# Shire of Denmark

# Notes



## STRATEGIC BRIEFING

O BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON TUESDAY, 15 DECEMBER 2020.

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 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)

Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)

Gina McPharlin (Manager, Corporate Services)

Noni Entwistle (Project Officer, Corporate Services)

Judy Savic (Rates Officer)

#### **APOLOGIES:**

Cr Ian Osborne

#### **ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Nil

#### ABSENT:

Nil

#### **VISITORS:**

Diane Evers, MLC for the South West Region Jeff Pow, Greens Candidate for South West Region

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

#### 2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

# 2.1 Agenda Changes – WALGA Training

The A/Chief Executive Officer and Governance Coordinator provided information to councillors with suggested changes as per the WALGA training and workshop undertaken. It is hoped the suggested changes to Council agenda release and information can be able achieved by February, but advice from the Department, WALGA and LG Pro Governance network is required.

# 2.2 LPS update

The Manager Sustainable Development provided information to Councillors on the progress of the LPS review.

#### 2.3 Climate Emergency

MLC for the South West Region, Diane Evers and Greens Candidate for Warren-Blackwood, Jeff Pow, presented to Councillors on climate emergency and State Government policy.

#### 2.4 Rating Review

The A/Director Corporate and Community Services, Lee Sounness, and the Corporate Services team discussed the progress of Stage 2 of the Shire's Rating Review project.

#### 3. Close

3:30pm