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## STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON  
TUESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2020, COMMENCING AT 2.00PM.

*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 Steve Jones  
Cr Jan Lewis  
Cr Ian Osborne  
Cr Janine Phillips  
Cr Roger Seeney

##### STAFF:

David Schober (Acting Chief Executive Officer)  
David King (Director Assets and Sustainable Development)  
Lee Sounness (Acting Director Corporate and Community Services)

##### APOLOGIES:

Nil

##### ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

##### ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS:

Nil

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

**2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

**2.1 Community Infrastructure Grant Program**

The Director Assets & Sustainable Development provided information to Councillors on some additional Federal funding.

**2.2 Rating Review Stage 2**

The A/Director Corporate & Community Services discussed the progress of the Rating Review Stage 2, including feedback from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

**2.3 Taste Great Southern**

The A/CEO outlined discussions with Taste Great Southern and would like to invite the Program Manager to a December Briefing.

**2.4 Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda release date and format changes**

The A/CEO and President suggested that this be discussed at a December Briefing in view of the recent training delivered to Councillors and Staff by the West Australian Local Government Association.

**2.5 CULTYR Survey**

The A/CEO spoke to the results of the Staff CULTYR Survey sent to all Councillors and suggested a further discussion at a December Briefing.

**2.6 Fig Tree Removal**

The Director Assets & Sustainable Development provided information to Councillors on the removal of a prominent fig tree on private land by a developer.

**2.7 Alliance update**

The Shire President updated Councillors on the employment of the Executive Officer.

**3 COUNCILLOR ROUND-UP**

CR SEENEY

- Noted vegetation around Gazebo at the Cemetery requires attention.

CR LEWIS

- Asked Officers to investigate the structural integrity of the gazebo at Berridge Park.

3:45pm Briefing closed.