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Ordinary Council Meeting

Wednesday 22 July 2026

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

I am now pleased to declare this Ordinary Meeting of the Council of the City of Nedlands open at 5:02 pm.

In opening the meeting, I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Whadjuk people of the Nyoongar Nation, and pay our respects to culture and Elders, past and present. The City of Nedlands also values the contributions made to the community over the years by people of diverse backgrounds and cultures, including those who have served and sacrificed.

This meeting is being live streamed and recorded and I refer you to the disclaimer on page 2 of the agenda.

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

Councillors

Ms L Browner	Mayor (Presiding Member)
Ms E Claplin	Councillor Coastal Ward
Mr S Kobelke	Councillor Coastal Ward
Ms J Matthews	Deputy Mayor Dalkeith Ward (Online)
Mr C Pan	Councillor Dalkeith Ward
Ms R Kristensen	Councillor Hollywood Ward
Dr G Ruscoe	Councillor Hollywood Ward
Mr J Coleman	Councillor Melvista Ward

Local Government Monitor

Mr A Jacob	Local Government Monitor
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Staff

Mr A Kyron	Interim Chief Executive Officer
Ms N Jennings	Acting Director City Performance and Community Development
Mr B Thompson	Director City Development and Regulatory Services
Mr S Amasi	Director City Infrastructure and Environment
Mr J Allen	Manager Governance and Risk Management
Ms R Stanton-Horne	Executive Officer to CEO and Governance Support (minutes)

Apologies

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Leave of Absence

Ms R Coghlan	Councillor Melvista Ward
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Public

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Media

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3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4 ADDRESSES BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

- Mr Ryan Shaw speaking FOR Item 15.1.

5 REQUESTS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Council Decision

That Councillor Stephen Kobelke request for a Leave of Absence for the period of 27 July 2026 to 25 August 2026 be GRANTED.

Moved: Cr Stephen Kobelke

Seconded: Cr Eliza Clapin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Stephen Kobelke, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Against: Nil

Council Decision

That Councillor Rebecca Coghlan request for a Leave of Absence for the period of 14 July 2026 to 28 August 2026 be GRANTED.

Moved: Mayor Leonie Browner

Seconded: Cr Eliza Clapin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Stephen Kobelke, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Against: Nil

6 PETITIONS

Nil



7 DISCLOSURES OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

8 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

- **Mayor Leonie Browner declared an interest affecting impartiality for Item 15.1**

Reason:

I note that I have an impartiality interest. The nature of that interest is that I am a member of the Sunset Heritage Committee.

9 DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS THAT THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO PAPERS

Nil

10 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

10.1 Ordinary Council Meeting held Wednesday, 24 June 2026

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held Wednesday, 24 June 2026 are to be **CONFIRMED**.

Moved: Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Seconded: Cr Rachel Kristensen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Stephen Kobelke, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Against: Nil

10.2 Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, 7 July 2026

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

The Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held Tuesday, 7 July 2026 are to be **CONFIRMED**.

Moved: Cr Eliza Clapin

Seconded: Cr Rachel Kristensen



CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Stephen Kobelke, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Against: Nil



11 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Over the past month, I have continued to meet with a range of government representatives, community organisations and stakeholders.

Yesterday, the interim CEO and I met with the Minister for Local Government. I was grateful to have an opportunity to meet the Minister. We noted that the City of Nedlands is keen to engage constructively with the State Government on a range of issues and have sought her assistance in establishing meetings and connections.

In the past month, I have also met with Dr Katrina Stratton MLC, the Chair of the Western Australian Planning Commission, Emma Cole, the Mayor of the Town of Cambridge, the Mayor and CEO of the Town of Mosman Park, Committee members of the Floreat Toy Library, and the Deputy Chair of our Audit and Risk Committee. It was also an honour to speak at the City's NAIDOC Week Opening Ceremony, celebrating the rich history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

I recently attended the WALGA Mayor and Shire President Training, which was an excellent opportunity to meet with other local government leaders from across Western Australia and to share experiences and ideas.

Councillors have continued to devote significant time to strategic planning for the City. We have participated in concept forums on the Sunset Heritage Precinct, the Hollywood Subiaco Bowling Club, the City's Parking Strategy, the Urban Forest Strategy and an induction session on the Development Assessment Panel process. We have also participated in an integrated budget and planning workshop, with a further budget workshop today. In terms of the budget process, I would like to acknowledge the residents who have taken the time to provide feedback on the proposed differential rates. I want to assure residents that Council is listening carefully to the feedback we have received. We will give thoughtful consideration to all submissions before making any final decision as part of the budget process in early August.

A significant milestone this month has been the progression of the CEO recruitment process. Yesterday, I was very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Paul Martin as the City's next Chief Executive Officer, commencing on 24 August. Mr Martin has served as Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale since 2019 and brings extensive executive local government experience. Throughout the selection process, he impressed the Committee with his personable and energetic leadership style, his integrity, and his proactive approach. I look forward to welcoming him to the City of Nedlands.

This appointment also marks the upcoming departure of our Interim CEO, Mr Arthur Kyron. It will be with genuine regret that we farewell Arthur, who has led the organisation since October last year. He has played a pivotal role in stabilising the City, guiding the implementation of our improvement program, and supporting councillors as we transitioned into office. On behalf of Council, I thank Arthur for his outstanding leadership and wish him every success for the future.



12 MEMBERS ANNOUNCEMENTS WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

13 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

- Item 21.1 – Debt Recovery Issue
- Item 21.2 – Records Management Software Proposal

14 MINUTES OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND ADMINISTRATIVE LIAISON WORKING GROUPS

14.1 Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held Wednesday, 17 June 2026

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

The Minutes of the Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee held Wednesday, 17 June 2026 are to be NOTED.

Moved: Cr Stephen Kobelke

Seconded: Cr Charles Pan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Stephen Kobelke, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Against: Nil

14.2 Chief Executive Officer Recruitment and Selection Committee held Monday, 6 July 2026

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

The Minutes of the Chief Executive Officer Recruitment and Selection Committee held Monday, 6 July 2026 are to be NOTED.

Moved: Cr Rachel Kristensen

Seconded: Cr Glenn Ruscoe

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Stephen Kobelke, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe



Against: Nil



15 DIVISIONAL REPORTS - CITY DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

15.1 Strategic Approach to Opportunities at the Sunset Hospital Site

Report Number	DRS11.07.26
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Authority/Discretion	Advocacy
Contributing Officer	David Johnston - Strategic Planner
Responsible Officer	David Banovic – Acting Manager Urban Planning and Development
Director	Bruce Thompson - Director City Development and Regulatory Services
Attachments	1. Sunset Hospital Wider Context Map [15.1.1]

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the City's strategic approach to the future planning, redevelopment and advocacy of the Sunset Hospital site, following the State Government's announcement of an Expression of Interest process seeking development proposals for the site.

Officer Recommendation

That Council **AUTHORISES** the Chief Executive Officer to:

- a) Liaise with and write to the State Government to advocate for a coordinated and holistic approach to future planning for the Sunset Hospital site;
- b) Commence preliminary investigations into the wider planning context, including assessment of potential impacts on existing City strategies and statutory documents; and
- c) Actively engage with relevant State agencies throughout the progression of the Sunset Hospital site toward future redevelopment, including participation in planning, infrastructure, servicing and community consultation processes to achieve coordinated and beneficial outcomes for the local community.

Moved: Cr Stephen Kobelke

Seconded: Cr Rachel Kristensen

Cr Charles Pan proposed an Amended Motion.

