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Humphrey Boogaredt, Henley Brook	<b>Motion 1</b> <i>That the City of Swan cancels the planned implementation of FOGO bins in the Swan Valley</i>	Comment is current	<p>At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 14 February 2024, it was resolved to undertake a review of the proposed FOGO service in rural areas and bring it back to a future briefing of Council.</p> <p>This work is still ongoing, and the Swan Valley will be considered as part of this study.</p> <p><b>This matter will be included in a report to Council as part of the rural service review.</b></p> <p>At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 13 August 2025, it was resolved to continue to pause the rollout in rural areas and report back to Council following further consultation.</p>
Adrian Muir Skyes, Beechboro	<b>Motion 2:</b> <i>That the suburb of Beechboro be re-borded to separate it from the City of Swan and handed over to the Bayswater Council.</i>	No further action required.	<p>The rationale provided for this motion was that the City was not delivering an appropriate level of service to the Beechboro community. A detailed assessment of service requests submitted throughout 2024 identified a total of 4204 requests raised (5% of all service requests). Requests were responded to within an average of 7.56 days, compared to the City-wide average of 6.45 days, noting some request types (e.g., graffiti and facilities management) were resolved faster than the Citywide standard. The City considers that it is responding to the service requests in a timely manner, and the level of service provided to the Beechboro community is of a similar standard to the City's other suburbs. The process to amend a suburb boundary is a matter for the Local Government Advisory Board (the Board) established by the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> to assess proposals for changes to local government district boundaries.</p> <p>A proposal may be made to the Advisory Board by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Minister; or</li> <li>b) An affected local government; or</li> <li>c) two or more affected local governments, jointly; or</li> <li>d) Affected electors who – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Are at least 250 in number; or</li> <li>b. Are at least 10% of the total number of affected electors.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>A proposal to make boundary changes requires a consideration of a number of factors. Below is the link to the Board's guidance on what is required.</p> <p><a href="https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/docs/default-source/localgovernment/local-government-advisory-board/district-boundaries/making-a-submission-.pdf">https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/docs/default-source/localgovernment/local-government-advisory-board/district-boundaries/making-a-submission-.pdf</a></p>

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Dr Robert Ilchik, South Guildford	<p><b>Motion 3:</b></p> <p><i>That the City of Swan places a temporary moratorium on new construction in the Hazelmere commercial district located on Bushmead Road and any other locations directly affected by the constructions, until such affected roads are upgraded to a single design standard consistent through both residential and warehouse parts of the suburb.</i></p>	No further action required.	<p>It is open to community members to initiate the provisions of point (d)a. above, however, in the absence of demonstrated community support for this proposal, no further action is recommended.</p> <p><b>Council noted the information above and resolved for no further action to be undertaken.</b></p>
Dr Robert Ilchik, South Guildford	<p><b>Motion 4:</b></p> <p><i>Assess the potential for a Bushmead Road interchange to Roe Highway We propose that City of Swan, in conjunction with other relevant councils and MRWA, commence traffic studies relevant to a clover-leaf style, grade-separated interchange for Roe Highway at Bushmead Rd / Helena Valley Road (similar to the Kalamunda Rd/Roe Highway interchange)</i></p>	No further action required.	<p>It is not possible for a local government to place a moratorium on parties submitting planning applications for development in Hazelmere or any other locality within the City of Swan.</p> <p>Attempts to do so contradict and are overruled by the operation of the <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> and the <i>Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015</i>. In many instances the City is not the determining authority of a development application – this function being discharged by a Development Assessment Panel. A purported “moratorium” on a decision function could have no effect in these instances. In instances where the City was the determining authority, a refusal to issue a decision on the basis of a purported “moratorium” or a refusal for such a reason would be overcome by an applicant exercising their right of appeal under the <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> and having the State Administrative Tribunal determine the application.</p> <p>The adequacy of the road network and the impact of traffic that would be generated from any proposed development are always considerations in the assessment process. These considerations can provide the basis for refusal of an application if they cannot otherwise be resolved.</p> <p><b>Council noted the information above and as a statutory process cannot be constrained, no further action is being undertaken.</b></p>

