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Elected Members are reminded to retain the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda and any confidential papers for deliberation at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

Matrix from the Agenda Briefing Forum held in the Council Chamber of the City of Belmont Civic Centre, 215 Wright Street, Cloverdale on Tuesday 21 April 2026 commencing at 6:30pm.

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Present

Mayor R Rossi, JP (Presiding Member)	Mayor
Cr D Sessions (Deputy Mayor)	West Ward
Cr G Sekulla, JP	Central Ward
Cr J Harris	Central Ward
Cr B Ryan	East Ward
Cr P Marks	East Ward
Cr Z Abedin	South Ward
Cr J Davis	South Ward
Cr C Kulczycki	West Ward

In attendance

Mr J Christie	Chief Executive Officer
Mr S Downing	Director Corporate and Governance
Mr W Loh	Director Development and Communities
Mr M Murphy	Director Infrastructure Services
Ms E Kania	Manager Governance and Legal
Ms S Jessop	Manager Finance
Mr S Reeves	Manager Parks, Leisure and Environment
Ms L Chaplyn	Coordinator Media and Communications
Ms E Nicholls	Coordinator Governance
Ms S Bell	Senior Governance Officer
Ms K Digwood	Governance Officer

Members of the gallery

There was one member of the public in the gallery and no press representatives.

1 Official Opening

6:30pm The Presiding Member welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.

The Presiding Member read aloud the Acknowledgement of Country.

Acknowledgement of Country

Before I begin, I would like to acknowledge the Whadjuk Noongar people as the Traditional Owners of this land and pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

I further acknowledge their cultural heritage, beliefs, connection and relationship with this land which continues today.

The Presiding Member invited Cr Ryan to read aloud the Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility on behalf of Elected Members. Cr Ryan read aloud the affirmation.

Affirmation of Civic Duty and Responsibility

I make this affirmation in good faith and declare that I will duly, faithfully, honestly, and with integrity fulfil the duties of my office for all the people in the City of Belmont according to the best of my judgement and ability.

I will observe the City's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders to ensure efficient, effective and orderly decision making within this forum.

2 Apologies and leave of absence

Nil.

3 Announcements by the Presiding Member (without discussion)

3.1 Announcements

The Presiding Member announced the following:

On Sunday, Selby Park in Redcliffe came alive with the Locals Series – Paws in the Park. We saw agility courses in action, doggy crafts by Art Jam, live music by Grayson Dennis, and plenty of delicious food and treats for pups and humans alike.

The Locals Series is all about bringing our community together and providing fun, accessible activities for everyone across our city.

Thank you to everyone involved for making it such a great afternoon.

3.2 Disclaimer

6:33pm The Presiding Member drew the public gallery's attention to the Disclaimer.

The Presiding Member advised the following:

I wish to draw attention to the Disclaimer Notice contained within the agenda document and advise members of the public that no decisions are made at the meeting tonight. Council will formally resolve agenda items at next week's Ordinary Council Meeting.

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4 Public submission time

6:33pm The Presiding Member opened the period allotted for Public Submission Time and drew the gallery's attention to the Rules for Public Submission Time. No Public Submissions were received.

6:33pm The Presiding Member closed Public Submission Time.

5 Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda for meeting to be held on 28 April 2026

5.1 Agenda items for review

OCM Item 12.1

WALGA Climate Change Advocacy Position – Consultation Paper

Deputation Request

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

- Elected Members will be advised via memorandum of changes to the report in the future should an agenda be amended.
- City Officers apply for any grants they are aware of. The City applied for the 'Community Energy Upgrade Fund' and the 'Urban Greening Grant' in 2025 and was unfortunately not successful, however Officers will re-apply for any further rounds.
- The City has participated in the WALGA Sustainable Energy Program since 2022. This initiative led to the reduction of 2,600 tons of CO2 emissions over the initial three-year period and generated approximately \$400,000 in cost savings.
- City Officers are not aware of any applications made by the City for the 'Driving the Nation Fund' for uptake of zero emission vehicles.
- Last year, the City was approached by consultants working on a federal grant program for EV Charging. These consultants were working with a number of councils, and the City of Belmont was not selected as a candidate due to the suitability of the land available.
- The City's Environmental Sustainability Strategy is aligned with the State Government's target of net zero CO2 emissions by 2050. While City Officers are not aware of any official documentation signed by the City of Belmont confirming this commitment, the City is committed to supporting the achievement of this goal.

OCM Item 12.1

WALGA Climate Change Advocacy Position – Consultation Paper

- The City is involved in the WALGA Sustainable Energy Project which is a large project comprising of 50 metropolitan local governments.
- In relation to initiatives with neighbouring local governments, the City of Belmont participates in the Lower Swan Locality Plan Steering Group. The City of Belmont also engages with the City of Bayswater on an ongoing basis to pool resources to mitigate impacts of climate change on the river.
- WALGA works with local governments in climate change advocacy and has submitted a comprehensive report for consideration in the State Government budget process. WALGA continues to advocate for increased investment in climate change initiatives. The City of Belmont collaborates with other local governments when feasible to address climate change impacts. However, pursuing collective funding from State or Federal Governments is unlikely to be viable due to significant cost implications.

Further Information to be Provided

- The Director Infrastructure Services undertook to provide Elected Members details about which City facilities currently have solar panels, and which facility had them installed most recently.
- The Director Infrastructure Services undertook to provide Elected Members with the amount of CO2 emissions the City is responsible for.
- The Director Infrastructure Services undertook to provide Elected Members with advice regarding the shortcomings faced by WA local governments in accessing tools and data modelling for Climate Change.

OCM Item 12.2

Proposed Differential Rates 2026-27

Deputation Request

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

- City Officers will await the final CPI rates for the March quarter to determine the impacts on the proposed differential rates for 2026-27.
- The City has typically adopted the March CPI for the proposed rate.

Further Information to be Provided

- The Manager Finance undertook to clarify wording in the Statutory Environment section on page 42 of the report regarding the percentage of properties imposed with minimum payments.
- The Director Corporate and Governance undertook to provide Elected Members with the ratio of owners and occupiers with investors who receive financial hardship payment options.

OCM Item 12.3

Accounts For Payment March 2026

Deputation Request

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

Nil.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

OCM Item 12.4

Monthly Financial Report For March 2026

Deputation Request

Nil.

Officer Presentation

Nil.

Notes from Forum

- The reference to project funding not yet spent on archiving on page 76 of the agenda refers to the administrative process of archiving City records. This does not refer to the City of Belmont Museum archiving process.

Further Information to be Provided

Nil.

6 Matters for which the meeting may be closed

Nil.

7 Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 6:52pm.