



City of Nedlands

MINUTES

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 06 August 2025

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 12.10pm and acknowledge the Whadjuk Nyoongar people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet, and pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging. The Presiding Member drew attention to the disclaimer on page 2 and advise the meeting is being livestreamed.

2. PRESENT AND APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Members

Mr D Caddy
Ms B Sandri
Ms C Hart
Mr C Murphy
Mr C Adams

Chair Commissioner
Deputy Chair Commissioner
Commissioner
Independent Member (Chair)
Independent Member

Staff

Ms K Shannon
Mr J Vojkovich
Ms O Lope
Ms D Hile
Ms T Douglas
Ms M Chambers
Miss J Han

Chief Executive Officer
Acting Director Corporate Services
Acting Director Technical Services
Chief Information Officer
Executive Officer to CEO
Senior Governance Officer
Personal Assistant Technical Services

Ms A Walsh

Principal Consultant (DLGIRS)

Public

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Media

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3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4. ADDRESS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

5. DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INTEREST



Nil

6. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Nil

7. DECLARATION BY MEMBERS THAT THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO PAPERS

Given a number of papers were distributed late members have not had the opportunity to consider these papers in detail.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Recommendation and Committee Decision

The minutes of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held Monday, 16 June 2025, are to be **ACCEPTED** as a true and correct record of that meeting.

LAPSED DUE TO NO MOVER

Commissioner Sandri proposed a Procedural Motion prior to moving on to item 9.

Procedural Motion and Committee Decision

The Committee **CONSIDER** items 9.1, 10.2 and 10.3 to be dealt with as the last items of the agenda.

Reason:

To allow items not subject to confidential reports or attachments to be considered first.

Moved: Commissioner Sandri

Seconded: Commissioner Caddy

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil



Commissioner Sandri proposed a Procedural Motion.

Procedural Motion and Committee Decision

The Committee AGREE to move this meeting behind closed to discuss confidential matters under the *Local Government Act Section 5.23(2)(a) to (h)*, for items;

- **9.1 - Local Government Act Section 5.23(2)(d) legal advice of the obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting;**
- **10.2 - Local Government Act Section 5.23(e)(i) matter that if disclosed would reveal trade secrets or commercial information;**
- **10.3 - Local Government Act Section 5.23(2)(d) legal advice of the obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting;**

Reason:

There are questions regarding these items, particularly in relation to the confidential matters and attachments. In accordance with *Section 5.23 of the Local Government Act*, this information relates to matters of commercial confidence or in relation to security of the organisation. Therefore, I propose that we move behind closed doors to consider items 9.1, 10.2, and 10.3.

Moved: Commissioner Caddy

Seconded: C Adams

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil

The meeting was moved to confidential and closed to the public at 12.51pm.



9. FINANCE

Note: This item was discussed behind closed doors after item 11.4.

9.1 Draft Budget for 2025/26

Report Number	ARC76.08.25
Meeting & Date	Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – 06 August 2025
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil
Report Author	John Vojkovich - Acting Director Corporate Services
Director	Keri Shannon – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Attachment 1 – FY2026 Budget Plan Attachment 2 – CONFIDENTIAL – Draft Budget FY25-26 Attachment 3 – CONFIDENTIAL – Legal Advice Attachment 4 – Objects and Reasons for Imposing Differential Rates for 2025 Attachment 5 - CONFIDENTIAL - IT Forum Presentation Attachment 6 - CONFIDENTIAL - DIS Budget Briefing Paper

Purpose

This report is to update the Committee on the proposed budget for the year ending 30 June 2026. In line with the Council's advertised proposed differential rates the draft budget includes a 4.8% rate increase for all properties to fund a modest capital works program and to invest in required upgrades to business systems and technology equipment.

Recommendation

The Committee RECEIVES the report on the status update on the 2025/26 Budget and draft financial reports.

Commissioner Sandri proposed a Procedural Motion

Procedural Motion

The Committee SUSPEND Standing Orders Local Law under *part 9.5 Limitation of Number of Speeches*.

Reason:



To allow members to speak more than once.

Moved: Commissioner Sandri

Seconded: C Adams

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil

Commissioner Caddy foreshadow an Alternative Recommendation

Alternative Recommendation and Committee Decision

The Committee ASSIGN Administration to organise an informal briefing to review the Budget 2025/26 papers on Wednesday 13 August 2025 for all Committee Members, providing;

- 1. Proposed and actual costs and comments of variances***
- 2. Impacts on salary budget***
- 3. List of all new FTE fixed, casuals and permanent staff, contractors***
- 4. List of new operating projects, strategies, review, services***
- 5. Capital projects prioritisation:***
 - a) Necessary risks***
 - b) Guidance capital programs***
 - c) Breaking down figures and staff resources***
- 6. IT subscriptions costs***
- 7. Provide an update on reserves***

Reason:

To allow members to be briefed on the proposed budget ahead of a formal Council decision.

Moved: Commissioner Caddy

Seconded: Commissioner Sandri

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Background

The City is entering a challenging period as the Administration continues to invest in its people and systems to facilitate long term sustainability in operational delivery.



The budget process for 2025/26 has also faced some challenges. Ordinarily, the budget process would commence in March of each year with a budget presented to Council for adoption in June. However, the budget process was commenced in May 2025 following the appointment of a Management Accountant. The preliminary plan had the budget being adopted in the last week of July 2025 (Attachment 1) which was predicated on having preliminary June 2025 financial data by mid-July 2025.

Due to delays with restoring Authority system data, which was further compounded by staff absences, June 2025 data was not available until 5 August 2025.

A Concept Forum was held with Councillors on 3 June 2025 to discuss broad budget parameters and a preliminary draft budget was considered with a deficit of \$2.6m.

Since the Concept Forum there has been ongoing consultation with Executive and Management to reduce expenditure with the following actions taken:

1. Reviewing Capital Works program which resulted in a reduction of \$800k.
2. Reviewing Employee Costs which resulted in a reduction of \$500k.
3. Reviewing the Materials and Contracts which remains in progress.

Discussion

A draft of the Budget for 2025/26 is contained in Attachment 2, consisting of the Statement of Financial Activity, Capital Works Schedule and Extract of Rates and Service Charges.

With the June 2025 financial data now being available, and with a lower FY2025 surplus than budgeted, the revised FY2026 budget position now presents as a deficit of \$4.6m.

The main areas of expenditure increase compared to FY2025 Actual (PYA) and FY2025 Budget (PYB) are as follows:

- Employee costs up \$4.3m against PYA and \$4.0m against PYB, which reflects a full cohort of staff and approximates a 5% compounding increase on the FY24 staff costs of \$18.5m;
- New expenditure of \$2.9m on IT costs which are to remediate legacy issues with computerised business systems and technology infrastructure (some of these costs may be capitalised but is yet to be determined since planning is at the preliminary stage); and
- Materials and contracts up \$2.2m against PYA and \$2.1m against PYB due to increased operational demands across the City and approximates a 6% compounding increase on the FY24 materials cost of \$14.3m.

Funding is predominantly sourced from the following sources:

- An increase in rates of \$2.0m against PYA and \$2.2m against PYB, which includes a 4.8% increase in general rates together with a small increase in the rate base; and



- Service charges of \$3.9m which relates to underground power levies however this is quarantined for expenditure on that purpose.

In an effort to produce a balanced budget, the following options are available:

- 1) Further draw down of existing reserves, with management identifying at least \$2.0m of funding which could potentially be extended further following rationalisation of some reserve accounts which are no longer required;
- 2) Generate \$1.0m from a further rates increase of approximately 3% which could be justified on the basis that post COVID-19 there were a number of years with no increase in rates (refer Attachment 3 for advice on this approach given that advertising of the differential rates occurred in June 2025);
- 3) Conduct a more intense analysis of Materials and Contracts to realise a further \$1.0m savings which may also involve deferring of expenditure into FY2027; and
- 4) Review of the new expenditure on IT remediation with the potential for deferral of some expenditure into FY2027 which acknowledges that some of these costs are not yet fully supported by a recognised program of work.

With upward pressures on expenditure, the Chief Finance Officer will introduce more stringent practices for monitoring new initiatives including improved use of project accounting and budgeting together with strict project governance to ensure funds are not released without a clearly defined program of work approved by the CEO or the ARIC if over a certain threshold. A summary of these projects and expenditure will be presented to the ARIC as standard reporting.

Consultation

Nil

Strategic Implications

This item is strategically aligned to the City of Nedlands Council Plan 2023-33 vision and desired outcomes as follows:

Vision	Sustainable and responsible for a bright future
Pillar	Performance
Outcome	11. Effective leadership and governance.

Budget/Financial Implications

As described in the budget.



Legislative and Policy Implications

Nil

Decision Implications

Nil

Conclusion

Nil

Further Information

Nil



Objects and Reasons for Imposing Differential Rates for 2025/26

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The following Objects and Reasons are provided in accordance with Section 6.36 of the *Local Government Act* 1995 and the Council's "Notice of Intention to Levy Differential Rates" for the 2025/26 Financial Year on various categories of properties within the City.

The differential rates are to be levied in accordance with Sections 6.33 of the *Local Government Act* 1995. This document outlines the objects and reasons for implementing differential general rates.

Overall rating objective

The overall objective of the proposed rates in the 2025/26 Budget is to provide for the net funding requirement of the City of Nedlands' various programs, services, and facilities.

Pursuant to Section 6.36 (1) of the Act, the City has given local public notice of its intention to apply differential general rates and minimum payments in respect of each differential rating category.

Differential General Rating

The purpose of imposing a GRV differential rating for residential, residential vacant land and non-residential is to obtain a fair and equitable form of revenue raising from all categories of properties in the City.

Under the *Local Government Act*, Section 6.33 Differential general rates, a local government may impose differential general rates according to any, or a combination, of the following characteristics:

- a. the purpose for which the land is zoned, whether or not under a local planning scheme or improvement scheme in force under the *Planning and Development Act* 2005; or
- b. a purpose for which the land is held or used as determined by the local government; or
- c. whether or not the land is vacant land; or
- d. any other characteristic or combination of characteristics prescribed.

The differential rates categories for Residential, Residential Vacant and Non-residential for 2025/26 are proposed as:



Differential Rate	Minimum Rate Proposed	Rate in the Dollar (\$) Proposed
Residential	\$1,652	\$0.063456
Non-Residential	\$2,178	\$0.078298
Residential Vacant	\$2,008	\$0.083959

Following are the objects and reasons for each of the differential rates:

1. Residential Differential Rate

The rate in the dollar and minimum rate have been set on the basis that ratepayers make a reasonable contribution to the cost of local government and facilities.

2. Residential Vacant Differential Rate

The rate in the dollar and minimum rate have been set in an effort to promote development of properties thereby stimulating growth and development in the community.

3. Non-Residential Differential Rate

The rate in the dollar and minimum rate have been set to provide for a reasonable contribution towards infrastructure and the cost of local government.

Electors and ratepayers of the City of Nedlands are invited to submit their comments on the above rates in writing **no later than 11.59pm, Sunday 29 June 2025**.

Submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, City of Nedlands, PO Box 9, Nedlands WA 6909 or council@nedlands.wa.gov.au, with "Differential Rates" in the subject line.

Keri Shannon
Chief Executive Officer



9.2 Draft June 2025 Financial Report

Report Number	ARC77.08.25
Meeting & Date	Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – 06 August 2025
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil
Report Author	Mark Ponton – Accountant
Director	John Vojkovich - Acting Director Corporate Services
Attachments	Attachment 1 - Statement of Financial Activity – 30 June 2025 Statement of Net Current Assets – 30 June 2025 Statement of Comprehensive Income – 30 June 2025 Statement of Financial Position – 30 June 2025 Reserve Movements – 30 June 2025 Borrowings – 30 June 2025

Purpose

Administration is required to provide Council with a monthly financial report in accordance with regulation 34(1) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*. The monthly financial variance from the budget of each business unit is reviewed with the respective manager and the Executive to identify the need for any remedial action. Material variances are highlighted to Council in the attached Monthly Financial Report.

Recommendation and Committee Decision

The Committee RECEIVES the Monthly Financial Report for 30 June 2025.

Moved: Commissioner Sandri

Seconded: Commissioner Caddy

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Background



The opening position is a preliminary result for the year ended 30 June 2024 as the Financial Statements for 2023/24 are still being finalised with the auditor and as a result will be subject to change. Further to this the results for June 2025 were delayed due to the Authority accounting system outage and the absence of key staff in the Finance team. While the accounts presented in this report have been reconciled, any subsequent adjustments for June 2025 will be adjusted to the audited Financial Statements.

This monthly financial report has been prepared on the same basis as any other month in the reporting cycle and does not include any year end accounting adjustments. These accounting adjustments will be made in the accounting ledger in Period 13 which preserves the integrity of monthly reporting to Council.

The report references budget differences in the variance analysis. The materials supporting the preparation of the approved budget are not available at the level of granularity to provide meaningful comparisons.

The report is presented in a draft format and will be finalised for presentation at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 19 August 2025. The following activities will be completed in preparing a final report:

- Capital Works Program Investments Report
- Investment Report
- Accounts Payable including fuel card and purchasing card

Discussion

The monthly financial management report meets the requirements of regulation 34(1), 34(3), and 34(5) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

The attached report shows the month end position as at the end of June 2025.

The municipal closing surplus as of 30 June 2025 is \$4,747,131 which is a \$4,683,181 favourable variance, compared to a budgeted surplus for the same period of \$63,950.

The operating revenue at the end of June 2025 was \$39,866,363 which represents a \$1,244,577 favourable variance compared to the year-to-date budget of \$38,621,786, primarily in Rates and Fees and Charges.

The operating expense at the end of June 2025 was \$41,136,341 which represents a \$645,538 favourable variance compared to the year-to-date budget of \$41,781,879, primarily in Employee costs and Materials & Contracts.

The attached Statement of Financial Activity compares Actuals with Amended Budget by Nature or Type as per regulation 34 (3) of the *Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996*. Material variances, as defined by a previous decision of Council, from the budget of revenue and expenditure are detailed below.

Operating Activities



Operating grants, subsidies, and contributions

Favourable variance of \$619,914, mainly due to timing of receipt of WALGA grants.

Fees and charges

Favourable variance of \$409,552 primarily due to waste minimisation revenue upfront billing and monthly budget phasing/timing due to budget differences.

Interest earnings

Unfavourable variance of \$305,017 primarily due to budget differences.

Other revenue

Favourable variance of \$188,163 primarily due to budget differences.

Profit on disposal of assets

Favourable variance of \$169,555, mainly due to profit on sale of Machinery.

Employee costs

No variance analysis required as variance to budget is less than 10%.

Materials and contracts

Favourable variance of \$1,666,446 primarily due to budget differences.

Utility charges

Unfavourable variance of \$115,041 due to underbudget for the cost of electricity.

Depreciation and amortisation

No variance analysis required as variance to budget is less than 10%.

Insurance expenses

No variance analysis required as variance to budget is less than 10%.

Interest expenses

Favourable variance of \$65,651 due to budget differences.

Other expenditure

Unfavourable variance of \$392,197 due to various item expenditure throughout the business.

Investing Activities

Non-operating grants, subsidies, and contributions

Unfavourable variance of \$2,568,761 primarily due to timing of grant receipts for example financial assistance grants and Main road project funds are received after completion. Budget timing also contributes to the variance.

Proceeds from disposal of assets

Favourable variance of \$169,555 due to budget differences.

**Purchase of property, plant, and equipment**

Favourable variance of \$474,469 primarily due to budget phasing of capital projects and a lower staff cohort to deliver projects.

Purchase and construction of infrastructure

Favourable variance of \$5,445,029 primarily due to invoice delays and organisational movements. Various projects carried forward to 25-26 financial year to be completed before December 2025.

Financing Activities**Repayment of borrowings**

No variance analysis required as variance to budget is less than \$50,000.

Proceeds from borrowings

No variance analysis required as variance to budget is less than \$50,000.

Payment for principal portion of lease liability

Budgeted figure to be reviewed based on lease agreement.

Transfer to and from reserves

Unfavourable variance of \$110,500 for transfers to reserves and unfavourable variance for transfers from reserves of \$89,093 is due to timing of city projects which will be reviewed and assessed before the end of the financial year.

Rates Receivable

Outstanding rates debtors are \$812,185 as of 30 June 2025 compared to \$831,520 as of 30 June 2024. Breakdown as follows:

Receivable	30 June 2025 (\$)	30 June 2024 (\$)	Variance (\$)
Rates & UGP	301,267	346,138	(44,871)
Rubbish & Pool	69,352	69,237	116
Pensioner Rebates	379,232	358,257	20,975
ESL	62,334	57,888	4,446
Total	812,185	831,520	(19,335)

Employee Data

Description	Number
Headcount (Active Employees including FT, PT, & Casual)	157
Occupied FTE (FT & PT)	126
Occupied FTE (Casual)	10
No. of contract employees (Temporary/Agency)	10

The figures are reported at the end of the calendar month of June 2025.



Consultation

Nil

Strategic Implications

This item is strategically aligned to the City of Nedlands Council Plan 2023-33 vision and desired outcomes as follows:

Vision	Sustainable and responsible for a bright future
Pillar	Performance
Outcome	11. Effective leadership and governance.

Budget/Financial Implications

At the Special Council Meeting on 11 August 2022, item CPS36.08.22, Council adopted the following thresholds for the reporting of material financial variances in the monthly statement of financial activity reports:

- a. Operating items – Greater than 10% and a value greater than \$20,000
- b. Capital items – Greater than 10% and a value greater than \$50,000

pursuant to regulation 34(5) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, and *Australian Accountings Standard AASB 1031 Materiality*.

Legislative and Policy Implications

, and *Australian Accounting Standards*.

Decision Implications

Nil

The municipal surplus as of 30 June 2025 is \$4,747,131 which is favourable, compared to a budgeted surplus for the same period of \$63,950.

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The operating expense at the end of June 2025 was \$41,136,341, which represents a \$645,538 favourable variance compared to the year-to-date budget of \$41,781,879, primarily in Materials and Contracts.

Further Information

Nil



City of Nedlands Statement of Financial Activity

By Nature or Type
For the Period 01-Jul-2024 to 30-Jun-2025

	Amended Budget	Amended Budget YTD	Actuals YTD	Variance (\$) YTD	Variance (%) YTD
Operating Activities					
Net current assets - Opening surplus/(deficit)	2,685,487	2,685,487	2,241,427	(444,060)	(16.54)%
Revenue					
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	193,023	193,023	812,937	619,914	321.16 %
Fees and charges	8,737,755	8,737,755	9,147,307	409,552	4.69 %
Interest earnings	1,495,430	1,495,430	1,190,413	(305,017)	(20.40)%
Other revenue	221,265	221,265	409,428	188,163	85.04 %
Profit on disposal of assets	220,821	220,821	390,376	169,555	76.78 %
	10,868,294	10,868,294	11,950,461	1,082,167	9.96 %
Expenses					
Employee costs	(15,650,697)	(15,650,697)	(16,306,382)	(655,685)	(4.19)%
Materials and contracts	(14,732,299)	(14,732,299)	(13,065,853)	1,666,446	11.31 %
Utility charges	(856,644)	(856,644)	(971,685)	(115,041)	(13.43)%
Depreciation and amortisation	(9,206,862)	(9,206,862)	(9,133,304)	73,558	0.80 %
Insurance expenses	(465,614)	(465,614)	(462,808)	2,806	0.60 %
Interest expenses	(221,309)	(221,309)	(155,658)	65,651	29.66 %
Other expenditure	(648,454)	(648,454)	(1,040,651)	(392,197)	(60.48)%
Loss on disposal of assets	0	0	(958)	(958)	No Budget
	(41,781,879)	(41,781,879)	(41,137,299)	644,580	(1.54)%
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	8,589,061	8,986,041	8,830,692	(155,349)	(1.73)%
Amount attributable to operating activities	(19,639,037)	(19,242,057)	(18,114,719)	1,127,338	5.86 %
Investing Activities					
Non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions	3,372,555	3,372,555	803,794	(2,568,761)	(76.17)%
Proceed on Sale of Assets	438,852	220,821	390,376	169,555	76.78 %
Purchase of property, plant, and equipment	(1,038,935)	(1,038,935)	(564,466)	474,469	45.67 %
Purchase and construction of infrastructure	(11,243,648)	(11,243,648)	(5,798,619)	5,445,029	48.43 %
Amount attributable to investing activities	(8,471,176)	(8,689,207)	(5,168,914)	3,520,293	40.51 %
Financing Activities					
Repayment of borrowings	(863,531)	(863,531)	(901,182)	(37,651)	(4.36)%
Proceeds from borrowings	4,257,158	4,257,158	4,257,158	0	0.00 %
Recoup from self supporting loans	16,312	16,312	12,234	(4,078)	(25.00)%
Payments for principal portion of lease liability	(17,076)	(17,076)	(161,261)	(144,185)	(844.38)%
Transfers to reserves	(4,685,691)	(4,685,691)	(4,796,191)	(110,500)	(2.36)%
Transfers from reserves	1,313,729	1,313,729	1,402,822	89,093	6.78 %
	0				
Amount attributable to financing activities	20,901	20,901	(186,420)	(207,321)	(991.92)%
Surplus/(deficit) before imposition of general rates	(27,974,313)	(27,910,363)	(23,470,054)	4,440,309	15.91 %
Total amount raised by general rates	27,974,313	27,974,313	28,306,278	331,965	1.19 %
Surplus/(deficit) after imposition of general rates	0	63,950	4,836,224	4,772,274	7462.51 %



City of Nedlands

Net Current Assets

	Balance As At 1-Jul-24	Balance As At 30-Jun-25
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	13,897,174	19,956,300
Other Financial Assets	18,076	(4,565)
Trade and other receivables	2,365,181	2,208,910
Inventories	13,627	13,627
Other assets	552,655	461,046
Total Current Assets	16,846,713	22,635,318
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	(3,616,785)	(4,742,763)
Lease Liabilities	(161,257)	(202,581)
Borrowings	(515,036)	0
Grant and contract liabilities	0	(629,167)
Provisions	(2,651,605)	(981,408)
Other liabilities	(359,269)	(97,395)
Total Current Liabilities	(7,303,952)	(6,653,314)
Adjustments to NCA		
Less: Reserves	(7,959,557)	(11,352,926)
Less: Restricted Cash	0	0
Less: Self Supporting Loans	(18,076)	4,565
Add: Borrowings	515,037	(0)
Add: Leases	161,261	202,581
Total Adjustments	(7,301,334)	(11,145,781)
Net Current Assets	2,241,427	4,836,224



