

Environment Plan

Community, Elected Member and Staff Feedback

Community comments review – What do you want to see encompassed in a new Environment Plan?

Section	Commentary	Response
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="389 480 1122 544">• More education and help around building and renovating sustainably or in an eco-friendly manner. <li data-bbox="389 587 1122 799">• Encouraging 'green' development/ infill (solar energy, smart and energy efficient building design); Development requirements – vegetation and climate-sensitive design for houses; Development rules on residential green space requiring actual living green spaces <li data-bbox="389 874 1122 906">• Incentivise green roofs. <li data-bbox="389 981 1122 1013">• Increased public transport options like free cat buses. <li data-bbox="389 1200 1122 1232">• Cycling incentives and more cycling options. 	<p data-bbox="1144 480 1906 544">This is addressed within the Environment Plan. Strong focus on encouraging environmental design.</p> <p data-bbox="1144 587 1995 651">This is considered under the Urban Forest Strategy, the Tree Retention Policy and the development of a green building policy.</p> <p data-bbox="1144 874 1973 938">Noted. Included. Green building policy may be inclusive around green design.</p> <p data-bbox="1144 981 2018 1118">Noted. Cat buses will be an advocacy opportunity that the Town can look at as part of the Transport Strategy. The Town can advocate to Perth Transport Authority, but the Town does not have don't have control over implementation of buses such as Cats.</p> <p data-bbox="1144 1161 2033 1337">Noted and included. This is considered holistically in the Plan. It is also a consideration of the Town's Transport Strategy. Recent work includes a dedicated bike lane in Archer St, and a focus on end-of-trip facilities. Under the Transport Strategy, all street improvement projects should look at ways of making the street front better for cycling and pedestrians.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert residential streets to car = 1 way, bikes = 2-way. • Reduce track access, replace with rail • Creating pedestrian and cycling infrastructure that people want to use (solar lighting, shade, safe and connected paths etc); Improve active transport infrastructure – footpaths/cycle • Bike symbols on roads deemed to be part of bike network • Promote/encourage bike riding and walking in the Town • Promotion of bike and pedestrian traffic over cars in the city centre and along Albany Highway 	<p>As part of the Transport Strategy, the Town is undertaking the safe active streets program, which includes consideration of such options.</p> <p>Noted. The Town is unsure what ‘tracks’ are referring to.</p> <p>Noted and included. This is considered holistically in the Plan. It is also a consideration of the Town’s Transport Strategy. Recent work includes a dedicated bike lane in Archer St, and a focus on end-of-trip facilities. Also, increase in tree canopy through UFS throughout the Town that will provide for more shade within the Town.</p> <p>Noted. Bike lanes are demarcated. Bike symbols may need to be repainted.</p> <p>Noted and included.</p> <p>Noted. The removal of cars from particular areas is to be explored. The Albany Hwy Precinct Plan is being developed and may be an opportunity to explore this.</p>
Biodiversity	<p>Strong linkages with the Urban Forest Strategy. With an emphasis on increasing tree canopy and biodiversity, this includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on increasing the tree canopy within the Town, particularly native species. • Native vegetation, Verge Gardens, Sustainable Gardens. 	<p>Noted. Environment Plan has string linkage to UFS. Many of the actions are addressed in accordance with the implementation of the UFS.</p> <p>Noted and included as part of UFS.</p> <p>Noted and included as part of UFS. Also addressed as part of the Adopt a Verge program.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate mechanisms to preserve existing trees on private land, such as incentive schemes. • Additional community gardens; Utilising sumps for greenspace. • Encourage collective care of communal spaces, including new trees, verges and parks. • Replacing lawns and green space with native gardens/Where appropriate, integrate native vegetation into some public open space, such as passive recreation parks/reserves and sumps. • Undertake dedicated community education and awareness campaign regarding the importance of tree protection. • Investigate the feasibility of implementing a native plant giveaway program for residents/ ToVP provide residents with discounted/free mulch and or locally native plants for verge planting. • Would like to see conservation of the Swan River feature more highly as the council has a fair amount of river frontage; River foreshore kept highly maintained as it is part of an overall asset and also good for Council. • Greater ownership by the council for streetscape pride; ongoing weekly maintenance of ALL verges and streets. 	<p>This is considered under the Urban Forest Strategy, the Tree Retention Policy and the development of a green building policy.</p> <p>This is considered under the Urban Forest Strategy, such as the sump revegetation project.</p> <p>Included as part of UFS Urban Foresters program.</p> <p>Noted and included. The Kent St Sand Pit will be revegetated to a Banksia Woodland, providing a significant passive recreation space for our community.</p> <p>Noted and included. Included as part of UFS.</p> <p>Noted. Plant giveaways are a part of the UFS.</p> <p>Noted and included through actions such as a water quality monitoring program, river restoration projects etc.