

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.
- Advocate for improved access to locally available specialist and mental health services and helplines, including drug and alcohol counselling and rehabilitation services, and domestic violence, family violence and sexual abuse.
- Collaborate with relevant agencies to monitor regional homelessness trends, and advocate for the State Government to respond with appropriate access to accommodation and support services.



Community Safety Action Plan

The City will soon 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.

Mental health and other social services

The current level of provision of mental health and other services, especially for young people, is unlikely to be sustainable into the future as the population increases and more FIFO families move to the area. The City continues to advocate in the community services sector for increased mental health services including specific services, including for drug and alcohol counselling and rehabilitation services, domestic violence, family violence and sexual abuse.

Homelessness

The State Government has responsibility for homelessness, including provision of accommodation and support services, however, the City recognises it can play a role in supporting initiatives that assist people to access housing. The City will continue to lobby the State Government to ensure adequate provision of housing and support services within the region. The City's commitments to supporting housing development are detailed in the City's Position Paper titled: Responsible Development and Housing.

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