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	<i>to facilitate ingress/egress for heavy vehicles in this new warehouse district, and thus reducing the load imposed on residential streets and roads for these purposes.</i>		<b>Council to note the information above and as this matter was previously considered by MRWA, no further action be undertaken.</b>
Dr Robert Ilchik, South Guildford	<b>Motion 5:</b> <i>Midland Great Eastern Highway - Fast track a study to upgrade Great Eastern Highway from Lloyd Street east to Roe Highway with the goal of adding slip/storage lanes to separate turning traffic from those continuing on GEH.</i>	MRWA to provide project updates at a future Council Briefing.	<p>Great Eastern Highway is a State road and therefore any upgrades or modifications require the consent of Main Roads WA. In 2023, MRWA conducted a study on improving access to the Midland industrial estate along Great Eastern Highway between Roe Highway and Lloyd Street. This study identified significant land acquisition required to modify intersections due to the large turning circles of the heavy vehicles using the area. Due to the complexity of those larger upgrades, MRWA has proposed the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of turning traffic from those continuing Great Eastern Highway. Ferguson Street and Great Eastern Highway to provide a safe and controlled access/egress from the adjacent network to the Highway.</p> <p>The State MLA for Midland, Mr Steve Catania has been approached on these matters and agreed to help facilitate a review of Midland traffic matters with the MRWA, PTA and Development WA. The first working group session was held in December 2025. Further meetings will occur during 2026. The City will also consider an earlier commencement of the review of the Midland Activity Centre Plan.</p> <p><b>These matters will be briefed to Council Members during 2026.</b></p>
Spud Karoll, Gidgegannup	<b>Motion 6:</b> <i>I would like the City of Swan to give greater protection to mature trees. Especially remnant trees that are endemic to the location where they are growing. This protection may come with a policy of a tree preservation order or a significant tree register. The City should engage in an ecologist to provide why it is so important to preserve mature trees.</i>	The Biodiversity Action Plan report was removed from the November OCM, and moved to the February OCM - 11 February 2026	<p>During research conducted to identify the best policy approach, past and current significant tree registers and tree protection orders in WA were reviewed. Their effectiveness was found to be low and only successful in local governments with smaller land areas.</p> <p>Due to the large number of trees and land area found in the City of Swan, these approaches were deemed untenable.</p> <p>The City acknowledges the value that established trees provide to the community through its Urban Forest Plan. Under the Urban Forest Plan, a Local Planning Policy (LPP) approach toward tree protection and management has been formed and aims to guide vegetation protection and retention through all stages of the planning and development process.</p> <p>The draft LPP applies to all land not zoned Rural and creates a 'protected tree' definition. If approved, the draft LPP will require developers to engage with a suitably qualified arborist to assess 'protected trees' before clearing occurs on</p>

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			<p>private land. Council has already resolved to advertise this once data has been received from Landgate.</p> <p>The City's Tree Planting Guidelines state situations when trees can be recommended for removal and that mainly includes trees that are dead or diseased and beyond remedial treatment, structurally weak and dangerous, and posing a risk to public and property safety.</p> <p>Regarding the City's rural zoned areas, the forthcoming draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan will apply to Local Natural Areas (LNAs) throughout the City.</p> <p>The City aims to conserve, protect, and retain LNAs through the implementation of the proposed action plan, which contains actions categorised into strategic, statutory, natural area and asset management and community.</p> <p><b>This process will therefore provide the opportunity for this matter to be further commented on by the community before a final decision is made by Council on the action plan.</b></p> <p><b>This matter was briefed to Council members on 17 September 2025 and will be considered at the 11 February 2026 OCM.</b></p>