Amended Motion

That Council **AUTHORISES** the Chief Executive Officer to:



- a) Liaise with and write to the State Government to advocate for a coordinated and holistic approach to future planning for the Sunset Hospital site;
- b) Commence preliminary investigations into the wider planning context, including assessment of potential impacts on existing City strategies and statutory documents; and
- c) Actively engage with relevant State agencies throughout the progression of the Sunset Hospital site toward future redevelopment and/or adaptive reuse of the site, with respect to the heritage values. This involves participation in planning, infrastructure, servicing and community consultation processes to achieve coordinated and beneficial outcomes for the local community.

Reason:

The Sunset Hospital site has a long association with Dalkeith and the local community.

This amendment is reflective of discussions with a local heritage association, who are a respected local community group, with the desire to see the best outcome for the site.

The Officer's Report acknowledges the exceptional heritage value and potential adaptive reuse approach.

Therefore, this amendment to the recommendation reflects the wording in the Officer's Report and allows the CEO to proceed on a full and wide-ranging engagement with State Government, which would include consideration of the heritage values of the site.

Moved: Cr Charles Pan

Seconded: Cr Eliza Clapin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Stephen Kobelke, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Against: Nil

Amended Substantive Motion

That Council AUTHORISES the Chief Executive Officer to:

- a) Liaise with and write to the State Government to advocate for a coordinated and holistic approach to future planning for the Sunset Hospital site;
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Moved: Cr Stephen Kobelke

Seconded: Cr Rachel Kristensen

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Stephen Kobelke, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Against: Nil

Background

On 30 June 2026, the State Government announced commencement of an Expression of Interest (EOI) process seeking development proposals for the Sunset Hospital site located at the southern extent of Dalkeith.

The Sunset Hospital site occupies approximately 7.9 hectares of State Government-owned land on the Swan River foreshore and has remained largely vacant since hospital operations ceased in 1995. The site contains a significant collection of heritage buildings together with substantial mature vegetation and riverfront open space.

The announcement of the EOI process prepared by the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport (DCITS) represents the first significant step towards identifying a long-term future for the site and presents an opportunity for the City to advocate for redevelopment outcomes that respond to local community aspirations whilst recognising broader State planning objectives.

The vision by the State is for the precinct to transform Sunset over time into a unique asset for arts, cultural and community use, which has a high level of heritage conservation, public access, amenity and engagement with the river. The vision is further enhanced to transform the site into a dynamic centre for showcasing excellence in groundbreaking creative arts practices in Western Australia.

This report seeks Council endorsement to commence strategic investigations and establish the City's advocacy position regarding the future redevelopment of the site.

Discussion



Figure 1: Aerial Sunset Hospital Site

The Sunset Hospital site represents one of the most significant redevelopment opportunities within the City of Nedlands due to size, heritage significance and unique riverfront location.

Located at the southern extent of Dalkeith, the site occupies a prominent position overlooking the Swan River and east of Jutland Parade. The site is characterised by extensive landscaped grounds, mature tree canopy and numerous buildings of recognised heritage value.

The Sunset Reserve is a Class A reserve and is subject to a high level of statutory protection, with any amendment to the reserve requiring the approval of Parliament. Consequently, redevelopment of the site presents both challenges and opportunities in balancing heritage conservation and environmental protection with an appropriate form of development.

Strategic Planning Context

The Sunset Hospital site has excellent links to the wide Nedlands foreshore running east. The site has access to the Swan River and is located across from Point Walter and Applecross.

To the north and west, the site is predominantly surrounded by established low-density residential streets known for affluence (Jutland Parade, Birdwood Parade). The location is currently not served well by public transport with only one bus route that operates every half hour and hourly at night or early morning. The surrounding low density separates the site from major public transport infrastructure and denser urban areas by a significant distance. While this presents accessibility challenges, it also



creates opportunities to investigate new transport solutions including improved cycling infrastructure, enhanced bus services and potential future ferry connections across the Swan River.

The site's location as part of the Nedlands Foreshore presents itself as part of a series of recreational areas and attractions which could be linked by enhanced transport services running from Stirling highway down past UWA and/or Broadway to then link the Nedlands Foreshore with Sunset Hospital or Point Resolution as a terminus. There is a unique opportunity for expanded Ferry services to link this site and Jojo's with the METRONET on Swan project at Applecross and Matilda Bay and to the south at Point Walter.

Administration will investigate how future redevelopment of the site may integrate with the City's strategic planning framework including:

- Local Planning Strategy;
- Local Planning Scheme;
- Public Open Space Strategy; and
- Integrated Transport Strategy.

There may be a need for the City to undertake a master planning process for the site, however it is likely that proponents responding to the EOI process will develop and submit their own master plans as part of their proposals. In preparation for this, the City will need to establish a clear advocacy position that enables a consistent approach and supports constructive engagement with both the proponent and the State Government. This will help ensure that community aspirations and the City's strategic planning vision are appropriately reflected in the future development of the site.

The Principal's Objectives with respect to the EOI opportunity are:

1. Incorporate elements that demonstrate clear, lasting benefit to the creative industries.
1. Ensure that parts of the site remain accessible to the public in some capacity.
2. Respect and preserve the unique heritage values of the site.
3. Achieve a net zero cost to the State at the conclusion of the redevelopment.

The EOI process concludes on **25 August 2026**, after which DCITS will evaluate submissions and, subject to the outcome, may seek detailed proposals from shortlisted proponents before progressing towards a development agreement. Should the EOI process attract limited or no suitable interest, the State Government may need to review alternative options for the future planning and redevelopment of the site.

Heritage Significance

The Sunset Hospital site is recognised on the City of Nedlands and the State Heritage Lists as "one of the largest intact early twentieth century public health facilities in the State".

Originally established as the Old Men's Home in the early twentieth century, the site contains numerous heritage buildings representing successive stages of development over many decades. Collectively these buildings contribute to a unique cultural landscape that reflects Western Australia's social and medical history.



The heritage significance of the site extends beyond individual buildings and also includes:

- Historic landscape setting on a limestone clifftop;
- Mature trees including tuarts, marri, jarrah and grass trees;
- Vistas to and from the Swan River; and
- Homogenously designed buildings linked by landscaped open space.

Any future redevelopment will therefore require a sensitive balance between conservation and adaptive reuse whilst allowing contemporary development that supports the long-term viability of the precinct. Buildings on the site are as follows (not all of these are considered significant):

Building	Description	Size*
A	Infirmery	410m ²
E	Laundry, Boiler & Workshop	444m ²
F	Mortuary	21m ²
G	Two Storey Ward Block	861m ²
L	Master's Residence	144m ²
M	Ward Block C	1,397m ²
P	Kitchen & Recreation Hall	978m ²
Q	Ward Block B	1,223m ²
R	Gardener's Store	
S	Attendant's Block	194m ²
U	Ward Block A	1,558m ²
V	Interdenominational Chapel	
W	Mt Eliza Bungalow	167m ²

Opportunities of Redevelopment

Redevelopment of the Sunset Hospital site presents an opportunity to the City and wider area for a unique development that addresses the EOI's intentions to deliver a precinct that is a "dynamic, creative and cultural destination." What that could look like is unknown and includes a wide variety of uses. The EOI also noted a preparedness to subdivide the site into smaller land parcels and is also open to rezoning the land for a variety of purposes.

Given the exceptional heritage setting, redevelopment has the potential to become one of Western Australia's landmark adaptive reuse projects.

The City considers that a coordinated planning process involving State Government agencies, the City and the community will maximise opportunities for high-quality urban design whilst ensuring appropriate conservation of the site's heritage values. Administration will seek to engage with relevant agencies including:

- Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport;
- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage;
- Heritage Council of Western Australia;
- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions;
- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation;



- Swan River Trust; and the
- Public Transport Authority.

Engagement with the above agencies should primarily involve advocating for high-quality outcomes on the site and mitigating issues to the residential population nearby. The City shall also advocate for planning to be coordinated and involve the wider Nedlands Foreshore Area. The administration will report back to Council on any significant milestones including proposed planning framework amendments, legislative changes, governance arrangements or future planning proposals requiring Council consideration.

