



SafeCity Strategy 2020-2024

Draft Focus areas and Associated Objectives

Background to the document

“Safety is a fundamental need of society, failure to address a person’s safety needs can stifle societal growth”. Maslow 1943.

All residents, workers and visitors need to feel safe in the city, both day and night. People of all ages and cultural groups should feel comfortable engaging in organised activities and be able to linger in public spaces and parks to enjoy the vibrant community life.

This fundamental need is clearly outlined in the City’s 2019 Strategic Community Plan:

The City aspires to “a safe, activated and welcoming city that celebrates its diversity and sense of community, providing unique, educational, cultural, sporting and lifestyle offerings” Aspiration (People)

The SafeCity Strategy 2020-2024 (The Strategy) will outline the focus areas that will direct actions, with the goal of achieving this aspiration. There are many factors that contribute to personal safety, as such, this Strategy needs to address the key focus areas that can do the greatest good for the communities actual or perceived safety.

There are proven causal links between issues such as mental health, substance abuse, and a street present lifestyle with offences against people and property. Whilst such issues may contribute to the public feeling unsafe it must be remembered that people impacted by these issues are also vulnerable to becoming victims of crime themselves.

While the City of Perth plays a pivotal role in community safety it cannot do this alone. Partnerships with the WA Police, emergency agencies, State, Federal and other local governments and community agencies are essential in managing and improving safety and decreasing the impact of crime. We all have a crucial role in looking after their own safety and that of others, therefore it is up to us all to work together to achieve a SafeCity.

What we are aiming for

The aim of this Strategy is to address identified causes rather than just symptoms and concentrate our focus on the essence of what it takes to create a safe city. We need to ensure our focus areas and objectives are going to set the foundation to target real actions, to achieve real results in each focus area and in each neighbourhood. The following table outlines the proposed focus areas and objectives for the SafeCity Strategy 2020 -2024.

Focus Areas Objectives

Focus 1 Safe Environments	Reduce safety hazards and opportunities for crime through design and planning • Review and manage public places based on best practice
	Increase facilities for vulnerable community members. • Support development of shelter and accommodation for street present people
	Increase activity in the city through a more diversified night time economy • Support a variety of business and event types
	Increase community awareness and participation in safety initiatives • Educate and engage the community in safety and crime prevention initiatives to reduce risk and initiate appropriate response when needed.
Focus 2 Surveillance & Monitoring	Maximise the effectiveness of available resources to monitor and respond to safety and crime issues • Develop and implement neighbourhood and local area action plans
	Increase reporting of, and response to, safety and crime issues. • Share intelligence and data regularly between the City & agencies. • Educate and encourage the public to report incidents to the appropriate response agency.
	Increase the presence and profile of safety and support personnel on the streets. • Deploy resources to areas and at times of highest need.
Focus 3 Anti-Social Behaviour	Increase knowledge of the causes and needs of people who behave in an antisocial manner. • Conduct research into antisocial behaviour and the people who behave in this way.
	Reduce the incidence of antisocial behaviour. • Work closely with people who act in an antisocial way, the community and agencies to develop programs and facilities • Develop and implement methods to manage and reduce incidents
	Increase the response of agencies to antisocial behaviour when it occurs • Promote mechanisms for reporting and responding to antisocial incidents.

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Focus 4 Drugs, Alcohol & Mental Health	Reduce the availability of illicit drugs and psychoactive substances on the street • Work with agencies and community to disrupt the supply • Increase cross agency response to people affected by drugs, alcohol and mental health issues in the inner city. • Engage with government, service providers and the community to develop and implement a Management Plan. Increase cross agency response to people affected by drugs, alcohol and mental health issues in the inner city. • Engage with government, service providers and the community to develop and implement a Management Plan. Reduce the number of people who experience personal harm from drug and alcohol abuse. • Work with community agencies to provide safe places and programs for people affected by alcohol, drugs and mental health issues to support recovery Reduce harm to other people and property that can result from intoxicated people and / or those with mental health issues • Support and promote activities in the COP that are alcohol free
Focus 5 Emergency Management	Ensure that the City's emergency management arrangements are up to date, exceed industry best practice and meet legal requirements. • Review and update Emergency arrangements on a regular basis and after an event Increase knowledge and skills of City of Perth staff, Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) and the community to prepare and respond to emergencies. • Conduct desk top and training exercises for LEMC and City of Perth staff members • Work with Emergency Management agencies to conduct and promote education to the community Minimise harm to people and property in emergency situations within the City of Perth. • Support and promote Citywide community resilience before, during and after an emergency or crisis situation. • Activate emergency management arrangements as required