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1. I would like to see that the plan has plans for providing safer bicycle paths through the town and more bike parking facilities/locations to encourage the use of locals using bikes instead of cars to get around	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	This is addressed in the Integrated Movement Plan which has informed the Climate Emergency Plan.	No change.
2. Grow it Local, is a great concept and the Town should do more in this space such as listing local contacts and gardens or locals to get in touch with and perhaps even getting schools involved	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	This is something on the cards for future events and several actions in the document touch on this local approach to procurement.	No change.
3. Like that the plan includes educating the public	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	Noted. Thank you.	No change.
4. Query item 2.11 on p19 The price of \$100 to establish a program for the Town's staff seems a bit cheap	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	An education and behaviour change program for the Town's staff focussed on energy savings and efficiency program will be able to be established in-house at minimum cost. It could utilise existing resources that are available under the existing Switch Your Thinking program.	No change.
5. 2.3 on p18: I am concerned with the cost of \$65,000 annually for regular fleet maintenance program to ensure efficiency. I would have assumed that this is covered by the regular vehicle servicing currently done.	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	That is correct. The existing annual fleet vehicle maintenance budget has been listed here to highlight the cost. Similarly, the cost for existing/continuing programs has been listed, but they do not need additional budget to that already allocated.	No change.
6. 4.1 on page 23 has a typo: It should read "Continue <u>the</u> use of...."	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	Report updated	Correction made
7. 5.2 on p25, managing parks for bushfire risk. I would have assumed this is being done within the current budget or is the \$195,000 an additional annual fee?	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	That is correct. The \$195,000 is the existing annual parks maintenance budget. No additional budget is needed.	No change.

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8. 6.3 on p26. I feel that \$5000 P/A is a too low to provide sustainability based incentives for resident's.	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	\$5000 is the annual cost for the Rewards for Residents program as part of Switch Your Thinking. However, what has been missed of the annual cost other continuing programs such as Adopt a Verge, which is currently \$10,000/annum. This cost will be added.	Figure changed to \$15,000
9. I have concerns that costs for items 6.6 (p27), 7.6(p29) and 8.3 (p31) are being taken from the UFS budget.	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	<p>Re: item 6.6. and 7.6, these workshops may be organised as part of UFS community education. If not, they can come from the Environmental Programs budget, namely under existing programs such as Grow It Local.</p> <p>Re: item 8.3, concern is noted. This can be changed to a stand-alone budget item. The cost may be informed by action 8.3, but an indicative figure for accreditation could be added.</p>	Budget updated to \$5,000 for 8.3.
10. 8.6 (p31) As we reduce our carbon emissions should the amount needed to purchase carbon offsets be reduced. Is this factored in?	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	The offset market does change regularly so this number is provided as an indication only and will be refined when we know the exact emissions we have to offset	No change.
11. No mention is made of the possibility of using the waste to energy facility when they open as way of offsetting the carbon emissions produced by waste.	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	This will be a consideration when offsets are purchased.	No change.
12. Stronger policies to retain trees of significance on existing properties should be investigated.	Cr Wilfred Hendricks	This is a planning action and although relevant to climate issues such as urban heat island, is addressed in other documents.	No change.

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13. Firstly, I like the 2030 goal and not relying too much on offsets. Offsets have their place, but they cannot be the only answer, and in fact I worry that offsets just plant a monoculture of trees rather than planting an ecosystem.	Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife	I do anticipate over the course the Plan's implementation that there will be less reliance on offsets, but given the proportion of waste influencing the overall emissions, it does rely on community participation. In regards to the monoculture, offsets in Australia generally are fairly biodiverse although there are a few monocultures out there. The inclusion of Step 3 (section 6.8) as part of the offset criteria will address this.	Small adjustment in numbers relating to renewable target as per comment below.
14. Priority area 6.4, point 4.9 worries me. "Through installation of solar and power purchase agreements, ensure that at least 30% of all energy used for council facilities is sourced from renewables by 2030" I think this goal seems low. I would hope that with using solar, storage batteries and wind turbines we would be able to source significantly more than 30% of our energy from renewables within ten years. This is suggesting that in a decade 70% of our energy is still going to come from non-renewable resources. I don't think our community would view this as a good outcome. I'd like to see this goal be higher or have a more detailed explanation as to why a higher goal (ideally well over 50%) is not achievable.	Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife	One of the problems with 100% renewables is the cost associated with sourcing energy during non-generating hours (with respect to solar). Currently the price of small scale wind as well as batteries is expensive, but coming down quickly. I think the Town could realistically achieve a higher target, but work would need to be done to map out how to get there including discussion with PPA providers etc. We have increased the target for facilities/assets to 50% (rather than 30). And do anticipate the Town to achieve a greater % over the course of the Plan implementation.	Renewable target for facilities/assets increased to 50%
15. Priority area 6.6, "support our community", I would like to see an increase in incentives for households with sustainable features – solar panels should be included in this too.	Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife	This is captured in Action 6.9 which says: <i>Provide the community information on options for installing solar energy for all new and existing dwellings, including alternative financing options. Delivery of this action should include partnering with an organisation to offer residents free advice for reducing energy use and installing solar and battery storage technology.</i>	No change.