Consultation

The City anticipates that extensive stakeholder and community consultation will occur during future planning phases.

The administration will actively participate in consultation opportunities and advocate for meaningful community engagement throughout the planning process. The City can be involved in this process by amplifying the calls for submissions through the City's advertising channels (mail, social media, the Post and notice boards, etc).

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

Place

6. Sustainable population growth with responsible urban planning.

Financial Implications

Nil

Legislative and Policy Compliance

There are no legislative implications arising from this report and the recommendation; however, Elected Members should note that the *Sunset Reserve Transformation Act 2014* applies to the site. The Act provides the legislative framework to facilitate reserve and planning changes for the conservation and transformation of the site into an arts, cultural and community precinct.

Risk Considerations



Risk Category	Risk Rating	Comment on Risk
Service Delivery	High	Redevelopment may generate demand for additional transport, servicing and community infrastructure requiring coordinated planning between State agencies and the City.
Reputational	High	Given the significance of the site within the community, redevelopment proposals are likely to attract substantial public interest. Early and coordinated engagement will assist in ensuring transparent decision-making and advocacy consistent with Council objectives.
Environment	High	The site contains mature vegetation, foreshore values and significant landscape character. Future redevelopment must appropriately address environmental impacts, tree retention and sustainability outcomes.

Analysis and Conclusion

The proposed redevelopment of the Sunset Hospital site represents a significant planning opportunity within the City of Nedlands.

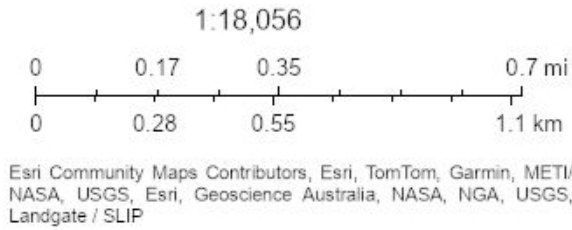
Its combination of heritage significance, riverfront setting and redevelopment potential creates an opportunity to deliver a landmark project that balances heritage conservation, environmental stewardship and carefully considered new development.

Given the strategic importance of the site, early and proactive engagement with the State Government will position the City to influence planning outcomes that reflect community aspirations while supporting broader State objectives. Council endorsement of the proposed strategic approach will enable Administration to commence coordinated investigations, advocate for an integrated planning process and ensure the City remains actively involved throughout the progression of the redevelopment.



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Sunset Hospital Wider Context Map





15.2 City Implications - Divestment of Irwin Barracks

Report Number	DRS12.07.26
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Authority/Discretion	Advocacy
Contributing Officer	Casey Hill - Coordinator Strategic Planning
Responsible Officer	David Banovic – Acting Manager Urban Planning and Development
Director	Bruce Thompson - Director City Development and Regulatory Services
Attachments	1. Mount Claremont Masterplan Area - Government Ownership Map [15.2.1]

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider the City's strategic approach to the future planning and redevelopment for the Irwin Barracks site, following the Federal Government's confirmation of its divestment.

Officer Recommendation

That Council **AUTHORISES** the Chief Executive Officer to:

- a) Liaise with and write to the Federal and State Governments to advocate for a coordinated and holistic approach to future planning for the Irwin Barracks site;
- b) Commence preliminary investigations into the planning and community implications associated with the divestment, including assessment of potential impacts on existing City strategies and statutory documents; and
- c) Actively engage with relevant State and Commonwealth agencies throughout the progression of the Irwin Barracks site toward divestment and future redevelopment, including participation in planning, infrastructure, servicing and community consultation processes to achieve coordinated and beneficial outcomes for the local community.

Moved: Cr Rachel Kristensen

Seconded: Cr Stephen Kobelke

Cr Glenn Ruscoe proposed an Amended Motion.

Amended Motion

That Council **AUTHORISES** the Chief Executive Officer to:

- a. Liaise with the Federal and State Governments to advocate for a coordinated and holistic approach to future planning for the Irwin Barracks site;
- b. Commence preliminary investigations into the planning and community



implications associated with the divestment, including assessment of potential impacts on existing City strategies and statutory documents; and

- c. Actively engage with relevant State and Commonwealth agencies throughout the progression of the Irwin Barracks site toward future redevelopment and/or adaptive reuse of the site, with respect to the heritage values. This involves participation in planning, infrastructure, servicing and community consultation processes to achieve coordinated and beneficial outcomes for the local community.

Reason:

For consistency with item 15.1

Moved: Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Seconded: Cr Rachel Kristensen

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For: Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Against: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin and Cr Stephen Kobelke

The votes being equally divided, the Presiding Member exercised a casting vote against the motion.

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

That Council **AUTHORISES** the Chief Executive Officer to:

- a) Liaise with the Federal and State Governments to advocate for a coordinated and holistic approach to future planning for the Irwin Barracks site;
- b) Commence preliminary investigations into the planning and community implications associated with the divestment, including assessment of potential impacts on existing City strategies and statutory documents; and
- c) Actively engage with relevant State and Commonwealth agencies throughout the progression of the Irwin Barracks site toward divestment and future redevelopment, including participation in planning, infrastructure, servicing and community consultation processes to achieve coordinated and beneficial outcomes for the local community.

Moved: Cr Rachel Kristensen

Seconded: Cr Stephen Kobelke

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Stephen Kobelke, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Against: Nil



Background

On 4 February 2026, the Federal Government announced its intention to fully or partially divest 67 defence assets across Australia. Within Western Australia, four sites were identified for divestment, comprising:

- Irwin Barracks;
- Leeuwin Barracks;
- Coolilup Rifle Range (leased); and
- Karratha Dampier Rifle Range (leased).

The Irwin Barracks is situated within the City of Nedlands jurisdiction and has been selected to be “fully divested”, with services to be relocated to other defence institutions across the State.

Given the Federal Government has now formally confirmed the divestment of Irwin Barracks, this report seeks to establish a strategic framework to guide the City’s advocacy, planning and engagement regarding the future of the site.

Discussion

The Irwin Barracks is a significant 61.17-hectare landholding within the City’s endorsed Mount Claremont Masterplan area. The site is bound by four street frontages and shares a fifth interface with Shenton Bushland.

The site represents a major opportunity for strategic mixed-use infill development, with preliminary analysis from the draft Local Planning Strategy indicating that the Irwin Barracks site could accommodate approximately 2,000 - 4,000 new dwellings, subject to zoning and built-form parameters. This scale of development, located immediately adjacent to Karrakatta Station, would deliver substantial transit-oriented housing supply in a highly sought-after area and act as a catalyst for broader redevelopment within Mount Claremont.

It is important to note that any development of the site, specifically the Irwin Barracks Magazine building, would have to take into consideration its heritage significance which is reflected at a Local and Federal level with the building being listed on the Local and Commonwealth Heritage Registers.

Mount Claremont Masterplan

The Mount Claremont Master Plan Area is a 480-hectare area located six kilometres from the Perth CBD. The area is close to passenger rail, hospitals, schools, and an abundance of open space and recreation opportunities including Bold Park, Swanbourne Beach, the UWA Sports Park, and Wembley Sports Park. This Master Plan has been created to inform landowners, government, the wider community, and developers of the City’s desired vision for the future development of the Mount Claremont Master Plan Area. Within the Master Plan are various scenarios estimating potential dwelling yield, with estimates ranging from 1,329 to 6,142.



