AGENDA.

Special Council Meeting

3 November 2026

Notice of Meeting

Mayor and Councillors

The next Special Council Meeting of the City of South Perth Council will be held on Tuesday 3 November 2026 in the City of South Perth Council Chamber, corner Sandgate Street and South Terrace, South Perth commencing at 6.15pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider a recommendation by the Mayor in relation to requesting the Acting Chief Executive Officer to obtain legal advice regarding the implications of Cornerstone Legal acting for the former Chief Executive Officer.



ANITA AMPRIMO
ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

3 November 2026

City of South Perth

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

Members of the public are cautioned against taking any action as a result of a Council decision until such time as they have seen a copy of the Minutes or been advised, in writing, by the Council's Administration with regard to any particular decision.

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3. ATTENDANCE

3.1 APOLOGIES

3.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

- Councillor Blake D'Souza for the period 12 October 2026 to 13 November 2026, inclusive.
- Councillor Christine Robinson for the period 29 October 2026 to 9 November 2026, inclusive.

4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

In accordance with Regulation 7 of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* all questions asked at this meeting must relate to the purpose of the meeting.

6. REPORTS

6.0 STRATEGIC DIRECTION 4: LEADERSHIP

6.0.1 Legal Representation of Former CEO and Implications for the City

File Ref: D-26-17642
Reporting Officer(s): Anita Amprimo, Acting Chief Executive Officer

Summary

Mayor Greg Milner submitted a request for a Special Council Meeting on 2 November 2026. This report has been prepared in response to that request.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. Notes that Counsel who appeared for former CEO Liz Ledger has previously advised that he was instructed by Cornerstone Legal.
2. Instructs the Acting CEO to seek legal advice about the implications of Cornerstone Legal acting for former CEO Liz Ledger including the City's rights and/or options.
3. Instructs the Acting CEO to report back to Council (following the receipt of the legal advice referred to in paragraph 2 above) as soon as practicable.

Background

On 2 November 2026, the City received a request from Mayor Greg Milner for a Special Council Meeting to be convened. The request sought for the meeting to be held on 3 November 2026 at 6.15pm to consider the legal representation of the former Chief Executive Officer, Liz Ledger, and seek advice on any implications.

The recommendation has been provided by the Mayor.

The reasons for the motion are as follows:

1. *Former CEO Liz Ledger has commenced three legal actions against the City and other parties.*
2. *Notes that Counsel who appeared for former CEO Liz Ledger in the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission (**WAIRC**) on 7 October 2026 has previously advised that he was instructed by Cornerstone Legal. As at 7 October 2026, Cornerstone Legal had not filed the appropriate forms with the WAIRC to confirm that they act for Ms Ledger.*
3. *The two principals of Cornerstone Legal are both former City of South Perth Councillors, being Mr Tim Houweling and Ms Bronwyn Waugh.*
4. *Both Mr Houweling and Ms Waugh received confidential communications pertaining to former CEO Liz Ledger's employment during their tenure as Councillors, in their capacity as Councillors.*
5. *Mr Houweling and Ms Waugh both resigned as Councillors in June 2026.*

6. *Under the circumstances, the City ought to obtain legal advice about the implications of Cornerstone Legal acting for former CEO Liz Ledger including the City's rights and/or options.*

Comment

The City will comply with Council's resolution.

Consultation

Nil.

Policy and Legislative Implications

Part 5, Division 4 of the Local Government Act 1995.

Part 4, Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

Financial Implications

The City has not sought cost estimates on legal advice.

Key Risks and Considerations

Risk Event Outcome	**Financial Loss** An adverse monetary impact on the City as a consequence of a risk event occurring. A grading is assigned to different levels of potential loss relative to the significance of the impact on the City's ongoing operations and its ability to deliver expected services. **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	Seek qualified advice and act in accordance with advice.

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.

7. CLOSURE