</p> <p>Whilst agreed, the resourcing requirements – both financially and staffing - to do this would be cost-prohibitive.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree canopy maintenance priority on council land and road verges and reserves. • Streetscape rules allowing greater biodiversity in planting within set-backs and on verges. • Greening of Albany Highway - it is an eyesore. • Reserved bushland and wetland (Kensington) where there is no accessibility by people. • Protect Kensington Bushland. 	<p>Noted. The UFS makes canopy a focus for the Town. Maintenance included within recurring budgets. Also assisted by Urban Forester volunteers.</p> <p>Noted. Residents can undertake biodiverse, waterwise planting on verges through the Adopt a Verge program.</p> <p>Noted. Greening is facilitated through the UFS. An Albany Hwy Precinct Plan is also in development, which will</p> <p>The Town does fence off the bush from the path. We don't want to exclude people entirely, as that risks sending a message that revegetation and enhancement equates to exclusion. It is important to instead educate community of the importance of bushland protection and how the community can help.</p> <p>Noted and included. Town has a management plan for this site in an effort to protect and enhance this area, and this will be reviewed under the Environment Plan.</p>
Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address and incentivise waste reduction - including composting. • Waste Mgt Education • Three bin waste system with organic bin • End bulk waste pick ups • Educate re: shared use of bins – reduces collective cost of waste collection. • Encouraging local businesses to go plastic free and encourage use of BYO containers. • Water fountains/fill your water bottle stations in all significant public spaces. • Compost bins in public spaces; Communal food compost. 	<p>Noted and included.</p> <p>Noted and included.</p> <p>Noted and included.</p> <p>Noted. This will be encompassed as part of broader waste education.</p> <p>The Town has run a Plastic Free Champions program.</p> <p>Noted and included.</p> <p>Noted. The management of these bins would need to be considered.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forcing traders to go plastic free (supermarkets can offer cardboard boxes to clients which they typically throw away, like Swansea Markets do). All public events to be plastic free or low waste (including Optus Stadium). We would like to see plastic Tactiles phased out as they are costly and non recyclable, and see concrete #Stikcrete tactiles phased in. They are recyclable and refurbishable, WA made and available through a WALGA provider. #saynotoplastictgsi 	<p>Noted. The Town can encourage business to go plastic free, we cannot regulate that (only State Govt can). We are only control what is within our sphere of control. However, the Town has a single-use plastic and polystyrene ban from our operations, events and events on Town land. We have guidance material that is available for community and business who wish to be on the same journey.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renewable energy moving forward - including incentives around solar battery storage solutions. Increased use of renewable energy. Strong push for business to install solar. Provide incentives for community micro grids. Install PVs to all ToVP buildings. 	<p>Noted. Renewable energy is a focus of the Climate Emergency Plan (CEP) and the Environment Plan (e.g. Green Services).</p> <p>Noted and included.</p> <p>Noted. This is included as part of the Green Services program under the CEP and Environment Plan.</p> <p>Noted. Microgrid feasibility is considered under CEP and the Environment Plan.</p> <p>Noted and included.</p>
Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More education and incentives around grey water solutions. Implement WSUD into all planning policy. Consideration of water use efficiency and Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) at all project stages: planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance. 	<p>Noted and included.</p> <p>All Local Planning Policies (the Town currently has approximately 38 local planning policies) reviewed. Town has reviewed the Water Conservation Policy and included the following practice implications: Incorporation of high performance water efficiency measures in future buildings and other infrastructure design and introduction of water efficient retrofits when renewing or upgrading the Town's buildings and facilities. In accordance with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Policy: Water Conservation/Efficiency Plan, consideration will be given to the water conservation hierarchy:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting all local schools to be Waterwise Schools (Water Corp) and Waste Wise Schools (Waste Authority WA). • Use of natural resources including water efficiency, closely monitored. 	<p>a) avoid: use options not requiring water where possible b) reduce: use suitable equipment, technology and systems to reduce the amount of water used c) recycle: recycle water to minimise the need to use more water d) fit-for-purpose: use lower quality water that is 'fit-for-purpose' where possible.</p> <p>Noted and included.</p> <p>This is encompassed under the Waterwise Council program, included in the Environment Plan. Also recommended action that the Town undertake a catchment water quality monitoring program.</p>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep a form of community consultation e.g. CEWG. 	<p>The establishment of a committee like CEWG is dependent on upon the overarching ruling of Council on committees generally. Re: community consultation, the Town would consider the establishment of an implementation group.</p>