The City seeks to ensure that the Master Plan Area becomes a highly liveable place that takes full advantage of existing community facilities, natural assets and transport connections. The primary constraint affecting the masterplan area is the Subiaco Wastewater Treatment Plant odour buffer, refer to *Figure 1*. Although mitigation options exist, they have never been perused given the type of land holdings currently present within the precinct. However, with the availability of the Irwin Barrack site the cost benefit of investing in the Subiaco Wastewater odour buffer is significantly more viable. This is evident with the Water Corporation currently reviewing the viability of a modified water treatment plant following a report commissioned by InfrastructureWA that recommends the upgrade of the facility given the availability developable land. This would unlock the use of further adjoining lots that could be considered as underutilised assets but are currently appropriate given the odour buffer constraints. Examples of nearby government-owned landholdings include various Council depot's as well as the State-owned Graylands Hospital, which the Department of Health is currently reviewing for potential sale and residential redevelopment. Refer to *Attachment One* for a map illustrating all Federal, State and Local Government owned land parcels within the Mount Claremont Masterplan Area.

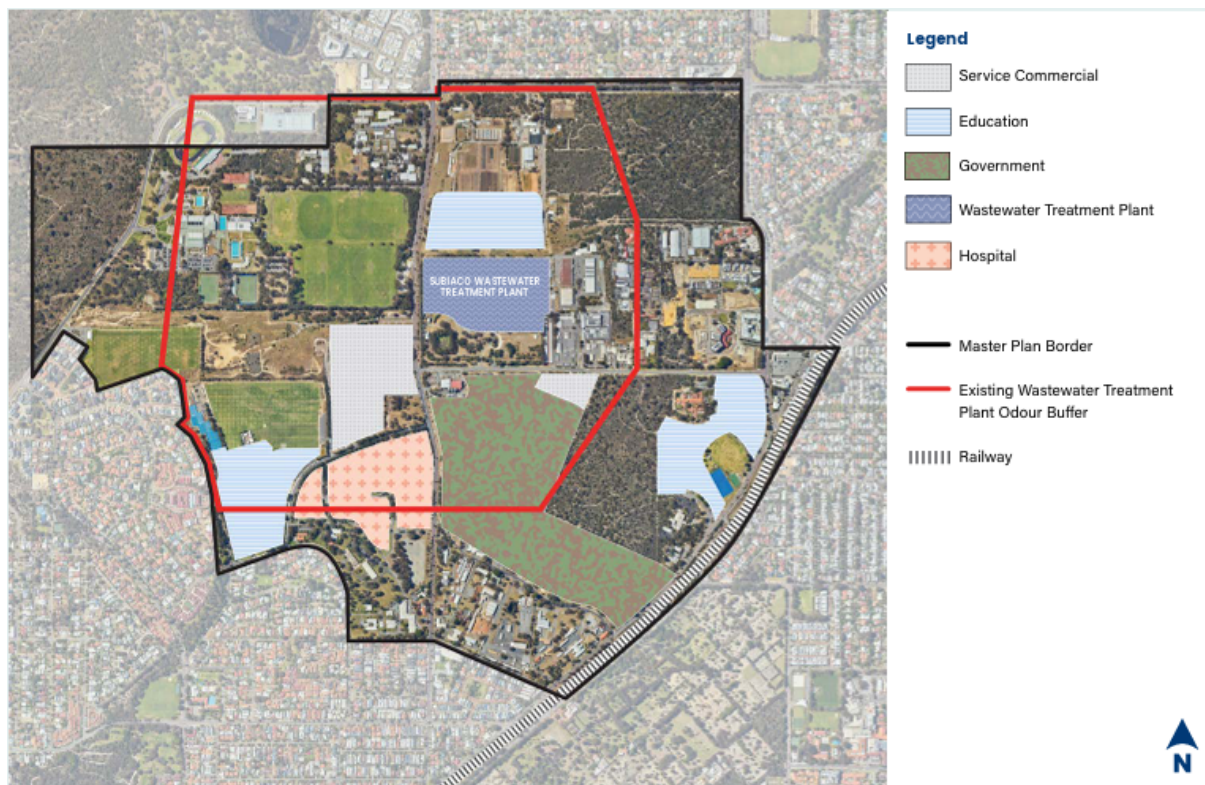


Figure 1: Wastewater Treatment Plant Odour Buffer

At the time the masterplan was adopted by Council, the City was not aware of the Federal Government's intention to sell Irwin Barracks, and as a result the masterplan does not analyse the site in detail compared with the surrounding area. Considering the new direction, the City has internally identified the need to explore an amendment to the masterplan. The City will also investigate how its draft Local Planning Strategy can integrate the site to support achievement of its dwelling targets under the State-led strategy of Perth and Peel @ 3.5 million.

Opportunities of Irwin Barracks Divestment



The divestment of Irwin Barracks presents a significant strategic opportunity for the City, particularly given the scale of the site and its alignment with Western Australia's housing priorities. City involvement is crucial to allow for meaningful involvement that will address the State's housing shortage and allow for Local Government representation. Redevelopment of this magnitude would also act as a catalyst for broader investment in housing, services and community infrastructure within the Mount Claremont locality.

With Council's support, Administration will investigate mechanisms to strengthen advocacy, collaboration and legislative pathways that enable a proactive approach to long-term planning for the precinct. This includes engagement with key Federal agencies, specifically the Department of Defence and the Department of Finance as well as relevant State agencies such as the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, Western Australian Planning Commission, DevelopmentWA, Department of Education, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and Water Corporation.

Early and coordinated engagement across both levels of government will position the City to influence and participate in a collaborative, precinct wide planning process. This may include the establishment of a memorandum of understanding or similar framework to support integrated planning between the Federal and State Governments and other strategic partners, including the University of Western Australia.

Given the size and strategic location of the site, a coordinated public sector led approach would enable the City to address long standing deficiencies in the area, including the provision of public open space, retail and civic facilities, and improved housing diversity. By contrast, a private sale of the land risks fragmented development, reduced housing yield, limited activation and outcomes that may fall short of community and Council expectations for amenity and public benefit.

Strategic Direction

With Council endorsement, Administration will continue to lead coordinated engagement with key Federal and State stakeholders to advocate for a structured, collaborative approach to the future of the Irwin Barracks site. This will include initiating discussions on planning frameworks, governance arrangements and potential partnership mechanisms that support a precinct wide vision aligned with the City's strategic objectives.

Administration will also begin works to identify the implications of the divestment for City planning instruments as well as what technical investigative works for the site may be required. Any major milestones arising from this process including proposed legislative changes, formal agreements, or amendments to key City documents such as the Mount Claremont Masterplan will be presented to Council for consideration at the appropriate time.

Consultation



City Officers attended a Community Information Session on 11 June 2026, hosted by the Federal Government. The session was well attended, with participation from residents within the City of Nedlands as well as neighbouring local government areas. A range of issues were raised by the community, providing valuable insight into the significance of this site.

Given the status of project the City is not proposing to undertake formal consultation at this stage.

