



City of **Perth**

Notes

Agenda Briefing Session
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Chief Executive Officer
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1. Declaration of Opening

The Presiding Member declared the Agenda Briefing Session for the City of Perth open at 5:00pm.

2. Acknowledgement of Country/Prayer

The Presiding Member gave an Acknowledgement of Country:

I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet, the Whadjuk Nyoongar people of Western Australia, and pay my respects to Elders past and present. It is a privilege to be standing on Whadjuk Nyoongar country.

The Chief Executive Officer recited a prayer:

Almighty God, under whose providence we hold responsibility for this City grant us wisdom to understand its present needs, foresight to anticipate its future growth, and grace to serve our fellow citizens with integrity and selfless devotion. And to Thee, be all blessing and glory forever. Amen.

3. Attendance

Members in Attendance

Deputy Lord Mayor

Bruce Reynolds

Councillors

Clyde Bevan

Raj Doshi

Liam Gobbert

David Goncalves

Catherine Lezer

Steven Wellard

Viktor Ko arrived 5:30pm

Officers in Attendance

General Manager Infrastructure and Operations

Allan Mason

Chief Executive Officer

Michelle Reynolds

General Manager Commercial Services

Steve Holden

General Manager Community Development

Wendy Attenborough

Executive Director Governance and Strategy

Peta Mabbs

General Manager Engagement and Activation

Andrew Lane

General Manager Planning and Sustainability

Maria Cooke

Manager Strategic Procurement

Syed Ahmed

Manager Audit and Risk

Brent Godfrey

Alliance Manager Council Governance and Policy

Charlie Clarke

Council Governance and Policy Coordinator

Ebony Mackey

Council Governance and Policy Officer

Ali Muzammal

Public Gallery

There were approximately 4 members of the public in the gallery.

3.1 Apologies

Nil.

3.2 Leave of Absence

Councillor Viktor Ko approved leave (28 May 2025 to 01 September 2025, inclusive)

3.3 Applications for Leave of Absence

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

4. Announcements by the Deputy Lord Mayor

Nil.

5. Disclosures of Interests

Name	Councillor Catherine Lezer
Item number and title	Item 11.1 Draft Hay Street Road Reserve Widening Local Planning Policy
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"For consistency and completeness I disclose I am a Councillor on Heritage Council WA."</i>

Name	Councillor Catherine Lezer
Item number and title	Item 11.1 Draft Hay Street Road Reserve Widening Local Planning Policy
Nature of interest	Direct Financial Interest
Interest description	<i>"My residence backs onto Hay Street, Perth."</i>

Name	Councillor Steven Wellard
Item number and title	Item 11.1 Draft Hay Street Road Reserve Widening Local Planning Policy
Nature of interest	Proximity Interest
Interest description	<i>"I own a property on Hay street inside the area of Focus."</i>

Name	Councillor Viktor Ko
Item number and title	Item 16.1 Major Events and Festivals Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"I attended Perth Festival in May 2025"</i>

Name	Councillor David Goncalves
Item number and title	Item 16.1 Major Events and Festivals Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"I have previously attended events hosted by ARTRAGE, Perth Festival, Blue Room Theatre, STRUT Dance and The Lester Prize. Various employees and volunteers of these organisations are known to me. Brodie McCulloch of Spacecubed is also known to me."</i>

Name	Councillor Clyde Bevan
Item number and title	Item 16.1 Major Events and Festivals Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Direct Financial Interest and Impartiality
Interest description	<i>"I along with my wife Lesley attended a performance from the Perth Festival valued at just under - \$300.00."</i>

Name	Councillor Raj Doshi
Item number and title	16.1 Major Events and Festivals Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"I am a board member at the Blue Room theatre on a voluntary basis."</i>

Name	Councillor Steve Wellard
Item number and title	16.1 Major Events and Festivals Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"I have attended functions hosted by ARTRAGE/FRINGEWORLD IN 2024/25 as a guest of ARTRAGE/FRINGEWORLD."</i>

Name	Councillor Laim Gobbert
Item number and title	16.1 Major Events and Festivals Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"I attended an event hosted by ARTRAGE and employees of ATRAGE are known to me. I attended events held by Perth Festival as the City's representative in accordance with the attendance at events policy – no association has been formed, and this represents an impartiality interest only."</i>

Name	Councillor David Goncalves
Item number and title	Item 16.2 Economic Development Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"I have previously attended events hosted by ARTRAGE, Perth Festival, Blue Room Theatre, STRUT Dance and The Lester Prize. Various employees and volunteers of these organisations are known to me. Brodie McCulloch of Spacecubed is also known to me."</i>

Name	Councillor David Goncalves
Item number and title	Item 16.4 Arts and Culture Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"I have previously attended events hosted by ARTRAGE, Perth Festival, Blue Room Theatre, STRUT Dance and The Lester Prize. Various employees and volunteers of these organisations are known to me. Brodie McCulloch of Spacecubed is also known to me."</i>

Name	Councillor Catherine Lezer
Item number and title	Item 16.4 Arts and Culture Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Proximity Interest
Interest description	<i>"My residence is adjacent to Government House, which is listed as a venue in this item."</i>

Name	Councillor Clyde Bevan
Item number and title	16.4 Arts and Culture Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"I have known of Marina Hogan and her Husband. As they were restaurant customers some five years ago. I have also been to the exhibitions that she has attended as well."</i>

Name	Councillor Liam Gobbert
Item number and title	16.4 Arts and Culture Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"I am a member of the Blue Room Theatre; I have attended events held by WA Opera, WA Ballet, WASO, The Lester Prize, and Scribblers Festival as the City's representative in accordance with the attendance at events policy – no associations have been formed and this represents an impartiality interest only Barking Gecko CEO Ryan Taafe is a known personally to me."</i>

Name	Councillor Raj Doshi
Item number and title	16.4 Arts and Culture Sponsorship 2025/26
Nature of interest	Impartiality Interest
Interest description	<i>"I am a Board member at the Blue Room Theatre on a voluntary basis."</i>

5:07pm Councillor Viktor Ko arrived at the meeting during Item 5.

