



MINUTES

COMMUNITY AND CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday 9 September 2025

6.00pm

Council Chambers

The Five Strategic Pillars



**Community & Corporate Services Committee
Terms of Reference**

Function:

This Committee is responsible for:

- Community Services: Achieving the outcomes outlined in the Strategic Community Plan, focusing on a diverse and inclusive community, happiness, health, and resilience, and community engagement.
- Corporate & Commercial Services: Delivering the outcomes outlined in the Strategic Community Plan, emphasizing safety, resilience, economic strength, tourism, visionary leadership, and workplace culture.
- Monitoring the City's financial health and strategies.
- Conducting internal reviews of service complaints.

It accomplishes this by:

- Developing policies and strategies.
- Creating progress measurement methods.
- Receiving progress reports.
- Considering officer advice.
- Debating current issues.
- Offering advice on effective community engagement and progress reporting.
- Making recommendations to Council.

Chairperson: City of Albany elected member, elected from the Committee.

Membership: Open to all elected members

Meeting Schedule: Monthly Meeting Location: Council Chambers

Directorates: Corporate & Commercial Services and Community Services

Executive Officer(s):

- Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services
- Executive Director Community Services

Delegated Authority: None

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING The Chair declared the meeting open at 6.00pm

2. PRAYER AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL LAND OWNERS

“Heavenly Father, we thank you for the peace and beauty of this area. Direct and prosper the deliberations of this Council for the advancement of the City and the welfare of its people. Amen.”

“We would like to acknowledge the Noongar people who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land.

We would also like to pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging”.

3. RECORD OF APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillor	D Baesjou
Councillor	R Sutton
Councillor	P Terry
Councillor	C McKinley
Councillor	L MacLaren
Councillor	M Lionetti
Councillor	S Grimmer (Chair)
Councillor	M Traill (Deputy Chair)

Staff:

Chief Executive Officer	A Sharpe
Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services	M Gilfellon

Meeting Secretary	C Crane
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Leave of Absence

Councillor	A Cruse
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Apologies:

Mayor	G Stocks
Executive Director Community Services	N Watson
Councillor	M Lionetti
Councillor	T Brough

Members of the Public:

Election Candidate C Griffiths & M Cooper were in attendance. There were no media.

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4. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Name	Committee/Report Item Number	Nature of Interest
Nil.		

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE Nil

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with *City of Albany Standing Orders Local Law 2014* (as amended) the following points apply to Public Question Time:

Clause 5) The Presiding Member may decide that a public question shall not be responded to where—

- (a) the same or similar question was asked at a previous Meeting, a response was provided and the member of the public is directed to the minutes of the Meeting at which the response was provided;*
- (b) the member of the public asks a question or makes a statement that is offensive, unlawful or defamatory in nature, provided that the Presiding Member has taken reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to rephrase the question or statement in a manner that is not offensive, unlawful or defamatory.*

7. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS Nil.

8. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR TRAILL

THAT the unconfirmed minutes of the Community and Corporate Services Committee meeting held on 12 August 2025, as previously distributed, be CONFIRMED as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

CARRIED 7-0

9. PRESENTATIONS Nil.

10. UNRESOLVED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS Nil.

CCS743: MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – JULY 2025

Proponent / Owner	:	City of Albany
Attachments	:	Monthly Financial Report – July 2025
Report Prepared By	:	Manager Finance
Authorising Officer:	:	Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
 - **Pillar:** Leadership.
 - **Outcome:** Strong workplace culture and performance

IN BRIEF

- Under the Local Government Financial Management Regulations, a local government is to prepare monthly a statement of financial activity and statement of financial position that is presented to Council.
- The City of Albany's Monthly Financial Report (inclusive of the statement of financial activity and the statement of financial position) for the period ending 31 July 2025 has been prepared and is attached.
- In addition, the City provides Council with a monthly investment summary to ensure the investment portfolio complies with the City's Investment of Surplus Funds Policy.
- The financial information included within the Monthly Financial Report for the period ended 31 July 2025 is preliminary and has not yet been audited.

RECOMMENDATION

CCS743: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: DEPUTY MAYOR TERRY
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MACLAREN

That the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 7-0

CCS743: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 31 July 2025 be RECEIVED.