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

Place

6. Sustainable population growth with responsible urban planning.

Financial Implications

Nil

Legislative and Policy Compliance

Nil

Risk Considerations

Risk Category	Risk Rating	Comment on Risk
Reputational	High	Failure to follow a transparent, consistent and professionally supported assessment process could lead to criticism regarding heritage outcomes. This risk is mitigated through the engagement of an independent heritage consultant, application of a documented assessment methodology, and provision of formal public advertising and consultation processes prior to Council decision-making.
Environment	High	The matter relates to the review of heritage listings and does not involve any physical works or activities that would result in environmental impacts. Any future conservation or management actions arising from heritage assessments would be subject

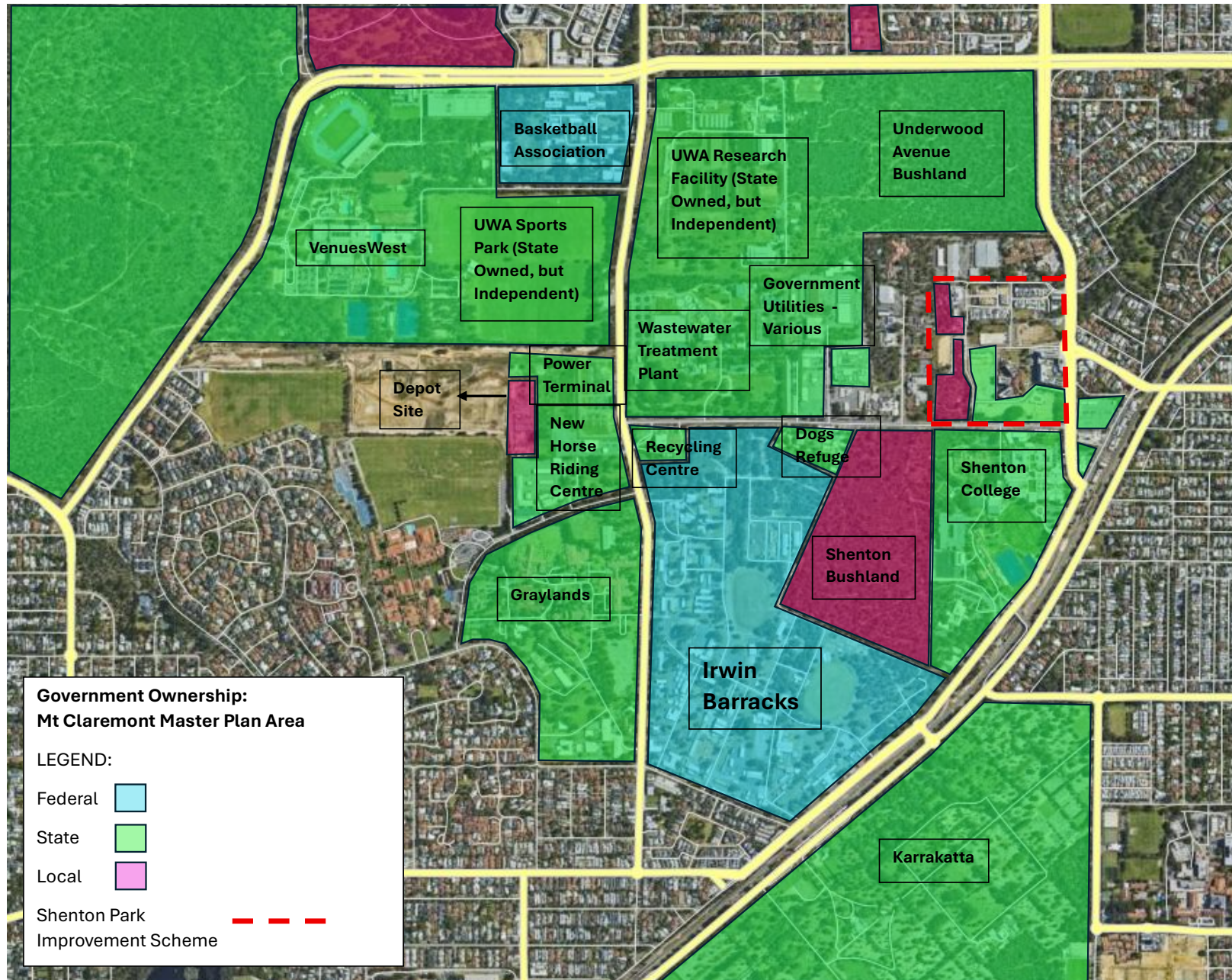


		to separate consideration and approvals as required.
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Analysis and Conclusion

The divestment of Irwin Barracks represents a rare and significant opportunity for the City to influence the future planning, housing supply and community infrastructure of the Mount Claremont locality. Given the scale of the site and its alignment with State housing priorities, early and coordinated engagement with the Federal and State Government is essential to ensure redevelopment outcomes can deliver long-term public benefit aligned with Council vision.

With Council endorsement, Administration will continue to take a proactive and collaborative approach, advocating for a structured planning framework, initiating discussions on governance and partnership models, and undertaking preliminary assessments of the implications for City strategies and documents. This approach positions the City to shape a precinct wide vision that addresses existing gaps in amenity, supports housing diversity and reflects community expectations.





16 DIVISIONAL REPORTS - CITY PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

16.1 Monthly Financial Report - May 2026

Report Number	PCD17.07.26
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Authority/Discretion	Executive
Contributing Officer	Mark Ponton - Accountant
Responsible Officer	Thushara Wijesiri – Manager Financial Services
Director	Noelene Jennings - Acting Director City Performance and Community Development
Attachments	1. Cover - May 2026 [16.1.1] 2. Stmt of Financial Activity - May 2026 [16.1.2] 3. Stmt of Financial Position - May 2026 [16.1.3] 4. Note 1 Basis of Preparation - May 2026 [16.1.4] 5. Note 2 Net Current Assets - May 2026 [16.1.5] 6. Note 3 Reserve Accounts - May 2026 [16.1.6] 7. Note 4 Borrowings - May 2026 [16.1.7] 8. Note 5 Capital Works - May 2026 [16.1.8]

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*. Material variances are highlighted to Council in the attached Monthly Financial Report.

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

That Council **RECEIVES** the Monthly Financial Report for 31 May 2026.

Moved: Cr Rachel Kristensen

Seconded: Cr Eliza Clapin

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Stephen Kobelke, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Against: Nil

Background



All opening positions from prior year are a preliminary result for the year ended 30 June 2025, as the Financial Statements 2024/25 are in the process of being reviewed by the Auditors.

Movements in the opening balance from prior months shown in the Statement of Financial Activity (**SOFA**), Statement of Financial Position (**SOFP**), and Reserve Movements reflect accounting adjustments posted in 2024/25 for the Final Audit. 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 within the current financial year.

The May 2026 Financial Statements report variances of actuals against the Amended budget which includes the Mid-Year Review approved at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on March 11, 2026.

The materials supporting the preparation of the approved budget were prepared on an aggregate basis which limits the ability to provide a detailed analysis of variances.

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 May 2026.

The SOFA presents a municipal closing surplus as of 31 May 2026 as \$6,651,152 which is favourable compared to a budgeted surplus for the same period of \$591,360.

The operating revenue at the end of May 2026 was \$47,734,619 which represents a \$516,255 favourable variance compared to the year-to-date budget of \$47,218,364.

The operating expense at the end of May 2026 was \$51,689,948 which represents a \$3,602,760 favourable variance compared to the year-to-date budget of \$55,292,708 primarily in Materials & Contracts.

The attached SOFA compares Actuals with Year to Date Amended Budget by Nature or Type as per regulation 34 (3) of the Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996. Material variances from the budget as defined under Budget Implications are explained for revenue and expenditure.

Operating Activities

Other revenue

Favourable variance of \$299,025 compared to the year-to-date budget of \$179,340 primarily due to a catch up of re-imbursement of utility charges from clubs invoiced in September 2025.

Profit on disposal of assets

Unfavourable variance of \$38,516 compared to the year-to-date budget of \$108,250 due to the timing of Asset Disposals.



Loss on disposal of assets

Unfavourable variance of \$102,981 due to various disposals including losses of \$20k for a Mower, and \$80k of IT equipment and software which are subject to year end adjustments.

Materials and contracts

Favourable variance of \$3,930,147 primarily due to the budgeted phasing of expenditure in Consultancy (\$1,154k), Contract Services (\$946k), Software Licences (\$518k) and Refuse Collection (\$493k), all of which are offset by current commitments not yet invoiced.

Finance Costs

Unfavourable variance of \$20,485 is due to the Loan Guarantee Fee not being included in the budget.