6. Public Participation

6.1 Public Questions

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

6.2 Deputations

5:09pm Councillor Clyde Bevan disclosed a Direct Financial and Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.1 (as detailed at Item 5) and departed the meeting accordingly.

6.2.1 Anna Reece representing Perth Festival who spoke FOR the Officers Recommendation in Item 16.1 Major Events and Festivals Sponsorship 2025/26.

5:15pm Councillor Clyde Bevan returned to the meeting.

5:16pm Councillor Catherine Lezer disclosed a Proximity Interest in relation to item 16.4 (as detailed at Item 5) and departed the meeting accordingly.

6.2.2 Sukhjit Khalsa representing The Blue Room Theatre who spoke AGAINST the Officers Recommendation in Item 16.4 Arts and Culture Sponsorship 2025/2026.

7. Confirmation of Minutes

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

8. Questions by Members which due Notice has been Given

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

9. Correspondence

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

10. Petitions

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

Reports

A series of questions were raised by elected members which were responded to prior to the Agenda Briefing Session. A summary of the responses will be included under 'Further Information' located at the end of each report in the Ordinary Council Meeting agenda.

The audio recording of this Agenda Briefing Session is available on the City's website.

11. Planning and Sustainability Alliance Reports

Councillor Catherine Lezer disclosed an Impartiality Interest and Direct Financial Interest in relation to Item 11.1 (as detailed at Item 5).

Councillor Steven Wellard disclosed a Proximity Interest in Item 11.1 (as detailed at Item 5). As no questions were asked, Councillor Wellard was not required to depart the meeting.

11.1 Draft Hay Street Road Reserve Widening Local Planning Policy

5:32pm *Councillor Catherine Lezer returned to the meeting.*

11.2 Submission on Draft Position Statement: Purpose-Built Student Accommodation

12. Community Development Alliance Reports

Nil.

13. Infrastructure and Operations Alliance Reports

Nil.

14. Commercial Services Alliance Reports

Nil.

15. Corporate Services Reports

15.1 (Interim) Monthly Financial Statements - June 2025

15.2 Schedule of Accounts Paid - June 2025

15.3 Review of Council Policy 2.2 Purchasing

16. Engagement and Activations Alliance Reports

Councillor Viktor Ko disclosed an Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.1 (as detailed at Item 5).

Councillor David Goncalves disclosed an Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.1 (as detailed at Item 5).

Councillor Clyde Bevan disclosed a Direct Financial and Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.1 (as detailed at Item 5).

Councillor Raj Doshi disclosed an Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.1 (as detailed at Item 5).

Councillor Wellard disclosed an Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.1 (as detailed at Item 5).

Councillor Liam Gobbert disclosed an Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.1 (as detailed at Item 5).

16.1 Major Events and Festivals Sponsorship 2025/26

Councillor David Goncalves disclosed an Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.2 (as detailed at Item 5).

16.2 Economic Development Sponsorship 2025/26

16.3 Events Strategy

Councillor David Goncalves disclosed an Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.4 (as detailed at Item 5).

Councillor Clyde Bevan disclosed an Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.4 (as detailed at Item 5).

Councillor Liam Gobbert disclosed an Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.4 (as detailed at Item 5).

Councillor Raj Doshi disclosed an Impartiality Interest in relation to Item 16.4 (as detailed at Item 5).

5:35pm Councillor Catherine Lezer disclosed a Proximity Interest in relation to Item 16.4 (as detailed at Item 5) and departed the meeting accordingly.

16.4 Arts and Culture Sponsorship 2025/26

5:37pm Councillor Catherine Lezer returned to the meeting.

17. Chief Executive Officer Reports

Nil.

18. Committee Reports

Nil.

19. Motions of which Previous Notice has been Given

19.1 Notice of Motion - Public Art in Public Spaces, Murals on Available Blank Walls particularly under Freeway Overpasses.

19.2 Notice of Motion - CCTV Reimbursement Scheme

19.3 Notice of Motion - Totterdell Park Safety & Lighting

19.4 Notice of Motion - Street Parking Fee Waiver Voucher Program

20. Matters for which the meeting may be closed

In accordance with Section 5.23(2)(c) and Section 5.23(2)(e) of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Item and its attachments are confidential.

20.1 Colonnade Lot 104 (900) Hay Street, Perth - Property Disposal - Unsolicited Bid

In accordance with Section 5.23(2)(c) and Section 5.23(2)(e) of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Item and its attachments are confidential.

20.2 RFT000251 Parking Technology Replacement for Parking Access and Revenue Control Systems

In accordance with Section 5.23(2)(e) of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Item and its attachments are confidential.

20.3 Major Leveraging Opportunity - HoopsFest 2026

Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee meeting held on 11 August 2025

In accordance with Section 5.23(2)(a), Section 5.23(2)(e) and Section 5.23(2)(f) of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Item and its attachments are confidential.

20.4 Report in response to the findings of the Office of the Auditor General - Performance Audit on Local Government Management of Purchasing Cards

In accordance with Section 5.23(2)(h) of the Local Government Act 1995, the following Item and its attachments are confidential.

20.5 Report on Behavioural complaints made under Council Policy| 1.8 Code of Conduct Behavioural Complaints Management

21. Urgent Business

This item will be dealt with at the Ordinary Council Meeting.

22. Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 5:46.