

## **12.2 Petition – Freedom of Information**

A petition signed by 20 residents of the City of Melville was received on 5 September 2022 and reads as follows:

*“We, the undersigned, all being electors of the City of Melville, respectfully request that the Council:*

- a) *Direct the CEO to arrange, as a matter of priority within 2 months, for the Information Commissioner (IC) or their representative to meet with Council to ensure all Elected Members are fully informed on the principles of Open Government, the FOI Act intent and objectives and the City’s obligations therein, and the IC’s perspective on the City’s performance and other issues since 2015.*
- b) *Cause an independent review of the City’s FOI administrative processes and performance since 2015 to be conducted, and a report with recommendations for improvement to be put to the 6 (sic) December 2022 ordinary meeting of Council. The review should include, amongst other things, the age of all applications upon finalization, applicant feedback, summary of performance blockers, proposed KPIs and public reporting of such, and the effectiveness of Council’s oversight and governance.”*

### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That the petition bearing 20 signatures of residents be acknowledged and referred to the Financial Management, Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee for consideration and report.**