Investing Activities

Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions

Unfavourable variance of \$2,289,916 is due to timing of grant and contribution receipts.

Acquisition of property, plant and equipment

Actual spend is lower than budget by \$1,019,128 primarily due to timing of major projects including Replacement of Retaining Walls (\$279k), Network Equipment (\$250k) and fleet vehicles (\$233k), noting that this is offset by \$320k in current commitments not yet invoiced.

Acquisition of infrastructure

Actual spend is lower than budget by \$3,424,337 primarily due to timing of major projects including multiple road projects (\$1,732k), College Park Floodlighting (\$322k) and Charles Court Reserve (\$684k), offset by \$1,700k in current commitments not yet invoiced.

Rates Receivable

Rates debtors (net of any rebates) are \$1,203,120 at the end of May 2026, compared to \$1,077,107 for the same period in the prior year. Breakdown is as follows:

Receivable	31 May 2026 (\$)	31 May 2025 (\$)	Variance (\$)
Rates	1,203,120	1,077,107	126,013
UGP	232,882	7,046	225,836
Rubbish & Pool	129,222	117,101	12,121
Deferred (Pensioners)	343,005	379,232	(36,227)
ESL	120,658	92,724	27,934
Total	2,028,887	1,673,210	355,677

Consultation

The report has been prepared in consultation with relevant officers.



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

Performance

11. Effective leadership and governance.

Financial Implications

At the Special Council Meeting on 27 August 2025, item CPS47.08.25, Council adopted the following thresholds for the reporting of material financial variances in the monthly SOFA 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

Legislative and Policy Compliance

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. Material variances are highlighted to Council in the attached Monthly Financial Report.

Risk Considerations

Risk Category	Adopted Risk Appetite Rating	Comment on Risk
Financial	Moderate	Monthly reporting is a key control in ensuring that the City prudently manages its financial position with due regard to anticipating and mitigating financial risks.

Analysis and Conclusion

The closing surplus as of 31 May 2026 is \$5,146,168 which is favourable compared to a budgeted closing surplus for the same period of \$908,640. It should be noted that the year end closing position may vary significantly from the 31 May 2026 year to date position due to year end adjustments, final capital works carry forwards and any audit adjustments.

The operating revenue at the end of May 2026 was \$47,734,619 which represents a \$516,255 favourable variance compared to the year-to-date budget of \$47,218,364.



The operating expense at the end of May 2026 was \$51,689,948 which represents a \$3,602,760 favourable variance compared to the year-to-date budget of \$55,292,708 primarily in Materials & Contracts.

CITY OF NEDLANDS

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
(Containing the required statement of financial activity and statement of financial position)
For the period ended 31 May 2026

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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CITY OF NEDLANDS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2026

Note	Full Year Amended Budget (a) \$	YTD Amended Budget (b) \$	YTD Actual (c) \$	Variance \$ (c) - (b)	Variance % ((c) - (b))/(b)	Var.
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Revenue from operating activities						
General rates	29,821,188	29,721,188	29,865,148	143,960	0.48%	
Grants, subsidies and contributions	666,638	612,918	628,147	15,229	2.48%	
Fees and charges	9,476,058	9,102,471	9,084,158	(18,313)	(0.20%)	
Service charges	6,644,211	6,644,211	6,730,970	86,759	1.31%	
Interest revenue	1,042,514	849,986	878,097	28,111	3.31%	
Other revenue	194,233	179,340	478,365	299,025	166.74%	▲
Profit on asset disposals	108,250	108,250	69,734	(38,516)	(35.58%)	▼
	47,953,092	47,218,364	47,734,619	516,255	1.09%	
Expenditure from operating activities						
Employee costs	(21,630,766)	(19,855,058)	(20,396,539)	(541,481)	(2.73%)	
Materials and contracts	(17,899,167)	(16,105,263)	(12,175,116)	3,930,147	24.40%	▲
Materials and contracts Underground Power	(8,483,007)	(8,483,007)	(8,483,007)	0	0.00%	
Utility charges	(1,046,457)	(959,252)	(933,043)	26,209	2.73%	
Depreciation	(10,598,779)	(9,715,547)	(9,514,657)	200,890	2.07%	
Finance costs	(184,737)	(173,403)	(193,888)	(20,485)	(11.81%)	▼
Insurance	(502,104)	(457,761)	(433,979)	23,782	5.20%	
Other expenditure	(1,146,558)	(1,043,417)	(961,722)	81,695	7.83%	
Loss on Disposal of Assets	0	0	(102,981)	(102,981)	0.00%	
	(61,491,575)	(56,792,708)	(53,194,932)	3,597,776	6.33%	
Non cash amounts excluded from operating activities	2(c) 8,763,795	7,880,563	7,706,698	(173,865)	(2.21%)	
Amount attributable to operating activities	(4,774,688)	(1,693,781)	2,246,385	3,940,166	232.63%	
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Inflows from investing activities						
Proceeds from capital grants, subsidies and contributions	4,365,881	3,906,158	1,616,242	(2,289,916)	(58.62%)	▼
Proceeds from disposal of assets	108,250	108,250	69,734	(38,516)	(35.58%)	
Proceeds from financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	4,959	4,047	4,047	0	0.00%	
	4,479,090	4,018,455	1,690,023	(2,328,432)	(57.94%)	
Outflows from investing activities						
Right of use assets recognised	0	0	(1,161)	(1,161)	0.00%	
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(1,630,904)	(1,550,505)	(530,607)	1,019,898	65.78%	▲
Acquisition of infrastructure	(8,031,427)	(7,332,098)	(3,907,761)	3,424,337	46.70%	▲
	(9,662,331)	(8,882,603)	(4,439,528)	4,443,074	50.02%	
Amount attributable to investing activities	(5,183,241)	(4,864,148)	(2,749,505)	2,114,642	43.47%	
FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Inflows from financing activities						
Proceeds from new borrowings	535,500	0	0	0	0.00%	
Transfer from reserves	3,850,000	3,850,000	3,850,000	(0)	(0.00%)	
	4,385,500	3,850,000	3,850,000	(0)	(0.00%)	
Outflows from financing activities						
Payments for principal portion of lease liabilities	(168,984)	(155,677)	(155,677)	0	0.00%	
Repayment of borrowings	(1,048,597)	(1,008,887)	(1,008,887)	0	0.00%	
Transfer to reserves	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	0	0.00%	
	(2,217,581)	(2,164,564)	(2,164,564)	0	0.00%	
Amount attributable to financing activities	2,167,919	1,685,436	1,685,435	(0)	(0.00%)	
MOVEMENT IN SURPLUS OR DEFICIT						
Surplus or deficit at the start of the financial year	2(a) 3,963,853	3,963,853	3,963,853	0	0.00%	
Amount attributable to operating activities	(4,774,688)	(1,693,781)	2,246,385	3,940,166	232.63%	▲
Amount attributable to investing activities	(5,183,241)	(4,864,148)	(2,749,505)	2,114,642	43.47%	▲
Amount attributable to financing activities	2,167,919	1,685,436	1,685,435	(0)	(0.00%)	
Surplus or deficit after imposition of general rates	(3,826,157)	(908,640)	5,146,168	6,054,808	666.36%	▲

KEY INFORMATION

▲ ▼ Indicates a variance between Year to Date (YTD) Budget and YTD Actual data outside the adopted materiality threshold.

▲ Indicates a variance with a positive impact on the financial position.

▼ Indicates a variance with a negative impact on the financial position.

Refer to Note 3 for an explanation of the reasons for the variance.