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16. It would be great if we could be one of the first councils to have community batteries for groups of our residents to bank their combined solar energy. This technology exists, it just needs the work and investment to make it happen.	Deputy Mayor Bronwyn Ife	Definitely. Based on our experience with other projects, there are still teething issues being explored by Western Power and Synergy but there is definitely scope within the implementation timeframe of the plan. There is an action under 4.2 relating to community batteries.	No change.
17. I would also like to add that we need to commit a substantial budget to this plan to place the importance, value and ensure the success of this.	Cr Ronhda Potter	Noted. Thank you.	No change.

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18. I wonder if it is worth acknowledging how our First Nations People were our first Environmentalists?	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Agreed.	<p>Suggested change to section “Acknowledgement of the Town of Victoria Park’s Traditional Owners”:</p> <p>The Town acknowledges the traditional custodians of this land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, and respect past, present and emerging Leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.</p> <p>The intimate relationship with their lands and the natural world makes them ideal custodians of the landscapes and ecosystems that are also central to efforts to limit climate change and adapt to its effects.</p> <p>We thank them for the contribution made to life in the Town of Victoria Park and to this region.</p>
19. Section 1.1: Aim 3, education and support	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Report updated.	Report updated.

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20. Section 1.2: Comment on sentence 'the town will also provide guidance for residents and businesses to take part in social responsibility' that this seems a bit 'soft'	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Wording updated.	Wording updated
21. Section 1.2: Comment on ToVP role in national emissions: Considering this statement, should we be making some reference to encouraging/advocating for other LG's to be more proactive?	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Additional sentence added.	Additional sentence added
22. Section 1.3 Graph: Comment on community dot point: what would this support look like.	Cr Ronhhda Potter	This graphic is intended be simple with detailed information included in the bones of the report, so no updated has been made to this wording.	No update.
23. Plate 1: Local Planning Strategy – really pleased to see planning here	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Noted. Definitely important.	No update.
24. Section 3: Highlight of community feedback: I have hi-lited the ones that I felt connected to, i would add financial incentives to businesses and households to encourage environmentally sound practices	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Thanks for the feedback. We've pulled out the stand out comments from the workshops. The purpose of this section is to feature what was discussed in the consultation.	No update
25. Section 3: Additional comments for table: Making appropriate changes to planning to ensure future buildings are environmentally sound Investigating further our own recycling plant or partnering/supporting recycling plants Further education on recycling and sound waste disposal	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Great ideas. As above.	No update
26. Section 3: Low carbon schools comment: Could this also be incorporated in our Youth Plan	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Noted. Thank you. This will be flagged with the Community Development team for consideration for inclusion in the Youth Plan.	No update.
27. Comment on Section 3: Environmental audits for households are great!	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Good to hear they have been well received.	No update
28. Section 5.3: addition of 'a' in last sentence, first paragraph	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Report updated	Report updated
29. Comment on Action 5.1 – Wonder if this budget needs to be reviewed to be increased	Cr Ronhhda Potter	This budget is based on the advice we received from the Place Planning team.	No update