City of Nedlands

Statement of Comprehensive Income

By Nature or Type
For the Period 01-Jul-2024 to 30-Jun-2025

	Adopted Budget	Amended Budget	Amended Budget YTD	Actuals YTD
Revenue				
Rates	27,859,313	27,974,313	27,974,313	28,306,278
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions	150,112	193,023	193,023	812,937
Fees and charges	9,289,708	8,737,755	8,737,755	9,147,307
Interest earnings	1,045,430	1,495,430	1,495,430	1,190,413
Other revenue	195,751	221,265	221,265	409,428
	38,540,314	38,621,786	38,621,786	39,866,363
Expenses				
Employee costs	(16,632,549)	(15,650,697)	(15,650,697)	(16,306,382)
Materials and contracts	(14,143,981)	(14,732,299)	(14,732,299)	(13,065,853)
Utility charges	(805,723)	(856,644)	(856,644)	(971,685)
Depreciation and amortisation	(9,210,126)	(9,206,862)	(9,206,862)	(9,133,304)
Insurance expenses	(461,818)	(465,614)	(465,614)	(462,808)
Other expenditure	(648,454)	(648,454)	(648,454)	(1,040,651)
Interest expenses	(128,062)	(221,309)	(221,309)	(155,658)
	(42,030,713)	(41,781,879)	(41,781,879)	(41,136,341)
Net Operating	(3,490,399)	(3,160,093)	(3,160,093)	(1,269,978)
Non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions	3,574,980	3,372,555	3,372,555	803,794
Profit on Disposal of Assets	220,821	220,821	220,821	390,376
Loss on Disposal of Assets	0	0	0	(958)
	3,795,801	3,593,376	3,593,376	1,193,211
Net Result for the Period	305,402	433,283	433,283	(76,767)
Other Comprehensive Income				
	0	0	0	0
Total Other Comprehensive Income	0	0	0	0
Total Comprehensive Income for the Period	305,402	433,283	433,283	(76,767)



City of Nedlands

Statement of Financial Position

	Balance As At 1-Jul-24	Balance As At 30-Jun-25
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	13,897,174	19,956,300
Other Financial Assets	18,076	(4,565)
Trade and other receivables	2,365,181	2,208,910
Inventories	13,627	13,627
Other assets	552,655	461,046
Total Current Assets	16,846,713	22,635,318
Non Current Assets		
Trade and other receivables	916,010	889,496
Other Financial Assets	163,834	163,834
Property, plant and equipment	102,515,441	101,158,972
Infrastructure	244,810,907	243,468,577
Right of Use Assets	470,860	339,894
Intangible assets	0	22,422
Total Non Current Assets	348,877,052	346,043,194
Total Assets	365,723,765	368,678,513
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	(3,616,785)	(4,742,763)
Lease Liabilities	(161,257)	(202,581)
Borrowings	(515,036)	0
Grant and contract liabilities	0	(629,167)
Provisions	(2,651,605)	(981,408)
Other liabilities	(359,269)	(97,395)
Total Current Liabilities	(7,303,952)	(6,653,314)
Non Current Liabilities		
Borrowings	(410,319)	(4,200,121)
Lease Liabilities	(320,985)	(213,341)
Provisions	(495,935)	(495,935)
Total Non Current Liabilities	(1,227,239)	(4,909,397)
Total Liabilities	(8,531,191)	(11,562,711)
Equity		
Retained surplus	(82,073,728)	(78,603,586)
Reserves - cash backed	(7,959,557)	(11,352,926)
Revaluation surplus	(267,159,289)	(267,159,289)
Total Equity	(357,192,574)	(357,115,801)



City of Nedlands Reserve Movements

For the Period 01-Jul-2024 to 30-Jun-2025

Reserve	Amended Budget				Actuals YTD			
	Opening Balance	Transfer To	Transfer From	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Transfer To	Transfer From	Closing Balance
Plant Replacement Reserve	130,810	0	0	130,810	292,395	0	0	292,395
City Development Reserve	668,977	0	(600,000)	68,977	788,898	0	(600,000)	188,898
North Street Reserve	1,455	0	0	1,455	158,951	0	0	158,951
Welfare Reserve	301,573	0	(142,290)	159,283	350,538	0	(142,290)	208,248
Service Reserve	17,364	0	0	17,364	28,968	0	0	28,968
Insurance Reserve	67,939	0	0	67,939	67,939	0	0	67,939
Underground Power Projects	3,012,310	975,076	(131,988)	3,855,398	3,125,714	975,076	(131,988)	3,968,802
Waste Management Reserve	580,585	1,329,745	0	1,910,330	1,008,922	1,329,745	0	2,338,667
Building Replacement Reserve	358,292	278,593	(306,750)	330,135	651,904	278,593	(306,750)	623,747
Swanbourne Development Reserve	0	0	0	0	1,490	0	0	1,490
Public Art Reserve	47,334	0	0	47,334	47,334	0	0	47,334
Business System Reserve	34,960	0	0	34,960	113,143	0	0	113,143
All Abilities Play Space	442,993	0	(25,000)	417,993	467,250	0	(25,000)	442,250
Major Projects	0	1,502,277	(50,000)	1,452,277	200,000	1,502,277	(50,000)	1,652,277
Lawler Park Infrastructure Reserve	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash-in-lieu of Public Open Space	298,763	0	0	298,763	409,317	110,500	0	519,817
PRCC Reserve	102,122	0	(7,701)	94,421	96,794	0	(96,794)	0
Riverwall Maintenance Reserve	150,000	0	(50,000)	100,000	150,000	0	(50,000)	100,000
Laneway Reserve	0	600,000	0	600,000	0	600,000	0	600,000
Reserve Total	6,215,477	4,685,691	(1,313,729)	9,587,439	7,959,557	4,796,191	(1,402,822)	11,352,926



City of Nedlands Borrowings

For the Period 01-Jul-2024 to 30-Jun-2025

Loan Description				Adopted Budget				Amended Budget				Actuals YTD					
	Loan Number	Institution	Interest Rate	Opening Balance	New Loans	Repayment	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	New Loans	Repayment	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	New Loans	Repayment	Closing Balance	Interest	
Building Infrastructure	183	WATC	2.78%	184,059	0	(200,683)	(16,624)	184,059	0	(200,683)	(16,624)	184,059	0	(184,058)	1	(3,201)	
Building Infrastructure	184	WATC	3.12%	229,386	0	(151,733)	77,653	229,386	0	(151,733)	77,653	229,386	0	(151,732)	77,654	(5,393)	
Building Infrastructure	185	WATC	3.12%	108,563	0	(71,812)	36,751	108,563	0	(71,812)	36,751	108,563	0	(71,812)	36,752	(2,552)	
Dalkeith Bowling Club	186	WATC	3.07%	19,929	0	(15,882)	4,047	19,929	0	(15,882)	4,047	19,929	0	(15,882)	4,047	(430)	
Underground Power - West Hollywood	188	WATC	3.07%	306,788	0	(73,254)	233,534	306,788	0	(73,254)	233,534	306,788	0	(72,415)	234,373	(10,257)	
Underground Power - Alfred & Mt Claremont	189	WATC	3.07%	44,808	0	(10,699)	34,109	44,808	0	(10,699)	34,109	44,808	0	(11,731)	33,077	(344)	
Underground Power - Alderbury	190	WATC	3.07%	31,822	0	(7,598)	24,224	31,822	0	(7,598)	24,224	31,822	0	(8,331)	23,491	(244)	
Underground Power - Nedlands North	191	WATC	4.66%	0	4,257,158	0	4,257,158	0	4,257,158	0	4,257,158	0	4,257,158	(385,221)	3,871,937	(91,120)	
				925,356	4,257,158	(531,661)	4,650,853	925,356	4,257,158	(531,661)	4,650,853	925,356	4,257,158	(901,182)	4,281,332	(113,542)	



10 AUDIT

10.1 Status update on the 2022/23 OAG Audit

Report Number	ARC78.08.25
Meeting & Date	Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – 06 August 2025
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil
Report Author	John Vojkovich – Acting Director Corporate Services
CEO	Keri Shannon – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Attachment 1 - Treatment of Prior Year Open Audit Issues

Purpose

This report is for the Committee to be updated on key correspondence and preparation relating to the audit of the City's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2023.

As the City received a Disclaimer of Opinion for the 30 June 2023 financial report, the Committee has requested updates on the progress towards remediation of OAG audit findings.

Recommendation and Committee Decision

The Committee RECEIVES the report on the status update on the 2022/23 Audit.

Moved: C Adams

Seconded: Commissioner Hart

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Background

The Office of Auditor General (OAG) has held responsibility for auditing the financial statements of the City since FY2019. Since FY2023 the audit has been contracted to RSM.



Due to reporting irregularities and lack of supporting evidence for fixed assets, the FY2023 audit resulted in the issuance of a disclaimer of opinion. The financial audit for FY2024 inherited legacy accounting issues which were unable to be remedied to a satisfactory level during the reporting period.

Discussion

The OAG has considered all observations relating to the FY2023 audit to be satisfactorily addressed and therefore closed.

There were 3 findings related to the financial audit that were previously identified in FY2023 (one significant) and 5 findings related to the information systems that were previously identified in FY2024 (3 significant). Details of the findings are contained in Item 10.2 'Status update on the 2023/24 OAG Audit and Annual Report'.

Consultation

Nil

Strategic Implications

This item is strategically aligned to the City of Nedlands Council Plan 2023-33 vision and desired outcomes as follows:

Vision	Sustainable and responsible for a bright future
Pillar	Performance
Outcome	11. Effective leadership and governance.

Budget/Financial Implications

Nil

Legislative and Policy Implications

Nil

Decision Implications

Nil



Conclusion

Nil

Further Information

Nil

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Hi John,

All prior year findings raised in FY23 were reviewed during the FY24 audit to determine whether they remained open or unresolved and therefore needed to be included in the FY24 management letter. We concluded that all FY23 findings had been sufficiently addressed and did not need to be raised again in FY24.

Thanks,

Kind regards,

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Hi Sneha

Are you able to share a list of prior year audit observations (i.e. predating FY24) that are still considered open/unresolved?

Cheers

JV

John Vojkovich

Acting Director Corporate Services



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Note: This item was discussed behind closed doors after item 9.1.

10.2 Status update on the 2023/24 OAG Audit and Annual Report

Report Number	ARC79.08.25
Meeting & Date	Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – 06 August 2025
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil
Report Author	John Vojkovich – Acting Director Corporate Services Ray Pedretti – Coordinator Communications and Engagement Vicky Van Heerden - Strategy and Performance Coordinator
CEO	Keri Shannon – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Attachment 1 – DLGSCI Extension of Lodgement Date for FY2024 Financial Report Attachment 2 – CONFIDENTIAL - RSM Audit Planning Memo Attachment 3 - Email from OAG to City of Nedlands - 13 June 2025 Attachment 4 – Email from RSM to City of Nedlands - 22 July 2025 re: Treatment of Prior Year Open Audit Issues Attachment 5a – CONFIDENTIAL - Financial Audit Management - Letter 30 June 2024 DRAFT Attachment 5b – CONFIDENTIAL - ITGC Audit Letter FY24 - 30 June Attachment 6 - CONFIDENTIAL - Email OAG to City of Nedlands - 23 July 2025 re: FY24 Audit Report Content Attachment 7 – CONFIDENTIAL - Draft Financial Report FY24 Attachment 8 – Email from OAG to City of Nedlands 04 Aug 2025 re: Subsequence Event - Disclosure Appointment of Commissioners Attachment 9 - Draft Annual Report Contents FY23-24 Attachment 10 – Draft Financial and Annual Report Timeline FY23-24

Purpose

This report is for the Committee to be updated on key correspondence and preparation relating to the audit of the City's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2024.

As the City received a Disclaimer of Opinion for the 30 June 2023 financial report, the Committee have also requested updates on the progress towards remediation of OAG audit findings.

Attachments have been made confidential where they contain information which is:



- commercially sensitive including analysis on business controls, or
- in a draft version which is incomplete and could be misinterpreted by, or misleading to, the public.

Recommendation

The Committee RECEIVES the report on the status update on the 2023/24 Audit an Annual Report.

Commissioner Sandri proposed an Alternative Recommendation

Alternative Recommendation and Committee Decision

A report be provided to the September 2025 ARIC meeting for an audit log with all observations to be included, a status update, responsible position and expected completion date. This is to be updated thereafter and reported to each ARIC meeting.

Reason:

To facilitate a process for the recording of actions against an audit log, enabling the Committee to understand the status of each of the items.

Moved: Commissioner Sandri

Seconded: C Murphy

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Background

The Office of Auditor General (OAG) has held responsibility for auditing the financial statements of the City since FY2019. The FY2023 audit was contracted to RSM.

Due to reporting irregularities and lack of supporting evidence for fixed assets, the FY2023 audit resulted in the issuance of a disclaimer of opinion. The financial audit for FY2024 inherited legacy accounting issues which were unable to be remedied to a satisfactory level during the reporting period.



The audit opinion is ordinarily issued by mid-December however an extension to the preparation time was granted after consultation with the OAG and approval from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to allow submission of the Annual Financial Report to the OAG by 9 December 2024 (refer Attachment 1). Based upon this timeframe, RSM planned for the financial report to be completed by late-April 2025 (refer Attachment 2).

The incumbent Acting Director Corporate Services inherited responsibility for completing the financial report in June 2025 and has been working with the auditor since that time to remediate outstanding issues relating to the presentation of the financial report. It should be noted that the Acting Director Corporate Services was first employed by the City in April 2025 and therefore has accepted the schedules underpinning the financial report on a prima facie basis and is wholly reliant on the auditor's testing and review of those schedules.

In terms of Section 5.53 of the Local Government Act 1995 (Act) local governments are required to prepare an Annual Report for each financial year. The preparation of an Annual Report not only meets regulatory requirements and reflects good governance but is also one of the fundamental ways in which the local government communicates with community and stakeholders about performance over the financial year.

The Act and other Regulations set out the statutory content and the high-level processes and timeframes for the acceptance of the Annual Report by the local government, and for communication and engagement with the electorate, community and stakeholders, through notice, publishing and engagement at an Electors Meeting.

The City of Nedlands Annual Report for 2022-23 was accepted by the Council at its meeting on 11 March 2024. The City is currently preparing the Annual Report for 2023-24 for submission to Council.

Discussion

OAG Audit of the FY2023/24 Financial Report

The financial report is nearing completion with a current status at final draft. The intent was to provide the Committee with the financial report for final review in late June/early July however some further corrections to the note disclosures followed by the resignation of elected members has prevented that review from occurring.

In order to bring the Commissioners up to date the following information has been provided.

Attachment 3: A request from the OAG that those responsible for governance to review the financial report before it is presented in its final form to the auditor.

Attachment 4: Advice from RSM that all prior year audit observations have either been incorporated into the FY2024 report or resolved.

Attachment 5a: FY2024 observations relating to financial controls (draft)



Note that these observations contain management responses that are yet to be accepted by the auditor.

Attachment 5b: FY2025 observations relating to IT general controls (draft)

Note that these observations contain management responses that are yet to be accepted by the auditor.

Attachment 6: Advice from OAG that a qualified opinion will be issued on the FY2024 financial report due to the comparatives from FY2023 unable to be validated.

Attachment 7: Draft financial report for FY2024

Items for attention (in summary, not exhaustive):

- Each financial statement includes a disclosure that balances have been restated.
- Statement of changes in equity: restated balances are representative of all changes in Note 29 for the retained surplus
- Statement of financial activity: no large variances against budget except for depreciation and revalued assets non-current
- Note 2(b): Auditor remuneration includes FY23 adjustments and additional work up to June 2025; Other employee costs including training, allowances, FBT, amenities with comparatives for FY23
- Note 6: includes restatement adjustments
- Note 8: Auditor has requested a split for specialised assets (for a particular purpose such as swimming pools or sporting facilities with no equivalent comparator), non-specialised assets (commercial type buildings which are comparable in the market) and vested improvements (buildings on Crown land).
- Note 11(a); includes restatement adjustments
- Note 13: includes restatement adjustments
- Note 16: includes restatement adjustments
- Note 20(b): KMP only includes Executives for FY24 (prior year includes management)
- Note 27(b): includes restatement adjustments
- Note 29: As required by the auditor and subject to qualification; earliest date practicable for adjustment is 1 July 2023 (i.e. irregularities may have existed in years prior).

Attachment 8: Subsequent event disclosure, draft wording for the appointment of the Commissioners to be incorporated into the final version of the financial report.

Preparation of the FY2023/24 Annual Report

The City is currently preparing the Annual Report for 2023-24, as per the Local Government Act and Regulations.

Attachment 9 – Annual Report Contents FY23-24, sets out the content of the Annual Report 2023-24, including all legislated requirements, and the City's progress towards finalising the content.



Attachment 10 -Financial and Annual Report Timeline FY23-24, provides a high-level legislated process and timelines for the Annual Financial Report, OAG Audit, Annual Report and Electors' General Meeting for 2023-24 in the form of a checklist for the City. The City' has set out tentative, target dates to meet these requirements, these timeframes will be updated and finalised once the City's Annual Financial Report and the OAG Audit Report for the financial year (Act S 5.53.(f)(h)) are completed and signed off by the Auditor General.

Consultation

Following review of the draft financial report and feedback from the Commissioners, a final report will be produced by the Administration after which the OAG will be asked to provide its assurance and opinion.

It is anticipated that the Council will accept the final report during the month of August following the completion of an exit meeting with the auditor.

Relevant Officers and Directors are being engaged to prepare the draft Annual Report 2023-24. The draft Annual Report 2023-24 will be reviewed by the Executive Management Team, before it is tabled at the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee and for Council acceptance.

Strategic Implications

This item is strategically aligned to the City of Nedlands Council Plan 2023-33 vision and desired outcomes as follows:

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Budget/Financial Implications

Nil

Legislative and Policy Implications

Nil

Decision Implications



Nil

Conclusion

Nil

Further Information

Nil



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Ms Keri Shannon
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Dear Ms Shannon,

CITY OF NEDLANDS – 2023-2024 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Thank you for your application seeking an extension of time to complete and submit to your Auditor the Annual Financial Report for the 2023-2024 financial year.

I advise that in accordance with the authority delegated by the Minister for Local Government, I have approved an extension of time to 9 December 2024 to submit to your Auditor the balanced accounts and Annual Financial Report for 2023-2024.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Suleila Felton, Director Local Government Financial Policy & Statutory Approval via the contact details listed above.

Yours sincerely,

TOM GRIFFITHS
A/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Hi John

For feedback please.

I provide the following update to the committee on behalf of RSM and OAG.

We are in the process of closing out the final audit testing queries with the City and an updated financial report is pending. We understand the financial report will be provided to the audit committee for their review. It's imperative the financial report is adequately reviewed well prior to finalisation of the audit, by those charged with governance.




In response to our audit queries a reconciliation exercise is currently underway by the administration to confirm that some newly created asset records tie back to old records. We understand administration will hopefully be in a position to advise of the results of this work this week. From here we will review the reconciliation and may have some additional queries on accounting treatments.

Should any issues arise from the reconciliation work we will seek to update the committee as soon as practicable.

Kellie

Kellie Tonich

Senior Director | Financial Audit
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Thanks,

Kind regards,

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Cheers

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Hi All

The subsequent events note in the financial report should include a brief description of the changeover from Councillors to Commissioners as this is relevant to users of the financial report.

I suggest the following:

Under the *Local Government Act 1995*, Commissioners can be appointed to fulfil the role of the Council and exercise its powers if more than half of the Council becomes vacant. Following the resignation of five councillors on 7 July 2025, and as required by the Act, the remaining four Councillor positions, including the Mayor, were declared vacant by the Governor with effect from Friday 25 July 2025. The Honourable Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government (and Minister for Disability Services, Volunteering, Youth and Gascoyne) has appointed three Commissioners to lead the City of Nedlands. The Commissioners will replace the Council of the City of Nedlands and fulfil its responsibilities to the community until a special election is held on 28 March 2026.

Please reach out if you would like to discuss.

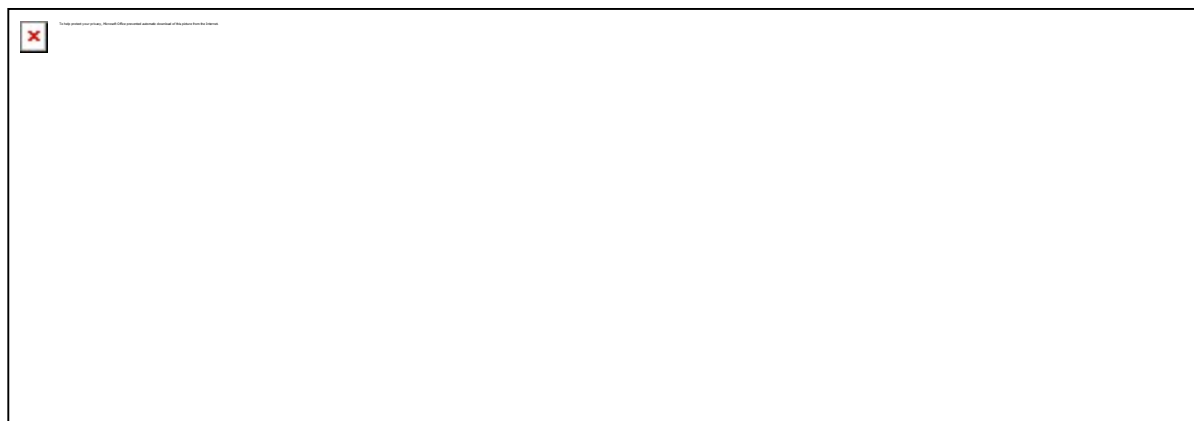
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LG Act	City of Nedlands Annual Report 2023-24: Checklist					
LG Admin Regs	Legislated Contents	Yes to be included:	Draft AR	Comment:	Responsible	Detail (as per legislation)

Annual Report Part 2:								
Act	S 5.53.(2)(f)	1	Financial Report for Financial Year	Yes	In-Progress	9-Dec-2024 - given to OAG	Finance/ CEO	• financial report for financial year
Act	S 5.53.(2)(h)	2	Auditors Report	Yes	In-Progress		Finance/ CEO	• auditor's report prepared under section 7.12AD(1) for the financial year

