

Council Policy Name: Vandalism - Reward for information relating to the damage of City property

Responsible Directorate: Finance and Corporate Services

Version: Current

**1. PURPOSE**

1.1. The purpose of this Policy is to set guidelines for the rewarding of a person who provides information as to the identity of an offender who has vandalised or damaged City property, subject to that information leading to successful conviction of the offender or a successful outcome on the matter.

**2. SCOPE**

2.1. This Policy may be utilised in relation to vandalism resulting in damage to City property.

**3. DEFINITIONS**

Term	Meaning
Policy	this City of Busselton Council policy entitled "Vandalism - Reward for information relating to the damage of City property"

**4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

4.1. This Policy links to Key Goal Area 1 – Community and Key Goal Area 2 - Places and Spaces of the City’s Strategic Community Plan 2017 and specifically the following Community Objective/s:  
a. 1.1: A friendly safe and inclusive community with a strong community spirit;  
b. 2:2: Attractive parks and open spaces that create opportunities for people to come together, socialise and enjoy a range of activities.

**5. POLICY STATEMENT**

5.1. The City of Busselton actively seeks to reduce and prevent vandalism in its community.

5.2. Identification and prosecution of offenders may reduce the likelihood of future occurrences. To this end the City may offer a reward to anyone who provides information leading to the conviction of a person for an act of vandalism or damage of City property.

5.3. When an act of vandalism of City property has occurred, the Chief Executive Officer is authorised to set an appropriate reward up to a value of \$1,000 for information leading to a successful conviction, or to pay a reward to a person who voluntarily provides information as to the identity of an offender which leads to a successful conviction.

5.4. The amount of the reward is to take into consideration the level of damage that has been caused to City property.

5.5. Where the CEO considers a reward of greater than \$1,000 to be appropriate, he will discuss and agree this with the Mayor.

5.6. Rewards will not be paid to City employees, Elected Members, or members of the WA Police Service.

**6. RELATED DOCUMENTATION / LEGISLATION**

6.1. Local Government Act, Section 2.7 and 5.42

6.2. Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016

**7. REVIEW DETAILS**

<b>Review Frequency</b>	3 yearly			
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