forum	No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.

SUMMARY

- A review of the existing Safer Melville Plan 2023 to 2026 was commenced following Council's resolution at the 15 April 2025 Ordinary Meeting.
- Council is asked to adopt the Safer Melville Plan 2026 to 2031 to guide Community Safety in Melville.
- Council is also asked to endorse the new Safer Melville Reference Group (SMRG) – Terms of Reference.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**That the Council:**

1. **Adopts the Safer Melville Plan 2026 – 2031 (Attachment 1);**
2. **Endorses the Safer Melville Reference Group (SMRG) – Terms of Reference (Attachment 2); and**
3. **Re-confirms the following Elected Member representative appointments to the Safer Melville Reference Group (formally Safer Melville Advisory Group) for the remaining term ending October 2027:**

Representative	Deputy Representative
1. Mayor K Mair	1. Cr J Spanbroek
	2. Cr G Panayotou

At 9:43pm, Ms J Armarego left the meeting and did not return.

At 9:43pm, Ms R Parks left the meeting and did not return.

OFFICIAL

At 9:43pm, the Presiding Member brought forward item CD26/70 Adoption of Discover Melville Plan.

CD26/70 Adoption of Discover Melville Plan

Deputations Nil.

Officer Presentation At 9:44pm, due to time constraints, the Presiding Member asked the Council whether they would prefer the officer presentation be provided at the meeting or included in the notes of the meeting. The Council agreed to include it in the notes without being presented. At 9:44pm, Ms R Ellis, Manager Communications & Engagement was available to answer questions on the matter. [Officer Presentation – Item CD26/70](#)

Disclosure of Interest Nil.

Notes from Forum No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.

SUMMARY

- Discover Melville Plan (the plan) establishes a staged, low-risk approach to positioning Melville as a metropolitan destination, focused on leveraging existing assets rather than creating new infrastructure.
- The plan concentrates on foundational capability, including destination mapping, place-based storytelling, First Nations engagement, low-impact activation of trails and river assets, community events, and business engagement.
- The plan prioritises community benefit first, ensuring destination initiatives enhance liveability for residents while also increasing visitor awareness, participation and local economic activity.
- The cost and resourcing impacts will be minimal and included within current budget and resourcing structures.
- Adoption of the plan does not commit Council to future actions and allows Council to pause, review or cease delivery at any stage.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council Adopt Discover Melville - Destination and Attraction Plan Volume One (Attachment 1).

OFFICIAL

At 9:44pm, the Presiding Member brought forward item CD26/68 Deferral request - Dog and Cat Management and Exercise Plan.

CD26/68 Deferral request - Dog and Cat Management and Exercise Plan

Deputations	Nil.
Officer Presentation	At 9:44pm, Ms M Pickering, Director Community Development was available to answer questions.
Disclosure of Interest	Nil.
Notes from Forum	No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.

SUMMARY

- A petition was received by the Council requesting that Tompkins Park Canning Highway Fenced Playing Field be classified as an off-lead dog exercise area was presented at the 18 March 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council (OMC), where the petition was acknowledged and the Council resolved to prepare a report by the July 2025 OMC.
- At the 15 July 2025 OMC, the Council resolved to commence the development of a draft Community Animal Management and Exercise Plan intended to replace the current Cat Management Plan 2022–2026 and undertake a comprehensive review of all existing dog exercise areas against standard criteria to ensure the City of Melville has specified such dog exercise areas as are sufficient in number, and suitable, for the exercising of dogs in the district in accordance with section 31(5) of the *Dog Act 1976*, and that the City is meeting the needs of park users who wish to avoid unwanted contact with unleashed dogs.
- Council resolved to write to the Lead Petitioner advising them of the outcome.
- Progress has been delayed due to the City awaiting guidance from the State Government regarding the review of the *Cat Act 2011* and the unanticipated level of staff resources required to support the implementation of the MelSafe service.
- Based on feedback from Elected Members it has also been determined to change the name of the Plan to Dog and Cat Management and Exercise Plan to better reflect the scope of the Plan.
- It is proposed that development of the Plan continue under a revised timeframe, with community and Elected Member engagement occurring in 2026, the draft Plan presented for public comment in March 2027, and the final Plan considered by Council in May 2027.
- This report therefore seeks Council approval to defer the Community Dog and Cat Management and Exercise Plan for consideration at the May 2027 OMC and note the revised timeline to develop the Plan.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**That the Council:**

1. **Endorse the deferral of the Community Dog and Cat Management and Exercise Plan for consideration at the May 2027 Ordinary Meeting of Council; and**
2. **Notes the revised timeline of the Community Dog and Cat Management and Exercise Plan.**

OFFICIAL

At 9:45pm, the Presiding Member brought forward item CD26/69 Community Grants and Sponsorships Policy.

