



SHIRE OF  
**HARVEY**



## Ordinary Council Meeting

### **Addendum to Item: 12.1.1 – City Status Investigation Outcome**

**Harvey Council Chamber  
Tuesday, 26 May 2026  
4PM**

<b>Item No.:</b>	<b>12.1.1.</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>City Status Investigation Outcome</b>
<b>Proponent:</b>	<b>Shire of Harvey</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Shire of Harvey</b>
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	<b>Executive Advisor to the CEO</b>
<b>Authorising Officer:</b>	<b>Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>File No.:</b>	<b>C209/00022</b>
<b>Attachments:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. City Status Investigation Report [12.1.1.1 - 28 pages]</li> <li>2. City Status Engagement Report [12.1.1.2 - 45 pages]</li> <li>3. City Status Appendix [12.1.1.3 - 144 pages]</li> <li>4. City Status Marketing [12.1.1.4 - 13 pages]</li> </ol>

***The following additional information is provided in regard to Item 12.1.1***

At the Agenda Briefing Session on Tuesday, 19 May 2026, there were clarifying questions from a Councillor regarding the Officer Recommendation. Shire Officers reviewed the matter as enquired by the Councillor, and determined in line with the enquiry, an amended recommendation.

The Shire of Harvey meets all the criteria to be reclassified as a City, exceeding the population requirement by more than 10,000 people and with most of the population living in the Leschenault urban area. The *Local Government Act 1995* does not require public consultation when considering reclassification to City status.

Notwithstanding that there is no requirement for consultation, when the Shire did consult, public interest in the potential reclassification was extremely low. As outlined in the agenda report and the attached consultation and investigation documents, community feedback on the City status proposal was limited. Consequently, the Shire remains unaware of the views of much of the Shire of Harvey community, who did not participate in the City Status survey or provide a submission on the proposal.

Given the very low level of participation in the consultation process that the Shire has undertaken, and the benefits of City status as identified in the investigation report, it is recommended that Council proceed with an application to the Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne (The Minister) for reclassification to City status.

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires consultation with the community if a change of name is proposed. As it is recommended that the name of the new city be the “City of Harvey” no further consultation is required and this can be considered by the Minister.

**Officer’s Recommendation 1 of 2**

That Council:

1. Receives the Shire of Harvey City Status Investigation Report at **Attachment 1** to this report.
2. Receives the results of the community consultation as detailed in the attached City Status Investigation Community Engagement Report (**Attachment 2**) and City Status Appendix Report (**Attachment 3**).
3. Notes the marketing and promotional materials and activities developed to undertake the community consultation as outlined in the Community Engagement Report – Marketing (**Attachment 4**).
4. Resolves to proceed with an application for reclassification to City Status for the Shire of Harvey

5. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to write to the Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne requesting that the Minister approves reclassification of the Shire of Harvey to a City.
6. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to provide this report and attachments to the Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne as evidence that the Shire of Harvey meets all the criteria to be reclassified as a City as set out in Section 2.4 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
7. Seeks a meeting between the Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne and the Shire President, Deputy Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to discuss the Shire of Harvey request for reclassification as a City.

**Officer's Recommendation 2 of 2**

That Council endorses the naming of the proposed reclassified Shire of Harvey to the City of Harvey to be considered by the Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne.