

agenda

Special Meeting
Future Planning Committee



Please be advised that a **Special Future Planning Committee** Meeting will be held at **5.30pm** on **Tuesday 28 August 2018** in Meeting Room 1 at the Administration Building, 99 Shepperton Road, Victoria Park.

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ANTHONY VULETA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

22 August 2018

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1 OPENING

2 ATTENDANCE

Members:

Banksia Ward: Cr C (Claire) Anderson (Presiding Member)
Cr R (Ronhda) Potter

Jarrah Ward: Cr B (Brian) Oliver
Cr V (Vicki) Potter (Deputy Mayor)

Independent Committee Member: Mr S (Scott) Davies

Chief Community Planner Ms N (Natalie) Martin Goode
Manager Development Services Mr R (Robert) Cruickshank
Environment Officer Mr B (Brendan) Nock
Manager Place Planning Mr D (David) Doy

Secretary: Ms A (Amy) Noonr

Guests: Ms H (Heather) Johnstone
Mr D (Dave) Lindner
Mr J (Jim) Mellor
Ms V (Vicki) Caulfield

2.1 Apologies

2.2 Approved Leave of Absence

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest are to be made in writing prior to the commencement of the Meeting, (a form to assist Elected Members and Staff is attached at the end of this Agenda).

Declaration of Financial Interests

A declaration under this section requires that the nature of the interest must be disclosed. Consequently a member who has made a declaration must not preside, participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision-making procedure relating to the matter the subject of the declaration. An employee is required to disclose their financial interest and if required to do so by the Council must disclose the extent of the interest. Employees are required to disclose their financial interests where they are required to present verbal or written reports to the Council. Employees are able to continue to provide advice to the

Council in the decision making process if they have disclosed their interest.

Name/Position	
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Nature of Interest	
Extent of Interest	

Declaration of Proximity Interest

Elected members (in accordance with Regulation 11 of the *Local Government [Rules of Conduct] Regulations 2007*) and employees (in accordance with the Code of Conduct) are to declare an interest in a matter if the matter concerns: a) a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; b) a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or c) a proposed development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the persons' land.

Land, the proposed land adjoins a person's land if: a) the proposal land, not being a thoroughfare, has a common boundary with the person's land; b) the proposal land, or any part of it, is directly across a thoroughfare from, the person's land; or c) the proposal land is that part of a thoroughfare that has a common boundary with the person's land. A person's land is a reference to any land owned by the person or in which the person has any estate or interest.

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Declaration of Interest affecting impartiality

Elected Members (in accordance with Regulation 11 of the *Local Government [Rules of Conduct] Regulations 2007*) and employees (in accordance with the Code of Conduct) are required to declare any interest that may affect their impartiality in considering a matter. This declaration does not restrict any right to participate in or be present during the decision-making process. The Elected Member/employee is also encouraged to disclose the nature of the interest.

Name/Position	
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4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Future Planning Committee Meeting held on 15 August 2018 be confirmed

5 TERMS OF REFERENCE

1 Name

Future Planning Committee

2 Purpose

The Town's *Strategic Community Plan* notes four components of the Mission Statement, namely –

- Social – To promote sustainable connected, safe and diverse places for everyone.
- Economic – To promote sustainable diverse, resilient and prosperous places for everyone.
- Environment – To promote sustainable liveable, healthy and green places for everyone.
- Civic Leadership – To show leadership by communicating with, empowering and supporting people in the community.

The primary purpose of this committee shall be the Environment component of the Town's Mission Statement, which is to promote sustainable liveable, healthy and green places for everyone.

3 Scope

The Committee will primarily focus on the following key Environment Strategic Outcomes –

- Land use planning that puts people first in urban design, allows for different housing options for people with different housing needs and enhances the Town's character.
- A safe, interconnected and well maintained transport network that makes it easy for everyone to get around.
- A place with sustainable, safe and convenient transport options for everyone.
- A clean place where everyone knows the value of waste, water and energy.
- Appropriate and sustainable facilities for everyone that are well built, well maintained and well managed.
- Appropriate, inviting and sustainable green spaces for everyone that are well maintained and well managed.
- Increased vegetation and tree canopy.

