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## STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON  
TUESDAY, 21 JULY 2020, COMMENCING 12.00PM.

*The Council Forum and Briefing session follows the suggested format proposed by the Department of Local Government Operational Guidelines (Number 5 January 2004). The role of such forums is to allow opportunity for elected members and senior officers of the Council to come together outside of the formal meeting process to discuss matters that do not require formal decisions, do not discuss matters on the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda but to discuss matters that might be conceptual (brain storming etc.), informative (updates on progress with matters) or administrative in nature. For this reason they are normally held 'in committee'. Disclosures of Financial, Impartiality and Proximity interests are still to be recorded and dealt with if they arise.*

### 1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING

#### RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

##### MEMBERS:

Cr Ceinwen Gearon (Shire President)  
Cr Mark Allen (Deputy Shire President)  
Cr Geoff Bowley  
Cr Kingsley Gibson  
Cr Jan Lewis  
Cr Ian Osborne  
Cr Roger Seeney

##### STAFF:

David Schober (Acting Chief Executive Officer)  
David King (Director Assets and Sustainable Development)  
Lee Sounness (Executive Manager Corporate Services)  
Angela Simpson (Executive Manager Community Services)  
Craig Pursey (Manager, Sustainable Development)

##### APOLOGIES:

Cr Steve Jones  
Cr Janine Phillips

##### ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS:

Michael Filby

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

**2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

- 12.30pm      Tourism Update  
The Acting CEO, David Schober, updated Councillors on the Denmark Visitor Centre and the respective positions of the Amazing South Coast and Denmark Chamber of Commerce. A proposal to use “Bang the Table” to engage the community on the future uses of the Denmark Visitor Centre was also discussed. This will be titled a Community Conversation.
- 1.00pm      Clean-up Denmark  
Michael Filby shared his volunteer work in cleaning up the roadside from Denmark to Albany and Denmark to Walpole, including the challenges in obtaining permission from government agencies. Michael then advised elected members that David Crossley has taken over the Denmark to Walpole route and is great ambassador for Denmark.
- 1.30pm      Workforce Plan  
The Acting CEO, David Schober, discussed the Shire’s workforce plan for the next 12 months. This included the recruitment of positions which were on “freeze” due to Covid-19.
- 2.15pm      Tourism in Rural Zones  
Manager of Sustainable Development, Craig Pursey, shared the current strategy of managing planning and development in rural zones, as an interim measure, until the LPS can be completed.
- 2.30pm      Citizenship Ceremonies  
Eight residents participated and became Australian Citizens.
- 3.30pm      Close