DISCUSSION

2. To fulfil statutory reporting obligations, the Monthly Financial Report prepared provides a snapshot of the City's year to date financial performance. The report provides the:
 - (a) Statement of Financial Activity by nature classifications (satisfying Regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*);
 - (b) Statement of Financial Position (satisfying Regulation 35 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*);
 - (c) Basis of Preparation;
 - (d) Explanation of material variances to year-to-date budget;
 - (e) Net Current Asset & Funding Position;
 - (f) Investment Portfolio Snapshot;
 - (g) Receivables; and

(h) Capital Acquisitions.

3. Additionally, each year a local government is to adopt a percentage or value to be used in the Statement of Financial Activity for reporting material variances. Under Council item CCS732, Council approved that a variance between actual and budget-to-date of greater than \$100,000 is a material variance for reporting purposes in the Statement of Financial Activity for 2025/2026.
4. The Statement of Financial Activity and Statement of Financial Position may be subject to year-end adjustments and have not been audited.
5. It is noted that rounding errors may occur when whole numbers are used, as they are in the reports that follow. The 'errors' may be \$1 or \$2 when adding sets of numbers. This does not mean that the underlying figures are incorrect."

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

6. The *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* stipulate that each month Local Governments are required to prepare and report a Financial Activity Statement (reg 34) and a Financial Position Statement (reg 35).
7. Each of these statements are to be presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within two months after the end of the relevant month, as well as recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

8. The City's 2025/26 Annual Budget provides a set of parameters that guides the City's financial practices.
9. The Investment of Surplus Funds Policy stipulates that the status and performance of the investment portfolio is to be reported monthly to Council.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. Expenditure for the period ending 31 July 2025 has been incurred in accordance with the 2025/26 budget parameters.
11. Details of any budget variation more than \$100,000 (year to date) is outlined in the Statement of Financial Activity. There are no other known events, which may result in a material non-recoverable financial loss or financial loss arising from an uninsured event.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

12. Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. Nil.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

14. Nil.

CONCLUSION

15. The Authorising Officer's recommendation be adopted.
16. It is requested that any questions regarding this report are submitted to the Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services by 4pm of the day prior to the scheduled meeting time. All answers to submitted questions will be provided at the Committee meeting. This allows a detailed response to be given to the Committee in a timely manner.

Consulted References	:	<i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>
File Number	:	FM.FIR.7

CCS744: LIST OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT – JULY 2025

Business Entity Name	:	City of Albany
Attachments	:	List of Accounts for Payment
Report Prepared By	:	Manager Finance
Authorising Officer:	:	Executive Director Corporate and Commercial Services

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
 - **Pillar/Priority:** Leadership.
 - **Outcome:** Strong workplace culture and performance.

IN BRIEF

- Council has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer the exercise of its power to make payments from the City's municipal and trust funds. In accordance with Regulation 13 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, a list of accounts paid by the Chief Executive Officer is to be provided to Council.

RECOMMENDATION

CCS744: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR TRAILL

SECONDED: COUNCILLOR MCKINLEY

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED

CARRIED 7-0

CCS744: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the list of accounts authorised for payment under delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer for the period ending 31 July 2025 totalling \$9,470,457.14 be RECEIVED.

DISCUSSION

2. The table below summarises the payments drawn from the City's Municipal and Trust funds for the period ending 31 July 2025. Please refer to the Attachment to this report.

Fund	Transaction Type	Amount (\$)	%
Municipal	Electronic Funds Transfer - Datascape	\$859,549.61	9.1%
Municipal	Electronic Funds Transfer - Synergy	\$6,270,932.11	66.2%
Municipal	Payroll	\$2,303,748.61	24.3%
Municipal	Credit Cards	\$36,226.81	0.4%
Municipal	Cheques	\$0.00	0.0%
Trust	N/A	\$0.00	0.0%
TOTAL		\$9,470,457.14	100.0%

3. Included within the Electronic Funds Transfers from the City's Municipal account are Purchasing Card transactions, required to be reported under Regulation 13(A), totalling: \$6,546.72.

