

Recommendations of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee – 17 February 2026

Tuesday, 24 February 2026
Council

Strategic Alignment – Our Corporation

Public

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Infrastructure and Public Works Committee considered the following Items at its meeting held on 17 February 2026 and resolved to present to Council the following recommendations for Council determination:

- Item 7.1 – Public Realm Greening Program - 5 Year Tree Planting Overview
- Item 7.2 – Capital Works Monthly Project Update - January 2026

RECOMMENDATION

1. **Recommendation 1 – Item 7.1 - Public Realm Greening Program - 5 Year Tree Planting Overview**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Requests the following issues be addressed in a revised 5-Year Green Infrastructure Plan, to be considered at the May 2026 meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee:
 - Inclusion of a diversity measure aligned to the Santamour diversity index to guide tree selection
 - Provision of a map identifying 5 year indicative planting priorities and identifying the location of existing WSUD supported tree locations
 - Identification of how species are selected for planting to maximise potential canopy spread at planting locations
 - Proposed street level canopy targets in addition to Council wide and Park Lands targets
 - Prioritisation methodology used to determine the proposed planting locations and approach
 - Full cost estimate to 2035 including WSUD interventions and operational costs/savings associated with ongoing maintenance.

2. **Recommendation 2 – Item 7.2 - Capital Works Monthly Project Update - January 2026**

THAT COUNCIL

1. Notes the Capital Works Program Update for January 2026 as contained within this report and Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 17 February 2026.

DISCUSSION

1. The Infrastructure and Public Works Committee met on Tuesday 17 February 2026. The Agenda with reports for the meeting can be viewed [here](#).
2. Where the resolution of the Committee differs from the recommendation published in the Committee agenda, the Committee's recommendation to the Council is listed first, with the original recommendation provided in grey and italics.
3. The following matters were the subject of deliberation

3.1. Item 7.1 – Public Realm Greening Program - 5 Year Tree Planting Overview

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

THAT COUNCIL:

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For ease, Attachment A relating to Recommendation 1, Item 7.1, has been included at the end of this recommendation report.

Original Recommendation as Printed in the IPW Committee Agenda

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. *Notes the Public Realm Greening Program – 5 Year Tree Planting Overview as contained in Attachment A to Item 7.1 on the Agenda for the meeting of the infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 17 February 2026.*

3.2. Item 7.2 – Capital Works Monthly Project Update - January 2026

THAT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

THAT COUNCIL:

1. Notes the Capital Works Program Update for January 2026 as contained within this report and Attachment A to Item 7.2 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Infrastructure and Public Works Committee held on 17 February 2026.

For ease, Attachment A relating to Recommendation 2, Item 7.2, has been included at the end of this recommendation report.

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – Infrastructure and Public Works Committee Public Agenda

ATTACHMENTS

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