Annual Report Part 1:								
Act	S 5.53.(2)(a)	3	Mayor Report	Yes	Uncertain	Commissioners-TBC	CEO/ Communications	• a report from the Mayor
Act	S 5.53.(2)(b)	4	CEO Report	Yes	In-Progress		CEO/ Communications	• a report from the CEO
		5	City of Nedlands - Overview Our City - Overview and Community Our Council - Wards and Members Organisation-CEO, EMT etc.	Yes Yes Yes	In-Progress In-Progress In-Progress		Communications	
Act	S 5.53.(2)(e)	6	Plan for the Future - Council Plan (CP)					
Reg	19B.(2)(j)(k)		• CP-modifications	Yes	Complete		Strategy	• details of any modification made to a local government's strategic community plan any significant modification made to a local government's corporate business plan during the financial year
Act	S 5.53.(2)(e)		• CP-overview and initiatives (actions)	Yes	Complete		Strategy	• An overview of the plan for the future, made in accordance with 5.56
Act	S 5.53.(2)(e)		• CP-initiatives-commence/ continue	Yes	In-Progress	As per Council Plan	Strategy	• including major initiatives that are proposed to commence or continue in the next financial year
	S 5.53.(2)(e)		• CP-services, highlights, key projects	Yes	In-Progress	Communications - engaged Directorates	Communications	
Act	S 5.53(2)(g)	7	Payments made to Employees	Yes	In-Progress	Finance - Aug	Finance/ Communications	• the number of employees of the local government entitled to an annual salary of \$130 000 or more • the number of employees of the local government entitled to an annual salary that falls within each band of \$10 000 over \$130 000
Reg	19B.(2)(e)	8	Payments to CEO	Yes	In-Progress	Finance - Aug	Finance/ Communications	• the remuneration paid or provided to the CEO during the financial year
Reg	19BD S 5.53(2)(i)	9	Mayor and Councillor Payments	Yes	Complete	Communications - design and add to AR	Finance/ Governance/ Communications	Mayor and Councillor fees, expenses and allowances • nature of fees, expenses, and allowances paid to council members, the mayor, or president. • total amount/ value for each class of fee, expense or allowance
Reg	19B.(2)(f)	10	Council Member Meeting Attendance	Yes	Complete	Communications - design and add to AR	Governance/ Communications	• the number of council and committee meetings attended by each council member during the financial year
Reg	19B.(2)(g)	11	Councillor Demographics	No	Not Available		Governance	• gender, linguistic background and country of birth of council members
Reg	19B.(2)(h)		(if available)	No	Not Available		Governance	• number of council members aged: • 18-24 years • 25-34 years • 35-44 years • 45-54 years • 55-64 years • 64 + years
Reg	19B.(2)(i)			No	Not Available		Governance	• number of council members who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander
Reg	19B.(2)(c)	12	Standards Panel Payments	Yes	In-Progress	Finance - Aug	Finance/ Governance/ Comms	• any remuneration and allowances paid by the local government under Schedule 5.1 clause 9 during the financial year
Act	S 5.53(2)(hb)	13	Register of Complaints	Yes	Complete	Communications - design and add to AR	Governance/ Communications	• details of entries made under section 5.121 during the financial year in the register of complaints, including- (i) no. of complaints recorded in the register (ii) how the recorded complaints were dealt with (iii) any other details that the regulations may require (i) such other information as may be prescribed
Reg	19B.(2)(d)	14	Complaint Payments	Yes	Complete	No payments made - include statement	Finance/ Governance Communications	• any amount ordered under section 5.110(6)(b)(iv) to be paid by a person against whom a complaint was made under section 5.107(1), 5.109(1) or 5.114(1) to the local government during the financial year
Act	S 5.53(2)(ha)	15	Disability Services Act 1993 Report	Yes	Complete	Included in body of AR	Community/ Communications	• a matter on which a report must be made under section 29(2) of the Disability Services Act 1993
Reg	19BB.	16	Trading Undertakings	Yes	In-Progress	Finance - Aug (if none - include statement)	Finance/ Communications	• for each trading undertaking - income statement, statement of financial position, other relevant information • for each major trading undertaking, as per (a), above, and a statement setting out all other revenue/ expenditure used in pricing structure
Reg	19BC.	17	Land Transactions	Yes	In-Progress	Finance - Aug (if none - include statement)	Finance/ Communications	• each major land transaction include all income, expenditure, assets, liabilities, and other relevant/ required information
Reg	19BE. Act S 5.53(2)(i)	18	Capital Grants, Subsidies and Contributions	Yes	In-Progress	Finance - Aug	Finance/ Communications	Information about capital grants, subsidies and contributions to include: • all capital grants, subsidies, and contributions received for renewing or replacing assets. • must cover the current financial year and the two preceding years.
		19	Other Disclosures					
			National Competition Policy	Yes	In-Progress		Strategy/ Communications	information required by National Competition Policy
			Recordkeeping-Statement	Yes	In-Progress		Strategy/ Communications	information required by the State Records Act 2000

	LG Act LG Admin Regs	Annual Financial Report, OAG Audit, Annual Report and Elector General Meeting (for 2023-24)		Time-line:	City of Nedlands Dates:		Comment	Responsible
		Requirements		Legislated	Target	Complete		Co-ordination
		LG Annual Financial Report and AG Report on Financial Audit 2023-24						
1	LG Act S 6.4.(3)	LG Annual Financial Report 2023-24	LG prepare and submit accounts and annual financial report to auditor (OAG) • by <u>30 September</u> , following each financial year, or such <u>extended time</u> as the <u>Minister allows</u> , submit to auditor — • accounts of the local government, balanced up to the last day of the preceding financial year • annual financial report of the local government for the preceding financial year	30-Sept <u>or</u> as Minister allows	CoN Extension	9-Dec-2024	Annual Report (Part 2)	Finance/ CEO
2	LG Act S 7.12AB. LG Act S 7.12AD. LG Act S 1.4.(ii).	AG Financial Audit and Report 2023-24	Auditor General (AG) audits LG accounts and annual financial report and reports on financial audit • AG audits LG accounts and annual financial report • AG prepares, signs a report on financial audit • AG forwards the audit report to <u>Mayor, CEO</u> and <u>Minister</u>		31-Aug-2025 AG final sign-off (TBD)		Annual Report (Part 2)	Finance/ CEO
3		LG Duties - AG Audit Report 2023-24						
3a	LG Act S 7.12A. (1)(2)(3)	• LG Duties - Audit Report Determine if Matters require action	LG examines audit report, takes appropriate action • LG assists, ensures audits conducted successfully and expeditiously • LG meet auditor at least 1 x year • LG determine if matters raised require action and take action					Finance/ CEO/ ARIC
3b	LG Act S 7.12A. (4)	• LG Duties - Audit Report Significant Matters Report	LG report on significant matters in audit report - prepare, give to Minister, CEO publish on website • prepares report on significant matters in audit report (what action taken or intend to take) • report to Minister within <u>3 months</u> (after LG receive audit) • CEO publish report on website, <u>14 days</u> after given to Minister	3 months - Minister (after audit) <u>14 days</u> - website (after- Minister)			If required	Finance/ CEO/ ARIC
4		LG Annual Report (AR) 2023-24						
4a	LG Act S 5.53	• Annual Report Preparation	LG prepares annual report for financial year • see annual report contents for 2023-24		Aug - Oct-25 (TBC)			Communications/ Strategy
		• AR Preparation	• AR (Part 1) collect data, consolidate, write and review draft report • proof reading of written Annual Report • submission of Annual Report to CEO/ Directors for comments/changes • Annual Financial Report and AG Report on Financial Audit (AR-Part 2) completed and provided to Communications • revised draft Annual Report to Audit Risk and Improvement Committee					Communications Communications CEO/ Directors Finance
		• AR Design	• delivery of all assets, written, photographic and pictorial for design • re-submission of designed Annual Report to CEO/ Directors		Printing-6 weeks after Fininancial Reports received			ARIC Communications Communications Communications
		• AR Printing	• AR Printing (6 weeks after Annual Financial Report received)					
4b	LG Act S 5.54.	• Acceptance of Annual Report • Council/ Commissioner Meeting	LG accepts Annual Report - Council Meeting (absolute majority) • LG accept annual report no later than <u>31 December</u> , after that financial year, or <u>2 months</u> after the auditors report is available • absolute majority required	31-Dec <u>or</u> 2 months (after audit report)	29-Oct-2025 (TBC - dependent on AG sign-off)			CEO/ Council/ Commissioners
4c	LG Act S 5.55.	• Notice of Annual Report	CEO give public notice of availability of annual report • CEO public notice - availability of annual report - <u>as soon as practical</u> after annual report accepted	as soon as practical (after AR accepted)	31-Oct-2025 (TBC)			Communications/ CEO
4d	LG Act S 5.55A Reg 29D.(a)	• Publication of Annual Report	CEO publish annual report on website • CEO to publish annual report on website within <u>14 days</u> of acceptance of report • annual report to be kept on website - not less than <u>5 years</u>	<u>14 days</u> (after AR accepted)	31-Oct-2025 (TBC)			Communications/ CEO
5		LG Electors' General Meeting						
5a	LG Act S 5.29 (1)(2)	• Electors' Meeting - Convening	CEO to convene an electors' meeting and give notice of - date, time, place and purpose • CEO to convene electors' meeting by giving — at least 14 days' local public notice; and council member notice • notice to include date, time, place and purpose of the meeting	at least 14 days (public and council member notice)	Nov-2025 (TBC)			CEO/ Governance
5b	LG Act S5.27. (1)(2)	• Electors' Meeting - Timing	Electors meeting held once every financial year • general meeting of electors of to be held once every financial year • general meeting held on a day not more than <u>56 days</u> after LG accepts annual report for previous financial year.	56 days (after AR accepted)	Nov-2025 (TBC)			CEO/ Governance/ Communications
5c	LG Act S5.27. (3) and Reg 15	• Electors' Meeting - Matters	Matters to be discussed at electors' meeting - • first - contents of the annual report for the previous financial year • second - any other general business					Commissioners
5d	LG Act S5.30. - S5.33.	• Electors' Meeting - Governance	Who presides, procedures, minutes, decisions - • Mayor presides (see S5.30. if not available) • procedures and voting in accordance with regulations • CEO - maintains, preserves minutes • CEO - ensures minutes are available for inspection by members of the public, before the council meeting at which decisions made at the electors' meeting, are first considered • all decisions are considered at the next Council Meeting	E-M decisions considered at next Council Meeting	Nov-2025 (TBC)			Commissioners/ CEO/ Communications/ Governance



Note: This item was discussed behind closed doors after item 10.2.

10.3 The Plan for the Implementation of the 2024/25 OAG Audit and Annual Report

Report Number	ARC80.08.25
Meeting & Date	Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – 06 August 2025
Applicant	
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil
Report Author	John Vojkovich – Acting Director Corporate Services Ray Pedretti – Coordinator Communications and Engagement Vicky Van Heerden - Strategy and Performance Coordinator
CEO	Keri Shannon – Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Attachment 1 – CONFIDENTIAL - FY25 Plan and Cost Attachment 2 – CONFIDENTIAL – Interim Audit Request List Attachment 3 – CONFIDENTIAL – DRAFT Financial and Annual Report Timeline FY24 Attachment 4 – CONFIDENTIAL - DRAFT Financial and Annual Report Timeline FY25

Purpose

This report is for the Committee to be updated on key correspondence and preparation relating to the audit of the City's financial report for the year ended 30 June 2025.

Recommendation and Committee Decision

The Committee **RECEIVES** the report on the plan for the 2024/25 Audit and Annual Report.

Moved: C Adams

Seconded: Commissioner Caddy

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority



Background

The Office of Auditor General (OAG) has held responsibility for auditing the financial statements of the City since FY2019. The FY2023 audit was contracted to RSM.

Due to the ongoing audit of the FY2024 Financial Report, an entrance meeting for FY2025 has not yet been conducted. The OAG requested that the City progress with the interim audit work to utilise the contracted audit staff and so as not to compromise completion of the annual report by 31 December 2025. The OAG has advised that the entrance meeting cannot be held before October 2025. An audit fee of \$156,000 is being proposed to complete the work. Refer to Attachment 1.

In terms of Section 5.53. of the Local Government Act 1995 (Act) local governments are required to prepare an Annual Report for each financial year. The preparation of an Annual Report not only meets regulatory requirements and reflects good governance but is also one of the fundamental ways in which the local government communicates with community and stakeholders about the City's performance over the financial year.

The Act and other Regulations set out the statutory content and the high-level processes and timeframes for the acceptance of the Annual Report by the local government, and for communication and engagement with the electorate, community and stakeholders, through notice, publishing and engagement at an Electors Meeting.

Discussion

OAG Audit of the FY2023/24 Financial Report

Preparation for the interim audit work was conducted by the City between May 2025 and June 2025, ensuring that schedules and supporting materials were updated to the RSM Caseware portal and properly cross referenced, which addresses an issue relating to version control and confusion with supporting documents in the past. Most of the review work was performed by RSM offsite with one week on site in late June 2025. An update on the progress can be found in [Attachment 2](#).

Preparation of the FY2023/24 Annual Report

[Attachment 3](#) - Financial and Annual Report Timeline FY24-25 is based upon legislated requirements and describes the planned timelines for preparation of the Annual Financial Report, OAG Audit, Annual Report and Electors' General Meeting for 2024-25 in the form of a checklist. The City has set out tentative, target dates/ months to meet requirements. These will, however, be updated and finalised as the City's Annual Financial Report and the OAG Audit Report for the financial year (Act S 5.53.(f)(h)) are progressed.

The City's first step toward the completion of the Annual Report 2024-25, is the drafting of a 'process plan', outlining and confirming content, process, timelines and responsibilities,



for CEO and EMT approval. This will be prepared over the next period and inform the preparation the Annual Report 2024-25.

Attachment 4 - Annual Report Contents FY24-25 - sets out the proposed and required contents as per the Local government Act, and Regulations, for the Annual Report 2024-25.

Consultation

It is anticipated that planning for the implementation of the 2024/25 OAG Audit will be conducted by RSM with the result being a Planning Memorandum provided to the Committee during the month of August 2025 in advance of an entrance meeting being conducted with Council or the Committee.

Relevant Officers and Directors will be engaged to prepare the draft Annual Report 2024-25. The draft Annual Report 2024-25 will be reviewed by the Executive Management Team, before it is tabled at the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee and for Council acceptance.

Strategic Implications

This item is strategically aligned to the City of Nedlands Council Plan 2023-33 vision and desired outcomes as follows:

Vision	Sustainable and responsible for a bright future
Pillar Outcome	Performance
	11. Effective leadership and governance.

Budget/Financial Implications

Nil

Legislative and Policy Implications

Nil

Decision Implications

Nil

Conclusion



Nil

Further Information

Nil

Administrative Recommendation and Council Decision

That Council re-opens the meeting to members of the public at 1.42pm.

Moved: Commissioner Sandri

Seconded: Commissioner Caddy

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

**For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy,
C Adams**

Against: Nil



10.4 Scope and Status update of the Internal Audit and the plan from KPMG

Report Number	ARC81.08.25
Meeting & Date	Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – 06 August 2025
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil
Report Author	Laurence Williams - Governance Officer
Director	John Vojkovich - Acting Director Corporate Services
Attachments	Attachment 1 – KPMG Reference Pack Attachment 2 – CONFIDENTIAL - Audit Log Update

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee (ARIC) with an update on internal audit matters.

Recommendation

That the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee RECEIVES the report on internal audit matters.

C Adams proposed an Alternative Recommendation

Alternative Recommendation and Committee Decision

The Committee:

1. **REQUEST** administration to provide a report at the September Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting of the status of the internal audit and include;
 - a) a progress update against all items
 - b) an expected completion date against all items

Reason:

To enable the Committee to be fully briefed on the status of the internal audit.

Moved: C Adams

Seconded: Commissioner Sandri

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams



Against: Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Background

KPMG were appointed as internal auditors for the period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2028, as endorsed by Council on 27 May 2025 (Report No. ARC 71.05.25).

This report presents to ARIC the proposed draft Internal Audit Plan prepared by KPMG, provided as Attachment 1 (Confidential). The draft plan was presented to the City's Chief Executive Officer, Ms Keri Shannon; Acting Director Corporate Services, Mr John Vojkovich; and the Coordinator Governance Legal and Risk, Ms Alyce Martin (who has since left the organisation) on 23 June 2025.

Additionally, this report includes a progress update prepared by the Governance Legal and Risk team regarding 126 outstanding internal audit action items dating from 1 January 2019 to 20 May 2024. A summary extract from the audit action log is provided in Attachment 2 (Confidential), including updated statuses for each item and an executive summary illustrating overall progress. The City is working to close out on these audit recommendations.

Discussion

This report provides ARIC with an update on status of internal audit matters.

Consultation

Nil

Strategic Implications

This item is strategically aligned to the City of Nedlands Council Plan 2023-33 vision and desired outcomes as follows:

Vision	Sustainable and responsible for a bright future
Pillar Outcome	Performance
	11. Effective leadership and governance.



Budget/Financial Implications

Nil

Legislative and Policy Implications

Nil

Decision Implications

Nil

Conclusion

The Audit Risk and Improvement Committee receives the report on internal audit matters.

Further Information

Periodic updates will be provided on the progress of internal audit action items to ARIC.



Partnering for the future

Internal Audit Services – City of Nedlands

Introductory Meeting – Reference Pack

23 June 2025



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Our Understanding of the City of Nedlands

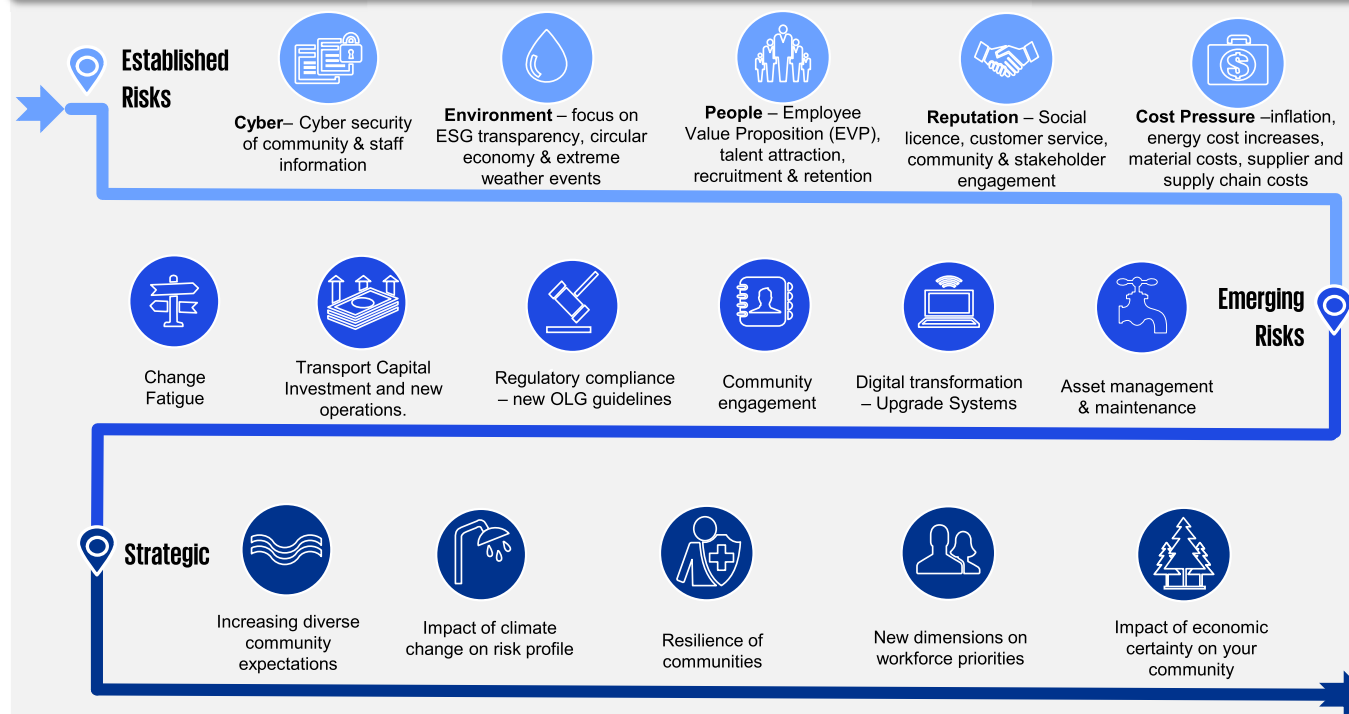
The City of Nedlands needs the support of an Internal Audit provider who is focussed on your vision, understands your challenges and will help you navigate these in the most practical and pragmatic way. Your proposed Internal Audit team (see page 21) is confident we can bring the right insight and expertise to your Council. **Only the strength of the KPMG brand, our Local Government team supported by our specialists can offer this. The below diagram to the right outlines key risks we have identified for Councils similar to yours.**

City of Nedlands Background

The City of Nedlands is progressing and advancing with a clear vision for the future. Over the next 10 years, the Council aims to achieve the community's vision of **being sustainable and responsible for a bright future**. By listening and responding to local community priorities, the Council is focusing on responsible growth and development. Their strategic plans emphasise maintaining the green, leafy streetscapes and urban tree canopy, embracing sustainable practises, and creating vibrant town centres.

The Councils key planned actions and initiatives include implementing a tree planting program, assessing and instituting a new contract for improved bulk waste collection, and reviewing the local planning framework in collaboration with the state government. The Council is also dedicated to developing a business case for the future operation of buildings in the Lawler Park precinct and installing underground power in the Hollywood East, Nedlands West, and Nedlands North precincts. Additionally, the Council has a Capital Works Program that outlines significant projects such as delivering drainage remediation, implementing improvements to footpaths and cycleways, and completing planned roadworks. Plans to systematically upgrade laneways across the Nedlands area are also in progress.

We understand your risk environment







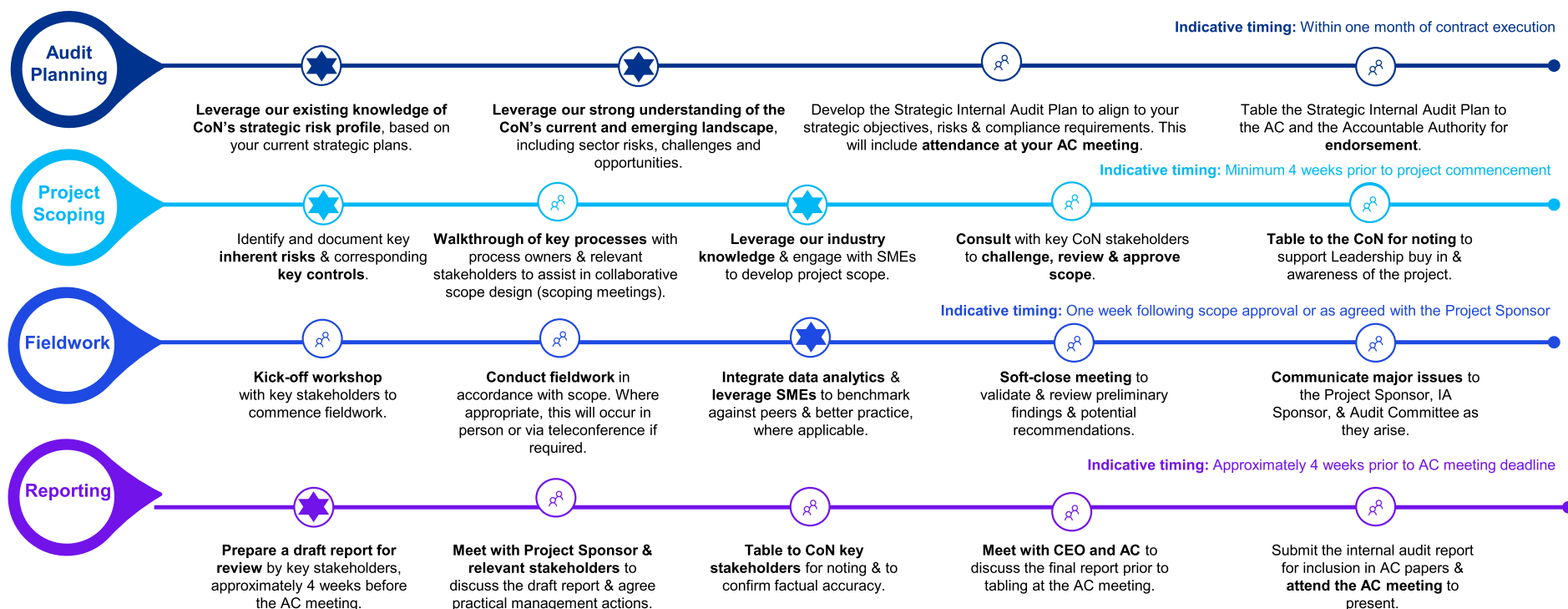
02 Our Internal Audit Methodology and Approach

Our Approach

Our approach is collaborative and focuses on regular and timely communication with stakeholders to ensure value adding internal audits while building trust and obtaining buy in from key stakeholders.

