# Shire of Denmark Notes



# STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2019, 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 Peter Caron (Deputy Shire President)

Cr Mark Allen

Cr Kingsley Gibson

Cr Jan Lewis

Cr Ian Osborne

Cr Janine Phillips

Cr Roger Seeney

Cr Rob Whooley

### STAFF:

David Schober (Acting Chief Executive Officer) Cary Green (Director Corporate and Community Services) David King (Director Assets and Sustainable Development) Claire Thompson (EA & Governance Coordinator)

### **APOLOGIES:**

Nil

### ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

## ABSENT:

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### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Nil

### 2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

### 2.1 WALGA Great Southern Zone Meetings

The Executive Officer of the Great Southern Zone of the WA Local Government Association is seeking feedback from member Councils on the strategic direction for 2020. Councillors were asked to share their thoughts on the key strategic issues relevant to this meeting.

Key Strategic issues were discussed relating to these meetings. These included:

- Advocate for Regional TAFE investment
- Advocate for renewable energy investment by State and Federal Governments
- Water Infrastructure consultation and engagement, suitable to local community context and aspirations
- Great Southern Centre of Outdoor Excellence (GSCORE) support and funding
- Roadside Verge Management changes
- > Transport Infrastructure (Rail and Fast Charge stations)
- Sharing resources and cost efficiencies.
- > Telecommunications

### 2.2 Public Question Time

Follow up discussion on public question time procedures.

The procedure for public question time was revisited by staff and Councillors to ensure consistency with Standing Orders.

### 3. GENERAL BUSINESS

Items for potential discussion at subsequent Strategic Briefing Forums

### 4. CLOSURE

3.30pm