



DISABILITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This charter document defines the membership, authority, purpose, operational guidelines, responsibilities and resources of the Shire of Denmark Disability Services Advisory Committee, established by Council pursuant to Section 5.8 of the Local Government Act 1995.

1.0 NAME

The name of the Committee shall be the Shire of Denmark Disability Services Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to in its abbreviated form as the Committee.

2.0 ESTABLISHMENT

The Committee is established pursuant to Section 5.8 of the Local Government Act 1995.

3.0 DISTRICT

The Committee shall operate within the local government boundaries of the Shire of Denmark.

4.0 GUIDING PRINCIPLES

This Committee is established with the guiding principles in accordance with the Local Government Act 1995, sections 5.8 through to 5.25.

5.0 VISION

For the Shire of Denmark to be an accessible and inclusive community for people with disability, their families and carers.

6.0 TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 6.1 To support and recommend to Council, action and policies relating to the provision of services for people with disability in the Denmark community.
- 6.2 To advise Council on matters effecting people with disability generally.
- 6.3 To oversee the implementation, reviews and evaluation of the Shire of Denmark Disability Access and Inclusion Plan and make recommendations to Council on matters relating to the Plan.
- 6.4 Assist Council with the implementation of Recognition of People with Disability Policy P110709 and review the Policy at regular intervals to ensure its ongoing accuracy and relevance.

7.0 MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Committee will comprise of a total of 8 members consisting of;

- 1 x Councillor
- 1 x Denmark Health Service Representative
- 1 x Community Professional (Private Sector)
- 5 x Community Members

Vacancies for Community representatives will be advertised in a local newspaper circulating within the district, with selection and appointment being made by Council upon recommendation of the Committee.

Representation is valid for two years until the next Ordinary Local Government Election Day or until the person resigns or the Committee is disbanded, whichever happens first. Nothing prevents a previous member re-nominating.

To encourage ongoing freshness of approach and ideas Council encourages organisations to nominate a different member representative of their group every 2 years.

8.0 MEETINGS

8.1 Annual General Meeting:

Nil

8.2 Committee Meetings:

Meetings shall be held not more frequently than every 2 months, unless a special meeting of the Committee is called by specific resolution of the Committee for the specified purpose(s).

8.3 Quorum:

The quorum for any meeting of the Disability Services Advisory Committee is at least 50% of the number of member positions prescribed on the Committee, whether vacant or not.

8.4 Voting:

Shall be in accordance with the Local Government Act, Section 5.21 with all members of the Committee entitled and required to vote (subject to financial and proximity interest provisions of the LGA). Officers of Council servicing the Committee are not entitled to vote unless specifically approved under the charter.

8.5 Minutes:

Shall be in accordance with the Local Government Act, Section 5.22.

8.6 Presiding Person

The members will elect the Presiding Person and Deputy of the Committee pursuant to the Local Government Act 1995, Section 5.12 and pursuant to Council Policy P040235 the Committee should elect an Elected Member to the role of Presiding Person.

8.7 Who acts if no presiding member?

Shall be in accordance with the Local Government Act, Section 5.14.

8.8 Meetings

Meetings are not open to the public pursuant to Section 5.23 of the Act as the Committee has no delegated power or duty.

8.9 Public Question Time

Nil.

8.10 Members Conduct

Members of the Committee are bound by the:

- provisions of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995;
- Shire of Denmark Standing Orders Local Law 2000;
- Shire of Denmark Code of Conduct (amended from time to time);
- Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007 (Elected Members only); and
- Clause 34C of the Local Government (Administration Regulations) 1996;

with respect to their conduct and duty of disclosure of financial, proximity or impartiality interests, to the extent stated, dependent upon whether they are a Councillor, Employee of Local Government or a Community Member (community members are not bound to declare impartiality interests, unlike Councillors and Employees of Local Government nor are they bound by the Rules of Conduct Legislation).

8.11 Secretary

The Director Corporate and Community Services or that Officer's appointed nominee will fulfil the role of non-voting secretary who will also be responsible for preparation and distribution of agendas and minutes.

8.12 Meeting Attendance Fees

Nil.

9.0 DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE COMMITTEE

Nil.

10.0 STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The specific tasks and actions undertaken by this committee will assist the Shire of Denmark in achieving the following aspirations and objectives as contained within the Strategic Community Plan;

B3.0 Our Built Environment

ASPIRATION: We have a functional built environment that reflects our village character and supports a connected, creative and active community.

B3.1 To have public spaces and infrastructure that are accessible and appropriate for our community.

B3.2 To have community assets that are flexible, adaptable and of high quality to meet the purpose and needs of multiple users.

C4.0 Our Community

ASPIRATION: We live in a happy, healthy, diverse and safe community with services that support a vibrant lifestyle and foster community spirit.

C4.1 To have services that are inclusive, promote cohesiveness and reflect our creative nature.