Wherever possible, the Committee will seek opportunities to address the following additional Strategic Outcomes –

- Everyone receives appropriate information in the most efficient and effective way for them.
- Appropriate devolution of decision making and service provision to an empowered community.
- People have positive exchanges with the Town that inspires confidence in the information and the timely service provided.
- A community that is authentically engaged and informed in a timely manner.

4 Deliverables

The Committee will –

- Provide strategic leadership in the development and regular review of policies and strategies that are inclusive, empowering and build capacity of the Town of Victoria Community.
- Be proactive in planning to accommodate population growth.
- Maintain and build on the existing heritage and character of the Town.
- Promote a strong identity for the Town as an inner-city urban centre.
- Ensure the Council is an advocate for the community in local and regional matters.

Specifically the Committee will ensure delivery of the following –

- Annual review of policies, strategies and plans related to the Scope of the Committee.
- Public Open Space Strategy.
- Housing Strategy.
- Local Planning Strategy.
- Local Planning Scheme Review.
- Environmental Plan.
- Integrated Movement Network Strategy.
- Urban Forest Strategy.

5 Reporting

Although any Service Area of the Town may report through this Committee on matters associated with the Primary Purpose and Scope, the following Service Areas of Council are likely to predominantly feature –

- Asset Planning
- Building Services
- Environment
- Fleet Services
- General Compliance
- Parks and Reserves
- Place Management
- Strategic Town Planning
- Street Improvement
- Street Operations
- Urban Planning
- Waste Services

6 Governance

The Committee is a Council-created Committee formed under Subdivision 2 (Committees and their meetings) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and is governed by the provisions of the *Town of Victoria Park Standing Orders Local Law 2011* and the *Local Government Act 1995* and its Regulations.

The Committee will comprise a maximum of four (4) Elected Members (being two (2) Elected Member representatives from each of the Town's two (2) wards with five (5) Elected Members being appointed in a hierarchical order as alternate deputy members) and up to two (2) other persons (that may be co-opted from time-to-time for such period, or in relation to such matters, as determined, where that person's experience, skills or qualifications would enable him or her to make a contribution to the Committee's functions).

In accordance with section 5.19 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the quorum for a meeting of the Committee is at least 50% of the number of offices (whether vacant or not) of members of the Committee.

7 Meeting arrangements

The Committee shall convene in accordance with the annual adopted meeting schedule.

8 Authority

The Committee has no delegated power. The Committee may only make recommendations to Council for a decision.

9 Review

The Committee and Committee Terms of Reference will be reviewed from time-to-time and immediately following each local government election.

6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Deputations

7 METHOD OF DEALING WITH AGENDA BUSINESS

RECOMMENDATION:

That clause 6.10 *Speaking Twice of the Town of Victoria Park Standing Orders Local Law 2011* be suspended for the duration of this meeting.

8 REPORTS

8.1 Future Planning Committee – Endorsement of Town of Victoria Park Urban Forest Strategy

File Reference:	ENV/13/6
Appendices:	Town of Victoria Park Urban Forest Strategy
Attachments:	No.

Date:	August 2018
Reporting Officer:	B. Nock
Responsible Officer:	B. Killigrew
Voting Requirement:	Simple Majority

Executive Summary:

Recommendation/s– That the Future Planning Committee recommends that Council:

- 1. Endorses the Town of Victoria Park Urban Forest Strategy, subject to alterations as outlined within the Comments section of this report**
- 2. Approves the development of an Urban Forest Strategy Implementation Plan.**