4. The table below summaries the total outstanding creditors as at 31 July 2025.

Aged Creditors	Amount (\$)
Current	\$5,157,613.61
30 Days	\$5,852.00
60 Days	\$0.00
90 Days	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$5,163,465.61

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

5. Regulation 12(1)(a) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provides that payment can only be made from the municipal fund or a trust fund if the Local Government has delegated this function to the Chief Executive Officer or alternatively authorises payment in advance.
6. The Chief Executive Officer has delegated authority to make payments from the municipal and trust fund.
7. Regulation 13 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* provides that if the function of authorising payments is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, then a list of payments must be presented to Council and recorded in the minutes.
8. As part of the Local Government Regulations Amendment Regulations 2023 (SL2023/106), additional reporting is now required by Local Governments. Regulation 13(A), a new regulation, requires Local Governments to report on payments by employees via purchasing cards.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure for the period to 31 July 2025 has been incurred in accordance with the 2025/2026 budget parameters.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Expenditure for the period to 31 July 2025 has been incurred in accordance with the 2025/2026 budget parameters.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. Nil

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. Nil

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

11. Nil

CONCLUSION

12. That the list of accounts have been authorised for payment under delegated authority.
13. It is requested that any questions on specific payments are submitted to the Executive Director Corporate Services by 4pm of the day prior to the scheduled meeting time. All answers to submitted questions will be provided at the Committee meeting. This allows a detailed response to be given to the Committee in a timely manner.

Consulted References	:	<i>Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i>
File Number	:	FM.FIR.2

CCS745: DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORTS – 16 JULY 2025 TO 15 AUGUST 2025

Proponent / Owner	:	City of Albany
Attachments	:	Executed Document and Common Seal Report
Report Prepared By	:	PA to Mayor and Councillors
Authorising Officer:	:	Chief Executive Officer

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
 - **Pillar:** Leadership.
 - **Outcome:** A well informed and engaged community.

RECOMMENDATION

CCS745: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR SUTTON
SECONDED: COUNCILLOR BAESJOU

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 7-0

CCS745: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Delegated Authority Reports 16 July 2025 to 15 August 2025 be RECEIVED.

BACKGROUND

2. In compliance with Section 9.49A of the *Local Government Act 1995* the attached report applies to the use of the Common Seal and the signing of documents under Council's Delegated Authority:
 - **Delegation: LG1.18** – Sign Documents on Behalf of the City of Albany (Authority to Executive Deeds & Agreements and apply the Common Seal)
 - **Delegation: LG4.06** – Provide Donations, Sponsorship, Subsidies & Authority to Apply for Grant Funding (Including the provision of sponsorship through the waiver of fees & charges)
 - **Delegation: LG5.05** – Award Contracts (Supply of Equipment, Goods, Materials & Services)

CCS746: ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET REVIEW FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31 JULY 2025

Proponent	:	City of Albany
Attachments	:	Budget Review for the period ending 31 July 2025
Report Prepared by	:	Business Analyst/Management Accountant
Authorising Officer	:	Executive Director Corporate & Commercial Services

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

1. This item relates to the following elements of the City of Albany Strategic Community Plan or Corporate Business Plan informing plans or strategies:
 - **Pillar:** Leadership.
 - **Outcome:** Strong workplace culture and performance.

In Brief:

- This review is for the period ending 31 July 2025 and therefore is outside the requirements of regulation 33A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. A further budget review is required to satisfy this regulatory obligation.
- This budget review presents a surplus budget inclusive of the proposed Budget Review amendments of \$191,326.

RECOMMENDATION

CCS746: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

MOVED: COUNCILLOR TRAILL
SECONDED: DEPUTY MAYOR TERRY

THAT the Authorising Officer Recommendation be ADOPTED.

CARRIED 7-0

CCS746: AUTHORISING OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Budget Review for the period ending 31 July 2025 be ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

2. Local Governments are required to conduct a budget review between 1 January and the last day of February each financial year in accordance with regulation 33A(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. The Department recommends a review of the budget early in the financial year to amend carry forward projects from forecast to actual.
3. Council adopted the FY2025/26 budget on 22 July 2025. The total adopted budget of \$200.5m comprised of:
 - a. \$101m capital works;
 - b. \$1.2m debt reduction; and
 - c. \$98.3m in operating expenditure.
4. Included within the \$200.5m budget was \$19.2m of carried forward projects. That is, projects that were not anticipated to be completed by 30 June 2025, and the estimated remaining expenditure relating to these projects was carried forward into the FY2025/26 budget.