The below diagram outlines how we will partner with you across project lifecycle and indicative timing of when this will occur. This approach aims to ensure that all aspects of each internal audit are completed collaboratively to deliver the agreed scope within budget and on time whilst being cognisant of your resource and time constraints and not making it burdensome. Where you see the  icon, this indicates an activity that will be conducted on-site and in person whenever possible.

The  icon indicates these activities can be conducted virtually or offsite, if preferable.



Flexible Delivery Methods

We understand the need to do more with less and have flexible delivery models to meet your requirements. We seek to innovate our approach to deliver value for money and deliver projects efficiently.

We understand that local councils like the CoN are constantly challenged to do more with less and your internal audit provider needs to deliver value for money. Our flexible delivery models below are part of our innovative approach, enabling us to deliver projects more efficiently and ensure you derive maximum value for money for the same investment. Our flexible delivery models form part of our internal audit methodology and are included in our service offering.

Flexible delivery models to meet your needs

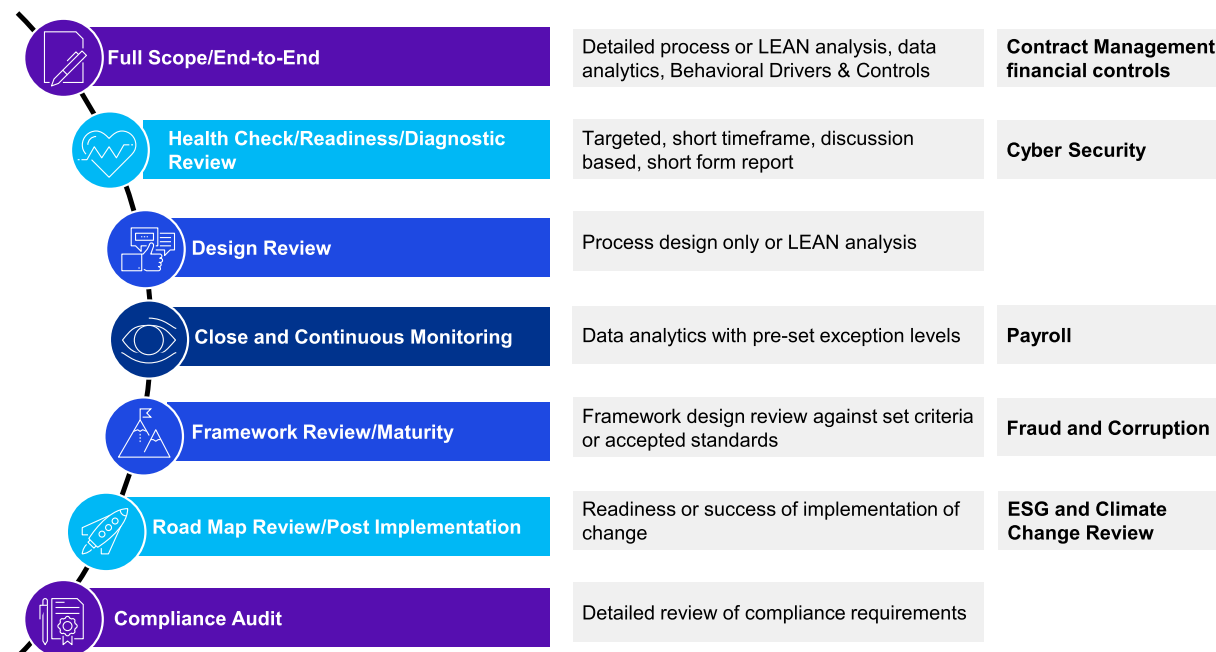
Our methodology includes varied types of assurance models to cater for diverse environments, where different areas of the group operations or different processes will warrant different approaches and audit spend. We will be agile in our internal audit scoping and delivery processes by varying the depth of coverage applied in your internal audit plan. This gives the CoN the flexibility to allocate suitable coverage (considering prior assurance coverage, level of investment, strategic risk ratings etc.) so that we can cover a wider range of risk categories under the same budget.



The benefits of this agile approach include:










- Increased ability to respond to diverse needs
- Greater flexibility to match assurance appetite
- Shorter delivery timeframes, and
- Greater value through tailored auditing so your money can go further.

What does it look like and how could we use it at the City of Nedlands?



Draft Internal Audit Plan (1/3)

To illustrate how we would approach delivering two (2) to four (4) Internal Audit projects per year, we have outlined the below Draft Three-Year Internal Audit Plan. Based on our understanding of your risks, we have proposed the following scope, delivery approach, estimated days and fee. This plan is **draft**, and we would like to work with you on appointment to more deeply understand your current risks. We propose a mix of strategic and compliance based projects to give you coverage over strategic and operational risks.

Potential Internal Audit Projects (Year 1)		Potential delivery approach	Fee	Estimated days
1	Contract Management This internal audit will review the CoN's overarching contract management framework with a specific focus on contract management in relation to the post-contract award process.	  	\$9,500	8 - 10
2	Cyber Security Maturity Health Check This is a high risk area for all Council's and Audit Committees with increased phishing and other cyber attacks. This will provide a view on the relative maturity of cyber security management at CCC utilising the Essential 8 methodology.	 	\$15,000 - \$17,500	15 - 20
3	ESG and Climate Change Review This internal audit would consider the CoN's key strategic documents, including Council Plans, to understand their commitment to sustainability and/or ESG. This would include an assessment whether the CoN have declared a climate emergency for their Local Government Area and developed a Climate Change Adaptation Plan or Climate Emergency Action Plan.	  	\$12,500 - \$15,000	15 - 20
4	Financial Controls The objective of this Internal Audit will be to test a sample of the CoN's core internal financial controls in place for an agreed upon time frame, focusing on areas which could include cash management, credit/purchase cards, acceptance and cessation of grant funding, and month-end reporting. We can collaborate with your external auditors to ensure we avoid duplication of control reviews and select controls which the external auditor has elected not to review.		\$8,000	8 - 10
Year 1 Total			\$50,000	











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Draft Internal Audit Plan (2/3)

This plan is **draft** and we would work with you on appointment to more deeply understand your current risks, strategic objectives and requirements of an internal audit function.

Potential Internal Audit Projects (Year 2)		Potential delivery approach	Fee	Estimated days
5	Asset Management This internal audit would consider the design of key controls relating to the CoN's asset management practices. This would consider the CoN's overall facilities and asset management framework and the governance activities and roles and responsibilities relating to facilities and asset management.	 	\$9,500	8 - 12
6	Project Management – Capital Works This internal audit would consider the design of key controls relating to the CoN's capital works project management. This would include roles and responsibilities for project scoping, budgeting and delivery, systems to support project management, project risk assessment and impact of grant funding and timelines on capital works schedules.	  	\$11,000 - \$13,000	10 - 15
7	Payroll This internal audit will consider the design and operating effectiveness of key controls supporting the payroll function to ensure the accurate, efficient and timely payment of staff.	 	\$11,000	10 - 15
8	Community Engagement This internal audit would assess the current community engagement surrounding key processes for the CoN. This will include identification of risks associated with community engagement, approach and standards applied, obtain community feedback through the surveys or a similar process, and review of the community improvement plans.	  	\$15,000-\$16,500	15 - 20
Year 2 Total			\$50,000	








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Draft Internal Audit Plan (3/3)

This plan is **draft** and we would work with you on appointment to more deeply understand your current risks, strategic objectives and requirements of an internal audit function.

Potential Internal Audit Projects (Year 3)		Potential delivery approach	Fee	Estimated days
9	Fraud and Corruption A review of the Fraud and Corruption Risk Management framework and an assessment to identify the inherent fraud risks and associated controls.	 	\$9,500	10 - 12
10	Business Continuity Planning & IT Disaster Recovery This internal audit would consider the maturity of the CoN's BCDR framework, focusing on the extent to which the current framework and supporting plans were tested against major disruption scenarios.	 	\$12,000	10 - 15
11	Budgeting and cashflow forecasting This internal audit will consider the design of key controls in relation to cash flow forecasting, budgeting and user access management processes.	 	\$10,500	10 - 15
12	Hire to Retire This internal audit would consider the design of key controls in relation to human resources management and identify any improvement opportunities. This would include the following processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hiring, Recruitment and Onboarding • Termination and Offboarding • Learning and Development • Performance Management • Promotions and Bonuses 		\$16,500 - \$18,000	15 - 20
Year 3 Total			\$50,000	

KEY  Health Check  Deep Dive  Road Map Review / Post Implementation  Framework Review



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11 STRATEGIC PROJECTS

11.1 Council Plan Update

Report Number	ARC82.08.25
Meeting & Date	Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – 06 August 2025
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil
Report Author	Vicky van Heerden – Strategy and Performance Coordinator
CEO	Keri Shannon-Chief Executive Officer
Attachments	Attachment 1 – Council Plan Actions 2024-25

Purpose

The purpose of the report is to provide Council with an update on the Council Plan Actions 2024-25, at the end of June 2025.

Recommendation and Committee Decision

The Committee **RECEIVES** the Report on Council Plan Actions 2024-25.

Moved: Commissioner Caddy

Seconded: C Adams

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple Majority

Background

The Council adopted, 'Our Plan for the Future – City of Nedlands Council Plan 2023-2033' (Council Plan) at its meeting on 28 November 2023.

The Council Plan is the City of Nedlands' 'plan for the future' and comprises both the Strategic Community Plan (SCP) and Corporate Business Plan (CBP) (Required in terms



of Section 5.56 of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act) and Regulations 19C (1) and 19DA of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.)

The Council Plan sets out the City of Nedlands' vision, objectives and purpose (SCP) and the services, actions and resourcing to address these (CBP).

The Council Plan has 12 desired outcomes, across five strategic pillars, People, Planet, Prosperity and Performance, with actions identified against the outcomes and objectives in each of these categories.

Council received the first report on the status of Council Plan Actions at the Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM) on 23 April 2024.

This report provides an update on Council Plan Actions 2024-25, at the end of June 2025.

This review of Council Plan Actions 2024-25 informs both the preparation of the Annual Report 2024-25 (The Act section 5.53), and the Annual Budget (The Act sections 6.2.(2)).

Discussion

Attachment 1 – Council Plan Actions 2024-25 provides an update on the status of Council Plan Actions 2024-25, at the end of June 2025.

A summary of the status the Council Plan Actions is set out in the table below, with details provided in Attachment 1.

Council Plan Actions 2024-25: Status 30 June 2025:

Action Status	No.
Complete	19
Progressing as planned	26
Not progressing as planned	34
Planned 25/26	8
Planned 26/27	1
Planned 27/28	1
Total Actions	89

As noted above, the review of the Council Plan Actions informs the preparation of the Annual Report 2024-25 and informed the preparation of the draft Budget 2025-26.

A revised Council Plan (CBP/ Actions) will be prepared, which consolidates these updates and the adopted Budget 2025-26, for presentation to Council at a future meeting.

Consultation

The Executive Management Team and relevant Officers provided the status and updates on the Council Plan Actions (Attachment 1).



Strategic Implications

This item is strategically aligned to the City of Nedlands Council Plan 2023-33 vision and desired outcomes as follows:

Vision **Sustainable and responsible for a bright future**

Pillar **Performance**

Outcome 11. Effective leadership and governance.

Budget/Financial Implications

There are no financial implications related to this report. This review and the adopted Budget 2025-26 will inform the preparation of a reviewed Council Plan (CBP/ Actions).

Legislative and Policy Implications

- The Local Government Act 1995, including sections:
 - 5.56 (1) 'A local government is to plan for the future of the district.'
 - 5.53.(2)(e) 'The annual report is to contain ...an overview of the plan for the future...including major initiatives that are proposed to commence or to continue in the next financial year...'; and
 - 6.2.(2) '...in the preparation of the budget the local government is to have regard to the contents of the plan for the future made in accordance with section 5.56...'
- The LG (Administration) Regulations 1996, including 19DA. and 19DA(4) 'A local government is to review the current corporate business plan for its district every year.'

Decision Implications

The report is for information and **noting** purposes. This report, together with the adopted Budget 2025-26, will inform the review of the Council Plan (CBP/ Actions), and will be presented to the Council at a future meeting.

Conclusion

This report provides an update on the Council Plan Actions 2024-25; it is recommended that Council receive the report on Council Plan Actions 2024-25.

Further Information



Nil

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PEOPLE												
1. Art, culture and heritage are valued and celebrated.												
1.1 Grow participation in the arts, cultural activities, and community events.												
01.1.1	P&C	23/24	1.1.1 Develop a Public Art Strategy to articulate the direction for public art in the local area.	●					Complete	• Adopted by Council OCM April 2025.		
01.1.2	P&C	23/24	1.1.2 Complete a review of the City's Events Program to deliver recommendations to activate the foreshore and local parks with a range of family friendly, inclusive activities and events. Community suggestions for consideration include activities that celebrate local history and cultural diversity (i.e. First Nations, Chinese New Year, Eid and Diwali), music and wine festivals, markets, food trucks, outdoor films and sculpture trails.	●					Complete	• City Events Program reviewed in 2024/25. • New activities budgeted for 25/26.	Planned 25/26	
1.2 Recognise and celebrate local First Nations peoples, places and stories.												
01.2.1	P&C	23/24	1.2.1 Develop a Reflect: Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), the first of four plans in Reconciliation Australia's RAP Framework.	●					Progressing as planned	• Stage 1 - REFLECT is Complete - DRAFT RAP has been submitted to Reconciliation Australia for their comment on Reflect stage. Expected back by end of July 2025. • RAP has 4 different stages which roll out over many years.	Planned 25/26	
01.2.2	TSD	27/28	1.2.2 Partner with key stakeholders to investigate options to reinvigorate the Whadjuk Trail Network.					○	Planned 26/27	• A section of the Allen Park Trail has been delivered, a portion of the pathway (Norn Bidi) was built. • A section is on hold dependant on decision from State Government regarding Allen Park. • Next step will be to clarify the full scope and confirm all the role players.	Planned 26/27	
1.3 Preserve and showcase local history and heritage.												
01.3.1	P&D	23/24	1.3.1 Update the Local Heritage Survey and list of places the City deems are, or may become, of heritage significance.	●	○				Not progressing as planned	• At the September 2024 OCM, Council resolved not to proceed with the draft Local Planning Policy, 6.2 <i>Heritage Protected Places</i> , and acknowledged that a further report would be presented to Council outlining the potential of Council reviewing the City's existing Local Heritage Survey and Heritage List as part of a local heritage review. • The City's strategic planning team is in the process of scoping the project, to review the City's current Local Heritage Survey and Heritage List. • Funding is being set aside in the 25/26 budget to procure a consultant to assist with the preparation and update to the Local Heritage Survey and Heritage List.	Planned 25/26	
01.3.2	P&C	25/26	1.3.2 Complete a Museum Feasibility Study to recognise viable locations to preserve and promote local history and heritage, including historical records and artifacts. Consider opportunities to collaborate with the Historical Society and neighbouring councils.			○			Not progressing as planned	• Funding for Action not proposed in the draft budget for 25/26. • Timing and funding for Action to be reviewed as part of the Council Planning process in 26/27	Planned 26/27	
01.3.3	P&C	24/25	1.3.3 Investigate and cost options for a Heritage Circuit with informative signage and plaques to raise awareness of local history and heritage. Consider opportunities to collaborate with neighbouring councils.		○				Not progressing as planned	• Funding for Action not proposed in the draft budget for 25/26. • Timing and funding for Action to be reviewed as part of the Council Planning process in 26/27	Planned 26/27	
01.3.4	CEO	23/24	1.3.4 Advocate for heritage and activation works to be completed at the Sunset Precinct, Jutland Parade.	●	●	●	●		Not progressing as planned	• Action will be taken in relation to this objective in 25/26	Planned 25/26	
2. A healthy, active and safe community.												
2.1 Facilitate community health and wellbeing.												
02.1.1	P&D	23/24	2.1.1 Develop a Local Public Health Plan in accordance with statutory requirements in the Public Health Act 2016.	●					Complete	• The Plan was developed with guidance from the City's Public Health Plan Working Group and in accordance with the requirements of Public Health Act 2016. • The Working Group included representatives from various City business units, North Metropolitan Health Service (a state government agency) and a public and environmental health consultant. • Public consultation was undertaken between 14 April 2024 and 24 May 2024 where 12 responses were received during the consultation period. • The Plan was first presented to Council at Council Meeting Agenda Forum on 9 July 2024. It was then tabled at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 23 July 2024, where it was adopted.		

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2.2 Grow participation in sport and recreation activities.											
02.2.1	CEO/ P&C	23/24	2.2.1 Finalise the Strategic Active Sports Facilities Plan.	●	●				Not progressing as planned	• The Plan was presented at the OCM on 28.09.21, Council deferred approval and resolved to further review the Plan. • The Public Open Space Strategy establishes a framework to guide the provision, use of and investment in parks and reserves, as such it was resolved, at the OCM on 23-04-24, that the Public Open Space Strategy be expanded to include the whole of the City of Nedlands. • This Strategic Active Sports Facilities Plan will be reviewed in tandem with the preparation of the expanded Public Open Space Strategy and is a priority for 25/26.	Planned 25/26
02.2.2	TSD	27/28	2.2.2 Prepare the Highview Park Masterplan.					○	Planned 25/26	• Initial discussions start in the next financial year with the view to prepare the master plan in 27/28.	Planned 25/26
02.2.3	TSD	24/25	2.2.3 Support club plans to upgrade existing sporting facilities to provide appropriate change room facilities for all genders.		○	○	○		Not progressing as planned	• Due to financial constraints, no budget provided to upgrade existing sports facilities. • Assets team will review and assess in 25/26 financial year.	Planned 26/27
02.2.4	P&C	23/24	2.2.4 Support the Claremont Junior Football Club to apply for State Government funding to upgrade reserve floodlighting at College Park to cater for growing demand for Girls AFL games.	●					Progressing as planned	• Clubs are funding the lighting project as no government funding was secured for this project. • Clubs are progressing the works on this through 25/26.	Planned 25/26
02.2.5	TSD	24/25	2.2.5 Finalise options to upgrade reserve floodlighting at David Cruickshank Reserve.		○				Progressing as planned	• Project at delivery stage (City Projects team). • New floodlights to be installed before end 2025	Planned 25/26
02.2.6	P&C	23/24	2.2.6 Collaborate with the State Government and neighbouring councils to investigate suitable sites in Mt Claremont for mountain bike trails.	●	●				Complete	• Investigation completed in 24/25. • No further actions proposed at this point, due to significant costs. • A report will be submitted to Council	
2.3 Grow participation in volunteering.											
02.3.1	P&C	23/24	2.3.1 Advertise volunteer opportunities across a broader range of communication channels and platforms to attract more volunteers of all ages.	●	●	●	●		Complete	• Complete for 24/25, volunteer opportunities advertised in 24/25.	Planned 25/26
02.3.2	P&C	23/24	2.3.2 Provide an annual volunteer appreciation celebration to recognise and thank current volunteers.	●	●	●	●		Complete	• Complete for 24/25. • Two Volunteer Appreciation events happen each year, as well as regular shout outs to volunteers and Volunteer Week Australia acknowledgements.	Planned 25/26
2.4 Encourage the responsible ownership of pets.											
02.4.1	P&D	25/26	2.4.1 Develop a community engagement program to promote and encourage responsible pet ownership, with consideration for new legislation in the Dog Local Law 2021 and Cat Local Law 2021.			○			Progressing as planned	<u>Dog Local Law</u> - • In 2023, after the City received feedback from the Department of Local Government, Sporting and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) suggesting minor amendments to the Dog Local Law 2012, the City completed a complete review. A report to Council was presented in the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 28 March 2023 which proposed the process for a new Dogs Local Law 2023 and was subsequently adopted on 12 December 2023. <u>Community Engagement Program</u> - • In 2024, Ranger Services met with Australia Post at both the Osborne Park and Nedlands Delivery Centres to present awareness surrounding dog attacks, statement capture and offering tips for handling aggressive dogs. • During the 2024-25 Animal Registration Renewal mailout, a flyer was posted with each renewal notice, aimed to target registered pet owners within our community. Within, was general information relating nuisance dog barking, dog attacks, tips on how to keep everyone safe and specific information relating to the City's listed dog exercise areas. • The City's website also established a page dedicated to domestic animals which informed the community of their responsibilities by recommending best practices to ensure they comply with legislation. Staff are encouraged to reference this source of information for convenience to the public. • Engagement through social media not only targets a wider demographic but invites community consultation and engagement through playful images and education pieces. <u>Cat Local Law</u> - • The City will consider a new Cat Local Law in 2026, once the Cat Act 2011 and Health Local Law has been reviewed. This action will extend into 2026 as a priority.	Planned 25/26