- On the 13 July 2016 at the Special Meeting of Electors (SME), Motion 5 was passed by the electors of the Town of Victoria Park. This motions was subsequently referred to Council for consideration at the 9 August 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM).
- Motion 5, as put and carried 45-0, was such that:
“That Council, as a matter of priority, undertake an urban forest strategy in partnership with Curtin University, residents, community groups and any relevant stakeholders that wish to participate, and that this strategy proceed or be undertaken in conjunction with any discussion relating to future Town Planning Scheme amendments, to achieve an increase in tree canopy coverage up to 20% by 2020.”
- The Town proceeded to adopt the Asset Based Community Development approach by engaging an incorporated community group to deliver the Urban Forest Strategy for the Town. This subsequently resulted in the engagement of the Vic Park Collective, in partnership with the Victoria Park Urban Tree Network.
- As per the Communication and Community Consultation Plan, extensive community and stakeholder consultation has occurred since August 2017.
- The Urban Forest Strategy provides detailed methods and costs to increase the canopy coverage within the Town by up to 20%.

The Town is seeking Council endorsement of the Urban Forest Strategy, and support for the development of an Implementation Plan.

TABLED ITEMS:

Nil

BACKGROUND:

Urban tree canopy is a measure of the coverage of the leafy part of a tree, which delivers the most benefits environmentally. The rate of urban deforestation across Perth has been rapid and the loss of urban tree canopy is having both a direct and indirect impact upon the quality of health and amenity enjoyed by residents.

The latest canopy mapping and analysis undertaken for the Town shows that despite growth in established trees, in 2016 the total canopy cover within the Town was 10%.

On the 13 July 2016 at the Special Meeting of Electors (SME) a number of motions were passed by the electors of the Town of Victoria Park. These motions were subsequently referred to Council for consideration at the 9 August 2016 Ordinary Council Meeting (OCM).

Motion 5 (of the 19 carried at the SME) was:

“That Council, as a matter of priority, undertake an urban forest strategy in partnership with Curtin University, residents, community groups and any relevant stakeholders that wish to participate, and that this strategy proceed or be undertaken in conjunction with any discussion relating to future Town Planning Scheme amendments, to achieve an increase in tree canopy coverage up to 20% by 2020.

The motion was put and carried 45-0.”

At the OCM on 9 August 2016 at item 10.3 Motions from the Electors’ Special Meeting of 13 July 2016, Council resolved:

‘Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report to the council’s Future Planning Committee November 2016 meeting on the urban forest strategy as contained within Motion 5’.

The matter was subsequently workshopped at the Future Planning Committee on 17 August 2016 with the following required actions noted -

Action:

Assessment of resources and cost assessment with timing options for consideration at the FPC meeting in September. (DRL)

Engage with Community from beginning to work through the process.

In response to community concerns, the Council has committed to increase its tree canopy with a target of 20%. This target was based on information available at the time and was in line with the target of other local governments.

The Town proceeded to adopt the Asset Based Community Development approach by engaging an incorporated community group to deliver the Urban Forest Strategy (UFS) for the Town. This subsequently resulted in the engagement of the Vic Park Collective, in partnership with the Victoria Park Urban Tree Network.

As per the Communication and Community Consultation Plan of this project, extensive community and stakeholder consultation has occurred since August 2017.

The collective consultation outcome has been considered and integrated into the initial development and subsequent revisions of the UFS itself.

The purpose of this report is to present the final UFS to the Future Planning Committee and Council for endorsement.

DETAILS:

The Town of Victoria Park's Urban Forest Strategy aims to contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community and a sustainable livable city. To achieve a target of 20% canopy, the Town needs to protect and save existing trees, and embark upon a mass tree planting program.

The UFS has been created by the community via community groups, and it is anticipated that the Town will manage and facilitate its implementation with support from the community.

The primary opportunity for the success of the UFS is the high level of current community interest, support and activity towards improving the Town's natural environment. .

Strategic Outcomes, Targets and Actions

The UFS is comprised of several overarching strategic outcomes. Each strategic outcome has suggested actions to facilitate specific targets on both public and private land within the Town, and an indication of the proposed timeframe for implementation, as follows:

- S – short term up to 5 years;
- M – medium term from 5-10 years; and
- L – long term beyond 10 years.