CD26/69 Community Grants and Sponsorships Policy

Deputations	Nil.
Officer Presentation	At 9:45pm, Ms M Pickering, Director Community Development was available to answer questions.
Disclosure of Interest	Nil.
Notes from Forum	No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.

SUMMARY

- The new Community Grants and Sponsorships Policy CP-137 (the Policy) provides a consistent, transparent and accountable framework for the administration of community grants and sponsorships by the City of Melville.
- Responding to the findings and recommendations of the 2026 community grants and sponsorship review, the Policy introduces a standardised framework for administering grants and sponsorships, including consistent objectives, strategic alignment, funding tiers, funding agreements, information management, privacy obligations, and defined roles and responsibilities.
- This report recommends that the Council adopts the new Community Grants and Sponsorships Policy CP-137.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council adopts the CP-137 Community Grants and Sponsorships Policy as provided in Attachment 1.

At 9:45pm, Mr A Cook left the meeting and did not return.

At 9:45pm, Cr G Barber returned to the meeting.

At 9:45pm, Ms R Ellis left the meeting and did not return.

OFFICIAL**Management Services****M26/91 Amendment to Minutes - Special Meeting of Council held 12 May 2026****Deputations** Nil.**Officer Presentation** At 9:45pm, Mr M Yildiz, Director Legal, Governance & Risk was available to answer questions.**Disclosure of Interest** Nil.**Notes from Forum** No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.**SUMMARY**

- At the Special Meeting of Council held 2 May 2026, the Council considered Item C26/383 - 2026-2027 Rating Strategy. The associated report included a table of recent historic rate increases.
- The figures in the recent historic rate increases table (on page 18 of the Minutes of the Meeting) are incorrect for the 2025-2026 year.
- The Minutes of the Special of Council held 12 May 2026, were confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held 19 May 2026.
- This report seeks the approval of Council to amend the minutes to correct the information contained in the table of recent historic rate increases.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held 12 May 2026, and confirmed at the 19 May 2026 Ordinary Meeting of Council, by deleting the information in the table on page 18 as shown below:

2025-2026	5.5% residential and commercial, 8% unimproved vacant land	4.9%
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and replacing it with:

2025-2026	4%	4.6%
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OFFICIAL**M26/92 WALGA Annual General Meeting - Nomination of City of Melville Voting Delegates**

Deputations	Nil.
Officer Presentation	At 9:45pm, Mr M Yildiz, Director Legal, Governance & Risk was available to answer questions.
Disclosure of Interest	Nil.
Notes from Forum	No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.

SUMMARY

- The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 17 September 2026, at 2:30pm – 5:30pm.
- As the City of Melville is a member council, it may nominate two voting delegates and two proxy delegates to represent the City of Melville and attend and vote at the WALGA Annual General Meeting. Each voting delegate is entitled to one vote.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**That the Council:**

- 1. Nominates the following Elected Members as the City of Melville delegates:**
 - a. Cr**
 - b. Cr****and the following Elected Members to be proxy voting delegates:**
 - c. Cr**
 - d. Cr****to the Western Australian Local Government Association Annual General Meeting to be held on Thursday 17 September 2026.**
- 2. Confirms that Councillor is to be Proxy Member (a) and Councillor is to be Proxy Member (b).**
- 3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to forward advice of the City of Melville voting delegates to the Western Australian Local Government Association Annual General Meeting to the Western Australian Local Government Association by the deadline of 1 September 2026.**

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This item was brought forward in the agenda – please see page 22.

OFFICIAL**Corporate Services****C26/400 Road Widening and Dedication - Murdoch Drive, Murdoch****Deputations** Nil.**Officer Presentation** At 9:46pm, Mr G Tuffin, Director Corporate Services responded to questions which concluded at 9:47pm.**Disclosure of Interest** Nil.**Notes from Forum** General discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation. During discussion of the item, the following questions and/or requests for information were raised by Elected Members and will form part of the Final Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda:Question 1:

Was there any consultation done on the blocking of that bike path for this piece of work? Because I saw that there's only internal strategic communication done for this.

Question 2:

Could we elaborate on if this has been considered or that diverting bikes around this area might be a bit tricky?

Response to Questions 1 & 2:

The land is vested in the control of Murdoch University. They've issued a notice of intention to take, so the process is actually being run by Main Roads, but there is a requirement for Council to undertake the endorsement in regards to any reinstatement of disturbances through the road works. Main Roads will be responsible for reinstating those.