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02.4.2	P&D	23/24	2.4.2 Review locations where dogs are permitted to be off leash.	●					Complete	<u>Review</u> - The Dogs in Public Places Council Policy (Policy) was formally presented to Council in the meeting held 28 March 2023 alongside the proposed Dogs Local Law 2023. • The results of the consultation and adoption of the Dog Local Law 2023 were presented in the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 12 December 2023. • The local law and the List of Places where Dogs are Prohibited Absolutely and Places which are Dog Exercise Areas (the List) was adopted, rather than the entire Policy. The ‘Places where dog are Prohibited Absolutely’ were to be modified to include “a theatre, picture gardens, playground or public toilet area”. • Throughout the review period of the List, the community submitted comment regarding the signage around the Allen Park Precinct and along Swanbourne Beach. As a result, Rangers completed an audit of signage which resulted in the redesign, upgrade and installation of signage to better identify designated dog exercise areas where dogs can be off lead, on lead or in a prohibited area, particularly in the conservation area of Allen Park bushland, Swanbourne beach and along the beach and foreshore reserves. This project was then published on Nedlands News and Your Voice Nedlands to promote awareness and education. <u>Implementation of an additional dog exercise area</u> - • In August 2024, the City also presented a report to Council seeking approval to give local public notice of its intention to specify a public place as a dog exercise area within Montario Quarter, Shenton Park. Council then reviewed comments in the October Council Meeting Minutes which confirm the approval to declare this area a dog exercise park.	
02.4.3	P&D	24/25	2.4.3 Review and improve the process for raising and addressing animal complaints, mediating disputes, and enforcing regulations.		●				Progressing as planned	<u>OneCouncil</u> - • OneCouncil module combines all tools needed to run various operations such as infringements, enforcement, animal management and customer requests. • OneCouncil ensures efficient and accurate record-keeping, improving the City’s process for raising and addressing complaints and managing enforcement in line with legislation and our current customer service charter. The module requires testing prior to implementation. <u>Your Voice Nedlands/Social Media</u> - • Your Voice is an online community hub that provides opportunities for the community to be involved in decision-making processes by encouraging views, concerns, and aspirations to assist in sustainable outcomes in the development projects and policies. • The City established multiple social media pages to target a wider demographic within our community. We provide updates that target specific issues such as animal registrations, renewals and best practices that keep your pet safe during the warmer seasons. <u>Operational</u> - • The Ranger Services Administration Officer conducts multiple audits of the City’s Animal Registration System to ensure registrations are accurate, updated and meet legislative requirements. • Rangers also conduct daily patrols and often engage with the community to promote awareness and offer advice and surveillance when appropriate. • Ranger Services provide an On Call service, consisting of a rolling monthly roster between each Ranger to offer a 24/7 service for priority or emergency after hour call outs. This availability increases our service level to address animal complaints across a wider range to offer support and enforce compliance.	Planned 25/26
2.5 Provide safe community spaces.											
02.5.1	CEO/ P&D	24/25	2.5.1 Provide a campaign to improve community awareness of safety and security initiatives.		○				Complete	• Complete in 24/25 and ongoing • Focus areas in 24/25 included: - Mosquito mitigation, awareness and education - Winter and Summer weather habits and behaviours - Dog Exercise Areas - Keeping your dog on lead - Awareness surrounding dog attacks, wandering - Hot paws on pavement - Dogs in vehicles	Planned 25/26
02.5.2	TSD	23/24	2.5.2 Investigate potential savings and capacity to improve service levels of street lighting through the City's ownership of streetlights.	●	●				Not progressing as planned	• This was not progressed by the previous Director, due to competing priorities. • Assets team will investigate this in 26/27 financial year. • A consultant budget will be requested in the mid-term review.	Planned 26/27
02.5.3	TSD	25/26	2.5.3 Audit City-owned lights along the foreshore and in parks, sports facilities and other public places to determine how to deliver safer and more sustainable lighting and incorporate recommendations into the Capital Works Program.			○			Not progressing as planned	• This was not progressed by the previous Director, due to competing priorities. • Assets team will investigate this in 2026/27 financial year. • A consultant budget will be requested in mid-term review.	Planned 26/27
02.5.4	TSD	27/28	2.5.4 Complete feasibility assessments and design works for additional street lighting to improve safety along John XXIII Avenue between Mooro Drive and Brockway Rd, and along Brockway Rd from Camelia Avenue to McGillivray Road.					○	Planned 25/26	• Assets team will investigate this in 26/27 financial year. • A consultant budget will be requested in mid-term review.	Planned 25/26

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3. A caring and supportive community for all ages and abilities.												
3.1 Support the health and wellbeing of families and children.												
03.1.1	P&C	24/25	3.1.1 Map existing facilities, services, events and activities for children aged 0-14 years, identify local needs and gaps, and update the Council Plan at the next review with agreed recommendations. When completing this review, include a review of College Park Family Centre to understand current and future needs among users of this facility.		○				Not progressing as planned	• Action hasn't been progressed in 24/25 due to resourcing. • Existing and ongoing services continue to be delivered to children aged 0-14 through Libraries, Tresillian Arts Centre and engagement with local schools.		
3.2 Support young people to flourish.												
03.2.1	P&C	24/25	3.2.1 Map existing facilities, services, events, activities and volunteer opportunities for young people aged 15-24 years, identify local needs and gaps, and update the Council Plan at the next review with agreed recommendations. When completing this review, consider access to mental health services, and investigate demand for a Youth Centre, new or upgraded skate parks, bike and pump tracks, and playground equipment for teenagers.		○				Not progressing as planned	• Action hasn't been progressed in 24/25 due to resourcing. • Existing and ongoing Youth Services continue to be delivered and include: Youth Art Awards, youth engagement with schools, Arts and activity opportunities through Library and Tresillian AC service delivery.		
3.3 Support people to age safely, happily, with dignity and respect.												
03.3.1	P&C	24/25	3.3.1 Map existing facilities, services, events, activities and volunteer opportunities for seniors, identify local needs and gaps, and update the Council Plan at the next review with agreed recommendations. When completing this review, consider access to aged care accommodation, home support services, community transport, recreation and wellbeing services and facilities, and life-long learning opportunities.		○				Complete	• Review undertaken in 2024. • Outcome: new model roll-out for lower cost delivery of Positive Ageing Program which includes a Shopping Bus Service and Activity Program/Calendar across the City. • This has been very effective with high participation rates.		
03.3.2	P&C	23/24	3.3.2 Extend the Positive Ageing Program to deliver more activities across the City of Nedlands.	●	●	●	●		Complete	• Review undertaken in 2024. • Outcome: new model roll-out for lower cost delivery of Positive Ageing program which includes a Shopping Bus Service and Activity program/calendar across the City.	Planned 25/26	
3.4 Advance opportunities, Community participation and quality of life for people with disability.												
03.4.1	P&C	23/24	3.4.1 Review and update the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.	●					Complete	• Annual report was completed in 2024/25 and was submitted to the Department of Communities. • This is an annual review, with a full review scheduled every five years - next full review is 2028.	Planned 25/26	
03.4.2	TSD	23/24	3.4.2 Identify opportunities to improve universal access to Council facilities and reserves (i.e. self-opening doors, ramps, sealing footpaths and accessways, parking, beach and river access etc) and include specific actions when reviewing the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and Capital Works Program.	●	●	●	●		Not progressing as planned	• The asset condition assessment will be carried out in the first half of 25/26 FY. • Based on the condition reports assets team will work with projects and maintenance team to identify opportunities, where improvement can be made.	Planned 25/26	
PLANET												
4. Healthy and sustainable ecosystems.												
4.1 Conserve, restore and enhance local biodiversity and natural assets, including the river foreshore, coastline and remnant bushland.												
04.1.1	TSD	23/24	4.1.1 Prepare a Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaption Plan for the river foreshore and coastline.	⦿	⦿				Not progressing as planned	• Consultation undertaken between DBCA and DPLH who advised to put project on hold until DBCA can provide all data, likely around December 2025	Planned 25/26	
04.1.2	TSD	24/25	4.1.2 Review and update the City Greenway Policy.		●				Not progressing as planned	• Action hasn't been progressed in 24/25 due to resourcing. • Review is scheduled for July 2025	Planned 25/26	
04.1.3	TSD	25/26	4.1.3 Review and update bushland management plans for Shenton Bushland, Hollywood Reserve, Birdwood Pde, Pt Resolution, Mt Claremont, and Allen Park. and fauna, including black cockatoos.			○	○		Planned 25/26	• Review of management plans are scheduled to begin in July 2025	Planned 25/26	

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4.2 Grow the urban forest.												
04.2.1	TSD	23/24	4.2.1 Review and update the Urban Forest Strategy (2024-34). This plan will include a major audit of trees on City managed lands (parks, verges, etc), the establishment of a tree asset register that is maintained regularly, and development of a plant pathogen management plan. When developing this plan, the City will set realistic canopy targets and develop a costed Tree Planting Program, with consideration for financial sustainability and whole-of-life costings.	●					Progressing as planned	• Ongoing - consultant presented at Council Forum on 17th June 2025. • Draft strategy to be submitted July 2025	Planned 25/26	
04.2.2	TSD	23/24	4.2.2 Implement the Tree Planting Program.	●	○	○	○		Progressing as planned	• Planting of around 540 trees is scheduled for June and July 2025	Planned 25/26	
5. Climate resilience.												
5.1 Encourage the adoption of sustainable practices to work towards zero waste and being carbon neutral.												
05.1.1	P&D	24/25	5.1.1 Prepare a Sustainability Strategy to guide the City’s adoption of sustainable practices, improve community awareness and adoption of sustainable practices, and report on progress against key performance indicators via a Sustainability Dashboard Report.		⦿	●			Progressing as planned	• The City has drafted a project plan to develop a new Sustainability Strategy for the City. • The project has commenced with initial engagement with the administration undertaken and an information meeting scheduled with elected members, planned. • The intent is to develop the new sustainability strategy over the next 12 months.	Planned 25/26	
05.1.2	TSD	24/25	5.1.2 Collaborate with key stakeholders to develop an Electric Vehicle Charging Network Plan.		●				Not progressing as planned	• This will be reviewed and assessed in 25/26 financial year.	Planned 25/26	
05.1.3	TSD	23/24	5.1.3 Improve water management practices to achieve Gold Waterwise Status by 2025/26.	●	●	●			Complete	• Completed - The City was awarded Gold Waterwise standard in May 2025	Planned 25/26	
05.1.4	TSD	23/24	5.1.4 Assess and implement a new contract for improved bulk waste collection services.	●	●	●	●		Complete	• City currently have a tender in place. • Will be put into consideration when the tender is out for renewal.	Planned 25/26	
5.2 Strengthen adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters.												
05.2.1	TSD	24/25	5.2.1 Develop a Stormwater Management Plan. This plan will determine drainage infrastructure requirements to minimise the risk of flooding, maximise stormwater infiltration at source, minimise pollutant discharge to the Swan River and recharge the aquifer.		○				Progressing as planned	• The initial study has been completed, however due to the lack of information further investigation is required. • Assets team will engage a consultant/contractor in 25/26 financial year to complete the investigation which will be followed up by re-run of the model.	Planned 25/26	
05.2.2	TSD	24/25	5.2.2 Deliver drainage remediation as planned in the Capital Works Program and keep the community informed about progress.		○	○	○		Progressing as planned	• Drainage improvement projects included in the Capital Works Program and being delivered as planned	Planned 25/26	
PLACE												
6. Sustainable population growth with responsible urban planning.												
6.1 Responsible planning and development to enhance liveability and the area's unique character.												
06.1.1	P&D	23/24	6.1.1 Review the Local Planning Framework in collaboration with the community and State Government to agree on an approach for responsible and sustainable development that meets local community needs. When reviewing the framework consider Nedlands town centre, local community hubs, housing needs, appropriate sites for high-density dwellings, and green spaces.	●	○	○			Progressing as planned	• The City has initiated the process to commence the review of Local Planning Scheme No.3 and the City's Local Planning Strategy. • The first phase - Preparation of the Scheme Review Report has been drafted and presented to Council for their support at its June Council meeting. • The document was adopted by Council and has now been referred to the WAPC for assessment and approval. • The City will also seek the services of a Lead Town Planning Consultant to prepare a new Local Planning Strategy.	Planned 25/26	
06.1.2	P&D	23/24	6.1.2 Progress Scheme Amendment 13 - Stirling Highway and related policies to introduce limits on building heights.	●					Progressing as planned	• The Scheme Amendment has been assessed by the WAPC and is currently awaiting a decision by the Minister for Planning.	Planned 25/26	

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06.1.3	P&D	23/24	6.1.3 Develop a Planning Policy to mandate sustainable practices in new builds.	●	●				Complete	• The City has adopted Local Planning Policy 3.1 - Sustainable Development, which seeks the inclusion of sustainable building practices into new developments. • The City is currently in the process of reviewing this policy in response to a 'Notice of Motion' by Council to align the new policy more with a 'points system' as adopted by City of Subiaco. The updated policy will be presented to Council with a request to adopt for the purposes of public consultation at its July 2025 meeting.	Planned 25/26
06.1.4	P&D	24/25	6.1.4 Prepare the Mt Claremont Masterplan to resolve land use within and surrounding the Subiaco Wastewater Treatment Plant odour buffer and Graylands Hospital.		○				Progressing as planned	• The City has prepared a comprehensive Masterplan Report following the receipt of stakeholder feedback on the Mt Claremont Masterplan plan. • A report seeking the Council's approval of the Masterplan is scheduled to be presented to Council at its August 2025 meeting.	Planned 25/26
06.1.5	TSD	23/24	6.1.5 Prepare an Integrated Transport Strategy, in consultation with the community and neighbouring councils to meet needs in relation to paths, cycleways, roads, parking, and public transport.	●					Complete	• Integrated Transport Strategy is completed and endorsed by Council in April 2024	
06.1.6	P&D	24/25	6.1.6 Complete a customer experience review to improve the planning and building approval process through to building completion, for all stakeholders.		●				Not progressing as planned	• Action hasn't been progressed in 24/25 due to resourcing. • Proposal is to be scoped further before implementation.	Planned 25/26
7. Attractive and welcoming places.											
7.1 Provide quality community buildings, halls and toilets.											
07.1.1	CSD	23/24	7.1.1 Develop a Land Asset Optimisation Strategy to identify opportunities to improve, rationalise or share community assets to ensure sustainable and optimal use of Council assets and resources.	●	○				Not progressing as planned	• Action hasn't been progressed in 24/25 due to resourcing. • With appointment of new Property and Leasing team this will resume development later in 2025/26	Planned 25/26
07.1.2	TSD	23/24	7.1.2 Develop a business case for the future operations of the buildings in the Lawler Park precinct with consideration for sport, performing arts and culture, and community meeting space.	○					Not progressing as planned	• Hackett Hall demolition in Lawler Park will take place in Q1 FY 25/26. • Community consultation is planned in early July/Aug 2025. • Following community consultation - Lawler Park Master plan will be developed for Council endorsement.	Planned 25/26
07.1.3	TSD	27/28	7.1.3 Investigate demand for new and upgraded public toilets in priority locations (i.e. Charles Court Reserve and Swanbourne Beach).					○	Planned 27/28	• To be investigated and planned for accordingly.	Planned 27/28
7.2 Enhance playgrounds, parks and reserves.											
07.2.1	P&D	23/24	7.2.1 Implement the preferred developer contribution model (cash in-lieu of land for public open spaces).	●	●				Not progressing as planned	• Did not progress as planned. • It is proposed as part of the review of Local Planning Scheme No.3 to expand the work on the Public Open Space Strategy (as requested by the WAPC) and the developer contribution plan will be considered as an action following the preparation of a new Local Planning Strategy.	Planned 26/27
07.2.2	P&C	25/26	7.2.2 Undertake a review of public open space requirements to meet current and future needs. Align recommendations with findings from the service mapping exercises for youth, families and seniors, and the review of the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.			○			Planned 25/26	• This will align with work on the Strategic Sports Facility Plan, which is a priority for 25/26.	Planned 25/26
07.2.3	TSD	23/24	7.2.3 Develop Foreshore Masterplan to improve social, economic and environmental outcomes.	●					Complete	• Foreshore Management Plan is complete and it was approved in Q1 2025 in OCM	
07.2.4	CEO/ TSD	24/25	7.2.4 Upgrade the playground in front of The Shorehouse, Swanbourne.		○				Not progressing as planned	• Action hasn't been progressed in 24/25 due to resourcing. • This will be reviewed and assessed in 25/26 financial year.	Planned 25/26
07.2.5	P&D	23/24	7.2.5 Prepare a Concept Plan for the Loreto Primary School site with consideration for the community's aspirations.	●	●				Progressing as planned	• First meeting held with the new owner of the Loreto site (Hall and Prior), to get an overview of the future options for the site and discuss the community's interest in POS on the site and shared use of the main heritage building. The City's Planning team has prepared a report to the July Council outlining the options to progress this opportunity.	Planned 25/26

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07.2.6	P&D	25/26	7.2.6 Partner with the Metropolitan Cemeteries Board to investigate ways to improve amenities and safety around Karrakatta Cemetery, with consideration for security, parking, verges, lighting and visual screening planting.			●			Progressing as planned	Parking MOU - • In February 2024, Metropolitan Cemeteries Board (MCB) established a Parking Control Agreement (MOU) with Karrakatta Cemetery to formalise and enforce private property parking restrictions along Karrakatta Cemetery Railway Road carpark. • Within this MOU, the City of Nedlands are responsible for the installation of parking signs, applying the City of Nedlands Parking and Parking Facilities Local Law 2013, enforcing various compliance activities to unlawfully parking vehicles in said area and managing the appeals process. • The City are proposing to meet with MCB as a 2026 priority to discuss other matters such as verges, lighting and visual screening planting.	Planned 25/26	
7.3 Provide beautiful, well-maintained streetscapes.												
07.3.1	TSD	23/24	7.3.1 Install underground power in Hollywood East, Nedlands West and Nedlands North precincts.	●	○	○	○	○	Progressing as planned	• The Nedlands North project is scheduled for completion in August 2025, while Nedlands West is expected to be completed in 2026. • Hollywood East is currently in the design phase; progression to the delivery stage is subject to the negotiation and execution of a co-funding agreement.	Planned 25/26	
07.3.2	TSD	24/25	7.3.2 Develop a Waterwise Nature-strip Program.		○	○			Not progressing as planned	• Action hasn't been progressed in 24/25. • Waterwise initiative is an overarching program and this program flows on from this and is planned for 25/26.	Planned 25/26	
07.3.3	TSD	23/24	7.3.3 Refer to the City's Urban Forest Strategy for further actions related to street trees.						Progressing as planned	• Refer to action 4.2.1 and 4.2.2. • Review of street tree policy to be finalised August 2026.	Planned 25/26	
8. A city that is easy to get around safely and sustainably.												
8.1 Encourage more people to walk, ride or use other forms of active transport.												
08.1.1	CEO/ TSD	23/24	8.1.1 Advocate for an underpass, traffic trench or similar solution across Stirling Highway to improve connectivity and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.	●	●	●	●		Progressing as planned	• Feasibility study for Stirling Highway underpass is now complete and will be presented to the Council in July 2025 -OCM.	Planned 25/26	
08.1.2	TSD	23/24	8.1.2 Implement planned improvements to footpaths and cycleways as listed in the Capital Works Program.	●	○	○	○		Not progressing as planned	• In order to progress a city-wide strategy is required. • Development of the strategy should be the focus in 25/26 so the strategy can be implemented in 26/27 and onwards.	Planned 26/27	
8.2 Encourage greater use of public and shared transport.												
08.2.1	CEO/ TSD	23/24	8.2.1 Advocate for improvements in public transport services, and initiatives to increase commuter awareness and usage across the City of Nedlands.	●	●	●	●		Not progressing as planned	• This matter has been raised at Western Suburbs Alliance to coordinate a joint approach. • Implementing a shuttle bus from Karrakatta station to Depot and Admin Building to facilitate staff use of public transport for work commute	Planned 25/26	
08.2.2	CEO/ TSD	25/26	8.2.2 Develop and communicate an advocacy position for alternative transport options.			●	●		Planned 25/26	Following approval of the Long Term Cycle Network the City will be communicating with local schools and the community to embed the network. The City is also looking to reduce speeds to 40Kms on specific local roads. The City will also develop its advocacy position for shared transport.	Planned 25/26	
8.3 Deliver an efficient, safe and sustainable road network.												
08.3.1	TSD	23/24	8.3.1 Undertake a comprehensive traffic modelling study to be used proactively with future developments, including proposed developments at the Captain Stirling site.	●	○	○	○		Progressing as planned	• A consultant is working on the modelling which will be finalised before Christmas this year (2025).	Planned 25/26	
08.3.2	TSD	23/24	8.3.2 Complete planned roadworks as described in the Capital Works Program.	●	○	○	○		Progressing as planned	• Progressing in line with Capital Works Program 24/25.	Planned 25/26	
08.3.3	TSD	23/24	8.3.3 Progress plans and seek funding to upgrade lane ways systematically across the City of Nedlands.	○	○	○	○	○	Progressing as planned	• A budget request to implement a city-wide program for the systematic upgrade of laneways has been included in the FY 25/26 budget. • The prioritisation of laneway upgrades will be informed by the findings of a city-wide laneway condition assessment, currently being undertaken by the Assets team, with results expected in September 2025.	Planned 25/26	
8.4 Effectively manage parking supply and affordability.												
08.4.1	TSD	24/25	8.4.1 Develop a Parking Strategy to manage growing demand and traffic congestion.		○				Progressing as planned	• City's transport team has done the background study which will aid the consultant with preparing the parking strategy. • This work is currently progressing with the aim to be completed at the end of 25/26 financial year.	Planned 25/26	
PROSPERITY												
9. A vibrant local economy.												
9.1 Revitalise commercial areas to retain, support and attract businesses.												
09.1.1	P&D	23/24	9.1.1 Partner with the State Government and City of Perth to prepare a UWA-QEII Precinct Plan.	●	○	●	●		Progressing as planned	• This item is progressing through the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) and links with Nedlands and the City of Perth have been placed on hold. • Nedlands will meet with DPLH in July to seek an update and outline the city's strong interest in participating in the planning process.	Planned 25/26	