The below outlines the strategic outcomes, targets and some examples of suggested actions:

Strategic Outcome 1: Plant and protect sufficient trees by 2020 to achieve the 20% tree canopy target as supported by Council

TARGET: Protect existing trees on public and private land and plant enough trees by 2020 to allow 20% canopy when the trees have matured. A staged implementation plan will be developed and may include separate targets and actions for different land use zones and densities.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:**Public Land**

- Prioritise trees and vegetation in streetscape planning, traffic management (as appropriate) and urban design.
- Develop a Town street tree strategy.
- Implement an 'opt-out' verge trees policy.
- Develop and implement a sumps vegetation project and collaborate with local community groups, State government agencies, SERCUL, and other stakeholders.

Private land

- Density/heights bonuses based on performance criteria that protect existing trees and enable new trees to be planted.

- Design guidelines that support protecting and enhancing canopy cover on private land.
- Explore and develop effective penalties to deter unnecessary tree removal and clearing of development sites.
- Strengthen and enforce local planning policy to require best practice tree planting and landscaping in non-residential car parks.

Strategic Outcome 2: Maximise community involvement and collaboration

TARGET: The local community will be engaged with the UFS and will be more closely involved in greening activities within the Town.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- Consult and collaborate with community groups, private landowners, businesses and other stakeholders (local, national and global) to deliver innovative urban forest solutions.
- Work with local Aboriginal people to develop community programs that increase knowledge about the cultural significance of landscapes, flora and fauna in the Town.
- Join with other LGAs and government agencies to co-develop and deliver programmes and strategies that support the UFS.
- Conduct a public information campaign and local schools education programme focused on the UFS goals and actions.

Strategic Outcome 3: Increase tree diversity, whilst favouring local endemic and West Australian species that also support wildlife

TARGET: There shall be a tree diversity policy for the Town's public urban forest and guidelines for private land, based on data from regular tree audits (see Strategic Outcome 1). A staged planting programme will be implemented to adjust the mix of trees to achieve these diversity targets over the long term.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- Implement use of a Town tree matrix to achieve agreed tree diversity guidelines, including annual review and update.
- Revise verge and street tree planting guidelines to increase diversity.
- Establish protocols for increasing understorey and ground cover planting in public parks and other planted areas (whilst considering public safety) to encourage healthy ecosystem promoting wildlife.

Strategic Outcome 4: Maintain high standard of vegetation health

TARGET: No less than 90% of the Town's urban forest will be maintained in good health.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:**Improve tree health**

- Benchmark and reduce the number of stressed trees and vegetation through careful management.
- Select good stock and species that are resilient to the effects of climate change.
- Continue with dieback treatment trials.

Strategic Outcome 5: Improve soil and water quality

TARGET: Develop and employ benchmarks that ensure soil moisture is maintained at levels that support healthy vegetation, water quality and effective flood and water resource management.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- Review storm water infrastructure capability to maintain and improve soil and water quality.
- Explore options for planting native sedges in Town sumps.
- Install alternative or temporary watering systems (for example, portable water tanks) in suitable locations.

Strategic Outcome 6: Improve urban ecosystems

TARGET: Protect and enhance biodiversity, green infrastructure and green corridors that contribute to a healthy urban ecosystem.

SUGGESTED ACTIONS:

- Develop a rehabilitation and revegetation plan for the Kent St Sand Pit.
- In collaboration with the Kwongan Foundation at UWA and local stakeholders, review the Town's Environment Plan and incorporate an Urban Ecology and Biodiversity Plan in which trees and vegetation are used to address environmental problems.
- Using a collaborative approach with other landowners, re-create green corridors throughout the Town to connect fragmented parcels of land that assist native fauna access and freedom of movement.
- Develop a planter box and parklet policy for shop fronts.

Consultation

A key focus of the UFS development was to consult and engage community stakeholders, and particularly the Town's residential population. This was achieved using the following methods:

- Interviews with 16 local land caretakers; individuals and community groups representing over 3,000 members.
- Information exchanges with experts in the field.
- Media coverage and social media posts, comments, likes and shares (with a reach of over 50,000 people).
- School visits.
- Vic Park Farmers' Market stall and discussions with 120 Town residents.
- Online surveys through 'Your Thoughts' portal, attracting submissions from 50 residents and 18 Town officers.
- Five community workshops.
- Town officers and peer workshops and engagement.

