



STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK,
ON TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2021,
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 Kingsley Gibson (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Donna Carman
Cr Clare Campbell
Cr Donald Clarke
Cr Nathan Devenport
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Jackie Ormsby
Cr Janine Phillips

STAFF:

David Schober (Chief Executive Officer)
David King (Deputy Chief Executive Officer)
Gina McPharlin (Director Corporate and Community Services)
Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)
Angela Simpson (Corporate Planner)
Renee Wiggins (Manager Community Services)
Rosie Arnephie (Community Development Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Cr Ceinwen Gearon (Shire President)

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS:

Nil

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

2.1 Denmark Historical Society Site Visit

Denmark Historical Society hosted Councillors on a tour of the premises and outlined the Society's role in preserving the history of the Shire and region. The membership presented the Deputy Shire President with a cake in recognition of the 110th anniversary from when the Denmark Roads Board was formed in 1911.

2.2 WALGA Energy Proposal

The Deputy CEO discussed the WALGA joint purchasing agreement with Synergy as a result of the administration building becoming a contestable site. While this program can provide savings it requires a three year contract with Synergy and precludes the opportunity to purchase from other suppliers. Staff are waiting for a contract offer from Synergy and will investigate other available options in the interim before making any purchasing decisions.

2.3 Reconciliation Action Plan

The Corporate Planner and Executive team discussed the steps in developing a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). This requires extensive community conversations, including engagement with Indigenous stakeholders and agencies, with the timing to be considered according to the feedback received. Councillors acknowledged that a respectful and carefully considered process will take time and that a RAP will not be completed by March 2022, as required by the CEO Key Performance Indicators.

2.4 Denmark Surf Life Saving Club and Prawn Rock Channel (Ocean to Channel) Project

The Deputy CEO shared an update with Councillors on the next steps in securing funding (Round 6 BBRF), including options available if the grant is either successful, or unsuccessful. The Coastal Engineer engaged by the Shire is still completing an updated Coastal Hazard and Risk Mitigation Plan, this should be completed prior to Christmas. Future site planning was also discussed with possible options considered. Councillors were also informed that further information on the outstanding insurance claim, which resulted from the winter storms, will be shared as it comes to hand.

2.5 Local Government Reform

The Governance Coordinator shared a brief summary of the draft Local Government Reform process, now out for consultation.

2.6 January 26, 2022 Event

The Manager of Community Services and Community Development Officer discussed planning for the 2022 event, including a funding application for \$10,000. Councillors provided feedback on expectations for the 2022 and 2023 events. While planning is well underway for the 2022 event, there is a desire to consider community sentiment for the 2023 event.

3. Close and break

3:00pm Citizenship Ceremonies