Marilena Stimpfl, South Guildford	<p><b>Motion 7:</b></p> <p><i>The Electors request that as a matter of urgency, the Administration directs the landowner and relevant government agencies to conduct an audit of the performance of the containment cell (toxic dump) located on Lot 792 Midland, opposite to Bunnings to ascertain the integrity of the containment cell and implement urgent remediation measures if the containment is breached.</i></p>	<p>This matter has been raised with Development WA with discussions ongoing. A briefing will be provided to Council Members at a future date.</p>	<p>DevelopmentWA, as the landowner, engaged a consultant to complete the requested review of the Western Paddock. The assessment identified that erosion has occurred in several areas, resulting in damage to the existing capping layer. The review has advised that repairs to the capping will be required to ensure the site remains compliant.</p> <p><b>A small portion of the contaminated material within the paddock originates from the City, having been excavated during the construction of Lloyd Street. At this stage, the City's preference is to keep this material in situ. This approach allows flexibility until decisions are made regarding the future alignment and construction of Workshop Avenue and the Lloyd Street Bridge, both of which may influence the most appropriate and cost-effective long-term management of the material and would be best to be considered in conjunction with one another instead of in isolation.</b></p>
Marilena Stimpfl, South Guildford	<p><b>Motion 8:</b></p> <p><i>The Administration works with the landowner and relevant government agencies to develop a strategy for the relocation of the toxic dump</i></p>	<p>This matter has been raised with Development WA with discussions ongoing. A briefing will be provided to Council Members at a future date.</p>	<p>The landowner (Development WA) has been working with the City, and other State Government Departments to find options for the removal of this material. To date these options have been cost prohibitive. However, the City will discuss this matter further with the Executive team at Development WA.</p>

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	<i>located on Lot 792, Midland, opposite to Bunnings, to a suitable contaminated waste disposal facility.</i>		<p>This matter has been raised with Development WA and the removal of the material is not an option they will consider.</p> <p>The City will continue to liaise with the landowner (Development WA) and the relevant state government Departments in relation to this site.</p>
Marilena Stimpfl, South Guildford	<b>Motion 9:</b> <i>The Electors request that the officer's recommendations contain a summary listing if the recommendation is consistent with the relevant City of Swan targets, guidelines, strategies relevant to that specific motion.</i>	No further action required	<p>The rationale provided for this motion was that the City lacks transparency in tracking its performance against strategies, guidelines and targets. It should be noted that the City undertakes comprehensive tracking of its performance against the City's Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan, with quarterly and mid-year reporting to Council. The City's mid-year corporate performance report, which provides a six-month update on project and service delivery performance against each SCP key result area (Natural, Environment, Economic, Social, Built Environment and Governance), can be found on the City's website at: <a href="https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/city-and-council/ourperformance">https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/city-and-council/ourperformance</a>. Officers' reports to Council are required to consider the Strategic, Statutory and Financial Implications of the recommendations contained within their report assessed against the Strategic Community Plan which is the City's highest level planning document which reflects the aspirations for the City of Swan.</p> <p>An example is a planning matter where the report considered short-term rental accommodation. This required the Officers to consider the item against the Built Environment -</p> <p>B1 Planned and facilitated growth</p> <p>B1.1 Create community places to live, relax and work.</p> <p>Similarly, officers' reports contain policy linkages relevant to the matter being discussed.</p> <p><b>As Council reports already contain these assessments, no further action was required.</b></p>
Marilena Stimpfl, South Guildford	<b>Motion 10:</b> <i>The Electors request that only Native trees and plants are allowed for landscaping of new and established developments and for infill / replacements of plants on verges</i>	No further action required at this stage.	<p>The City of Swan "Landscape Guidelines: Streetscapes and Open Space" encourages the use of local native plant species, drought-tolerant exotic species and water wise garden design principles and sets this as a performance criteria and key objective for both City and external development projects.</p> <p>These guidelines are available on the City's website at:</p>

