

The Hon. Hannah Beazley MLA  
Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister Assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce  
Development  
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WEST PERTH WA 6005

13 June 2024

Dear Hon. Hannah Beazley MLA,

**RE: REPORTING OF SIGNIFICANT MATTER**

The Office of the Auditor General has completed the fifth annual audit of Information Systems in Local Government and submitted the report to Parliament on 27 May, 2024.

Two matters were identified as significant weaknesses in the City of Swan's general computer controls. Under section 7.12A (4)(b) of *the Local Government Act 1995*, the City is required to prepare a report addressing any matters identified as significant by the auditor, and stating what action the City has taken or intends to take with respect to each of those matters.

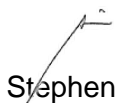
The report (Attachment A) addresses the requirements of section 7.12A (4)(b) of *the Local Government Act 1995* and was presented to the Audit Committee on February 19, 2024 and Council on 14 February 2024.

Due to the sensitive nature of the subject matter and that the information provided must be made public, only summary information relating to the audit finding has been provided.

The City takes these matters seriously and ensures a high standard of due diligence by monitoring and tracking the progress of the required remediation actions through quarterly reporting to the Audit Committee.

Should you require further information or clarification, please contact Executive Manager Governance, Valerie Hodgins on 9267 9486.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen Cain  
**Chief Executive Officer**

## **Attachment A**

### **AUDIT OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT - REPORT ADDRESSING SIGNIFICANT MATTER RAISED BY THE OAG**

In accordance with the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 the Auditor General for Western Australia reported the following significant matters that require attention by the City.

#### **1. NETWORK SECURITY**

##### **Recommendation:**

Based on an assessment of risk, the City should review its activities related to network security.

Agreed to address detailed recommendations with progress report to the Audit Committee.

#### **2. REMOTE ACCESS MANAGEMENT**

##### **Recommendation:**

The City should review multi-factor authentication (MFA) for all relevant areas.

Agreed to address detailed recommendations with progress report to the Audit Committee.