This community input helped to shape the UFS strategies and actions, identified planting priorities, and provided a guide for ongoing community education and engagement. The consultation process revealed a high level of community awareness and a strong desire for action to protect and grow the urban forest.

UFS Implementation

The practical implementation of the UFS will require the development of an Implementation Plan.

It is intended that the Implementation Plan will translate the high-level principles, strategies and actions of the UFS into a practical roadmap that will inform operational tasks, staffing and resources, gap analyses and cost benefit assessments, implementation and reporting responsibilities, risk management and monitoring and evaluation plans.

It is anticipated that the Implementation Plan would be developed in liaison with the UFS Working Group.

Legal Compliance:

The Town has complied with Section 3.57 of the *Local Government Act 1995* relating to tenders.

Policy Implications:

Council Policy FIN4 Purchase of Goods and Services has been complied with for the UFS project.

The UFS also proposes some policy revisions within the Town of Victoria Park to strategically address issues such as retention of existing trees, provision of deep soil areas, landscaping and biophilic design, best practice tree planting and landscaping in non-residential car parks.

Risk management considerations:

Risk & Consequence	Consequence Rating	Likelihood Rating	Overall Risk Analysis	Mitigation/Actions
<p>Urban infill: Preparing for 40,000 new residents by 2050 and an increase of 19,300 dwellings presents an unprecedented social and environmental challenge for the Town.</p> <p>The pressures of urban infill and other development has led - and may continue to lead - to ongoing deforestation, particularly on private land, which has not been offset by plantings in public areas.</p>	High	Likely	High	<p>Action is required by the Town and other stakeholders to mitigate the ongoing decline in tree canopy.</p> <p>The Town must educate and promote the UFS and its benefits to the community. The Town should also actively plan, budget for and collaboratively manage the UFS on public land and facilitate outcomes on private and land.</p>

Risk & Consequence	Consequence Rating	Likelihood Rating	Overall Risk Analysis	Mitigation/Actions
Resistance from developers and private property owners, together with the constraints of existing local and state planning regulations, may present challenges to UFS vision.				
Community sentiment: Whilst there are many passionate Town residents who are supportive of the UFS, there may be a lack of knowledge about land management policies, poor coordination between community groups, and limited buy-in from the community.	High	Likely	High	To mitigate these challenges, a coordinated public communication campaign by the Town would be necessary.
Inadequate resourcing	High	Likely	High	<p>The success of the UFS will depend largely on the allocation of sufficient resources for staffing and implementation.</p> <p>Further, to support successful community participation, funding should be carefully targeted towards viable community projects, adequate Town staffing to assist volunteers.</p> <p>Each financial year the Town will need to allocate budget according to the staged Implementation Plan.</p>
With the time taken to commence the implementation of the	High	Low	Medium	Community will be kept informed of the progress.

Risk & Consequence	Consequence Rating	Likelihood Rating	Overall Risk Analysis	Mitigation/Actions
UFS, there is a risk that the community may become disengaged and lose ownership.				Community education campaigns will be ongoing.

Strategic Plan Implications:

Referring to the Town’s new Strategic Community Plan 2017 – 2032, the UFS project aligns with the following Mission statements:

- Social: To promote sustainable, connected, safe and diverse places for everyone.
 - Strategic Outcomes S1 (A Healthy Community); S3 (An empowered community with a sense of pride, safety and belonging).
- Economic: To promote sustainable, diverse, resilient and prosperous places for everyone.
 - Strategic Outcomes EC1 (A desirable place for commerce and tourism that supports equity, diverse local employment and entrepreneurship); EC 2 (A clean, safe and accessible place to visit).
- Environment: To promote sustainable, connected, safe and diverse places for everyone.
 - Strategic Outcomes EN6 (Appropriate, inviting and sustainable green spaces for everyone that are well maintained and managed); EN7 (Increased vegetation and tree canopy).