Elected Member Commentary 2022

Section	Commentary	Administration Response
<p>1. Overall</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The document seems to be a mix of some quite old information that could be considered outdated and some up to date info (eg some waste discussion which is old and other parts which has new government strategy or PV system goals for 2027 that have already been done. The document has a lot of information in it. It would be good to be clear on how the different elements link together and avoid as much as possible generic information and include only recent and specific information and put older examples in an appendix. 2. The intro to relevant or linked docs on occasion makes explicit and helpful links to the environment plan eg... and other times there is no explicit link made. Consistent explicit links for all docs quoted would help show the synergies between different plans and policies rather than the implied trade-offs of development taking into consideration environmental impacts 3. Links to relevant frameworks and partnerships are very helpful and relevant to demonstrate benchmarking and learning/demonstrating with others also. Eg cities partnership and specific areas of focus including eg EVs, vs... old less clear or specific initiatives are less helpful eg “water partnership”. Reference to national and global frameworks or agreements would be helpful in this regard also eg Agenda 2030 which for example the Victorian next state of the environment report is using as a specific framework. EMRCs use of the 	<p>Noted. Document has been updated accordingly.</p> <p>Noted. Attempt has been made to include links.</p> <p>Noted. Document updated accordingly.</p>

	<p>SDGs in their regional environment strategy is another good example that shows the relevance of what is done locally against global frameworks/benchmarks https://www.emrc.org.au/regional-services/environmental-services/regional-environment-strategy-2016-2020.aspx .</p> <p>4. Would be great to see more explicit priorities and targets</p> <p>5. Would be good to see summary of the community consultation feedback received on the plan.</p> <p>6. It would be great if the plan could be shorter and more succinct with a clear sense of direction and concrete recent examples that show progress. Would be good to compare against other positive examples eg the Sydney environment strategy for 2021-2025 https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/strategies-action-plans/environmental-strategy</p> <p>7. In terms of structure I think it could make more sense to have the summary of 9.1 ‘managing the environment areas’ and the action plans were together</p> <p>The content is good but I feel the document is a bit disjointed. I would like to see the action plans for each focus area to be incorporated where the focus area is first explained. Even on the proforma water management is mentioned twice, energy</p>	<p>Noted. More explicit targets included.</p> <p>Noted. In an effort to reduce the volume of the Environment Plan, this will be included in the associated Council report.</p> <p>Noted. Attempt made to make document shorter.</p> <p>Noted. Changed.</p> <p>Noted. Document updated. Background material added to the Appendix – where relevant – to attempt to make the document shorter.</p>
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	<p>management is mentioned twice etc. to bring home my point. Also consider combining 'Continuing future actions' and 'new actions' for each focus area to make the document less disjointed. Perhaps just call them actions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal acknowledgement at the beginning of the document. • Executive summary – no mention of biodiversity WA being a hotspot and protecting environment for flora and fauna within the Town and the broader State as well as major bush forever sites of Kensington and Hillview sites. • No mention of Federal endanger fauna Act and guidelines to manage endangered species and how the Town will manage to the environment to ensure these endangered flora and fauna such as the Carnaby and Red-Tailed Cockatoos habitat will be protected/managed/enhanced with processes and policy 	<p>Noted. Documented updated.</p> <p>Noted. Updated in the Introduction.</p> <p>The Administration assumes that reference is made to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act). This has been considered within the Plan.</p>
<p>2. Scope and Purpose</p>	<p>Good to see explicit attention to definition and reference to national definition with a vic park version. It would be good to know the basis of the vic park version and whether there is consideration for use of the quadruple bottom line to provide consistency with other docs but also to demonstrate the explicit link and synergies between economic social cultural and environmental factors in the town. In other words to highlight the potential synergies rather than tradeoffs through good environmental practice eg through energy efficiency</p>	<p>Noted. The basis for the definition is simply to expand and make explicit the National definition. Environmental management in a built up environment must be a compromise between conservation of the natural environment as well as the social, economic and cultural needs of the community.</p> <p>Quadruple bottom line can be included, if Councillor has a suitable example. Officer search has only seen those related to Sustainability.</p>

