

Notice of Audit Committee Meeting

TO:

ALL COUNCILLORS

To be held on

Wednesday, 27 March 2019

Commencing at 4:30pm

Council Chambers 51 – 53 Collins Street, Donnybrook WA

Ben Rose

Chief Executive Officer

21 March 2019

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AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

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SHIRE OF DONNYBROOK/BALINGUP

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

To be held in the Council Chamber, 51 – 53 Collins Street, Donnybrook	
on Wednesday, 27 March 2019 4:30pm	

DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairperson to declare the meeting open at _____, welcome the public gallery and advise them of the meeting procedures.

Shire President – Acknowledgment of Country

The Shire President to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Noongar People, paying respects to Elders, past and present.

The Shire Present to declare the meeting open and welcome the public gallery

Shire President - Public Notification of Recording of Meetings

The Shire President advises that the meeting is being digitally recorded to assist with minute taking in accordance with Council Policy 1.25. The Shire President further states the following:

If you do not give permission for your participation to be recorded, please indicate this at the meeting. Members are reminded that no other visual or audio recording of this meeting by any other means is allowed without the permission of the Chairperson.

2 **ATTENDANCE**

MEMBERS PRESENT COUNCILLORS STAFF

Cr Piesse (President) Ben Rose - Chief Executive Officer

Cr Wringe (Deputy President) Steve Potter - Executive Manager Operations Alan Thornton - Manager Corporate Services

Cr Atherton

Cr King Cr Lindemann **GUESTS**

Cr Mills NIL Cr Mitchell

Cr Van Der Heide

Cr Tan

PUBLIC GALLERY

APOLOGIES

3 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM PRESIDING MEMBER

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

5 DECLARATION OF FINANCIAL/IMPARTIALITY INTEREST

Division 6: Sub-Division 1 of the *Local Government Act 1995*. Care should be taken by all Committee members to ensure that a financial/impartiality interest is declared and that they refrain from voting on any matter, which is considered to come within the ambit of the Act.

6 PETITIONS/DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved: Cr

Seconded:

Cr

That the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 21 December 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

8 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

8.1 Chief Executive Officer

8.1.1 SUBJECT: 2018 LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN

Location	Donnybrook			
Applicant	Executive Services			
File Reference	DEP 20/01			
Author	Ben Rose – Chief Executive Officer (Loren Clifford – Corporate Planning & Governance Officer)			
Attachments	8.1.1 – 2018 Local Government Compliance Audit Return (CAR)			
Voting Requirements	Absolute Majority			
Executive Summary	 A Local Government Compliance Audit Return (CAR) for the period 1 January to 31 December 2018 is required by Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. The Audit has been conducted by staff and consider that it represents a true and accurate record. 			

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The following outcomes from the Corporate Business Plan relate to this proposal:

Outcome	Strategy	Action No.	Actions
4.2 A strategically focussed, open and accountable local government	Effective and efficient operations and service provision	4.2.1.1	Maintain effective and efficient policies, planning, operating procedures and practices.

BACKGROUND

Council is required to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1 January to 31 December 2018, against requirements set out in the 2018 Compliance Audit Return (CAR) (Attachment 8.1.1).

Amendments to Regulation 14 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 require that the local government's Audit Committee reviews the CAR and reports the results of that review to Council prior to adoption by Council.

DETAILS

The CAR is one of the tools that allow Council to monitor how the organisation is functioning. The return places emphasis on the need to bring to Council's attention cases of non-compliance or cases where full compliance was not achieved. In addition to explaining or qualifying cases of non-compliance, the return requires Council to endorse any remedial action taken or proposed to be taken in regard to instances of non-compliance. This is intended to assist local government to enhance or develop their internal control processes to ensure they include the statutory requirements of the legislation.

CONSULTATION

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

POLICY COMPLIANCE

N/A

STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

Under Regulation 14 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 the 2018 CAR is to be reviewed by Council's Audit Committee and report the results of that review to Council for adoption.

A printed copy of the CAR is to be presented to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting and adopted by an Absolute Majority.

Once the CAR is presented to Council a certified copy, along with an extract of the minutes of the meeting at which the CAR is adopted by Council, and any additional information explaining or qualifying the compliance audit, is to be submitted on-line to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries by 31 March 2019, providing a permanent record of the submission on the Department's website.

CONCLUSION

Council has met all areas of compliance in the 2018 CAR. Approval of the 2018 Local Government Compliance Audit Report is recommended.

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Sc	econded: Cr
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That the 2018 Local Government Compliance Audit Return for the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup, as completed and presented to Council, be endorsed.

6 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Shire President to advise members will be notified when the date for the next Audit Committee Meeting is set.

Shire President to declare the meeting closed at .



