

7.3.4 SUMMARY OF CONSULTANCY ENGAGEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 30 JUNE 2026

Responsible Manager:	Jason Farrugia, Manager Strategic Procurement
Responsible Director:	Simone Wickes, Director Corporate Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Council notes the attached summary of completed and current Consultancy engagements for the six months to 30 June 2026.

INTRODUCTION

Council's [Procurement Policy](#) (section 7, 3b vii) requires that Consultancy engagements above \$20,000 are recorded in a Consultancy Register and that a list of completed and current Consultancy engagements for the six-month periods ending 30 June and 31 December every year be presented to Council biannually.

COUNCIL PLAN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

A council with good governance, strong leadership and community involvement in decision making

A Council that provides governance and leadership for the benefit of our community through community engagement, advocacy, decision making and action.

BACKGROUND

Consultancy is defined as a service that facilitates decision making, through provision of expert analysis and advice and/or the development of a written report or other intellectual output. This definition aligns with the definition provided by the Department of Treasury and Finance, [Guidance note to Financial Reporting Direction \(FRD\) 22H](#).

For clarity, Consultancy does not include:

- building and works design, construction and related services including fit out;
- research or project management where recommendations are not provided; or
- routine accounting, audit, taxation or legal services.

DISCUSSION

Council's [Procurement Policy](#) requires a list of completed and current Consultancy engagements for the periods ending 30 June and 31 December every year to be presented to the Council biannually.

Attachment A contains a list of completed and current Consultancy engagements for the six-month period ending 30 June 2026.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to this report.



POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications to this report.

CONSULTATION

Community consultation was not required.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no social implications to this report.

HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

There are no human rights implications to this report.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A GIA was not completed because this agenda item is not a 'policy', 'program' or 'service'.

CONCLUSION

That Council notes this report.

ATTACHMENT LIST

1. Attachment A [**7.3.4.1** - 5 pages]

Attachment A**Completed Consultancy Engagements for the six-month period ending 30 June 2026.**

Engagement Description	Consultancy	Approved Value (Incl GST)	Total Cost as at End of the Period (Incl GST)	Start Date	Completion Date	Responsible Director
Development of a Climate Resilience Plan	Hip V Hype Sustainability	\$85,000	\$83,850	1/08/2025	30/06/2026	Director, City Services
Emissions Inventory Analysis for Net Zero Outcome	Ironbark Sustainability	\$30,000	\$16,146	18/11/2025	9/02/2026	Director, City Services
Investigate and Develop a Functional Site Plan for Capital Reserve	Inside Edge Sport and Leisure Planning Pty Ltd	\$43,340	\$43,340	13/10/2025	30/06/2026	Director, Community Services
Functional Site Plan for Mayfield Park	The Trustee for the Fraser Family Trust	\$36,300	\$36,300	1/12/2025	30/06/2026	Director, Community Services
Concept Design for Napier Park Reserve	FourSIGHT Architects	\$40,000	\$44,110	13/10/2025	30/06/2026	Director, Community Services
Portfolio Assessment of Early Childhood Learning Centre (Brine St) and Family Services	KF Consulting	\$30,000	\$30,000	9/02/2026	21/04/2026	Director, Community Services

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Engagement Description	Consultancy	Approved Value (Incl GST)	Total Cost as at End of the Period (Incl GST)	Start Date	Completion Date	Responsible Director
Review of Fleet Services.	AEC Group Pty Ltd	\$39,050	\$34,050	4/02/2025	13/06/2026	Director, Corporate Services
Review and Update of Council's Risk Appetite Statement & Risk Management Framework	Battleground Ground Pty Ltd	\$20,000	\$15,000	19/06/2025	11/02/2026	Director, Corporate Services
Digital Technology Application Mapping and Architecture Support.	MOBCO	\$30,000	\$33,000	1/11/2025	14/05/2026	Director, Corporate Services
Delivery of Artificial Intelligence Strategic Direction.	KPMG	\$27,500	\$27,500	1/10/2025	30/06/2026	Director, Corporate Services
Assessment of Indoor Bookable Spaces	Andrew Wegener Consultancy	\$60,000	\$34,375	10/03/2026	30/06/2026	Director, Corporate Services
Independent and Comprehensive Review of the Digital Strategy 2024-28.	Lee Stubbs Enterprises	\$22,000	\$22,000	13/04/2026	30/06/2026	Director, Corporate Services

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Engagement Description	Consultancy	Approved Value (Incl GST)	Total Cost as at End of the Period (Incl GST)	Start Date	Completion Date	Responsible Director
Development of Data Governance Framework	KPMG	\$37,400	\$37,400	19/11/2025	23/01/2026	Director, Corporate Services
Digital Experience Platform - Website and Intranet Review	Bliss Media Pty Ltd	\$20,000	\$19,734	7/11/2025	15/06/2026	Executive Manager, Communications
Annual Community Satisfaction Survey	Metropolis Research Pty Ltd	\$202,675	\$175,367	1/01/2024	16/04/2026	Executive Manager, Communications
Community Engagement Policy Review	Capire Consulting Group Pty Ltd	\$33,000	\$33,668	24/11/2025	31/03/2026	Executive Manager, Communications

Attachment A**Current Consultancy Engagements for the six-month period ending 30 June 2026.**

Engagement Description	Consultancy	Approved Value (Incl GST)	Total Cost as at End of the Period (Incl GST)	Start Date	Completion Date	Responsible Director
Stage 2 Public Realm Feasibility Study for Haughton Road Oakleigh	Hansen Partnership Pty Ltd	\$214,302	\$207,446	17/10/2022	Estimated 30/10/2026	Director, City Development
Public Realm Feasibility Study for Portman Station Street Oakleigh	Hansen Partnership Pty Ltd	\$226,105	\$196,577	17/10/2022	Estimated 30/10/2026	Director, City Development
Vegetation Protection Overlay Assessments	Treelogic Pty Ltd	\$108,900	\$55,492	1/09/2023	Estimated 31/08/26	Director, City Development
Strategic Commercial Property	M21 Advisory Pty Ltd	\$100,000	\$10,395	19/10/2025	Estimated 30/06/2027	Director, City Development
Activity Centre Floorspace Analysis	Geografia Pty Ltd	\$74,426	\$22,328	30/03/2026	Estimated 28/08/2026	Director, City Development

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Engagement Description	Consultancy	Approved Value (Incl GST)	Total Cost as at End of the Period (Incl GST)	Start Date	Completion Date	Responsible Director
Development of an Integrated Water Management Plan ¹	Afflux Consulting Pty Ltd	\$95,150	\$66,330	1/03/2025	Estimated 15/09/2026	Director, City Services
Conservation Management for Biodiversity Indicator Reserves	Practical Ecology Pty Ltd	\$47,000	\$5,445	24/05/2026	Estimated 18/12/2026	Director, City Services
Development of Council Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Strategy.	Veris Australia Pty Ltd	\$41,525	\$47,355	1/11/2025	Estimated 30/09/2026	Director, City Services
Circular Economy Data Analysis.	Digiwise	\$30,000	\$19,712	7/10/2024	Estimated 31/12/2026	Director, Corporate Services
Assessment of Superannuation Requirements	Pitcher Partners	\$50,000	\$6,600	6/05/2026	Estimated 30/06/2027	Director, Corporate Services

¹ The approved value also includes a grant from Melbourne Water for \$45,000.