	<p>and native plantings that make active transport more viable and create more vibrant people centred places where people will know each other better and hence keep each other safe as well as enhance the local economy because people will spend locally etc</p> <p>Is it a live document which can enable changes be made if deemed necessary during the 5 years of the plan? Do regular reviews of existing Town Plans and strategies enable this to occur?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal endangerer fauna Act and guidelines? (as part of 'living things') • Broaden to guide to use to ensure habitat is maintained/managed etc for endangered species 	<p>Yes, we will be undertaking regular reviews. Many plans have regular periodic reviews built-in.</p> <p>Officer is unsure what this is referring to.</p> <p>Officer is unsure which section this is referring to.</p>
<p>3. Objectives</p>	<p>It would be great to highlight not just individual objectives but also how they can connect together to improve efficiency and win wins eg waste management that recycles food waste and hence avoids methane production a major contributor to climate change through greenhouse gases. An example of this is the graphic on page 20 showing how some climate actions have mitigation and adaptation benefits. Or using native plants that support and encourage local biodiversity but also use less water and counter the heat island effect. Or encouraging sustainable land use and built environment through passive solar and water sensitive design of new houses of all kinds not just those over 3 stories</p>	<p>Noted. This has been considered where possible.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second last paragraph on P9 says “five focus areas” but there are six listed. Should change it to read “six focus areas” • Under Natural areas and biodiversity Consider changing “Town’s ecological assets.” To Towns Ecology” Reason is that the Towns assets refer to refer to things like parks and gardens owned by the Town whereas ecology can include all forms of life in the Town including its people. Also this change would cover pollution from a variety of sources throughout the Town. • Natural areas and biodiversity – needs to refer to protection and management of flora and fauna as assets to the Town 	<p>Noted. The current iteration of the plan has been consolidated into five focus areas.</p> <p>Noted. Updated.</p> <p>Noted. Updated.</p>
4. Guiding documents	<p>Would be great to show how the different guiding documents connect/contribute explicitly to the environmental plan and outcomes eg in table or graphic form</p> <p>State and Federal Acts and Guiding Documents not stated</p>	<p>Noted. Updated.</p> <p>Noted. These are listed in the Appendix 1 of the Plan.</p>
5. Key Stakeholders	<p>Would be good to show explicitly some examples of how different stakeholders have contributed to environmental outcomes with positive ramifications for the town. e.g. Jirdarup friends input to sandpit planning or the Vic Park collective work on car free day celebrations or the schools engagement with the urban forest strategy, as well as the joint work through the SECA councils environmental collaboration, or the state government collaboration on the cycling bridge over the river.</p>	<p>Noted. Updated.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swan River Trust • Federal Department of Environment 	Noted. Swan River Trust are now within the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.
9. Managing the Environment	<p>Add (EN4) to point 5. Also do the same on P8. Reason: A place which is not clean, in other words a place which is polluted, has a negative impact on Natural areas and Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I have concerns that 'air quality' should be included in the Environment 	<p>Noted. Updated.</p> <p>Noted. Whilst it is acknowledged that whilst air quality is not explicitly addressed within this Strategy, the Town's role in protection of air quality primarily involves responding to complaints regarding dust, visible smoke and odour, in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharges) Regulations 2004. Air quality is also considered in the purchase of vehicle fleet and plant.</p> <p>The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is the responsible authority for the management of air quality in Western Australia, implementing an extensive Air Quality Management program. As such, any incident that impacts negatively on the Town's air quality should be reported to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.</p>
9.1 Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation	No mention of flooding within the town which occurs with significant rain events which seem to be on the rise due to Climate Change. Just the Swan river foreshore is noted as an area of concern.	Noted. The document has been updated to reflect past flooding issues.