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Alison Polich, Guildford	<b>Motion 11:</b> <i>That the City of Swan investigates the nature and source of the black residue reported by residents in Guildford, particularly those living under the flight path. Engages with relevant environmental and aviation authorities, including the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) and the Perth Airport Authority, to determine whether aircraft emissions, industrial</i>	When a City EHO contacted Mrs Polich she declined to allow samples to be taken from the property and advised that she was moving. As a result the samples were taken from the Swan Valley Visitors Centre. Since the samples were not taken from Ms Polich's residence we did not provide her with a copy of the results.	<p><a href="https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/awcontent/Web/Documents/Info-Sheets-Checklists/landscape-guidelines-amended_-april-2019_rev-2.pdf">https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/awcontent/Web/Documents/Info-Sheets-Checklists/landscape-guidelines-amended_-april-2019_rev-2.pdf</a></p> <p>The City already uses mainly native species in all new tree planting. However, a few of the exotic species that are hardy, adaptable and not prone to biosecurity risks or deemed vulnerable to key pests and diseases (e.g. PSHB) are also permitted for planting and listed in the Tree Planting Guidelines recommended species list. These can be planted as feature or accent trees; some exotic deciduous fast-growing trees are appropriate for passive solar design; exotic evergreens can add to diversity, can be planted for edible fruit production, creation of future heritage avenues, reduce fire risks, etc. It is also the case that if the City wishes to support the immediate forage needs of various endangered cockatoo species, some non-native species may need to be considered. The State Government is currently preparing an Urban Greening Strategy for the Perth and Peel regions which will address urban greening, including education and awareness, and an urban greening grant program which may provide guidance on future decisions on plant species. Staff continue to track progress of this work and will report on the need to change the City's approach to align with the Greening Strategy, if necessary. In the meantime, it is recommended that the City continues planting mainly native species to increase green canopy and enhance biodiversity but also keeps the provision to be able to plant exotic species that can thrive in local conditions, but only where appropriate.</p> <p><b>Council noted the information above and resolved for no further action to be undertaken .</b></p>

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	<p>activity, or other sources are contributing to the residue. That the City of Swan conducts testing on affected areas, including washing lines, outdoor furniture, and other exposed surfaces, to analyse the composition of the residue. City are then to report the findings back to Council and community, along with any recommended actions to mitigate potential health or environment impacts. That the City advocates for any necessary regulatory action or remediations should the investigation identify pollution concerns linked to aircraft operations or other sources.</p>		<p>not considered unusual. There were some elevated results for zinc and lead, but these were found in locations that would be considered normal (i.e. in association with a zincalume roof and in areas where lead-based paint is likely).</p> <p>When taking the samples City officers did not observe anything other than what appears to be natural dust build up. No further investigation is necessary at this time.</p> <p>A copy of the results were not provided to Ms Polich as the samples were not taken from her property.</p>
Lynn Deering, Woodbridge	<p><b>Motion 12:</b> <i>Green corridors a way of future proofing our City.</i></p> <p>1. That the City of Swan investigate and identify the potential of natural green corridors present in our city, providing a report back to Council August 2025.</p> <p>2. That the report identifies potential existing green corridor (linking reserves, floodplain wetlands, Bush Forever and remnants) connections that emanate from the city town centre and surrounding sites of Midland, Woodbridge, Hazelmere, Guildford, and the Swan Valley as part of Phase 1. Pilot Project.</p>	<p>The Biodiversity Action Plan report will be considered at the 11 February 2026 OCM</p>	<p>The City recognises the high ecological value of corridors as well as areas containing priority flora/fauna, threatened ecological communities, and priority vegetation complexes and has completed spatial analysis to determine the location and extent of ecological corridors.