

Sustainability Advisory Group (SAG) Meeting

11 February 2026 6.00pm-7.45pm

City of Vincent, Committee Room

Attendees:

City of Vincent Elected Members

Mayor Alison Xamon (The Mayor)

Cr Ashlee La Fontaine (AL)

Cr Ashley Wallace (AW)

Community Representatives

Helen Griffiths (HG)

Barbara Pedersen (BP)

Daniel Bromley (DB)

Ryan Oostryck (RO)

Rob Heslenfeld (RH)

Kathryn Longden (KL)

Jess Bruins (JB)

City of Vincent Officers

Timothy Elliot – Coordinator Strategic Planning (TE)

Mitchell Hoad – Manager Strategic Planning and Sustainability (MH)

Rhianna Waugh – Specialist Sustainability Advisor (RW)

1. Introduction and Welcome

Cr Wallace opened the meeting at 6.05pm and delivered the Acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies

Cr Sophie Greer

Chris Cuttriss

Joanna Jenkin

3. Confirmation of the Minutes

No prior minutes. First meeting of newly elected panel.

4. General Business

City Climate Initiatives

The discussion focused on two major climate priorities for the City this financial year:

- Development of the **Climate Transition Action Plan (CTAP)**
- Implementation of the **Enhanced Environment Strategy (EES/AES)**

These projects were identified as the primary mechanisms through which the City will advance emissions reduction, climate resilience and sustainability outcomes. Members noted that these initiatives encompass a large portion of the City's operational climate activity and will likely shape much of the work undertaken by the group.

Leadership and Advocacy

The group discussed the importance of the City continuing to play a leadership and advocacy role within the local government sector.

The Mayor outlined that the City of Vincent has been actively leading advocacy through collaborative forums such as the Perth Inner City Mayors Group / Perth Regional Climate Group, including initiatives such as:

- The 40 km/h speed trial
- EV charging infrastructure trials
- Broader sustainability and urban policy advocacy

It was noted that many initiatives taken up within these collaborative groups have been initiated or championed by the City of Vincent, reinforcing the City's reputation as an early mover.

Members reflected that local governments often enable broader policy change by demonstrating what is possible through local initiatives, which can encourage adoption by other councils and potentially influence state government action.

Community Context

The group also discussed the characteristics of the City of Vincent community, noting that:

- The community is generally highly educated and engaged in sustainability issues.
- The City has a diverse socio-economic profile, with a large proportion of renters and apartment dwellers.
- These factors should be considered when designing and communicating climate initiatives to ensure they are accessible and equitable.

Individual Suggestions and Discussion Points

Several members raised specific ideas and requests during the discussion, including:

- Access to the City's carbon inventory
JB and AL requested that the group be provided with the City's detailed greenhouse gas emissions accounts, noting that understanding the breakdown of emissions sources would help the group provide more informed advice on abatement opportunities.
- Continued focus on advocacy
Members expressed strong support for the City continuing to advocate to state and federal governments on key issues relating to climate action, urban sustainability and transport reform.
- Leadership through demonstration
It was suggested that the City should continue to model innovative initiatives, as other local governments often look to early adopters when considering similar actions.
- Opportunities for collaboration
Participants noted that regional collaborative groups provide opportunities to identify partnership initiatives across councils, particularly for projects that benefit from shared learning or coordinated advocacy.
- Community awareness and engagement
Members noted the value of ensuring the City's climate initiatives are clearly communicated to residents, particularly given the community's strong interest in sustainability and environmental issues.
- RW pitched three ongoing questions for the group:
 - What is the strategic value of pursuing Scope 3 emissions reduction? Is there a line between meaningful influence and overreach for a local government?
 - What abatement measures should the City be actively considering that are both high impact and credible?
 - How could the City take the lead on climate planning? Is there action we could take to demonstrate genuine leadership in this space?

Outcomes and Recommendations

The group broadly supported the following directions:

- Progress development of the Climate Transition Action Plan as a key strategic framework for emissions reduction.
- Continue implementing the Enhanced Environment Strategy actions. RW advised that the group would be given a more thorough introduction to the EES in the next meeting.
- Provide the group with further information on the City's emissions inventory and carbon accounts to support more informed discussion.
- Maintain the City's strong advocacy role with other councils and with state and federal government.
- Continue to pilot and demonstrate innovative sustainability initiatives that can influence broader adoption.
- Ensure climate initiatives consider the diverse socio-economic makeup of the community.
- The Mayor requested the group be provided with a copy of the SVF, EES and the emissions inventory from 2022.

5. Close/Next Meeting

The meeting concluded with appreciation for the expertise and enthusiasm within the group, with members expressing optimism about the value the group can provide in shaping the City's climate and sustainability work over the coming year.

Next Meeting Dates

- **May 13th 2026** – Topic: Abatement Discussion
- **August 2026** – Date to be confirmed – Topic: Enhanced Environment Strategy
- **December 2026** - Date to be confirmed

Signed

ASHLEY WALKER 

Councillor

(Chairperson)

Dated this

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day of

May

2026