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09.1.2	P&D	24/25	9.1.2 Develop a Place Vision for the Nedlands Town Centre.		○					Progressing as planned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DAs for Aldi and Woolworths both approved during 2024 and early 2025. The Woolworths site is currently in the construction phase with earthworks completed, and the proposal proceeding to development. The City will also be developing a scope of work to consider the public realm improvements required to support the evolution of the Town Centre and this will include looking at funding. 	Planned 25/26
09.1.3	P&D	27/28	9.1.3 Create an agreement with the City of Perth to co-create Place Plans for Hampden Rd and Broadway to revitalise and activate shared village precincts.					○		Planned 25/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linked to 9.1.1 and seeking guidance from DPLH prior to commencing a joint exercise with the City of Perth 	Planned 25/26
09.1.4	P&D	27/28	9.1.4 Develop a Place Plan for Waratah Village to revitalise and activate the community hub.					○		Planned 25/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project is underway with Council approving the new LPP 5.14 which will guide future development in the precinct. The City is also developing a project plan that will consider the preparation of a public realm plan to support the evolution of the centre. This will include funding options. 	Planned 25/26
09.1.5	P&D	27/28	9.1.5 Develop a Place Plan for Mt Claremont Shopping Precinct to revitalise and activate the community hub.					○		Progressing as planned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mount Claremont Shopping Precinct is nearby the Mt Claremont Masterplan area. The latter is scheduled to be presented to Council for approval at its August 2025 meeting. The City is also developing a scope of work to consider the public realm improvements required to support the evolution of the shopping centre. This will include funding options. 	Planned 25/26
10. Active participation in education and lifelong learning.												
10.1 Facilitate access to quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all.												
10.1.1	P&C	24/25	10.1.1 Undertake a review of the City's library services and propose a costed improvement program to meet current and future needs.		○					Progressing as planned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library review in progress and will continue throughout 25/26. IT Infrastructure will be highest priority as aging infrastructure needs budget allocation. 	Planned 25/26
			PERFORMANCE									
11. Effective leadership and governance.												
11.1 Strengthen Council's leadership and governance.												
11.1.1	CEO	23/24	11.1.1 Support councillors to complete mandatory councillor training (i.e. Councillor Member Essentials Training modules with WALGA).	●		●				Complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete at June 25 - all Councillors have completed mandatory training. With local government elections occurring in October 2025 this will require attention in 25/26, to ensure that all newly elected council members are enrolled in and receive mandatory training. 	Planned 25/26
11.1.2	CEO	23/24	11.1.2 Provide standardised Council meeting procedures, in accordance with the Local Government Reform process.	●						Not progressing as planned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City is still waiting for the Standardised Meeting Procedures to be finalised by the Department. There is no present update as to when the Department will proclaim the relevant section in the 2023 Amendment Act or prepare the regulations. 	Planned 25/26
11.1.3	CEO	23/24	11.1.3 Review the Council Plan annually. In accordance with statutory requirements, review Corporate Business Plan elements annually, and complete a minor desktop review of Strategic Community Plan elements once every two years, and a major review once every four years. The next major review is due in 2027/28.	●	●	○	●	○		Not progressing as planned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City of Nedlands Council Plan (2023-33) was adopted by Council in November 2023. The Council Plan combines the Strategic Community Plan (SCP) and Corporate Business Plan (CBP). CBP elements were not reviewed in 2024 as the Coordinator position was vacant. The Coordinator Strategy and Performance position was filled in June 2025 and the CBP elements will be reviewed for 25/26 years and forward. A minor review of the Council Plan is planned in 2026, for 26/27 years and forward. The review will follow the Council elections in 2025 and will address updated IPR Regulations (if promulgated by this time). 	Planned 25/26
11.1.4	CEO	23/24	11.1.4 Update the Risk Management Framework to identify and mitigate risks.	●						Complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item is identified as complete from 2024. It should be noted that Risk Management is an ongoing matter and audits had identified it as an issue. A revision to the Risk Management Framework including the addition of a Risk Appetite Statement went to the OCM on 24 June 2025. Additionally focused work and engagement with all operational staff to assess operational risks has occurred in the first half of 2025 	Planned 25/26
11.1.5	CEO	24/25	11.1.5 Develop an Advocacy Plan for Council to proactively partner with the State Government and other key stakeholders on issues of local significance.		○					Not progressing as planned	The Executive will consider this matter and develop a list of local issues where the City can proactively partner with the State Government and other key stakeholders. The CEO will work with the Communications team to develop the strategic alliances required in order to implement the advocacy plan.	Planned 25/26
11.1.6	CEO/ P&C	23/24	11.1.6 Review and update the Workforce Plan to ensure the City is sufficiently resourced to deliver services and projects to meet community needs.	●	●	●	●			Not progressing as planned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Workforce Plan (2022 - 2032) was not reviewed in 2024/25 due to key coordinating positions being vacant. These positions were filled in 2025 and the Workforce Plan is planned for review in 2025/26. 	Planned 25/26
11.1.7	CEO/ P&C	24/25	11.1.7 Undertake the Employee Culture Survey.		○		○			Not progressing as planned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee Culture Survey undertaken in October 2023. No survey in 2024, due to significant staff turnover. Survey planned for October 2025. 	Planned 25/26

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11.1.8	CEO/ D&IS	23/24	11.1.8 Implement the One Council Platform to centralise and integrate digital systems to improve business efficiencies, customer experiences, and timeliness of communication (i.e. providing improved access to time-sensitive, critical information relating to new developments).	●	○				Not progressing as planned	• The project has been impacted by multiple personnel changes within both City officers and project personnel with a review of the original scope, current needs, and re-baselining of the project and priorities underway. • The implementation of the original defined final phase of the OneCouncil project, Property and Rates module, has been delayed. This delay is a result of data readiness for OneCouncil, availability of key staff, staff turnover, extended effort to review and document current work processes, and Authority recovery effort related to data processing • Work is ongoing on developing User Acceptance Testing test cases, configuring the Property and Rates module, conducting trial data migration, and finalising compliance documents and workflows. At this stage, the <i>tentative</i> revised deployment date for the Property and Rates module is October 2026.	Planned 25/26
11.1.9	CEO	23/24	11.1.9 Develop a Strategic Project Development policy to guide the project inception and due diligence of City of Nedlands Strategic Projects.	●					Complete	• Approved by Council on 26 March 2024. • Policy to be reviewed after each ordinary Local Government election.	Planned 25/26
12. A happy, well-informed and engaged community.											
12.1 Effectively inform and engage the community about local services											
12.1.1	CEO	23/24	12.1.1 Develop a Community Engagement Charter in accordance with the Local Government Reform and as part of an overall Community Engagement Framework. The charter must set out how the City will engage with ratepayers and the community about the local government's proposed policies, initiatives, and projects.	●					Not progressing as planned	• The City has not been able to progress this Action as the Community Engagement Charter Regulations are still to be developed by the Department. • The City will prepare a Community Engagement Charter in line with these requirements when these Regulations are promulgated.	Planned 25/26
12.1.2	CEO	23/24	12.1.2 Develop a Communications Agreement, in accordance with the Local Government Reform. This agreement must address how council members may seek information and assistance from administration in carrying out their role.	●					Not progressing as planned	• The City has not been able to progress on this Action as the Communication Agreement Regulations are currently being developed by the Department (the regulations require local governments to establish a communications agreement between their council and the CEO) • The Communication Agreement Regulations have been drafted by the Department and are currently open for consultation. • The City will prepare a Communications Agreement in line with these requirements once these Regulations are finalised.	Planned 25/26
12.1.3	CEO	24/25	12.1.3 Prepare a Communications Plan, as part of an overall Community Engagement Framework, to raise awareness of the City's projects, facilities, services, events and other issues of importance, with consideration for how to target communications to reach and engage different community groups.		○				Not progressing as planned	• The City communicates with the community on an ongoing basis and are testing a range of communication tools and approaches to support effective communication. • The City will develop a formal Communications Plan across 25/26, in line with pending Community Engagement Charter Regulations.	Planned 25/26
12.1.4	CEO/ D&IS	25/26	12.1.4 Introduce a user-friendly online mapping tool to communicate the location and status of City projects (roads, parks, events, etc).			○			Planned 25/26	• The City has commenced work with our GIS vendor on proposals to update our spatial systems (public facing and internal) to the latest supported versions which is a precursor to this effort during 25/26, subject to full budget endorsement. • Next steps: Work with TS Projects and CSD Urban Planning on a mechanism to review and update current data and a process for maintaining on an ongoing basis - this worked in expected to continue into 26/27.	Planned 25/26
12.2.1	CEO	24/25	12.2.1 Complete an independent community survey to benchmark service levels and map community priorities, in accordance with best practice and the proposed Local Government Reform.		○		○		Not progressing as planned	• Community Survey is proposed for April 2027 to support the next major review of the Council Plan.	Planned 26/27
12.2.2	CEO	23/24	12.2.2 Update the Service Plan for each team, on an annual basis, to continuously review and enhance customer service levels.	●	●	●	●		Not progressing as planned	• Service Plans (23/24) are available on the City's website. • Draft Service Plans (24/25) informed draft Budget 24/25 (OCM 23-03-24) • Service Plans were not formalised/ finalised in 24/25 as the Coordinator Strategy and Performance position was vacant. • The position was filled in June 2025 and the City's Service Plans are planned for review in 2025 and forward.	Planned 25/26
12.2.3	CEO/ D&IS	24/25	12.2.3 Develop a Digital Transformation Strategy to improve delivery of City services on a device, time and place of choice for customers.		○				Not progressing as planned	• Activity delayed due to multiple staff changes within the City's ICT leadership. • 24/25 - Review of current technology state undertaken to determine high priority areas; this identified limited, to no technology spend, in last decade resulting in high risks and sub-optimal critical systems not maintained. • 24/25 - May 2025 a three year Technology Vision (including risks and priorities) Elected Members Forum presented with in principle support received. • 25/26 - Formalise and receive endorsement of the Technology Vision and subject to full 25/26 budget endorsement execute Year One initiatives.	Planned 25/26



11.2 Norn Bidi Trail Update

Report Number	ARC83.08.25
Meeting & Date	Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – 06 August 2025
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil
Report Author	Paul Kilpa – Acting Manager Engineering & Maintenance
Director	Olaya Lope – Acting Director Technical Services
Attachments	Attachment 1 - Issued For Construction Norn Bidi design - General arrangement plan Attachment 2 - Norn Bidi Trail Car Park Safety improvements

Purpose

This report is an update on the status of the Norn-Bidi Trail.

Recommendation

The Committee:

1. **RECEIVES** the report; and
2. **PROVIDES** further direction on whether the proposed reinstatement of the one-way traffic arrangement within the carpark should be resolved as an operational matter or referred to Council for formal approval.

Commissioner Sandri proposed an Alternative Recommendation.

Alternative Recommendation and Committee Decision

The Committee **RECOMMENDS** this item be presented to the next Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 20 August 2025 for consideration.

Reason:

To enable a decision of Council on this matter.

Moved: Commissioner Caddy

Seconded: Commissioner Hart

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil



Voting Requirement

Simple majority

Background

The design for the Norn Bidi Trail and associated carpark works is complete (refer to Attachment 01). The work is divided into three main areas:

Area 1 - Western Side of the Carpark: The trail (footpath), along with the associated line marking and parking arrangement changes, has been completed.

Area 2 - Eastern Side of the Carpark: Line marking and parking arrangement changes are currently on hold because the area is part of the construction site of the contractor building the Hospice. The City of Nedlands works in this area will resume once the Hospice contractor demobilises from the site. The estimated duration for the Hospice works, being managed by others, is 18 months for the construction works, starting from November 2024 (scheduled completion May 2026). It is expected that additional time will be required for the fit-out of the building.

Area 3 - Proposed Path from Swanbourne Reserve to the Carpark: as per Council direction, the path was marked by surveyors in April 2025. The works to build the path, which encroaches on the WA Bridge Club (WABC) leased area are currently on hold pending:

- a) Confirmation of changes to the WABC lease boundary, which is currently being negotiated; and
- b) Formal direction from the Council regarding how to proceed with the project following the public announcement by the Minister for Planning and Lands regarding the excision of a portion of the reserve, specifically the area designated for Area 3 works.

In addition to the above and following an incident reported by the WABC, the Administration conducted a site inspection and safety assessment of the installed elements of the project (area 1) and surrounding parking areas. As a result, the following actions were recommended to improve the overall safety and appearance of the area (refer to Attachment 02):

- a) Installation of U-shaped barriers to direct pedestrian traffic away from the wheel-stoppers and enhance visibility of the area's environmental changes: work completed.
- b) Asphalt works to level uneven areas and reduce trip hazards: work completed.
- c) Review of proposed safety line marking and vertical signs required: to be completed (note: line marking will follow the asphalt works, which were postponed as outlined above).
- d) General site clean-up and installation of information signage: to be completed upon approval of the proposed signage design (note: the content of the sign will depend on the Council direction for the project).



- e) Vegetation trimming to maintain clear sight lines for safe entry and exit at WABC: work complete.

Weekly site inspections continue as part of the ongoing maintenance of the completed works in Area 1 and will remain in place until works in Areas 2 and 3 can resume.

During recent inspections, the Administration observed that the carpark is heavily utilised and currently does not function efficiently due to congestion and conflicting vehicle movements. Historically, the carpark operated as a one-way system, which supported better traffic flow and reduced conflict points. The Administration recommends reinstating the one-way traffic arrangement to improve safety and alleviate congestion in the area.

The estimated duration of the outstanding works, once access to areas 2 and 3 is granted, is 60 days. An estimate of projected cost is \$75,000 (to be indexed accordingly). The duration and the estimated projected cost may vary if works in areas 2 and 3 are not done concurrently.

Discussion

The City is continuing to seek an amendment to the leased area under the WA Bridge Club (WABC) lease to accommodate the proposed path works in Area 3. A report will be presented to the Committee/Council once negotiations are resolved.

Following the public announcement by the Minister for Planning and Lands regarding the excision of a portion of the reserve, specifically the area designated for Area 3 works, the Administration is awaiting formal direction from Council on whether to proceed, pause, or cancel the works under the project.

In the meantime, the Administration continues to monitor the site. Works in Areas 2 and 3 remain on hold pending access and Council direction.

Budget/Financial Implications

Project will be allocated to Norn Bidi budget costing.

Decision Implications

Nil

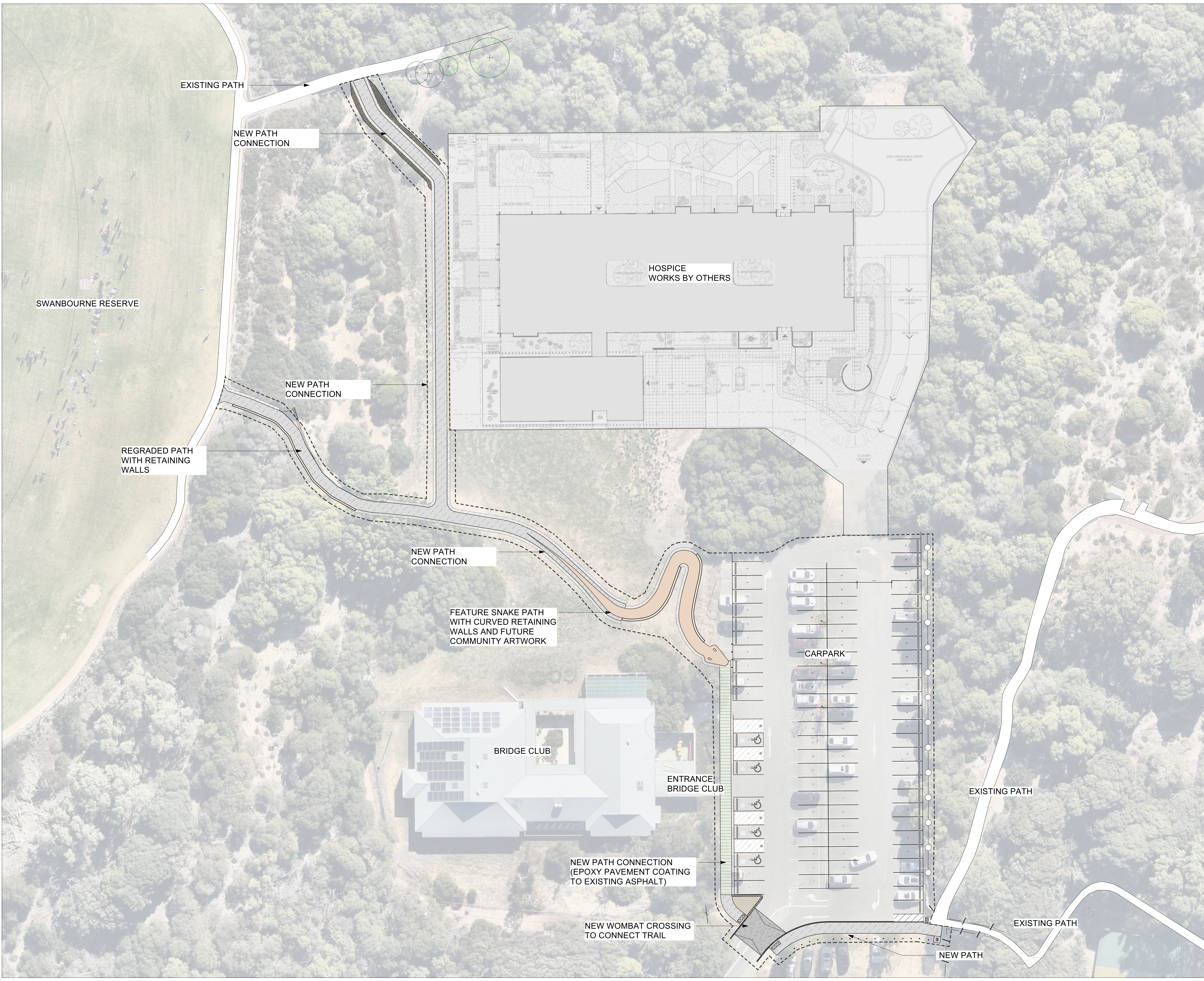
Conclusion

The discussion will be noted

Further Information



Nil



NOTES


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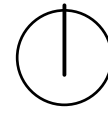
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08/09/23	C	100% Schematic Design
05/03/24	D	90% TENDER DOCUMENTATION
16/04/24	E	100% TENDER DOCUMENTATION
2/05/24	F	100% TENDER DOCUMENTATION
26/07/24	G	ISSUE FOR CONSTRUCTION



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PROJECT

ALLEN PARK TRAIL FOOTPATH

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Figure 1. – Actions to improve improve the overall safety and appearance of the area. Location: carpark area adjacent to the WA Bridge Cluc main access



11.3 Underground Power Update

Report Number	ARC84.08.25
Meeting & Date	Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – 06 August 2025
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil
Report Author	Paul Kilpa – Acting Manager Engineering & Maintenance
Director	Olaya Lope – Acting Director Technical Services
Attachments	Attachment 1 - UGP Nedlands North – Monthly Project Update 30 June 2025 Attachment 2 - UGP Nedlands West – Monthly Project Update 30 June 2025 Attachment 3 - UGP Nedlands North and Nedlands West – Weekly Project Performance Update 22 July 2025

Purpose

This report is an update on the Underground Power projects for Nedlands North and Nedlands West.

Recommendation and Committee Decision

The Committee **RECEIVES** the report.

Moved: Commissioner Caddy

Seconded: Commissioner Hart

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

Background

Underground power (UGP) is specified in the City's Strategic Community Plan (2018-2028) as one of eight strategic priorities.



The City commenced the installation of underground power and upgraded street lighting in 1997 through the delivery of various staged projects.

The remaining project areas for connection to underground power are as follows:

- Stage 1: Nedlands North (commenced September 2024)
- Stage 2: Nedlands West (commenced March 2025)
- Stage 3: Hollywood East (not yet agreed)

On 28 May 2024 (CPS27.05.24), Council agreed to proceed with the first two stages in Nedlands North and Nedlands West.

Discussion

1. Project Status

Refer to Attachments 1 & 2 for the June 2025 Western Power monthly project update reports and to Attachment 3 for the most recent weekly project performance report for both Nedlands North and Nedlands West.

Due to the Western Power contractor submitting an extension of time request the practical completion date for Nedlands North is scheduled for 14 August 2025. The revised date reflects constraints with switching resources and associated delays with the eNAR processes. The City will seek an adjustment to the timing or amount of the next cash call payment to reflect these delays.

The work for Nedlands West commenced in March 2025 and is scheduled for completion by mid-2026.

2. 2025/26 Ratepayer service charges

Property owners contribute towards Underground Power by way of fixed charge for “network” and “service” connections in accordance with Regulation 54(c) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Act 1996* and clause 6.38 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The 2025/26 service charge amount levied to property owners will vary depending on the project area and whether the property already has a connection pillar (green dome/box) and connection to the property meter box, dwelling type, and for commercial properties. The total project cost charged by Western Power to the City is \$14.2m spread over 270 properties in Nedlands North and 668 properties in Nedlands West. Under the City's policy, 50% of the City's contribution to Western Power is recoverable directly from affected property owners, with the remaining 50% funding from reserves and municipal funds. The City is to apply a service charge to directly impacted property owners in 2025/26 totalling approximately \$7.1m.

All funds collected via the service charge will be placed in a reserve and drawn upon for payments to Western Power.

Pensioner and Senior rebates are to be offered in accordance with *Rates and Charges (Rebates and Deferrals) Act 1992* to eligible property owners. Provision is also made



by the City for property owners that may suffer from severe financial hardship options to delay payments, with each application assessed on its merit.

A mailout to affected ratepayers occurred in June 2025, which offered an option to pay the service charge upfront or over 5 instalments commencing from August 2025 via the rates notices. There has been a response from approximately half of the recipients, with the City currently contacting all non-responding concession holders to ensure they are aware of the impending charges. Ratepayers have been broadly supportive of the initiative however there has been some concern expressed about how the costs were applied (particularly for existing connection pillars) together with the need to consider people affected by transmission lines which will not be moved underground. Finance officers in Rates have been working through these inquiries and an update to the website is expected to occur in the next week.

Budget/Financial Implications

No implication in receiving the agenda items

Decision Implications

Nil

Conclusion

The discussion will be noted

Further Information

Nil



N0545574 - Nedlands North

City of Nedlands

Project Status Report

June 2025



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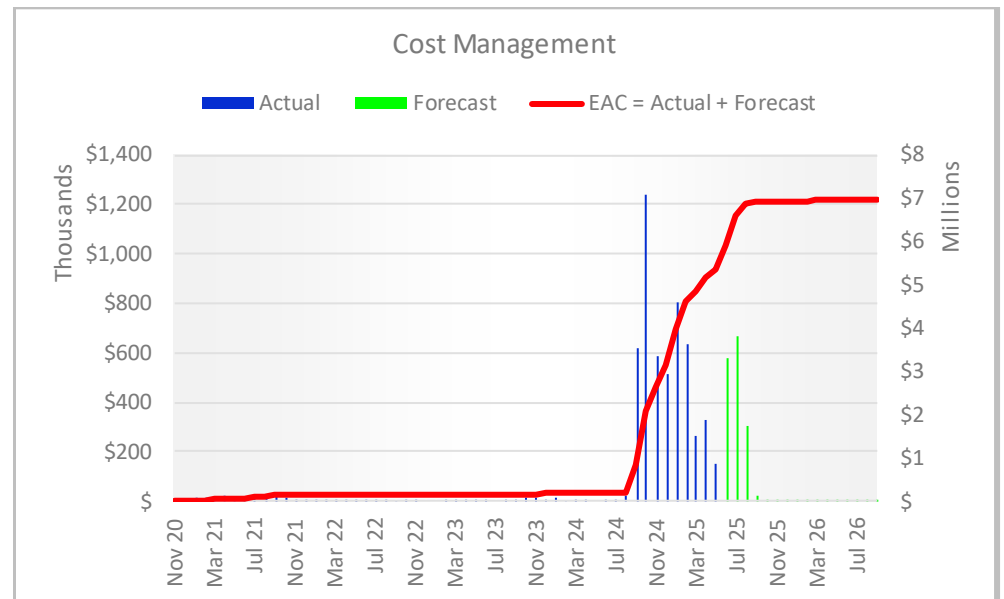
Dashboard

Safety			
	This Month	Total	
Total number of incidents	0	7	
Total recordable injuries	0	0	
Lost time injury incidents	0	0	
Significant potential incidents	0	0	

Assets Completion - 3 Zone(s)			
Assets	Target	Completed	% Completed
Street Services Drilled (M)	13763	13763	100%
Tx and SWG Installed (No)	3	3	100%
Consumer Service Installation (No)	126	112	89%
Customers Powered by Underground (M)	270	259	96%
Streetlights Energised (No)	86	0	0%
Bays Removed Poles & Conds (No)	129	0	0%
Total overall based on Weighting			73%

Schedule			
	Start	Finish	Exp Finish
Engineering & Design	08-Jun-2021	01-Feb-2022	01-Feb-2022
Construction RFQ	27-Oct-2023	15-Dec-2023	15-Dec-2023
Construction	19-Aug-2024	14-Apr-2025	14-Aug-2025

Cost			
	Actual	EAC	Budget
Western Power	\$5,562,172	\$7,021,462	\$7,695,057



Funding			
	Actual	Balance	Budget
LGA Cash Contribution	\$4,459,862	\$0	\$4,459,862
WPC Contribution	\$3,235,195	\$0	\$3,235,195
Total	\$7,695,057	\$0	\$7,695,057

Status Summary

Schedule

- Zone 1 – 100% drilling complete, 100% PE sites installed, 93% consumer mains installed, 89% customers powered by underground, 47% streetlights installed.
- Zone 2 – 100% drilling complete, 100% PE sites installed, 87% consumer mains installed, 100% customers powered by underground, 53% streetlights installed.
- Zone 3 – 100% drilling complete, 100% PE sites installed, 90% consumer mains installed, 92% customers powered by underground, 60% streetlights installed.