SUMMARY

- Main Roads has requested approval for road boundary modifications to facilitate infrastructure associated with the proposed Woman's and Babies Hospital site within the Murdoch Hospital and Knowledge Precinct
- The intended road widening is 168m² along Murdoch Drive, Murdoch which is under the care and control of the City
- Under Section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, Council are required to support the dedication

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council endorse the dedication of the land subject to Main Roads Land Dealing, 2460-104-1 as a road pursuant to section 56 of the *Land Administration Act 1997*, being 168m² of land along Murdoch Drive, for road widening to accommodate service infrastructure for the Women and Babies Hospital.

OFFICIAL**C26/401 Investment Statements - May 2026**

Deputations	Nil.
Officer Presentation	At 9:47pm, Mr G Tuffin, Director Corporate Services was available to answer questions.
Disclosure of Interest	Nil.
Notes from Forum	No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.

SUMMARY

- This report presents the investment statements for the period ending 31 May 2026 and recommends that it be noted by the Council.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council notes the Investment Report for the period ending 31 May 2026.

C26/402 Schedule of Accounts Paid - May 2026

Deputations	Nil.
Officer Presentation	At 9:47pm, Mr G Tuffin, Director Corporate Services was available to answer questions.
Disclosure of Interest	Nil.
Notes from Forum	No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.

SUMMARY

- This report presents the details of payments made under delegated authority (DA-035) to suppliers for the period of May 2026 and recommends that the Schedule of Accounts Paid be noted.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council notes the Schedule of Accounts paid for the period May 2026 as approved by the Director Corporate Services in accordance with delegated authority DA-035, and detailed in the attachments to this report; Payment Details May 2026 (Attachment 1) and Card Payment Details May 2026 (Attachment 2).

OFFICIAL**C26/403 Statements of Financial Activity - May 2026**

Deputations	Nil.
Officer Presentation	At 9:47pm, Mr G Tuffin, Director Corporate Services was available to answer questions.
Disclosure of Interest	Nil.
Notes from Forum	No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.

SUMMARY

- This report presents the Statements of Financial Activity, Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Financial Position for the period ending 31 May 2026; and
- Presents the variances for the month of 31 May 2026 and recommends that they be noted by the Council.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**That the Council:**

Notes the Rate Setting Statement and Statements of Financial Activity for the month ending 31 May 2026 as detailed in the following attachments:

- **Statement of Financial Activity May 2026 (Attachment 1); and**
- **Statement of Comprehensive Income May 2026 (Attachment 2); and**
- **Net Working Capital May 2026 (Attachment 3); and**
- **Reconciliation Net Working Capital as of 31 May 2026 (Attachment 4); and**
- **Notes to Statement of Financial Activity May 2026 (Attachment 5); and**
- **Statement of Financial Position as of 31 May 2026 (Attachment 6); and**
- **Summary Rate Debtors May 2026 (Attachment 7); and**
- **Rates Collections Graph May 2026 (Attachment 8); and**
- **General Debtors Aged 90 Days May 2026 (Attachment 9).**

OFFICIAL**C26/404 Policy Review: CP-009 Investment of Funds Policy****Deputations** Nil.**Officer Presentation** At 9:47pm, Mr G Tuffin, Director Corporate Services was available to answer questions.**Disclosure of Interest** Nil.**Notes from Forum** No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.**SUMMARY**

- The City of Melville (City) continuously reviews and improves policies to ensure they remain current with efficient best practices.
- This report is provided to indicate the update of the CP-009 Investment of Funds Policy which was last reviewed on 10 June 2024. A review was undertaken with a Financial Advisor and resulted in the update of CP-009 Investment of Funds and the development of an Investment Strategy.
- The draft Policy was discussed with the Executive Team and presented to the Elected Member Engagement Session and now proceeding directly to Council as the Policy and Legislation Committee is no longer in place.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve and endorse the amendments to CP-009 Investment of Funds Policy, as presented in attachment 1.

C26/405 RFT252639 Supply Tree Planting and Watering Services**Deputations** Nil.**Officer Presentation** At 9:48pm, Mr G Tuffin, Director Corporate Services was available to answer questions.**Disclosure of Interest** Nil.**Notes from Forum** No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.**SUMMARY**

- This report is presented to Council to recommend the acceptance of a request submitted for RFT252639 Supply of Tree Planting and Watering Services

CTAU RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. **Accepts the recommendations as contained in the confidential attachment to this report, RFT252639 Contract and Tender Advisory Unit Minutes; and**
2. **Upon resolution of the recommendation, directs that the successful respondents' names be inserted below this point 2, awarded;**

OFFICIAL**Community Development****CD26/66 Healthy Melville Plan 2026-2030 (Brought Forward)**

This item was brought forward in the agenda – please see page 32.

