



Notes

STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON
TUESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2022, COMMENCING AT 11:00AM

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 – arrived at 12:51pm
Cr Kingsley Gibson - Chair
Cr Donna Carman
Cr Clare Campbell
Cr Donald Clarke
Cr Nathan Devenport – departed at 12:20pm and returned at 1:10pm
Cr Jan Lewis – arrived at 12:15pm
Cr Janine Phillips

STAFF:

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

APOLOGIES:

Nil

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Cr Jackie Ormsby

VISITORS:

Mia Onorato-Sartari, Beam eScooter, Expansion Manager WA
Paul McBride, Principal Risk Consultant, LGIS
Adam Smith, Regional Officer, Department of Fire and Emergency Services

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

As this meeting is informal, Councillors are not required to declare any interests however, for transparency, it is recommended that both Councillors and Officers do and that those interests be recorded in the meeting Notes.

2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

11:00am

2.1 Councillor Round-Up

Crs Campbell and Phillips

Nil

Cr Clarke

Promoted upcoming Bushfire Ready events on Friday 25 (the Dam) and Saturday (Civic Centre) 26 November.

Cr Gibson

Attended recent Denmark Chamber of Commerce (DCC) meeting and asked Councillors and Officers to consider ongoing dialogue with the DCC on tourism.

Cr Devenport

Noted obstacles are being placed on trails in Mt Hallowell which are very dangerous and require attention. CEO noted the photos received by the Shire have been sent to Denmark Police for consideration.

Cr Carman

Attended recent WALGA Zone meeting and discussed request for \$4,000 to contribute to a regional road study. The Shire will seek further information.

Enquired on the Mt Hallowell Management plan and if any progress has been made on a meeting with DEC and the Shire to discuss the reserve.

Crs Lewis and Gearon

Apology for 2.1. arriving at 12:15 and 12:51pm respectively.

11:30am

2.2 Local Government Risk Insurance Scheme (LGIS) presentation

Paul McBride, Principal Risk Consultant, from LGIS presented on the latest trends and impacts on the Scheme. Mr McBride also discussed areas of concern and emerging areas within the sector which has led to increasing premiums as a result. He then outlined how LGIS manage and treat industry risks accordingly.

12:30pm

2.3 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA)

Adam Smith from DFES Great Southern discussed:

- Structure of Emergency Management in WA
- Role of the Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) and DFES
- Shire of Denmark LEMA
- Response to February Bayview Rise bush fire
- Review of February Bayview Rise bush fire
- Next steps in formalising the review process with BFAC and LEMA

The Manager of Community Services shared the timeline from February until November with respect to the investigation of the Bayview Rise fire ignition and the associated challenges in concluding the investigation in order to inform the Shire's official response.

2:00pm

2.4 Not for Profit Organisations and use of Council Buildings

Councillors were been provided with a list of not for profit organisations who lease Council facilities. The Director of Corporate and Community Services outlined the process of the CBP project to review Council contributions ahead of developing the 2023/24 shire budget.

2:30pm

2.5 Beam eScooter Presentation

Mia Onorato-Sartari, and team, from Beam eScooter provided a presentation, proposal and demonstration of Beam eScooters.

Officers will prepare a report for Council's consideration for the December 2022 Ordinary Council Meeting.

3:30pm

3. CLOSE