



Notes

STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON
TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER 2022, COMMENCING AT 11:30AM

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
Cr Kingsley Gibson
Cr Donna Carman
Cr Clare Campbell
Cr Donald Clarke
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Jackie Ormsby
Cr Janine Phillips

STAFF:

David Schober (Chief Executive Officer)
David King (Deputy CEO)
Gina McPharlin (Director Corporate and Community Services)
Lee Sounness (Manager, Corporate Services)
Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)
Courtney Walsh (Communications and Engagement Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Cr Nathan Devenport

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS: Mr John Gates, CEO, Denmark Chamber of Commerce
Mr Chris Langslow, President, Denmark Chamber of Commerce

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cr Campbell noted a proximity interest, in that she owns a property on Lights Road, with respect to the Lights Road Upgrade project.

2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

11:30am

2.1 Councillor Round-Up

Cr Gibson

- Report on recent WALGA Conference attended
Tourism presentation suggested low international visitations over the next few years, but greater intra-state and inter-state travel expected. Marketing by Tourism WA will focus on state and national product.
Spoke with LED street light supplier and City of Albany with respect to their street lighting upgrades.
- Enquired to the final date for the sealing of Ocean Beach Road.
Deputy CEO noted that contractors are waiting for dry weather to complete.

Cr Clarke

- Denmark Arts have released a draft of their new strategic community plan for comment. Cr Clarke encouraged communication with the western part of the Shire in addition to town feedback. Discussion by DA on future funding agreements with key funding partners.

Cr Campbell

- Considering the merits of a standing agenda item with BFAC to report on Council activity to ensure lines of communication remain open.
- Ask Councillors and Officers to consider referring to BFAC for feedback and information with respect to appropriate projects.
- Would like to consider an interpretive trail project with the Denmark Historical Society. Other potential partners could include Green Skills and the High School.
- Lights Road residents will receive an update shortly from staff on the upgrade planned. Councillors can also tour the site with the Deputy CEO to further understand the project.

Cr Carman

- Request for a letter of acknowledgement and thanks to former Artistic Director of Denmark Arts, Ms Vivienne Robertson.

Cr Ormsby

- Draft Forest Management Plan is out for community consultation.
Note: The Shire is working with Jane Kelsbie and staff to co-host a community information session with the CEO of the Forest Products Commission, in consultation with Mr Steve

Birkbeck. A date has not yet been set but will be publicised to the community once confirmed.

Cr Lewis

- Noted communication regarding Mt Hallowell report with BFAC, similar to Cr Campbell and would support a regular report.

Cr Gearon

- Shire President and CEO met with the Reconciliation WA CEO and the National Reconciliation Action Plan Manager to discuss the Shire's journey. The Shire have recently become a member of Reconciliation WA.
- Shire President and CEO attended the Great Southern Wine Showcase. The aim was to promote Great Southern wines to regional buyers from Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam and China.

12:00pm

2.2 Stage 3 Rating review of UV additional use properties

The Manager of Corporate Services shared the latest information obtained from the Department of Local Government before a report is presented Council for consideration.

1:00pm

2.3 Denmark Chamber of Commerce

John Gates and Chris Langslow from the Denmark Chamber of Commerce provided operational and financial reports on the activity of the Denmark Visitors Centre for the past 12 months.

The Chamber also outlined the latest industry trends and focus areas for the next 12 months. Following the presentation a question and answer session was held with Councillors.

2:00pm

2.4 Mining Position

In response to Cr Clarke's Notice of Motion the Deputy CEO provided a presentation and led a discussion regarding mining within the Shire of Denmark. The Shire has very little powers under the State controlled Mining Act, but will continue to work with the Denmark Environment Centre when asked to make comment by the State.

2:30pm

2.5 Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

The Director of Corporate and Community Services outlined the process and first steps involved in the review and update of the LTFP.

3:15pm

2.6 Corporate Business Plan reporting

The CEO shared a snapshot of the newly developed Corporate Business Plan reporting and dashboard. The reporting tool will be sent to Councillors ahead of the next briefing for review and further discussion.

3:30pm

3. CLOSE