	<p>I feel it is important to keep this within the document and perhaps expand on 'urban heat island' and disaster planning on 'heat waves'. What I am saying is that it is not clear how the Town will manage both and in particular heat waves other than increasing tree canopy.</p>	<p>With regards to heat waves, the Climate Emergency Plan makes reference to actions to address this. The detail is not explored in detail within the Environment Plan explicitly because it is referring out to the Climate Emergency Plan (rather than doubling up on detail).</p>
<p>9.2 Water Management</p>	<p>Further to the previous feedback, I note that the Town does have a Stormwater Management Plan but is outdated. May be needs to be looked at.</p> <p>Perhaps look at developing a policy which can mitigate the amount of contaminants which get into the ground water, such as fertiliser's, oils, degreasers, chemicals, etc. maybe even done though education.</p> <p>No mention of the lakes in Burswood park and how contaminated they are due to them being located on a previous tip site.</p> <p>I can remember back in the seventies that there used to be a lake at the Curtin University site along Kent St. It has been dry for several years. Can this be brought back to its former glory?</p>	<p>Noted. This has been included for updating.</p> <p>Happy to consider developing policy, although contamination regulation can be linked to the Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharges) Regulations 2004. However, have added the following action:</p> <p><i>Develop a catchment water quality program that monitors the health of the receiving water bodies and provides education to our community and business on the importance of reducing pollution and keeping contaminants out of stormwater.</i></p> <p>Noted. These lakes are not managed by the Town, rather they are under the management of Burswood Park Board.</p> <p>Noted. If it occurs on Curtin land, then they would need to reinstate the lake. The Town is happy to assist.</p>

<p>9.3 Energy Management</p>	<p>How long is the “Switch your thinking” program going to keep running for? If not long the Town should continue to educate the Community through education or join a similar program.</p>	<p>As far as the Town is aware, the Switch Your Thinking program will continue ongoingly. The Town will also be providing education through our Climate Clever partnership.</p>
<p>9.4 Land Use and Built Environment</p>	<p>Dot Point 4 on page 34: consider this to be included in water management and not here. It would address a point I made there.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not clear if the Town intends to advocate to those intending to build in the Town buildings that are environmentally sustainable etc.. as well as its own assets and land. • UFS has done modelling on land surface temperatures map could this be included. <p>9.4.4. No mention of ‘tree protection zones’ at building sites to prevent street tree damage</p>	<p>Noted. Happy to change if thought necessary, but Administration believes that it could sit in either section.</p> <p>Noted. Included in Land Use and Built Environment - Future Actions is the following: <i>Advocate for and provide education to the community on sustainable development options.</i></p> <p>Noted. In the interest of brevity, this map has not been included in this version.</p> <p>Noted. Reference to Local Planning Policy 39 - Tree Planting and Retention – inclusive of Tree Protection Zones – added.</p>
<p>9.5 Natural Areas and Biodiversity</p>	<p>Biodiversity could get more emphasis here and for example build on opportunities like SECA councils to create biodiversity corridors. There are also opportunities for community science to help monitor biodiversity with community groups like bush carer groups. Good to highlight synergies with climate plan and urban forest plans.</p> <p>More should be done about retaining trees of significance on private properties with respect to new developments.</p>	<p>Noted. This section has been updated relative to the Nature Positive Approach.</p> <p>Action included: <i>Partner with other Councils within the South East Corridor Council Alliance Catchment to establish to create biodiversity corridors within the region (namely be through the ‘Restore our Rivers’ program).</i></p> <p>Noted. Reference made to establishment of Local Planning Policy 39 - Tree Planting and Retention.</p>