5. At the time of preparing the budget, the amount remaining of these carried forward projects was not known, and hence an estimate was provided within the FY2025/26 budget.
6. Now that the financial accounts for FY2024/25 have been completed (although not yet audited), the remaining expenditure relating to the carried forward projects is realised, and the FY2025/26 budget is to be amended to reflect these corrected figures.
7. In addition to the carry forward adjustments this review proposes \$856.4k of variations (exclusive of budget amendments already addressed within the carry forward amendments)

DISCUSSION

8. After the completion of the FY2024/25 financial accounts, the City estimates expenditure of \$33,861,544 required to complete carried forward projects, equating to a increase of \$4,149,583 relative to the figure estimated in the FY2025/26 budget adopted by Council.
9. The funding impact relating to the increase in carried forward project of \$4,149,583 is as follows:
 - a. \$2,385,413 : Increase in Grant Funding required.
 - b. \$934,104 : Increase in Reserves Funding required.
 - c. \$997,366 : Increase in Municipal Funds required (Opening balance adjustment)
 - d. \$(167,300) :Decrease in the Sale of Assets.
10. Key elements of the general works and variations proposed in this budget review include:
 - a. An increase in funds required of \$856k to complete the proposed amendments, sourced as follows:
 - i. \$1.2m: Reduction in expenditure
 - ii. \$0.51m: Reduction in grants and general revenue.
 - iii. \$1.05m: Reduction in reserves funding required.
 - iv. \$0.02m: Utilising \$181k of the Opening Position
 - b. This budget review presents a surplus budget inclusive of the proposed amendments of \$191,326 as at 30 June 2025.
 - c. Total expenditure of \$204.3m in FY2024/25 inclusive of carry forward adjustments, comprised of:
 - i. \$102.7m capital works;
 - ii. \$1.2m debt reduction; and
 - iii. \$100.4m in operating expenditure.
11. A copy of the Budget Review for the period ending 31 July 2025 is attached.
12. Budget adjustments thereafter of an urgent nature will be brought to a Council Meeting as an item to be discussed when required and actioned outside of this review.

GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC CONSULTATION

13. Department of Local Government guidelines were followed in the preparation of this report.
14. City of Albany Executives, Managers and Officers with budget responsibility were consulted in the preparation of the Budget Review.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

15. Under the *Local Government Act 1995*, section 6.8, a local government is not to incur expenditure from its municipal fund for an additional purpose except where the expenditure:
 - a. is incurred in a financial year before the adoption of the annual budget by the local government

- b. is authorised in advance by a resolution (absolute majority required) or;
- c. is authorised in advance by the Mayor in an emergency.

16. If a local government wishes to impose any fees or charges under this Subdivision after the annual budget has been adopted it must, before introducing the fees or charges, give local public notice of 7 days and (a) its intention to do so; and (b) the date from which it is proposed the fees or charges will be imposed.

17. The voting requirement of Council is **Absolute Majority**.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

18. There are no policy implications related to this report.

RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION

19. The risk identification and categorisation relies on the City's Enterprise Risk & Opportunity Management Framework.

Risk	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk Analysis	Mitigation
Reputation & Organisation's Operations. Non approval of the budget review may result in significant delays to achieving deliverables.	Unlikely	Moderate	Medium	<i>In the short term the existing Annual Budget would apply and proposed amendments would not apply.</i> <i>Adopt the Budget Review with amendments (as specified by Council).</i>
Opportunity: Provides Council with an additional opportunity to review the City's current budget position				

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

20. Please refer to the attachment: Budget Review for the period ending 31 July 2025.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

21. Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

22. Nil.

ALTERNATE OPTIONS

23. For the period ending 31 July 2025, Council may consider to:

- a. Adopt the Budget Review as recommended; or
- b. Adopt the Budget Review with amendments (as specified by Council)

SUMMARY CONCLUSION

24. It is recommended that the Authorising Officer's Recommendation is adopted.

Consulted References	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopted Budget 2025/2026• Local Government Act 1995
File Number (Name of Ward)	: FM.BUG.12
Previous Reference	: Adopted Budget 2025/2026 – OCM 22/07/2025 Resolution CCS732

11. MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN – Nil.

12. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

13. CLOSURE There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.24pm.

(Unconfirmed Minutes)

Stephen Grimmer
Chair