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CITY OF NEDLANDS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2026

	Actual 30 June 2025	Actual as at 31 May 2026
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	19,251,922	18,304,226
Trade and other receivables	1,771,932	2,859,511
Other financial assets	1,230,606	0
Inventories	4,937	4,937
Other assets	525,346	206,829
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	22,784,743	21,375,503
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade and other receivables	781,514	2,387,216
Other financial assets	159,239	159,239
Property, plant and equipment	99,900,160	97,599,983
Infrastructure	236,504,074	233,839,026
Right of use assets	311,817	146,082
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	337,656,804	334,131,546
TOTAL ASSETS	360,441,547	355,507,049
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade and other payables	5,097,362	4,468,488
Contract liabilities	138,386	30,000
Capital grant/contributions liabilities	629,167	1,195,815
Lease liabilities	170,163	100,354
Borrowings	1,008,888	928,772
Employee related provisions	2,100,459	2,312,967
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	9,144,425	9,036,396
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Lease liabilities	156,555	57,166
Borrowings	3,273,369	2,344,598
Employee related provisions	486,962	587,277
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	3,916,886	2,989,041
TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,061,311	12,025,437
NET ASSETS	347,380,236	343,481,612
EQUITY		
Retained surplus	(69,370,026)	(68,321,401)
Reserve accounts	(10,850,921)	(8,000,922)
Revaluation surplus	(267,159,289)	(267,159,289)
TOTAL EQUITY	(347,380,236)	(343,481,612)

This statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes.

CITY OF NEDLANDS
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2026

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

This prescribed financial report has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and accompanying regulations.

Local Government Act 1995 requirements

Section 6.4(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* read with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, prescribe that the financial report be prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with the Act, the Australian Accounting Standards. The Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board were applied where no inconsistencies exist.

The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* specify that vested land is a right-of-use asset to be measured at cost, and is considered a zero cost concessionary lease. All right-of-use assets under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost rather than at fair value, except for vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which continue to be reported at fair value, as opposed to the vested land which is measured at zero cost. The measurement of vested improvements at fair value is a departure from AASB 16 which would have required the City to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, regulation 34 prescribes contents of the financial report. Supplementary information does not form part of the financial report.

Accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the financial report has been prepared on the accrual basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities.

PREPARATION TIMING AND REVIEW

Date prepared: All known transactions up to 08-Jun-2026

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REPORTING ENTITY

All funds through which the City controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this financial report.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements.

MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICES

Material accounting policies utilised in the preparation of these statements are as described within the 2024-25 Annual Budget. Please refer to the adopted budget document for details of these policies.

Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of a financial report in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

As with all estimates, the use of different assumptions could lead to material changes in the amounts reported in the financial report.

The following are estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year and further information on their nature and impact can be found in the relevant note:

- Fair value measurement of assets carried at reportable value including:
 - Property, plant and equipment
 - Infrastructure
- Impairment losses of non-financial assets
- Expected credit losses on financial assets
- Assets held for sale
- Investment property
- Estimated useful life of intangible assets
- Measurement of employee benefits
- Measurement of provisions
- Estimation uncertainties and judgements made in relation to lease accounting

CITY OF NEDLANDS
NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2026

2 NET CURRENT ASSETS INFORMATION

(a) Net current assets used in the Statement of Financial Activity

	Actual as at 30 June 2025	Actual as at 31 May 2026
Note	\$	\$
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	19,251,922	18,304,226
Trade and other receivables	1,771,932	2,859,511
Other financial assets	1,230,606	0
Inventories	4,937	4,937
Other assets	525,346	206,829
	<u>22,784,743</u>	<u>21,375,503</u>
Less: current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	(5,097,362)	(4,468,488)
Contract liabilities	(138,386)	(30,000)
Capital grant/contributions liabilities	(629,167)	(1,195,815)
Lease liabilities	(170,163)	(100,354)
Borrowings	(1,008,888)	(928,772)
Employee related provisions	(2,100,459)	(2,312,967)
	<u>(9,144,425)</u>	<u>(9,036,396)</u>
Net current assets	13,640,318	12,339,107
Less: Total adjustments to net current assets	2(b) (9,676,465)	(7,192,939)
Closing funding surplus / (deficit)	3,963,853	5,146,168

(b) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

Adjustments to net current assets		
Less: Reserve accounts	(10,850,921)	(8,000,922)
Less: Financial assets at amortised cost - self supporting loans	(4,595)	0
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at the end of the year		
- Current portion of lease liabilities	170,163	100,354
- Current portion of borrowings	1,008,888	928,772
- Current portion of Adj's		(221,143)
Total adjustments to net current assets	2(a) (9,676,465)	(7,192,939)

(c) Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities

	YTD Budget Estimates 31 May 2026	YTD Actual 31 May 2026
	\$	\$
Adjustments to operating activities		
Less: Profit on asset disposals	(108,250)	(69,734)
Add: Loss on asset disposals	0	102,981
Add: Depreciation	9,715,547	9,514,657
Non-cash movements in non-current assets and liabilities:		
- Pensioner deferred rates	0	(32,396)
- Employee provisions	0	(100,315)
- Deferred service charge - Underground Power	(1,726,734)	(1,708,495)
Total non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	7,880,563	7,706,698

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

In the determination of whether an asset or liability is current or non-current, consideration is given to the time when each asset or liability is expected to be settled. Unless otherwise stated assets or liabilities are classified as current if expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the local governments' operational cycle.

CITY OF NEDLANDS
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MAY 2026

3 RESERVE ACCOUNTS

Reserve account name	Amended Budget				Actual			
	Opening Balance	Transfers In (+)	Transfers Out (-)	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Transfers In (+)	Transfers Out (-)	Closing Balance
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Reserve accounts restricted by legislation								
Cash-in-lieu of Public Open Space	519,817	0	0	519,817	368,333	0	0	368,333
Reserve accounts restricted by Council								
Plant Replacement	292,395	0	0	292,395	292,395	0	0	292,395
City Development	188,898	0	0	188,898	299,686	0	0	299,686
North Street	158,951	0	0	158,951	158,951	0	0	158,951
Welfare	208,248	0	0	208,248	369,884	0	0	369,884
Services	28,968	0	0	28,968	28,969	0	0	28,969
Insurance	67,939	0	0	67,939	67,939	0	0	67,939
Underground Power Projects	3,968,802	0	(3,850,000)	118,802	4,045,668	0	(3,850,000)	195,668
Waste Management	2,338,667	500,000	0	2,838,667	2,330,292	500,000	0	2,830,292
Building Replacement	623,747	0	0	623,747	955,315	0	0	955,315
Swanbourne Development	1,490	0	0	1,490	128,490	0	0	128,490
Public Art	47,334	0	0	47,334	47,334	0	0	47,334
Business System	113,143	0	0	113,143	114,143	0	0	114,143
All Ability Play Space	442,250	0	0	442,250	442,251	0	0	442,251
Major Projects	1,652,277	500,000	0	2,152,277	496,817	500,000	0	996,817
Riverwall Maintenance	100,000	0	0	100,000	104,454	0	0	104,454
Laneway Reserve	600,000	0	0	600,000	600,000	0	0	600,000
	11,352,926	1,000,000	(3,850,000)	8,502,926	10,850,921	1,000,000	(3,850,000)	8,000,922

Name of reserve account	Purpose of the reserve account
Restricted by legislation/agreement	
Cash-in-lieu of Public Open Space	To fund Public Open Space
Restricted by council	
Plant Replacement	To fund replacement of plant and equipment so the cost is spread over a number of years.
City Development	To fund improvement and purchases of property, plant and equipment and infrastructure.
North Street	To fund operational and capital costs of community and recreational facilities at Mt Claremont and Swanbourne, and infrastructure generally.
Welfare	To fund the operational and capital costs to welfare services.
Services	To fund purchase of property, purchase of land and for parking areas, expense of streets, depots, town planning schemes, valuation and legal costs, items of works of an urgent nature such as drainage.
Insurance	To fund any excess that may arise from having a performance based workers compensation premium.
Underground Power	To fund underground power projects.
Waste Management	To fund replacement of rubbish bin stock so that the cost is spread over a number of years.
Building Replacement	To fund the upgrade and/or replacement of council buildings.
Development - Swanbourne	To fund capital works in the Swanbourne area associated with the Swanbourne Masterplan. Set-up with proceeds of the insurance claim arising from the fire of council property in Swanbourne.
Public Art	To fund works of art in the City of Nedlands.
Business System	To fund councils business system.
All Ability Play Space	To fund the annual operating and maintenance cost of the All Abilities Play Space.
Major projects	To fund capital works from proceeds from sale of major assets.
Riverwall Maintenance	To fund riverwall capital and maintenance works.
Laneway	To fund laneway road projects.