	<p>Not enough is being done to encourage developers to retain them and the fact that there is no mandate to retain them does not help.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to mention flora and fauna too in intro paragraph • Need to mention that Balbuk Way is named after Aboriginal Resistance Fighter Fanny Balbuk who lived through early colonization of Perth <p>9.5.5 where is mention of Carnaby and Red-Tailed Cockatoos that have roosting sites within the Town and in particular at Harold Rossiter Reserve and Jirdarup Bushlands. Plus no study of migratory flight pathways for these species within the Town. Plus federal Act and Guidelines for endangered species</p>	<p>This requires the provision of planting and retention of trees on private land and the associated street verge with the development of land in the Town of Victoria Park. The intent of the policy is to increase tree density and canopy cover (such as through Tree Protection Zones) to benefit residents and the Town's urban ecosystems. Happy to explore further.</p> <p>Noted. Definition of Biodiversity included to read: Biodiversity is the variety of all living things; the different plants, animals and micro organisms, the genetic information they contain and the ecosystems they form.</p> <p>Noted. Updated.</p> <p>Noted. Updated. Clarity will be sought on any migratory studies within the region.</p>
<p>9.6 Waste</p>	<p>Would be good to have more strategic leveraging of elements like the CDS in Vic park to ensure all events have cds facility included as education and practical recycling mode. As part of education would also be good to work with</p>	<p>Noted. Have added a consideration for the feasibility of a CDS EoI to be put to community groups to have a facility at these events, with some terms and conditions.</p>

	<p>community groups like sports group to leverage cds opportunity as way to encourage diverse citizens to embrace recycling</p> <p>Kerbside green waste collection I thought is now twice per year. The plan mentions three times a year (P46). Also there is no mention about the three bin system and education about the importance of using them properly.</p>	<p>Noted. Updated.</p>
<p>11. New Actions</p>	<p>Need generally more specific and closer targets with rationales for them and timelines not just for example at 2030 for urban forest or climate plans eg. The Sydney environment strategy has some summary pages with graphics which shows targets, data and past achievements to demonstrate results and highlight goals.</p> <p>Environmental equity for those in our Town</p>	<p>Noted. This section has been revised and now links to SDGs. Key Performance Indicators have generally been made more specific.</p> <p>Some specific actions and indicators have been drawn from the Climate Emergency Plan that are across the life of the Environment Plan.</p>
<p>11.1 Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation</p>	<p>This should have explicit EV fleet possibilities and infrastructure possibilities as per the cities power partnership pledges. Climate emergency plan should reflect interim targets not just 2030.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With point 3. Change to read "Encourage energy efficiency of residents and businesses through education including community information sessions and social media." 	<p>Noted. Interim target for EVs of transitioning 20% of all light vehicles to electric by 2025, included under relevant CPP pledge.</p> <p>Prefer to reduce duplication and not to replicate what is within the CEP and the CEP Implementation Plan already. However, some specific actions and indicators have been drawn from the Climate Emergency Plan that are across the life of the Environment Plan.</p> <p>Action included under Switch Your Thinking, namely: Continue to participate in the Switch Your Thinking! Program. This should have a focus on community</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because the wording is changed it may need to be a new action • Add another point worded something like: promote other forms of passive transport such walking, eScooters and use of public transport. 	<p>education initiatives to encourage energy efficiency of residents and businesses.</p> <p>Updated.</p>
11.2 Water Management	<p>Future considerations talk about reduced consumptions goals for 2021 these need to be updated. There could also be consideration of incentives considered for tanks and greywater as well as permeable paving etc in building permits etc.</p>	<p>Noted. Updated. Action included:</p> <p><i>14. Provide education (and possible incentivisation) to residents on grey water systems and rainwater tank installation.</i></p>
11.4 Land Use and Built Environment	<p>11.4.4 action 31 looks at integrating environmental considerations into statutory development approvals but only by 2027 this should be by latest 2023 as I have seen it referred to as a priority for this year in other council docs</p> <p>Any land use needs to look at impacts on 'living things' flora and fauna etc...</p>	<p>Noted. Updated.</p> <p>Noted. Below included in action: <i>Integrate environmental considerations into statutory development approvals processes, as well the -Town's own construction. This needs to be inclusive of impact of development on flora and fauna.</i></p>
11.5 Natural Areas and Biodiversity	<p>It is the decade for biodiversity (see https://www.cbd.int/2011-2020/) and this could get more emphasis and help with recognition and perhaps extra funds for what we do. Interlinking habitat features are mentioned and could be planned for in actions eg through SECA councils working together to connect urban forest plans to create biodiversity corridors. Action 36 one annual workshop is too</p>	<p>Noted. Updated.</p> <p>Action included: <i>Partner with other Councils within the South East Corridor Council Alliance Catchment to establish to create biodiversity corridors within the region (namely be through the 'Restore our Rivers' program).</i></p> <p>Number of workshops increased to 3/year.</p>