CD26/67 Safer Melville Plan 2026-2031 Review (Brought Forward)

This item was brought forward in the agenda – please see page 34.

CD26/70 Adoption of Discover Melville Plan (Brought Forward)

This item was brought forward in the agenda – please see page 35.

CD26/68 Deferral request - Dog and Cat Management Exercise Plan (Brought Forward)

This item was brought forward in the agenda – please see page 36.

CD26/69 Community Grants and Sponsorships Policy (Brought Forward)

This item was brought forward in the agenda – please see page 37.

OFFICIAL**Environment and Infrastructure****E26/102 Response to Council Resolution E24/28 to prepare a report on direct transport options between Willagee and Fiona Stanley Hospital**

Deputations	Nil.
Officer Presentation	At 9:48pm, Mr J Coten, Director Environment & Infrastructure was available to answer questions.
Disclosure of Interest	Nil.
Notes from Forum	No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.

SUMMARY

- Following receipt of a petition, the City investigated a range of interim transport solutions for residents in Willagee who experience difficulty accessing public transport.
- A City-operated community bus service is not recommended as it would duplicate existing transport assistance programs, fall outside the City's core responsibilities and require significant ongoing operational funding.
- Residents already have access to a range of Commonwealth, State Government, community and commercial transport services, including NDIS transport supports, aged care transport programs, community transport providers, taxis and rideshare services.
- The City currently supports community transport through its City Buses for Hire program, delivered in partnership with Melville Cares for eligible community organisations.
- The investigation concluded that the most practical and cost-effective approach is to continue supporting residents to access existing transport services and assistance programs rather than establishing a new City-operated transport service.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**That the Council:**

1. **Notes the outcomes of the investigation into interim transport solutions for residents in Willagee and the ongoing approach of supporting residents to access existing transport assistance services, while continuing to advocate for improved public transport accessibility where opportunities arise.**
2. **Notes that the City's TravelSmart officer is available to assist residents to plan their public transport journeys.**

OFFICIAL**E26/103 Environment and Infrastructure Policy Review****Deputations** Nil.**Officer Presentation** At 9:48pm, Mr J Coten, Director Environment & Infrastructure was available to answer questions.**Disclosure of Interest** Nil.**Notes from Forum** No discussion took place regarding the item and officer recommendation.**SUMMARY**

- The policies within the responsibility of the Environment and Infrastructure Services directorate have been reviewed and brought forward with amendments for consideration and adoption.
- Policies that are defined as Council Policy require the approval of the Council, whereas Operational Policies are approved by the Chief Executive Officer.
- It is recommended that the policies as amended be approved.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Council approves the nine (9) Environment and Infrastructure Services policies as amended and contained in the following attachments:

- **CP-031 Asset Management Policy**
- **CP-033 Path Policy**
- **CP-034 Road Safety Audit**
- **CP-035 School Parking Policy**
- **CP-036 Resource Recovery and Waste Minimisation**
- **CP-102 Urban Forest and Green Space Policy**
- **CP-110 Crossover Policy**
- **CP-119 Active Reserve Parking Policy**

OFFICIAL**Planning****UP26/116 Classification of Land at Eastern Edge of Wireless Hill, Almondbury Road, Booragoon (Brought Forward)**

This item was brought forward in the agenda – please see page 17.

UP26/117 Proposed Amendment to Local Planning Scheme 6 - Lot 5 (414) Canning Highway, Attadale - Inclusion of Additional Land Uses (Brought Forward)

This item was brought forward in the agenda – please see page 20.

15 MOTIONS WITH PREVIOUS NOTICE**15.1 Notice of Revocation Motion - UP23/4033 Canning Bridge POS Option Analysis Report (18 and 19 April 2023 Ordinary Meeting of Council) (Brought Forward)**

This item was brought forward in the agenda – please see page 29.

At 9:49pm, the Presiding Member advised the Council that a motion with notice had been received from Cr S Green. The motion was distributed to Elected Members on Tuesday, 14 July and will be included in the July 2026 Final Ordinary Meeting of Council Agenda to be distributed on Friday, 17 July 2026.

16 MOTIONS WITHOUT PREVIOUS NOTICE (APPROVAL BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY)

Nil.

17 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil.

18 DECISIONS MADE WHILE MEETING WAS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil.

19 CLOSURE

There being no further business to discuss, the Presiding Member confirmed Cr M McGoldrick was still in attendance electronically and declared the meeting closed at 9:51pm.