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FINANCING ACTIVITIES

4 BORROWINGS

Repayments - borrowings

Information on borrowings Particulars	Loan No.	1 July 2025	New Loans		Principal Repayments		Principal Outstanding	
			Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Building Infrastructure	184	77,653	0	0	(77,653)	(77,653)	0	0
Building Infrastructure	185	36,752	0	0	(36,752)	(36,752)	1	1
Underground Power - West Hollywood	188	233,534	0	0	(75,503)	(75,503)	158,031	158,031
Underground Power - Alfred & Mt Clare	189	34,109	0	0	(11,028)	(11,028)	23,081	23,081
Underground Power - Alderbury	190	24,224	0	0	(7,832)	(7,832)	16,392	16,392
Underground Power - Nedlands North	191	3,871,937	0	0	(796,073)	(796,073)	3,075,864	3,075,864
Underground Power - Nedlands West	192	0	0	535,500	0	0	0	535,500
Self supporting loans								
Dalkeith Bowling Club	186	4,047	0	0	(4,047)	(4,047)	0	0
		4,047	0	0	(4,047)	(4,047)	0	0
Total		4,282,256	0	535,500	(1,008,887)	(1,008,887)	3,273,369	3,808,869
Current borrowings		1,008,887					928,772	
Non-current borrowings		3,273,369					2,344,597	
		4,282,256					3,273,369	

All debenture repayments were financed by general purpose revenue.

Self supporting loans are financed by repayments from third parties.

KEY INFORMATION

The City has elected to recognise borrowing costs as an expense when incurred regardless of how the borrowings are applied.

Fair values of borrowings are not materially different to their carrying amounts, since the interest payable on those borrowings is either close to current market rates or the borrowings are of a short term nature.

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5 CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM**

Project Class	Full Year Amended Budget (a)	YTD Amended Budget (b)	YTD Actual (c)	Variance \$ (c)-(b)
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Buildings	611,004	560,050	130,064	(429,987)
TOTAL LAND AND BUILDINGS	611,004	560,050	130,064	(429,987)
Furniture and equipment	-	-	-	-
Computer equipment	438,000	438,000	115,903	(322,097)
Plant and equipment	307,890	282,233	244,129	(38,104)
Fleet	274,010	270,222	40,512	(229,710)
TOTAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	1,019,900	990,454	400,543	(589,911)
TOTAL BUILDINGS, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT	1,630,904	1,550,505	530,607	(1,019,898)
Roads	5,208,901	4,747,728	3,015,314	(1,732,414)
Other infrastructure	60,000	55,000	-	(55,000)
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE ROADS	5,268,901	4,802,728	3,015,314	(1,787,414)
Footpath	-	-	-	-
Drainage	703,050	641,546	329,593	(311,953)
Park development	2,059,476	1,887,825	562,854	(1,324,971)
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE OTHER	2,762,526	2,529,370	892,447	(1,636,924)
TOTAL INFRASTRUCTURE	8,031,427	7,332,098	3,907,761	(3,424,337)
Total Capital Works	9,662,331	8,882,603	4,438,367	(4,444,235)



17 DIVISIONAL REPORTS - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nil



18 DIVISIONAL REPORTS - CITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

Nil



**19 COUNCIL MEMBERS NOTICE OF MOTIONS OF WHICH
PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil



20 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER OR BY DECISION

Nil



21 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

This Report is **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Section 5.23(2), of the Local Government Act 1995 (LG Act) which provides that the Council may close to members of the public a meeting, or part of a meeting, if the meeting (or part meeting) deals with a matter identified in sub sections (a) – (h) of section 5.23(2). The reports listed below have been identified as confidential for the following reasons:

Item 21.1 - Debt Recovery Issue

- Section 5.23(4)(b) information relating to the personal affairs of an individual;

Item 21.2 - Records Management Software Proposal

- Section 5.23(4)(d) information contained in a tender received by the local government for a contract to the extent that —
 - the information discloses any technology, or any manufacturing, industrial or trade process, that the tenderer proposes to use in performing the contract; and
 - the information has not previously been made public; and
 - the making public of the information would be likely to have an adverse effect on the tenderer's business interests

Members are reminded that, should Council resolve to close to members of the public that part of its meeting at which this Report and related documents is to be considered, then they are to ensure that the information remains **CONFIDENTIAL** and should not disclose the content of this Report or any related document to any other person. To do so may be an improper use of the information under section 5.93 of the LG Act.

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

That Council, in accordance with *Section 5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to Section 5.23(4)(b) and Section 5.23(4)(d); declares the meeting closed to the public at 5:55 pm.

Moved: Cr Eliza Clapin

Seconded: Mayor Leonie Browner

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen, Cr Stephen Kobelke, Cr Charles Pan and Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Against: Nil



21.1 Debt Recovery Issue

Report Number	PCD18.07.26
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Simple Majority
Authority/Discretion	Information
Contributing Officer	Kevin Perraudin - Coordinator Revenue
Responsible Officer	Thushara Wijesiri - Manager Financial Services
Director	Noelene Jennings - Acting Director City Performance and Community Development
Attachments	1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Letter from Residents to former CEO [21.1.1] 2. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Former CEO's response to Residents [21.1.2] 3. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - Residents response email to the former CEO [21.1.3] 4. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - ICEO's Letter to Resident offering extended payment terms [21.1.4]

Alternative Motion and Council Decision

That Council APPROVES the Alternative Motion outlined in Confidential ANNEX 1.

Moved: Cr Glenn Ruscoe

Seconded: Cr Stephen Kobelke

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Charles Pan, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Glenn Ruscoe, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen and Cr Stephen Kobelke

Against: Nil



21.2 Records Management Software Proposal

Report Number	PCD19.07.26
Applicant	City of Nedlands
Disclosure of Interest	Nil
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority
Authority/Discretion	Advocacy
Contributing Officer	Andrew Van Rooyen - Chief Information Officer
Responsible Officer	Nalin Dias - Information Technology Governance Coordinator
Director	Noelene Jennings - Acting Director City Performance and Community Development
Attachments	1. CONFIDENTIAL REDACTED - RFT 2025-26.16 Records Management Tool Evaluation and Recommendation Report - signed [21.2.1]

Officer Recommendation and Council Decision

That Council **APPROVES** the recommendation outlined in the confidential report.

Moved: Mayor Leonie Browner **Seconded:** Cr Glenn Ruscoe

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Charles Pan, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Glenn Ruscoe, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen and Cr Stephen Kobelke

Against: Nil



Officer Recommendation

That Council RE-OPENS the meeting to members of the public at 6:02 pm.

Moved: Cr Rachel Kristensen

Seconded: Cr Charles Pan

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 8-0

For: Mayor Leonie Browner, Cr Jenny Mathews, Cr Charles Pan, Cr Eliza Clapin, Cr Glenn Ruscoe, Cr Julian Coleman, Cr Rachel Kristensen and Cr Stephen Kobelke

Against: Nil



22 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 6:05 pm.