	<p>little too adhoc should look to partnering with community group/s to do these regularly potentially in collaboration with other activities like urban forest plantings. Hillview bushland management plan should be implemented before 2026 as priority synergy with urban forest and sandpit work and restoration-to spend millions on one and nothing on one of few others doesn't make sense.</p> <p>Suggest adding the following action. Keep pollutants which are harmful to the environment we live in below acceptable levels.</p> <p>This inclusion could cover the adverse effect of EMF's in the environment , which could come to into play with the advent of thousands of satellites and 5G. which we will experience very soon.</p> <p>Smoke and smog could can affect air quality, maybe a ban on the use of log fires on still nights may be worth looking at.</p> <p>Flora and fauna within the Town are an asset too.</p> <p>Fauna corridors within the Town?</p>	<p>Town would rather not put onto community groups to roll out.</p> <p>Hillview Bushland implementation year changed to 2024/25.</p> <p>The could be incorporated as part of newly-added catchment monitoring action.</p> <p>Noted. This can be investigated with Health team, as there may already be a compliance requirement.</p> <p>Noted. Included.</p>
<p>11.6 Waste</p>	<p>Vibe jan 2022 is already raising issues of composting and so feasibility of education workshops and provision of bins etc should be prioritised for implementation ASAP drawing on information from other council experiences eg Bayswater council report (FOOD WASTE: KEEPING IT LOCAL City of Bayswater Home Composting Program 2018/19 Final</p>	<p>Noted. Updated.</p>

	<p>Report). Item 50 work with schools should be resourced with budget to allow a grant or other partnerships support for concrete provision same for action 51. CDS should get concrete attention in plans including all events to have provision and make sure multiple CDS drop off points in town and encouragement to schools and sports and other groups to implement and showcase best practice and potentially encourage with grants etc.</p> <p>Action Point 56. Will these stations have filtered water? Will they be located in shaded secure areas?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>12. Monitoring and Review</p>	<p>More attention to the how of this would be helpful including opportunities for citizen involvement eg citizen science or work with partners/community groups</p> <p>This point should be related in the Scope and Purpose It would have answered points I raised there.</p>	<p>Noted. This section has been expanded. The Town will develop an Implementation Plan for the Environment Plan which will help flesh-out the specifics of actions, including community involvement.</p>
<p>12.1 Promoting actions</p>	<p>This section needs more attention to suggest how Town can get promoting actions to happen as facilitator not service provider ideally as per triangle mentioned earlier of council role.</p> <p>Agree with all that is stated particularly the bit about effective dialogue and information sharing</p>	<p>Noted.</p>