Cost

- Project budget to be closely monitored throughout project execution.

Safety

- Nil incidents reported this month
- Contractor conducting weekly safety “toolbox” meetings

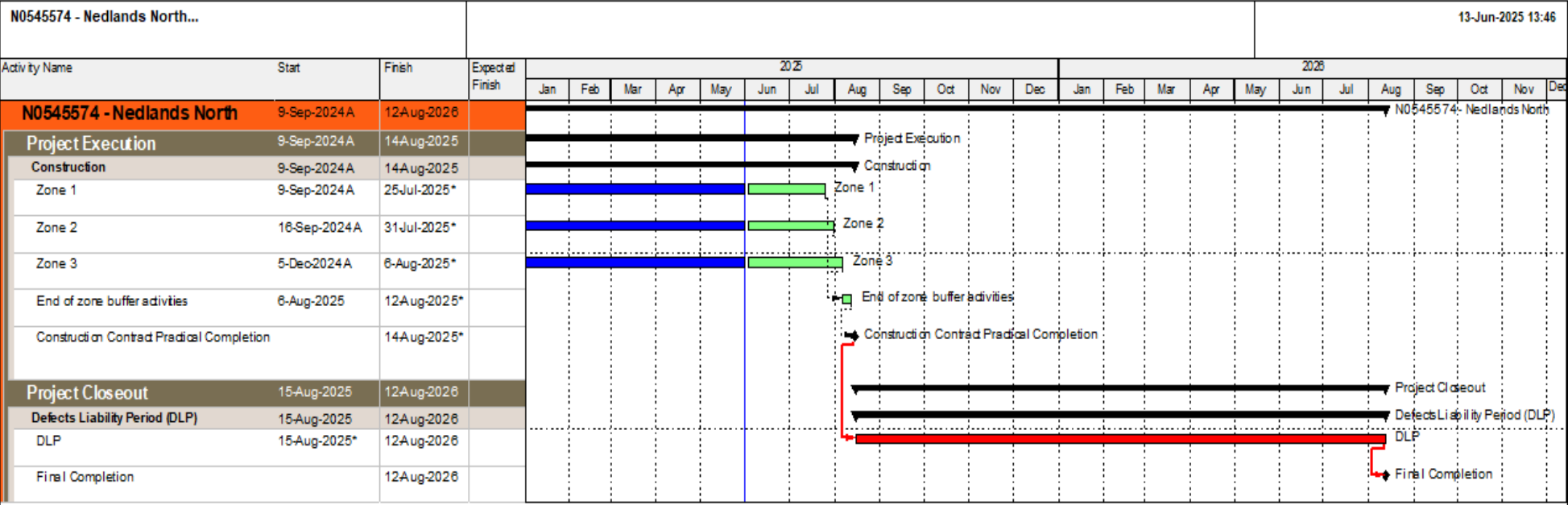
Stakeholder Communication

- Customer queries register being maintained
- Resident complaint and query volumes have been low

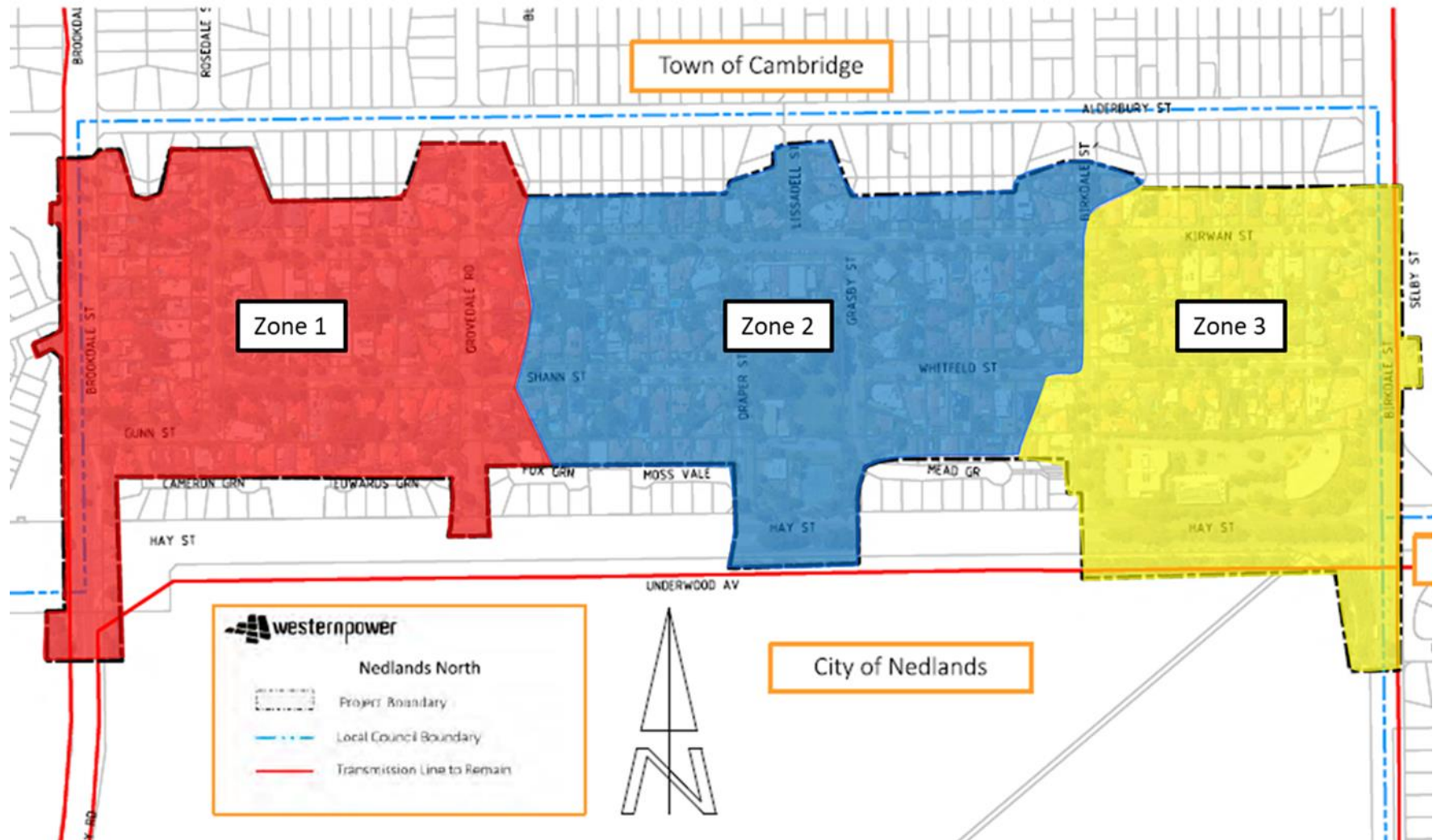
Financial Report

Funding	Actual	Balance	Budget
LGA Cash Contribution	\$4,459,862	\$0	\$4,459,862
WPC Contribution	\$3,235,195	\$0	\$3,235,195
Total	\$7,695,057	\$0	\$7,695,057
Expenditure	Actual	EAC**	Budget
Project Management Costs*	\$723,331	\$1,015,271	\$1,067,415
Materials	\$1,077,433	\$1,077,433	\$1,036,713
Construction Contract			
Capex	\$3,478,805	\$4,571,036	\$4,540,301
Opex	\$282,603	\$357,722	\$357,722
Contingency	-	-	\$692,906
Total	\$5,562,172	\$7,021,462	\$7,695,057
*Includes Contract Management & Engineering			
**EAC = Estimate At Completion = Actual Cost + Estimate To Completion (ETC)			

Progress and Schedule



Zone Map



Risks and Issues

Risk ID	Risk Description (Cause - Event - Impact)	Risk Owner	Control/s	Residual Risk Rating
N0545574.R10	<p>CAUSE: Differences in expectations or understanding between project stakeholders regarding the management or execution of the underground power works.</p> <p>EVENT: Public discourse, including media coverage, may highlight concerns over the project's progress, potentially leading to negative perceptions of Western Power's role or performance.</p> <p>IMPACT: This could affect Western Power's reputation and strain relationships between key stakeholders, including the City and the Contractor, potentially leading to delays, legal or contractual challenges, and negative public perception of the project.</p>	Rowyn Bartlett	<p>1. Contractual Safeguards - Clauses that provide clarity on how media is used during the project.</p> <p>2. Regular Communications - Establish regular, transparent communication channels between Western Power and the City to address concerns promptly.</p> <p>3. Contractor Management - Thorough oversight of the Contractor's performance by the Contract Manager</p>	Low
N0545574.R11	<p>CAUSE: Unforeseen Cancellation of Planned Outages - Unexpected factors such as severe weather, network faults, or emergency maintenance requirements.</p> <p>EVENT: Cancellation of scheduled outages.</p> <p>IMPACT: Project delays, increased costs due to rescheduling of work crews, equipment, and potential contract variations.</p>	Rowyn Bartlett	<p>1. Proactive communication with the network operations team.</p> <p>2. Contingency scheduling for critical tasks.</p> <p>3. Early identification of outage dependencies to allow for quicker rescheduling.</p>	Medium

Construction Photographs



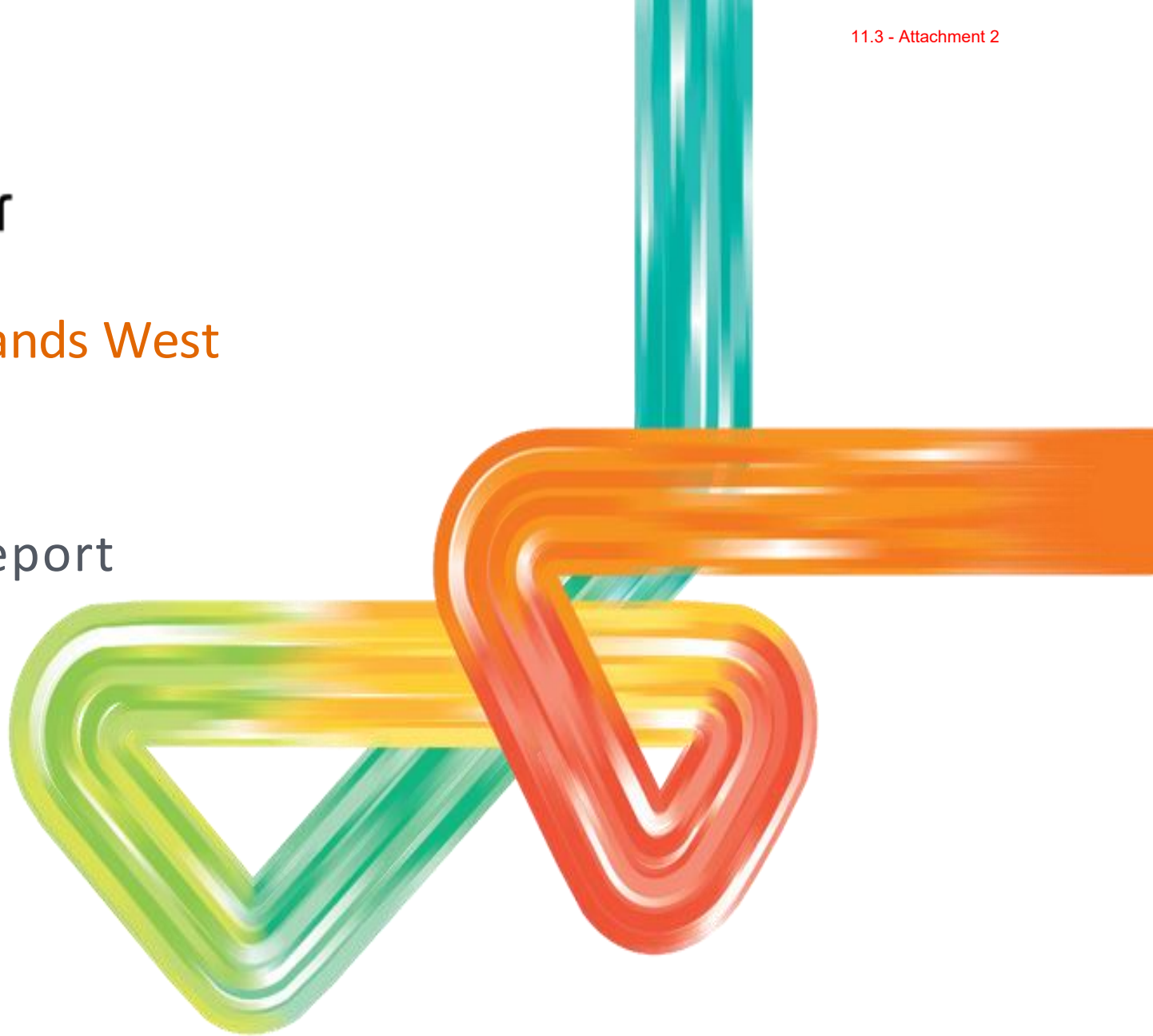


N0546294 - Nedlands West

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Project Status Report

June 2025



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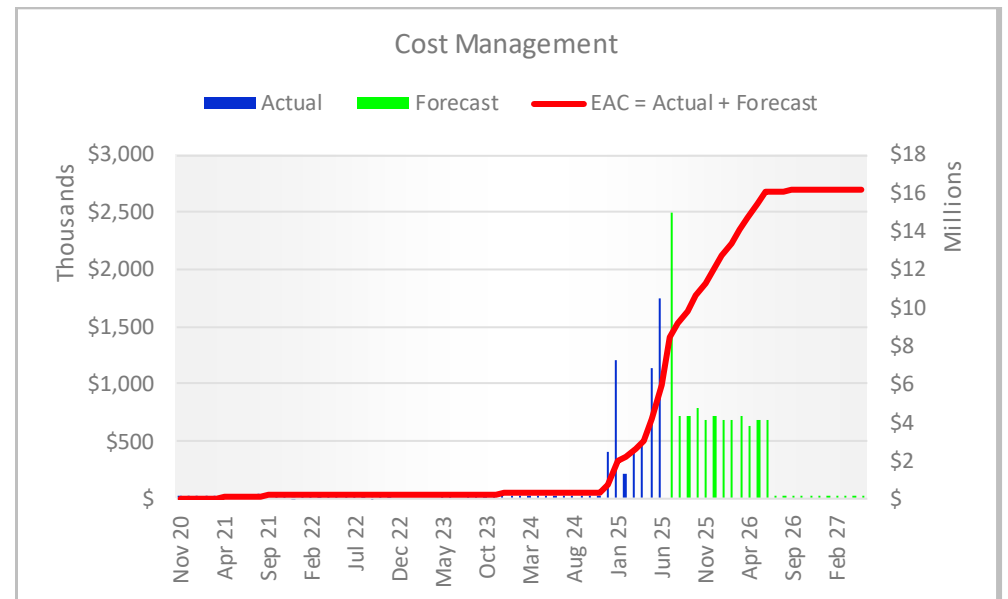
Dashboard

Safety			
	This Month	Total	
Total number of incidents	1	3	
Total recordable injuries	0	0	
Lost time injury incidents	0	0	
Significant potential incidents	0	0	

Assets Completion - 5 Zone(s)			
Assets	Target	Completed	% Completed
Street Services Drilled (M)	32536	9420	29%
Tx and SWG Installed (No)	8	0	0%
Consumer Service Installation (No)	256	249	97%
Customers Powered by Underground (No)	668	0	0%
Streetlights Energised (No)	214	0	0%
Bays Removed Poles & Conds (No)	263	0	0%
Total overall based on Weighting			29%

Schedule			
	Start	Finish	Exp Finish
Engineering & Design	21-Jun-2021	28-Jan-2022	28-Jan-2022
Construction RFQ	27-Oct-2023	15-Dec-2023	15-Dec-2023
Construction	03-Feb-2025	22-Apr-2026	13-Mar-2026

Cost			
	Actual	EAC	Budget
Western Power	\$5,943,769	\$14,521,817	\$16,228,753



Funding			
	Actual	Balance	Budget
LGA Cash Contribution	\$345,551	\$9,319,249	\$9,664,800
WPC Contribution	\$6,563,953	\$0	\$6,563,953
Total	\$6,909,504	\$9,319,249	\$16,228,753

Status Summary

Schedule

- Zone 1 – 61% drilling complete, 95% consumer mains installed.
- Zone 2 – 20% drilling complete, 100% consumer mains installed.
- Zone 3 – 10% drilling complete, 100% consumer mains installed.
- Zone 4 – 60% drilling complete, 88% consumer mains installed.
- Zone 5 – 100% consumer mains installed.

Cost

- Project budget to be closely monitored throughout project execution.

Safety

- 1 x Third Party Utility Asset Damage incident reported this month
- Contractor conducting weekly safety “toolbox” meetings

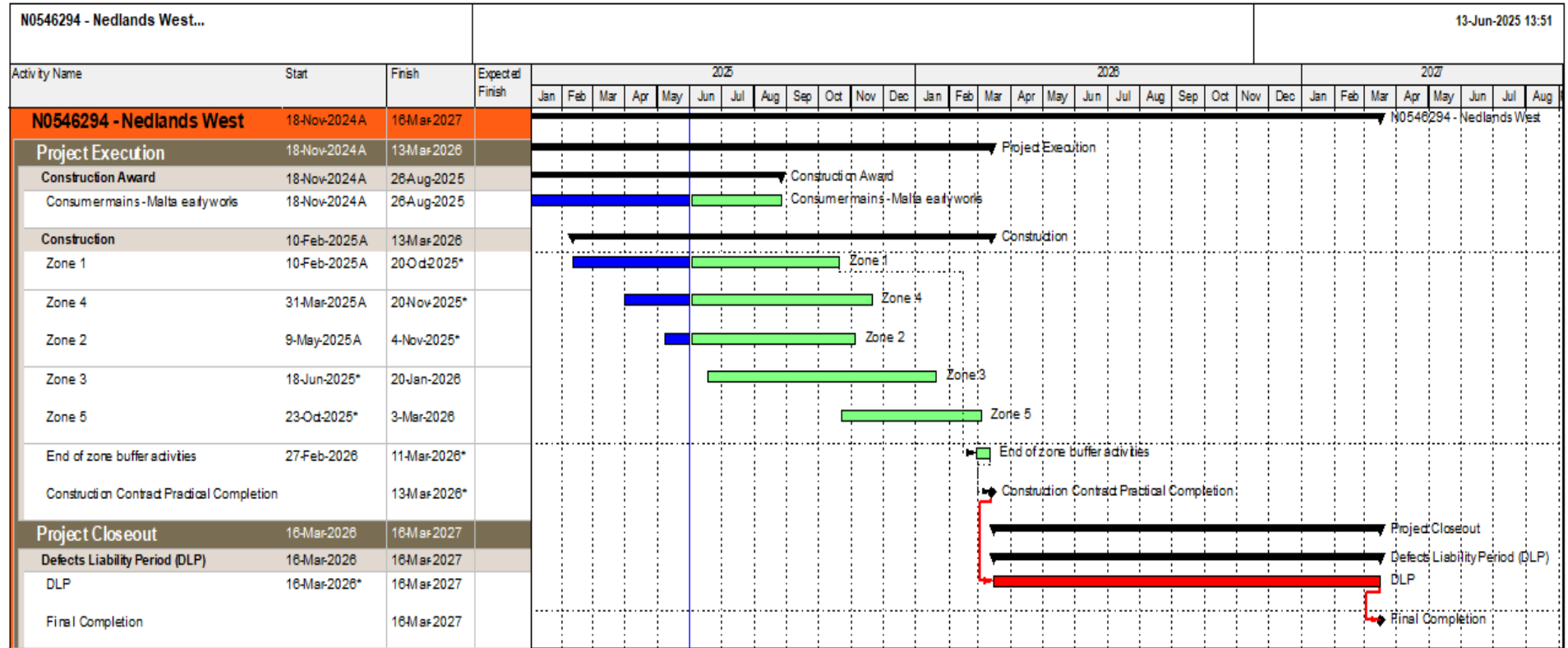
Stakeholder Communication

- Customer queries register being maintained
- Resident complaint and query volumes have been low

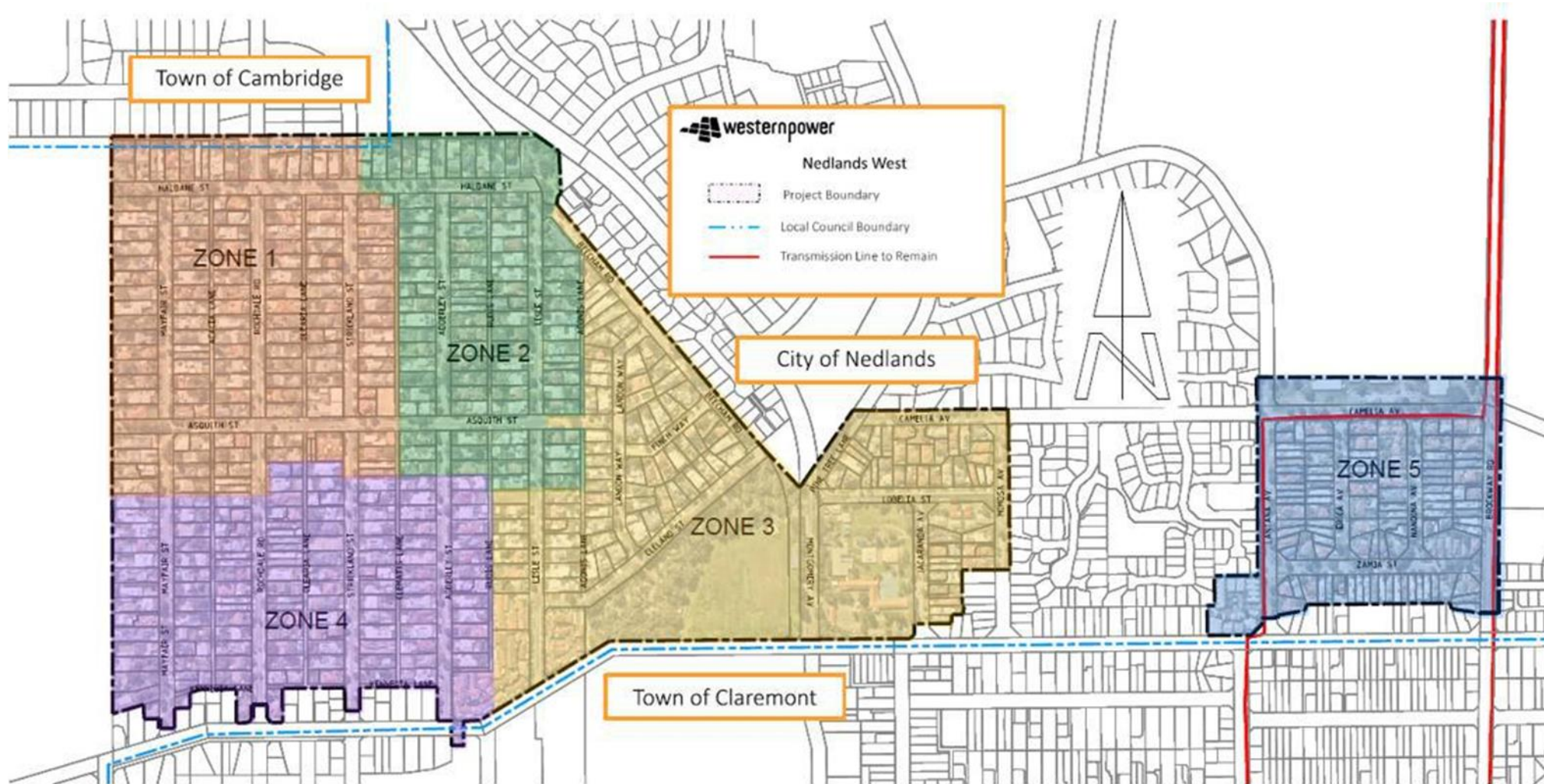
Financial Report

Funding	Actual	Balance	Budget
LGA Cash Contribution	\$345,551	\$9,319,249	\$9,664,800
WPC Contribution	\$6,563,953	\$0	\$6,563,953
Total	\$6,909,504	\$9,319,249	\$16,228,753
Expenditure	Actual	EAC**	Budget
Project Management Costs*	\$594,284	\$1,364,583	\$1,674,767
Materials	\$2,467,420	\$2,634,750	\$2,634,750
Construction Contract			
Capex	\$2,241,054	\$9,622,172	\$9,569,330
Opex	\$641,012	\$900,312	\$900,312
Contingency	-	-	\$1,449,594
Total	\$5,943,769	\$14,521,817	\$16,228,753
*Includes Contract Management & Engineering			
**EAC = Estimate At Completion = Actual Cost + Estimate To Completion (ETC)			

