

AGENDA.

Ordinary Council Meeting

Late Report

18 April 2023

Notice of Meeting

Mayor and Councillors

The next Ordinary Council Meeting of the City of South Perth Council will be held on Tuesday 18 April 2023 in the the City of South Perth Council Chamber, corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth commencing at 6.00pm.



MIKE BRADFORD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

18 April 2023

Acknowledgement of Country

Kaartdjinin Nidja Nyungar Whadjuk Boodjar Koora Nidja Djining Noonakoort kaartdijin wangkiny, maam, gnarnk and boordier Nidja Whadjuk kura kura.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the traditional custodians of this land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and their Elders past and present.

Our Guiding Values



Disclaimer

The City of South Perth disclaims any liability for any loss arising from any person or body relying on any statement, discussion, recommendation or decision made during this meeting.

Where an application for an approval, a licence or the like is discussed or determined during this meeting, the City warns that neither the applicant, nor any other person or body, should rely upon that discussion or determination until written notice of either an approval and the conditions which relate to it, or the refusal of the application has been issued by the City.

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14. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING

In accordance with Clause 5.4 of the City of South Perth Standing Orders Local Law 2007:

- (1) In cases of extreme urgency or other special circumstances, matters may, on a motion by the Presiding Member that is carried by the meeting, be raised without notice and decided by the meeting.
- (2) In subclause (1), 'cases of extreme urgency or other special circumstances' means matters that have arisen after the preparation of the agenda that are considered by the Presiding Member to be of such importance and urgency that they are unable to be dealt with administratively by the City and must be considered and dealt with by the Council before the next meeting .

14.1 Correspondence between the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and City of South Perth

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Summary

This report is to seek Council's endorsement to release all correspondence between the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and the City of South Perth in relation to governance concerns.

Officer Recommendation

1. That Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to release all correspondence between the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and the City of South Perth in relation to governance concerns as part of the minutes.
2. That Council note a further report will be submitted to the Ordinary Council meeting in May requesting authorisation to release the letter submitted to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries by 30 April 2023.

Background

On 28 October 2022 the City of South Perth (the City) received a letter from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) raising some governance irregularities at the City. The concerns had been raised from correspondence to the Minister for Local Government and DLGSC, complaints to the DLGSC and monitoring of the minutes of the City's Council meetings.

On 17 November 2022 the Chief Executive Officer responded to the letter dated 28 October 2022 from the DLGSC addressing each point.

14.1 Correspondence between the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries and City of South Perth

On 5 December 2022 representatives from the DLGSC met with the Chief Executive Officer and Council members.

On 21 December 2022 the City received a follow up letter from the DLGSC requesting a response to the issues raised at the meeting with the DLGSC.

A workshop was held on 17 April 2023 with Council members to consider the key elements of the response.

Comment

Following Councils workshop on 17 April 2023 a response will be provided to the DLGSC by 30 April 2023. This letter will be the subject of a further report to Council at its meeting in May to authorise the CEO to release it.

All correspondence between the DLGSC and the City is available to Council members via the HUB.

If Council authorises the release of the documents, they will be included in the attachments as part of the minutes to this meeting.

Consultation

Council members have been consulted and attended meetings in regard to the matters raised by the DLGSC.

Policy and Legislative Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Key Risks and Considerations

Risk Event Outcome	Reputational Damage Deals with adverse impact upon the professional reputation and integrity of the City and its representatives whether those persons be appointed or elected to represent the City. The outcome can range from a letter of complaint through to a sustained and co-ordinated representation against the City and or sustained adverse comment in the media.
Risk rating	Medium
Mitigation and actions	Workshop and briefings with Council.

Strategic Implications

This matter relates to the following Strategic Direction identified within Council's [Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031](#):

Strategic Direction:	Leadership
Aspiration:	A local government that is receptive and proactive in meeting the needs of our community
Outcome:	4.3 Good governance
Strategy:	4.3.1 Foster effective governance with honesty and integrity and quality decision making to deliver community priorities

Attachments

Nil.