Staff Comments 2020

Theme	Commentary	Response
<p>Overall</p>	<p>Suggest calling it a Strategy, so consistent with other Informing Strategies like Urban Forest etc. and it provides an ‘umbrella’ for the many other sub-environmental plans mentioned in the document</p>	<p>Open to changing. Previous iteration has been ‘Plan’ and project under CBP has been similar reference, but open to changing title if agreed by Exec team and EMs.</p>
	<p>Question re: air quality not being explicitly included in the doc.</p>	<p>Whilst it is acknowledged that whilst air quality is not explicitly addressed within this Strategy, the Town’s role in protection of air quality primarily involves responding to complaints regarding dust, visible smoke and odour, in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharges) Regulations 2004.</p> <p>Air quality is also considered in the purchase of vehicle fleet and plant.</p> <p>The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is the responsible authority for the management of air quality in Western Australia, implementing an extensive Air Quality Management program.</p> <p>As such, any incident that impacts negatively on the Town’s air quality should be reported to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.</p>
<p>Guiding documents</p>	<p>Include reference to the Property Asset Management Plan, Parks & Recreation Asset Management Plan and Fleet Asset Management Plan (If this document includes information on transitioning to energy efficient vehicles?)</p>	<p>Included</p>
	<p>Include the Local Planning Strategy (LPS) enviro objectives.</p>	<p>Inclusion of reference to LPS and actions to ensure doc is reflecting this.</p> <p>Legislative, policy and strategy updates reflected in doc.</p>

Key Stakeholders	It would be useful to explain broad roles / responsibilities of each 'category' of stakeholder.	Changed
Responsible service areas	Perhaps the Service areas need to be mentioned here being all the service areas that are required to implement the actions?	Changed
Climate Change	Under new actions it mentions installing voltage optimiser system at both Aqua and Leisure – it may be dependent on the future masterplanning of this facility (Mactivation Project and Aqua/Leisure Masterplan) However when this facility is renewed or rebuilt it will be energy efficient – perhaps the action can be worded accordingly. Same for the PV system at Leisure. Suggest also numbering ALL ACTIONS so they can be tied back and integrated into other strategies and plans such as AMPs and also referenced in budget advocacy workshops to substantiate budget requests.	Changed

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Climate Change	Pool cars and parking cars should be electric or hybrid at least.	Noted and agree. This issue of fleet is addressed within the Climate Emergency Plan. Namely: <i>Transition 50% of all light vehicles to electric by 2030, if price projections continue to meet affordability parameters.</i>
Land Management	All plantings done by the council should be eco-sourced endemic species. Street trees and park trees should focus on food trees for the Red Tail/Carnaby	Noted. The Urban Forest Strategy is attempting to increase the volume and diversity of urban forest

	Cockatoo	<p>of the Town, including endemic species and canopy cover. Habitat for fauna including Black Cockatoo is also a focus.</p> <p>Unfortunately endemic species are not always suitable as street trees. There are a suite of criteria that need to meet to determine such trees, and often endemic species don't thrive as street trees.</p>
Natural Areas and Biodiversity	Money should be spent on consolidating the Kent St Tip/Kensington Bushland/George St reserves.	<p>Noted.</p> <p>The Town is to converting to a passive recreation space for our community, with revegetation being a major focus. We envisage that is would be similar to what has been undertaken on George St Reserve.</p>
Waste Management	Recycling is something that could be vastly improved. - Very few staff have knowledge about what is and isn't recyclable (e.g. mixed plastics, soft plastics). - Very few staff recycle because (from what I understand) are not contracted to empty recycling bins and there are no official recycling bins so people trash everything out of convenience. - At the depot there have been improvements with getting the metal recycling bin. It would be good to get a cardboard one as well. Possibly even an electronics bin.	<p>Thanks for the suggestion.</p> <p>This could be encompassed within a broader recycling and waste education program. E.g. under action:</p> <p><i>Increase community education about the proper use of the three bin system, as well as other relevant waste topics.</i></p>