</p> <p>These mapped corridors currently show existing connections to bushland and foreshore sites, across a range of different vegetation complexes across the City.</p> <p>The City already seeks to apply for grant funding wherever possible to improve the natural environment (which forms part of green corridors) and to improve its response to climate change and mitigation measures.</p> <p>Currently the City is prioritising natural area capital works to preserve and enhance the ecological condition and amenities at these sites.</p> <p>Council was briefed on the draft Local Biodiversity Action Plan on 28 August 2024.</p> <p><b>The City will consider including the concept and application of Green Corridors within the Draft Biodiversity Action Plan.</b></p> <p><b>The Biodiversity Action Plan report will be presented at the 11 February 2026 OCM for final adoption.</b></p>

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	<p><i>3. That Council seek funding to support a more Liveable and Smarter city program that includes a green corridor concept to help in the city's response to climate change and better future proof our city.</i></p>		
Marilena Stimpfl, South Guildford	<p><b>Motion 13:</b></p> <p><i>That the City of Swan explore the opportunity to work with the Shire of Mundaring and Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association Inc to extend the Helena Valley Parkland project downstream along the Helena River through Hazelmere, Midland and Guildford.</i></p>	<p>The letter of support was sent to the Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association on 14 May, 2025.</p>	<p>The City will work with the Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association Incorporated (BNAA) and other government stakeholders to explore opportunities to extend the Helena Valley Parkland project through the City of Swan locality, including ongoing communication with BNAA, a letter of provisional support from the CEO, consideration of potential collaborative funding applications and a report back to Council.</p> <p><b>The letter of support was sent to the Bibbul Ngarma Aboriginal Association on 14 May 2025.</b></p>

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Lynn Deering, Woodbridge (Woodbridge Ratepayers Association)	<p><b>Motion 14:</b></p> <p><i>That the City of Swan (CoS) undertake a traffic study and assessment to identify (understand) the flow of traffic and obtain current data on the level of congestion at Morrison Crossing, that includes Yelverton Drive and Amherst Street.</i></p> <p><i>That City of Swan run an information session for residents of Woodbridge and Midland surrounds to outline what it proposes as ways of addressing the range of traffic problems, before more projects commence in the area.</i></p> <p><i>That the City of Swan increase communication to WRA (our community) about the best way to address these issues and what is possible (options) to achieve the best solution to address traffic congestion.</i></p>	This matter will be raised with MRWA and Development WA with further advice provided back to Council Members and the Woodbridge Ratepayers Association following the meeting scheduled early 2026.	<p>While the City acknowledges that the road works at Cale Street associated with the new Midland station did increase traffic on Yelverton drive and Amherst Road during the station construction, however, these impacts reduced over time. The City is seeking confirmation from MRWA on the likely timing of the proposed grade separation of the Morrison Road level crossing, which is being undertaken in line with Motion 5.</p> <p><b>This matter will be raised with MRWA and Development WA with further advice provided back to Council Members and the Woodbridge Ratepayers Association in 2026.</b></p>
Chris Davis, Woodbridge	<p><b>Motion 15:</b></p> <p>A traffic study is carried out for the entire Midland greater area from the southern City of Swan boundary to Guildford. Taking into account motion 4, 5 &amp; 6 Lloyd Street Bridge.</p>	Council report on this matter is not considered necessary. No further report required.	<p>A traffic study of Midland would identify large-scale projects that address wider scale traffic issues. The City previously undertook a traffic study of the Greater Midland area in 2015. This study identified several priority State-level projects that are yet to be delivered that would drastically improve traffic issues to the area (e.g. Lloyd Street Bridge, Lloyd Street extension and Great Eastern Highway Bypass Interchange). The City could undertake a review of the 2015 study or undertake a new study if directed. However, it is likely the same projects would be highlighted as priority for the area. This matter will be raised with MRWA and Development WA with further advice provided back to Council Members.</p> <p><b>A Council report on this matter was not considered necessary. No further report was required. Note, there is action being under Motion 5 that will address this issue.</b></p>