



Community Safety

When developing our Council Plan 2024-2034, the community told us they would like more police, CCTV, lighting and mental health support services to alleviate concerns with anti-social behaviour, crime and homelessness.

Council Plan 2024-2034 Actions

The City has committed to the following actions in response to community feedback:

- Collaborate with key stakeholders to develop a Community Safety Action Plan.
- Develop a Community Health and Wellbeing Plan to meet requirements of the Public Health Act 2016 and guide City planning for health, wellbeing and safety outcomes.
- Finalise the Animal Management Plan to improve dog and cat management practices and public safety.
- Review Local Emergency Management Arrangements.

Community Safety Action Plan

In 2026, the City will commence development of a Community Safety Action Plan. To achieve a 'whole of community' approach, local stakeholders will be invited to collaborate on solutions to any identified issues.

Community Health and Wellbeing Plan

Building on insights from a recent industry panel formed in 2025, the City is now preparing for broader community consultation to inform the development of its Community Health and Wellbeing Plan, to guide the delivery of inclusive services, places, and programs that support all community members to connect, thrive, and meet the diverse needs of our growing population.

Review of Local Emergency Management Arrangements

The City will shortly commence a review of its Local Emergency Management Arrangements, incorporating outcomes from a recent Disability Inclusive Emergency Planning Forum, and updating a Local-level risk assessment to guide improvements. This review will also consider amendments to align with the updated State LEMA format, informed by the outcomes of the recent state level pilot program trialled within other local governments in Western Australia.



Homelessness

The City continues to strengthen its response to homelessness through a collaborative and data-informed approach. Monthly meetings with local service providers foster coordination and shared problem-solving, while the development of a By-Name List and local hotspot mapping enables targeted support for individuals and areas most in need. Guided by a Housing First perspective, these initiatives aim to improve pathways to advocate the State for stable housing and ensure services are inclusive, person-centred, and responsive to the diverse needs of our community.

Animal Management Plan

Following extensive community consultation during 2025, the City is progressing towards finalisation of its Animal Management Plan, aimed at strengthening responsible animal ownership and improving safety and amenity across the district.

View the Council Plan 2024-2034:
www.busselton.wa.gov.au/council-plan