Financial Implications:

Internal Budget:

The UFS calls for an increase in tree canopy within the Town of 20%. This will have a significant impact on the street and other tree maintenance budget in the future.

For 2018/19 the Parks business unit have requested \$100,000 (a four-fold increase in 2017/18 planting budget) to be allocated to accommodate some initial planting. This will be done in conjunction with the development of the Implementation Plan. Likely planting will be focused initially on Parks, Reserves and Sumps.

Additionally, a resource will be required in order to ensure the appropriate scoping and cross-functional (Engineering, Property Development, Parks, Planning, Environment, etc) development of an Implementation Plan to direct the staged implementation of the UFS, a dedicated resource will be required. It is anticipated that \$30,000 will be required for this resource.

Further, once the Implementation Plan is developed and endorsed by Council, an officer (possibly part time) will be required to coordinate the implementation of the UFS, guided by the Implementation Plan. This would include coordination of planting efforts, volunteers and communications. For a part-time role, this is estimated to cost \$40,000.

Total Asset Management:

To establish a healthy urban forest and achieve a 20% canopy target, it will require a mass tree planting programme along with ongoing maintenance and replacement. The minimum number of trees to be planted to reach this target is estimated at 256,000 trees.

Given the magnitude of the urban forest challenge, the reliance on an implementation approach that exclusively uses Town staff and contractors will place significant pressure on budgets. It currently costs the Town an estimated \$1,500 to plant a young tree and maintain it for three years (watering, mulching, staking, pruning). If the implementation of the UFS rested solely with the Town, it will cost \$384,000,000 to plant the 256,000 trees plus additional ongoing costs to reach canopy height.

As such an expenditure figure is completely beyond affordability of the Town, the UFS proposes to establish a volunteer urban foresters' network that can be mobilised for a mass planting and stewardship programme. This method can significantly reduce costs, potentially create effective synergies that combine resources and ideas, and improve efficiency and productivity. Long-term cost to the Town will be defined once the above is incorporated considered and incorporated into the Implementation Plan.

Sustainability Assessment:**External Economic Implications:**

A well designed and maintained Urban Forest has been well researched. Many benefits have been identified including the benefits to the local economy through:

- Reducing energy costs;
- Increasing property values;
- Avoiding costs of infrastructure renewal;
- Decreasing health costs;
- Marketing the municipality; and
- Nature boosting business through drawing shoppers into the district.

Social Issues:

An UFS has the potential to have a huge impact on the social wellbeing of the Town's community by;

- Providing a sense of place and creating a sense of local identity;
- Improving community cohesion;
- Encouraging outdoor activity;
- Reconnecting children with nature;
- Reducing peoples exposure to sun;
- Reducing heat-related stress and; and
- Improving mental wellbeing.

Cultural Issues:

The UFS presents an opportunity to address some cultural concerns regarding trees. For instance, there may be a perception that trees can be a dangerous nuisance. Leaf litter, bird activity, falling limbs, obstruction of views and damage to pavements and walls may cause irritation. In reality, these perceived risks and issues can be positively addressed through good planting design and management practices.

Clearly promoted benefits of an urban forest, as communicated through education campaigns associated with the UFS, may result in improved public awareness.

Environmental Issues:

The UFS will deliver benefits to the Town on a number of environmental issues including:

- Increasing canopy coverage;
- Combating climate change;
- Cleaning the air;
- Provide oxygen;
- Cool the streets;
- Conserve building energy costs;
- Prevent water pollution; and
- Habitat for wildlife.

COMMENT:

The Vic Park Collective and the Vic Park Trees have worked highly collaboratively and engaged extensively and respectfully with all stakeholders.

Vic Park Collective and the Vic Park Trees have endeavoured to create a UFS that accords with relevant Town of Victoria Park strategic plans and to align with all existing policies and procedures.

The Town has noted some minor suggested changes to the UFS, as contained within the recommendations. It is recommended that Future Planning Committee endorses the Town the UFS, subject to these the suggested alterations.

