

Council Policy

Council Policy Name: Vandalism – Reward for Information Relating to the Damage of City Property

Responsible Directorate: Finance and Corporate Services

Version: ADOPTED

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, where the information leads to a successful conviction of the offender or a successful outcome on the matter.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. This Policy is applicable to vandalism resulting in damage to City property.

3. DEFINITIONS

Term	Meaning
Policy	this City of Busselton Council policy titled “Vandalism – Reward for Information Relating to the Damage of City Property”

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 4.1. This Policy links to the following themes and strategic priorities of the City’s Strategic Community Plan June 2021:

Key Theme 1 ENVIRONMENT	1.1 Ensure protection and enhancement of environmental values is a central consideration in land use planning
Key Theme 2 LIFESTYLE	2.2 Work with key partners to facilitate a safe, healthy and capable community

5. POLICY STATEMENT

- 5.1. The City of Busselton actively seeks to reduce and prevent vandalism in the 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, they 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 1996*

6.2. *Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016*

7. REVIEW DETAILS

Review Frequency		3 yearly		
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