

AGENDA.

Special Council Meeting

8 March 2018

Notice of Meeting

Mayor and Councillors

The next Special Council Meeting of the City of South Perth Council will be held on Thursday 8 March 2018 in the City of South Perth Council Chamber, Cnr Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth commencing at 7.00pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider Council's submission to the Local Government Act Review.



GEOFF GLASS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

2 March 2018

Our Guiding Values

Trust

Honesty and integrity

Respect

Acceptance and tolerance

Understanding

Caring and empathy

Teamwork

Leadership and commitment

Disclaimer

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Further Information

The following information is available on the City's website.

- **Council Meeting Schedule**

Ordinary Council Meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber at the South Perth Civic Centre on the fourth Tuesday of every month between February and November. Members of the public are encouraged to attend open meetings.

- **Minutes and Agendas**

As part of our commitment to transparent decision making, the City makes documents relating to meetings of Council and its Committees available to the public.

- **Meet Your Council**

The City of South Perth covers an area of around 19.9km² divided into four wards. Each ward is represented by two Councillors, presided over by a popularly elected Mayor. Councillor profiles provide contact details for each Elected Member.

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Special Council Meeting - Agenda

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE PRESIDING MEMBER

2.1 STANDING ORDERS LOCAL LAW 2007

This meeting is held in accordance with the City's Standing Orders Local Law 2007 which provides rules and guidelines that apply to the conduct of Council meetings.

2.2 AUDIO RECORDING OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

This meeting will be audio recorded in accordance with Council Policy P673 'Audio Recording of Council Meetings' and Clause 6.15 of the Standing Orders Local Law 2007 'Recording of Proceedings'.

3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

3.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Conflicts of Interest are dealt with in the Local Government Act, Rules of Conduct Regulations and the Administration Regulations as well as the City's Code of Conduct 2008. Members must declare to the Presiding Member any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter on the Council Agenda.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

6. DEPUTATIONS

7. REPORTS

7.4 STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4: LEADERSHIP

7.4.1 Review of the Local Government Act 1995 - Submission

Location:	Not Applicable
Ward:	Not Applicable
Applicant:	City of South Perth
File Ref:	D-18-21811
Meeting Date:	8 March 2018
Author(s):	Phil McQue, Manager Governance and Marketing
Reporting Officer(s):	Geoff Glass, Chief Executive Officer
Strategic Direction:	Leadership: A visionary and influential local government
Council Strategy:	4.3 Good Governance

Summary

This report considers the Council's submission to the review of the Local Government Act 1995.

Officer Recommendation

That the Council endorse the submission shown at **Attachment (a)** to the review of the Local Government Act 1995.

Background

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries in late 2017 announced a staged review of the Local Government Act 1995 (Act). Local governments are created by the Act, which sets out the functions, responsibilities and powers of local government. Since 1995, there has been considerable change in community standards and expectations, accountability and governance, and technological advances, with some aspects of the Act now considered outdated.

This matter was considered at the 27 February 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting. The Council resolved as follows:

That:

- (a) The officer recommendation not be adopted;*
- (b) Council defer its submission pertaining to the review of the Local Government Act (1995); and*
- (c) Before the due date for final submission, on the 9th of March, council undertake to call:*
 - 1. An additional councillor briefing, this time dedicated to detailed consideration, of all the individual draft proposals put forward by the City. This is to be followed by:*
 - 2. A Special Council Meeting, to approve the City's final submission on the review of the Local Government Act (1995) before the March 9 deadline.*

Comment

Phase one of the review seeks to modernise the Act, focusing on the following four key areas:

- Electronic availability of information
- Meeting public expectations for accountability, including gift disclosures
- Meeting community expectations of standards, ethics and performance
- Building capacity

The Council has prepared a draft submission shown at **Attachment (a)**, based primarily on WALGA State Council's response to the phase one review of the Act.

Consultation

A Councillor workshop on the review of the Act was held 5 February 2018, with a draft submission considered.

Policy and Legislative Implications

A number of the City's suggested amendments to the Act would increase transparency and accountability, whilst also increasing our efficiencies and effectiveness.

Financial Implications

There are minimal financial implications associated with this legislative review.

Strategic Implications

This report is aligned to the Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027](#).

Attachments

7.4.1 (a): Local Government Act 1995 Review - City of South Perth

(Note: this document will be published on Thursday 8 March 2018 following a Councillor Briefing on the matter)

8. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

9. CLOSURE