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30. Comment on Action 5.2 – increase green space	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Noted. Thank you.	Suggested change: Continue to manage parks and bushland reserves to mitigate bushfire risk to surrounding assets, whilst aiming to enhance and increase the proportion of green space within the Town.
31. Comment on Priority 6: Support and educate our community	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Report updated	Report updated
32. Comment on 6.1 Energy audits	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Added in	Added in
33. Comment on 6.5 day to days	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Report updated	Report updated
34. Comment at end of Table 8/Priority 7 Recognise, reward and promote businesses that are using energy efficient and sustainable practices	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Noted. Thank you.	Suggested addition to action 7.11: Investigate the opportunity to provide an incentive-based mechanism for businesses to reduce their waste footprint, including a recognition/reward program for businesses that are using energy efficient and sustainable practices.
35. Comment on community section – item 2 buy seasonal and local, shopping local for all items is more energy efficient than buying online or travelling afar	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Additional wording included	Additional wording included
36. Comment at the end of Community section Some local hair and beauty businesses are “sustainable salons”	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Would be great to see these kind of businesses profiled by the Town.	No update
37. Comment on business section item 3 on logistics. Even retail stores can try to source locally, using local makers	Cr Ronhhda Potter	Additional wording included	Additional wording included

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38. Acknowledgement of the Town of Victoria Park's Traditional Owners (please use appropriate cultural group name). Also, more context and acknowledgement of First Australians in the care for country and their environment sustainable practise for the continuous occupation of at least 60,000 years etc... graphics?	Cr Lisandro	Noted. Thank you.	Plan updated as per comment 18.
39. More emphasis on both mitigation and adaption	Cr Lisandro	This is discussed throughout the report with different sections focusing on mitigation and adaptation accordingly. Are there specific sections you'd like to see updated?	No change at this stage.
40. Aims: Is there any reference to ' drawdown ' of carbon and what measures that council can take to facility drawdown for the community and businesses (linked to priority area 8 not just offset we need to drawdown carbon)	Cr Lisandro	Our understanding is that carbon drawdown is the point at which greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere level off and begin to decline on a year-to-year basis. This seems to be a product of climate mitigation actions, which is what we are implementing. Happy to discuss.	No change at this stage.
41. Advocacy to State and Federal Government to implement initiatives etc. to combat climate change (as a priority with the Town's Planning Scheme), better planning policies for built environment as well as energy efficiency and green infrastructure, permeability targets to reduce urban heat island etc...	Cr Lisandro	Noted. Thank you. On one with the WALGA Policy Statement on Climate Change, suggested addition recommended adjacent. This has been added to Action 5.8.	Advocate for the State and Federal Government to deliver: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong climate change action, leadership and coordination at all levels of government. • Effective and adequately funded Commonwealth and State Government climate change policies and programs.

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<p>42. Why it is important... average hotter days are increasing and update that 2020 was one of the second hottest year on record. Is there anyway of a graphic to display Perth's increasing temperature of the last 20-30 years. Dr Fiona Stanley, Doctors for the Environment, iDEA 2014 Professor Fiona Stantley speaks on Climate Change and Child Health https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBVOiq3384g (also indirect effects of climate change) human health effects "3 to 15 fold increase in health risks by 2100"</p>	<p>Cr Lisandro</p>	<p>Noted. Thank you. Time constraints have not allowed for a graphic to be developed in this iteration of the Plan. If agreeable, an additional graphic could be included within the subsequent iteration of the Plan (post-community consultation).</p>	<p>No change at this stage.</p>

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<p>43. Need to ensure ‘carbon management’ to also ensure liveability and a safe environment of humans (ratepayers and residents) and links to <i>Strategic Community Plan</i> objectives (megatrend 6 and 7 as well as Safety and Security, Sustainability, Environment etc...)</p>	Cr Lisandro	<p>Noted. Thank you. Suggest that link to the identified Climate Change Megatrend within the SCP be included in the introduction.</p>	<p>Under “Why is this important”:</p> <p>After first paragraph and dot-points on impacts:</p> <p>“Climate Change was identified as one of seven global future megatrends that will affect the Town. This identified further impacts to the Town, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure failure: A changing climate will mean increased risks to major infrastructure due to natural events such as floods, storms and heat waves. These impacts may potentially interrupt rail and road operations, water and energy supplies, and cause damage to private and public assets. • Swan River: A significant portion of the Swan River passes through the Town of Victoria Park. This means the Town will need to plan for and respond to watercourse

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			<p>damage, drought, acid sulfates soils and potential flooding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of ecosystems and public open space: A changing climate may mean that the Town’s flora and fauna within its bushland areas may be lost. • Population health: Increasing temperatures combined with potential for an increased urban heat island effect could make things harder for elderly people”.
<p>44. Darebin’s Climate Emergency Plan - (webpage) Plan - Darebin’s 8 page summary of plan (note final page is translated in eight languages)</p>	Cr Lisandro		
<p>45. 9 key areas where the last is establishing an advisory board linking governance policies to climate plan and key areas (model this with a separate implementation/cost plan versus the cost of inaction)</p>	Cr Lisandro	The creation of an advisory board is a great idea and we suggest it be included in the subsequent Operational Plan.	Additional wording included in Action 1.2
<p>46. Our Framework – What is the total carbon costing on existing built form of the Town’s own assets (buildings etc)?</p>	Cr Lisandro	The carbon calculations are included in Section 5 of the report, measuring our emissions. This is based on available data provided by the Town.	No update.