Progress and Schedule



Zone Map



Risks and Issues

Risk ID	Risk Description (Cause - Event - Impact)	Risk Owner	Control/s	Residual Risk Rating
N05446294.R08	<p>CAUSE: The verge along the planned cable route is densely populated with mature trees. Additionally, the street and verge is narrow, and there is ongoing house construction near the primary equipment site.</p> <p>EVENT: During the underground power installation, the dense tree roots, restricted access due to the narrow street, and ongoing construction activities may interfere with the planned works. This could lead to delays in accessing the site, complications in Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD), or potential damage to nearby structures / 3rd party services.</p> <p>IMPACT: The event could result in schedule delays, increased project costs due to the need for additional labor, equipment, or possible tree services, and potential project variations / technical queries to address the site conditions. These factors may lead to an increase in project timeline and project costs.</p>	Rowyn Bartlett	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manage with Contractor via Technical Query Register 2. Call out early in Kick-Off meeting and or Monthly meeting prior to Nedlands West commencing 	Medium
N05446294.R09	<p>CAUSE: Disputes or dissatisfaction between the City and Western Power regarding the management or execution of the underground power works.</p> <p>EVENT: The City may leverage negative media to publicly criticize Western Power's role or performance in the project.</p> <p>IMPACT: This could damage Western Power's reputation, strain the relationship between the City, Western Power and the Contractor completing the works. Leading to potential legal or contractual disputes, affecting project timelines and public perception.</p>	Rowyn Bartlett	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Contractual Safeguards - Review and strengthen legal and contractual agreements to include clauses that prevent the use of negative media as a leverage tool. 2. Regular Communications - Establish regular, transparent communication channels between Western Power and the City to address concerns promptly. 3. Contractor Management - Thorough oversight of the Contractor's performance 	Low
N05446294.R10	<p>CAUSE: Hard ground / rock conditions encountered during civil or horizontal directional drilling (HDD) activities.</p> <p>EVENT: Drilling operations may be slowed down or become more complex, leading to delays and increased costs.</p> <p>IMPACT: This could result in project overruns, strained contractor resources, and potential contractual disputes, ultimately affecting the overall project timeline and budget.</p>	Rowyn Bartlett	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitoring & Communication - Establish a system for continuous monitoring of ground conditions as drilling progresses. 2. Contingency Planning - Develop a comprehensive contingency plan for dealing with hard ground conditions. 3. Contract Clarification - Revisit the contract terms to clarify the handling of unexpected hard ground conditions, even if variation rates for drilling in rock are not predefined. 	Medium
N05446294.R11	<p>CAUSE: Unforeseen Cancellation of Planned Outages - Unexpected factors such as severe weather, network faults, or emergency maintenance requirements.</p> <p>EVENT: Cancellation of scheduled outages.</p> <p>IMPACT: Project delays, increased costs due to rescheduling of work crews, equipment, and potential contract variations.</p>	Rowyn Bartlett	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Proactive communication with the network operations team. 2. Contingency scheduling for critical tasks. 3. Early identification of outage dependencies to allow for quicker rescheduling. 	Medium
N05446294.R12	<p>CAUSE: Residents are comparing the new LED streetlights to the old mercury vapor lights, perceiving them as significantly brighter due to differences in light spill and color temperature. The installation of additional LED streetlights may further amplify this perception.</p> <p>EVENT: An increase in complaints to Western Power and the City regarding the brightness of the newly installed streetlights.</p> <p>IMPACT: Potential delays in project progress if complaints require further investigation or modifications. Possible requests for design changes, dimming, or shielding, leading to additional costs or adjustments. Increased stakeholder engagement.</p>	Rowyn Bartlett	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engagement & Communication 2. Technical Adjustments 3. Monitoring & Feedback 	Low
N05446294.R13	<p>CAUSE: The LGA requires all departures from a 2.7m lot boundary alignment to be justified on a street-by-street basis, including assessment of both sides of the road. However, the approved design allows for kerb-based streetlight placements in accordance with AS/NZS 1158 (e.g. 0.7m on straight roads, 1.0m on curves), which meets lighting performance and safety standards.</p> <p>EVENT: The contractor is required to assess and justify each pole location beyond the issued-for-construction (IFC) design.</p> <p>IMPACT: Potential delays to the contractor's drilling and installation program, resulting in slippage to project schedule and milestone dates. Increased design and administrative overheads not currently within scope. Possible cost impacts due to disrupted sequencing or late-stage changes</p>	Rowyn Bartlett	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. IFC Design Compliance Confirmed 2. Scope Limitation Clearly Defined 3. Meeting Minutes & Correspondence 	Medium

Construction Photographs





Nedlands Project Performance Update North & West

Date: 22/07/2025



Project Overview – Nedlands North

Construction Activities

Overall (Zones 1 to 3)	Target	Actual	Status	Completion
Locating Services	8417	8417	Completed	100%
Street Services	13763	13763	Completed	100%
Consumer Mains	126	119	In Progress	94%
Powered by Underground	270	263	In Progress	97%
Streetlights Installed	86	58	In Progress	67%
Streetlights Energised	86	28	In Progress	33%
PE Sites	3	3	Completed	100%
Dismantling	128	31	In Progress	24%
Interface Poles	1	1	Completed	100%



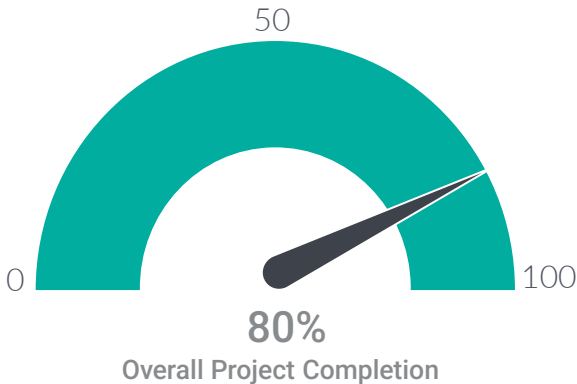
% of Cable Meters Installed

- Legend**
- ✓ On Track
 - ⚠ Minor Issue
 - ✗ Major issue

Schedule Performance Indicator



The Contractor has submitted an EOT indicating 14 August 2025 as the completion date. The revised date reflects constraints with Switching Resources and associated delays to eNAR processes—making it the most realistic timeline.



Overall Project Completion



Project Update – Nedlands North

Works completed WE 20/07/2025:

6 X Streetlights were stood in the corner of Selby/Underwood Ave and also, 28 X Streetlights were energised in zone - 1,2 & 3.

ENAR's 595343 7 595425 were performed for network reconfiguration

11 X Poles were dismantled in Selby St in zone - 3 on Night Shift.



Two week look ahead:

1. ENAR 595485 is booked at Alderbury St for network reconfiguration.

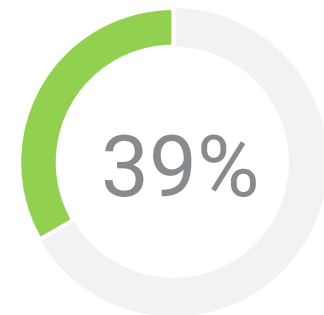
2. ENAR 595740 is booked at Brookdale St for the construction.

Zones	Street Services (m)	Consumer Mains install (qty)	Consumer Changeovers (qty)	Streetlights (qty)	Overhead Dismantling (qty of bays)
Zone 1	Completed	Completed	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress
Zone 2	Completed	Completed	Completed	In Progress	In Progress
Zone 3	Completed	Completed	Completed	In Progress	In Progress

Project Overview – Nedlands West

Construction Activities

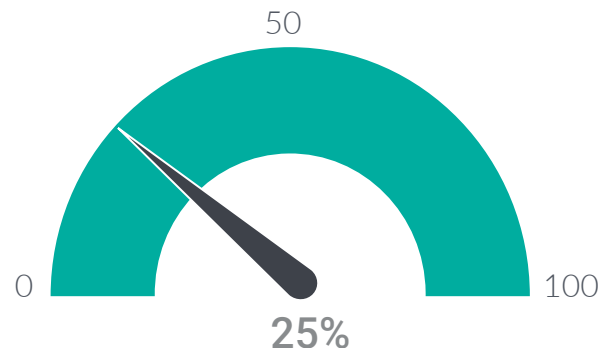
Overall (Zones 1 to 5)	Target	Actual	Status	Completion
Locating Services	19360	10275	In Progress	53%
Street Services	32536	12669	In Progress	39%
Consumer Mains	256	249	In Progress	97%
Powered by Underground	668	0	Not Started	0%
Streetlights Installed	214	0	Not Started	0%
Streetlights Energised	214	0	Not Started	0%
PE Sites	8	1	In Progress	13%
Dismantling	263	0	Not Started	0%



% of Cable Meters Installed

- Legend**
- ✓ On Track
 - ⚠ Minor Issue
 - ✗ Major issue

Schedule Performance Indicator



Overall Project Completion



Project Update – Nedlands West

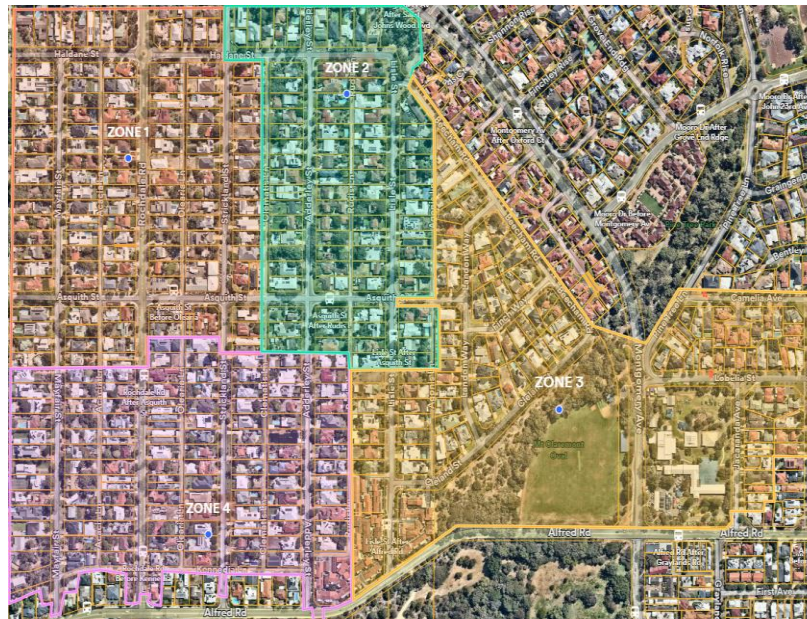
11.3 - Attachment 3

Works completed WE 20/07/2025:

- Locating services completed in zone 3 with approx. 257m completed.
- A total of 950m for the installation of HV, LV and service cable in Zones – 1, 3&4. With a total of 14m of conduit installed.
- PE Site - 6, 31 Mayfair St was landed on site last week.
- 26 Strickland St, resident displays aggressive behaviour toward workers completing night shift work.

Two week look ahead:

- WE 27/07/2025:
 - 500m Locating – Zone 1,2,3 & 4
 - 592m Drilling – Zone 1,2,3 & 4
- WE 03/08/2025:
 - 500m Locating – Zone 1,2,3 & 4
 - 400m Drilling – Zone 1,2,3 & 4



Continuing cable installations and locating third party services in Zone 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Zones	Street Services (m)	Consumer Mains install (qty)	Consumer Changeovers (qty)	Streetlights (qty)	Overhead Dismantling (qty of bays)
Zone 1	In Progress	In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Zone 2	In Progress	In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Zone 3	In Progress	In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Zone 4	In Progress	In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started
Zone 5	Not Started	In Progress	Not Started	Not Started	Not Started

THANK YOU



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11.4 Kennedia Lane Improvement Update

Report Number	ARC85.08.25
Meeting & Date	Audit Risk and Improvement Committee – 06 August 2025
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995	Nil
Report Author	Paul Kilpa – Acting Manager Engineering & Maintenance
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Attachments	Attachment 1 - Briefing Note - Kennedia Lane Delivery Strategy

Purpose

This report is an update on the status of the Kennedia Lane Improvement project.

Recommendation and Committee Decision

The Committee **RECEIVES** this report.

Moved: Commissioner Sandri

Seconded: C Adams

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil

Voting Requirement

Simple majority

Background

Works completed to date:

1. A Feature Survey of Kennedia Lane was completed in August 2024.
2. An Underground Services Survey was completed in September 2024.
3. Safety in Design Review and Concept Designs were completed in early December 2024.
4. Drainage inspections and assessments were conducted in December 2024. It included:
 - a) Visual condition inspection of pits and pipes
 - b) Survey pick-up of pipe inverts and pits



5. 100% design complete in all sections and currently under review
6. Early installation of drainage infrastructure done in section 3 in May 2025 to minimise the risk of flooding to adjacent properties during winter rains (Makuru season).

Works scheduled for completion in the following months:

1. Installation of drainage for section 1 and 2 is scheduled for August 2025
2. RFQ for the pavement in section 3 is underway and award is expected in August 2025.
3. Administration will commence works toward preparing the RFQ for roadworks for sections 1 and 2.
4. Completion of the project is scheduled for in Q4 2025.

\$600,000 were approved in the FY24/25 project budget to complete these works. Based on known costs and current quotation prices, the updated estimated total projected cost of design and construction works: \$402,690, subject to no unforeseen circumstances arising in the future (e.g. latent conditions).

Discussion

Nil

Budget/Financial Implications

No implication in receiving the agenda items

Decision Implications

Nil

Conclusion

The discussion will be noted

Further Information

Nil

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To: Chief Executive Officer

From: Principal Project Delivery – City Projects (reviewed and endorsed by Manager Engineering and Maintenance)

Date: 31 July 2025

Subject: **Kennedia Lane – Delivery Strategy**

Background

Following Council's Notice of Motion on 25 June 2024 (Cr Amiry), Council resolved by simple majority to upgrade all sections of Kennedia Lane to "Residential 1" design standards. This decision was in response to ongoing resident complaints regarding poor road surface conditions and drainage-related property flooding, particularly for those using the laneway as their primary access.

The upgrade includes pavement renewal, drainage improvements, kerbing and landscaping. The City of Nedlands has engaged Civil Sciences and Engineering (CS&E) to undertake investigations and design the refurbishment.



Kennedia Lane -Sections

Due to staff turnover, the project experienced delays in its early stages. In response, the Projects team developed a revised delivery strategy focused on mitigating the most critical issues, particularly flooding and ponding, during the winter period. This approach prioritised essential works to improve trafficability and reduce property impacts, while deferring non-critical elements such as resurfacing, kerbing and landscaping to later in the year when weather conditions and staff resources are more favourable.



This staged approach ensures that urgent resident concerns are addressed promptly, while allowing for the full scope of works to be delivered efficiently over time.

The Lane has been divided into the following sections for the delivery strategy:

- **Section 1** (from Acacia Ln to Rochdale Rd): Design is in progress, with CS&E expected to provide plans for review in August 2025. No construction works had happened in this section
- **Section 2** (from Rochdale Rd to Strickland St): Design is complete. Two soakwells were installed in July 2025 and an RFQ for resurfacing works later this year is being prepared.
- **Section 3** (from Strickland St to Adderley St): this is the section that presented more urgent flooding issues. Design is complete. Drainage components have been installed. An RFQ for road resurfacing is being prepared and scheduled for release in late August.

Scope of Works - Detailed

Section 1: Acacia Lane to Rochdale Road

The section of laneway is approximately 57m in length with a typical seal width of 4 to 5 metres. The general condition is poor, but it appears that there has been a fairly recent effort to seal this section.

The proposed works are:

- Mill 50mm
- Install 30mm DGA 10/50 asphalt
- Install semi-mountable kerbs both sides.

This will be confirmed with the engineering design by CS&E.

Section 2: Rochdale Road to Strickland Street

The section of laneway is 115m in length with a typical seal width of 4 to 5 metres. The surface condition is poor with deterioration evident through defects including patching, delamination, ravelling, cracking and edge break. Drainage is poor, with no kerbing and inadequate long and cross fall resulting in localised flooding and runoff into adjacent residential properties. The pavement was initially constructed prior to 1953 and remained unsealed for many years before being sealed. Various patching has occurred over recent years, with the last full section resurfacing more than 20 years ago.

The pavement profile is highly variable and typically comprises a sandy limestone subbase thickness 230-300mm, a crushed rock basecourse 60-110mm thick and a thin asphalt or spray seal surfacing.

The proposed works are:

- Install 2 x 1800mm diameter by 2400mm deep soakwells
- Cold plane existing pavement to 50mm below design surface level.
- Construct new pavement widenings by excavation of in-situ material and installation of new pavement.
- Remove and dispose of all redundant materials off site.



- Install new semi-mountable kerb (SM-1) and backfill with laterite pea gravel
- Lay 50mm thick 10/35 DGA wearing course

Section 3: Strickland Street to Adderley Street

The section of laneway is 120m in length with a typical seal width of 4 to 5 metres. The surface condition is poor with deterioration evident through defects including patching, delamination, ravelling, cracking and edge break. Drainage is poor, with no kerbing and inadequate long and cross fall resulting in localised flooding and runoff into adjacent residential properties. The pavement was initially constructed prior to 1953 and remained unsealed for many years before being sealed. The last resurfacing took place in 2016.

The pavement profile between Strickland Street and Clematis Lane (65m East of Strickland Street) comprises a sandy limestone subbase of typical thickness 200-250mm, a thin crushed rock basecourse 30-60mm thick and an asphalt wearing course 60mm thick. The asphalt thickness is likely a result of a previous asphalt overlay treatment. From Clematis Lane to Adderley Street the sandy limestone subbase is typically 160mm thick with a 70mm thick gravel basecourse and 20mm thick asphalt wearing course.

The proposed works are:

- Install 2 x 1800mm diameter by 2400mm deep soakwells
- Cold plane existing pavement to 50mm below design surface level.
- Construct new pavement widenings by excavation of in-situ material and installation of new pavement.
- Remove and dispose of all redundant materials off site.
- Install new semi-mountable kerb (SM-1) and backfill with laterite pea gravel
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Project Construction strategy

The City's Project Team has adopted a staged delivery strategy for the Kennedia Lane upgrade, aligning construction with the progressive completion of design packages. This approach reflects an appropriate delivery model for small scale and high complexity projects where the construction management is made in-house as this approach reduces the total project cost and allows a better control on the delivery time of specific project components (e.g. allowing start/stop construction works without incurring in contractor's stand down cost).

As outlined above, each of the three sections of Kennedia Lane has a distinct scope of works and is designed to follow different construction methodologies, requiring varied equipment and levels of contractor sophistication. These differences make a single bundled contract less suitable, as it would limit flexibility and potentially increase costs.

The staged strategy allows the City to:

- Optimise construction timeframes by commencing works as designs are finalised
- Control costs more effectively by tailoring procurement to the scale and complexity of each section

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- Attract contractors specifically suited to the nature of each work package, whether small-scale drainage or more complex resurfacing and landscaping

For example, once an advanced concept design was received from the City's design consultant, drainage works in Section 3 were promptly delivered. The City's contracted drainage provider responded swiftly, completing installation in line with agreed contract rates and ahead of the typical winter flooding period. This proactive response was well received by residents.

Currently, an RFQ is being prepared for the road and kerb works in Section 3. This procurement approach is expected to attract smaller contractors, offering competitive pricing due to their lower overheads. A similar process will be followed for Sections 2 and 1 once designs are finalised and approved.

While this strategy requires more involvement from City staff, it enables better planning for long-lead items, greater responsiveness to site-specific challenges and closer engagement with residents. It also provides flexibility to adjust scope if needed to meet budget constraints and ensures that critical issues, such as mitigation of flooding prior winter, are addressed promptly.

Proposed work packages

There are a number of minor work orders associated with the project including Service locations, traffic management and minor concrete works

Key work packages are shown in table below along with estimated costs:

Work Package	Estimated Value	Delegated Approval
Drainage section 3 (Completed)	\$ 18K	Manager Engineering & Maintenance
Road sealing & kerbs section 3	\$ 150K	CEO
Drainage section 2	\$ 20K	Manager engineering & Maintenance
Road & kerbs section 2	\$ 150K	CEO
Road & kerbs section 1	\$ 75k	Manager Engineering & Maintenance
Other – eg multiple traffic management, minor concrete works, service locations etc	\$50k total	Principal, Project delivery, Manager Engineering & Maintenance
Signs and line marking etc	\$ 10k	Principal, Project Delivery
Surveying if required	\$ 10k	Principal, Project Delivery

This delivery strategy allows for completion of full scope of works prior to October 2025



12 RISK MANAGEMENT

Nil



13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Nil



14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Recommendation and Committee Decision

The Committee **APPROVE** the date of the next meeting of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting is Wednesday 03 September 2025 at 12.30pm.

Moved: Commissioner Caddy

Seconded: Commissioner Hart

CARRIED: UNANIMOUSLY

For: Commissioner Caddy, Commissioner Sandri, Commissioner Hart, C Murphy, C Adams

Against: Nil



15 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed 1.45pm.