Alterations Required to Report:

- Page 47 – Change wording: “Explore and develop effective penalties to deter **illegal** tree removal and clearing of development sites”.
- Page 50 – “Investigate establishing an Environmental Resource Centre at the Kent Street Sand Quarry or other suitable site” to be consistent with the wording page 59, “Investigate the feasibility of establishing an Environmental Resource Centre within the Jirdarup Bushland Precinct as a public information and action hub for urban ecology”.
- Page 53 - Change wording: “Revise verge and street tree planting guidelines to **enhance** diversity”.
- Page 55 – “Target - No less than 90% of the Town’s urban forest will be maintained in good health”. Change to: “Maintaining the Town’s Urban Forest in good health”.
- Page 55 – “Benchmark and reduce the number of stressed trees and vegetation through careful management”. Suggest removing this action as this is addressed under the monitoring action on page 55: “Conduct targeted arborist checks; annually in problem areas as identified by GIS mapping, and Town-wide checks every three years”.
- Page 59 – Change wording: “As a matter of urgency develop a rehabilitation and revegetation plan for all areas to be planted”.
- Page 59 - Change wording: “Using a collaborative approach with other landowners and caretakers and adjacent LGAs, re-create green corridors throughout the Town to connect fragmented parcels of land that assist native fauna access and freedom of movement”.
- Page 59 – Where the following is mentioned: “Develop a planter box policy and parklet policy for shop”. Remove and integrate into the following point: “Develop a biophilic building design guide and implement trials, for example, roof top gardens and green

walls, planter boxes and parklets to inform and promote best practice in the Town”

CONCLUSION:

To achieve a target of 20% canopy the Town needs to protect and save existing trees, and embark upon a mass tree planting program as well as policy and procedural changes.

Through the UFS, the Town’s urban forest will be strong, healthy and accessible to all. It will contribute to the health and wellbeing of our community and a sustainable liveable city.

The UFS has been created by the community via community groups. In partnership with the community, it is intended that the Town will manage and facilitate its implementation with the much needed support from residents, ratepayers and the broader community.

Should the UFS be endorsed by Council, the practical delivery of the UFS will need to be explored through the development of an Implementation Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Future Planning Committee recommends that Council:

1. **Endorses the Town of Victoria Park Urban Forest Strategy, subject to alterations as outlined within the Comments section of this report**
2. **Approves the development of an Urban Forest Strategy Implementation Plan**

9 MOTION FOR WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

(required 3 ½ business days prior to the meeting, in writing to the CEO.)

10 MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**10.1 Matters for which the meeting may be closed****10.2 Public reading of resolution that may be made public****11 CLOSURE**

ALTERNATE MOTION / AMENDMENT SUBMISSION



To: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR:

Please be advised that I wish to move an ALTERNATE MOTION / AMENDMENT

Name of Elected Member:

Signature:

Date of Submission:

Council Meeting Date:

Item Number:

Item Title:

Alternate Motion / Amendment: *(strike out which is not applicable)*

Note: Motions to Stand Alone

All decisions of the council must be in the form of motions that are clear in their intent and enable a person to understand what has been decided without reference to another motion or information contained in the body of a report.

Reason:

Note: Explanation for changes to Recommendations

Administration Regulation 11 requires the minutes to include written reasons for each decision that is significantly different from the written recommendation. Members must therefore provide a written reason in the space provided above.



**DECLARATION OF
FINANCIAL INTEREST / PROXIMITY INTEREST / INTEREST THAT MAY AFFECT
IMPARTIALITY**

**TO: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TOWN OF VICTORIA PARK**

Name & Position	
Meeting Date	
Item No/Subject	
Nature of Interest	Financial Interest* <i>(*Delete where</i> Proximity Interest* <i>not applicable)</i> Interest that may affect impartiality*
Extent of Interest	
Signature	
Date	

Section 5.65(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 states that:

“A member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee meeting that will be attended by that member must disclose the nature of the interest:

- (a) in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or
- (b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed”.