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47. Divestment?	Cr Lisandro	Our understanding is that there are some polarising opinions regarding divestment. https://theconversation.com/fossil-fuel-divestment-will-increase-carbon-emissions-not-lower-them-heres-why-126392 At this stage we will hold off including, but happy to explore further.	No update at this stage.
48. Climate resilience – forecast sea level rises and impacts on public open space such as McCallum/Taylor reserve if a 1 metre rise occurs in 2090 (CSIRO data - https://coastadapt.com.au/sea-level-rise-information-all-australian-coastal-councils (Victoria Park, WA) Stranded assets?	Cr Lisandro	The data in Table 1 is based on the CSIRO projections for 2030 and 2070 for the South West of WA based on a RCP8.5 emissions scenario. From what I can tell, the Coast Adapt information has been based on the CSIRO data. For Coast Adapt, under a RCP8.5 scenario it indicates projections consistent with CSIRO's data as shown in our table for both 2030 & 2070.	No update
49. Table 3: Actions for Priority 2: Reduce emissions of facilities and assets 2.9 (p. 19) – why isn't action 2.9 the highest green star rating as 6, as well as low carbon construction materials etc... it is not just about the overall running of a building but also how it is constructed and its lifespan.	Cr Lisandro	This action was worded in consultation with the planning team and consistent with commitments from other LGAs across Perth. The flexibility in options given flexibility based on the type/scale of build as some new facilities wouldn't be suitable under Green Star. At this stage, construction of new facilities hasn't considered embodied carbon (e.g. materials) but this is addressed in the Green Star framework.	No update.

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50. Is there scope re-investigate, geothermal heating of aqualife's pool(s)?	Cr Lisandro	Noted. Thank you. Yes, this could be potentially re-investigated, particularly as other Councils have successfully integrated this into their facilities for heating.	Item 4.3 updated to: 4.3 Investigate the feasibility of replacing gas use (a non-renewable resource with a carbon impact) with electricity, geothermal or renewable hydrogen for council facilities
51. Table 7: Actions for Priority 6: Support our community (p. 27) – 6.1 and 7.6 - also education on retention of mature trees and vegetation on development blocks to both the community and developers etc..	Cr Lisandro	Updated wording under Action 6.6	Updated wording under Action 6.6
52. 6.8 Priority Area 8: Offset residual emissions – can drawdown be added here?	Cr Lisandro	Graph has been added	Graph has been added
53. There is no mention of the circular and share economy for both individuals/community and business/commercial in terms of reducing their carbon footprint – how can the Town encourage and facilitate this? Do we have community groups etc that do this whether online forums for free items etc? What Town services do this? Town's library having a library of things etc...	Cr Lisandro	This is covered under Action 6.8: Promote the use of established platforms and tools that encourage energy and waste reduction and sharing of resources	No update
54. 9 Monitoring and Reporting – dashboard carbon counter on Town's website (see 2040 documentary on one US county doing this)? Having a dashboard with collected to data to measure the Town's progress.	Cr Lisandro	Noted. Thank you. Happy to include this as an action, or at least investigate the feasibility of this dashboard.	Included in section 9
55. I have the additional point about risks of not acting: the potential costs to the Town's Urban Forest and park/street/veg trees. Tree species that are unable to cope if temperature rises will need to be replaced etc. Are we already seeing effects now on the health of Town owned trees? You can't rely on the Town's Urban Forest to sequester carbon if it is not climate resilient.	Cr Lisandro	Noted. Thank you. The UFS does make reference to climate resilience. Under Strategic Outcome 4 of the UFS, an action is: <i>"Select good stock and species that are resilient to the effects of climate change"</i> .	No change.

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56. Inclusion of information for WALGA Policy Statement Point 2.2 the science is clear	Brendan Nock	Additional wording added.	Additional wording added.
57. New diagram to be included within section 2.1 of the draft CEP	Brendan Nock	New diagram added	New diagram added