Donnybrook-Balingup - Compliance Audit Return 2018

Certified Copy of Return

Please submit a signed copy to the Director General of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries together with a copy of section of relevant minutes.

No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
1	s3.59(2)(a)(b)(c) F&G Reg 7,9	Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major trading undertaking in 2018.	N/A		CEO
2	s3.59(2)(a)(b)(c) F&G Reg 7,10	Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major land transaction that was not exempt in 2018.	N/A		CEO
3	s3.59(2)(a)(b)(c) F&G Reg 7,10	Has the local government prepared a business plan before entering into each land transaction that was preparatory to entry into a major land transaction in 2018,	N/A		CEO
4	s3.59(4)	Has the local government given Statewide public notice of each proposal to commence a major trading undertaking or enter into a major land transaction for 2018.	N/A		CEO
5	s3.59(5)	Did the Council, during 2018, resolve to proceed with each major land transaction or trading undertaking by absolute majority.	N/A		CEO



No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
1	s5.16, 5.17, 5.18	Were all delegations to committees resolved by absolute majority.	N/A		Kate O'Keeffe
2	s5.16, 5.17, 5.18	Were all delegations to committees in writing.	N/A		Kate O'Keeffe
3	s5.16, 5.17, 5.18	Were all delegations to committees within the limits specified in section 5.17.	N/A		Kate O'Keeffe
4	s5.16, 5.17, 5.18	Were all delegations to committees recorded in a register of delegations.	N/A		Kate O'Keeffe
5	s5.18	Has Council reviewed delegations to its committees in the 2017/2018 financial year.	N/A		Kate O'Keeffe
6	s5.42(1),5.43 Admin Reg 18G	Did the powers and duties of the Council delegated to the CEO exclude those as listed in section 5.43 of the Act.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
7	s5.42(1)(2) Admin Reg 18G	Were all delegations to the CEO resolved by an absolute majority.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
8	s5.42(1)(2) Admin Reg 18G	Were all delegations to the CEO in writing.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
9	s5.44(2)	Were all delegations by the CEO to any employee in writing.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
10	s5.45(1)(b)	Were all decisions by the Council to amend or revoke a delegation made by absolute majority.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
11	s5.46(1)	Has the CEO kept a register of all delegations made under the Act to him and to other employees.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
12	s5.46(2)	Were all delegations made under Division 4 of Part 5 of the Act reviewed by the delegator at least once during the 2017/2018 financial year.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
13	s5.46(3) Admin Reg 19	Did all persons exercising a delegated power or duty under the Act keep, on all occasions, a written record as required.	Yes	Crossover Approvals by DM	Damien Morgar

Disclosure of Interest						
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent	
1	s5.67	If a member disclosed an interest, did he/she ensure that they did not remain present to participate in any discussion or decision-making procedure relating to the matter in which the interest was disclosed (not including participation approvals granted under s5.68).	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe	
2	s5.68(2)	Were all decisions made under section 5.68(1), and the extent of participation allowed, recorded in the minutes of Council and Committee meetings.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe	



No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
3	s5.73	Were disclosures under section 5.65 or 5.70 recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the disclosure was made.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
4	s5.75(1) Admin Reg 22 Form 2	Was a primary return lodged by all newly elected members within three months of their start day.	Yes	CNL 06/2	Loren Clifford
5	s5.75(1) Admin Reg 22 Form 2	Was a primary return lodged by all newly designated employees within three months of their start day.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
6	s5.76(1) Admin Reg 23 Form 3	Was an annual return lodged by all continuing elected members by 31 August 2018.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
7	s5.76(1) Admin Reg 23 Form 3	Was an annual return lodged by all designated employees by 31 August 2018.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
8	s5.77	On receipt of a primary or annual return, did the CEO, (or the Mayor/ President in the case of the CEO's return) on all occasions, give written acknowledgment of having received the return.	Yes	CNL 06/2	Loren Clifford
9	s5.88(1)(2) Admin Reg 28	Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained the returns lodged under section 5.75 and 5.76	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
10	s5.88(1)(2) Admin Reg 28	Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained a record of disclosures made under sections 5.65, 5.70 and 5.71, in the form prescribed in Administration Regulation 28.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
11	s5.88 (3)	Has the CEO removed all returns from the register when a person ceased to be a person required to lodge a return under section 5.75 or 5.76.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
12	s5.88(4)	Have all returns lodged under section 5.75 or 5.76 and removed from the register, been kept for a period of at least five years, after the person who lodged the return ceased to be a council member or designated employee.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
13	s5.103 Admin Reg 34C & Rules of Conduct Reg 11	Where an elected member or an employee disclosed an interest in a matter discussed at a Council or committee meeting where there was a reasonable belief that the impartiality of the person having the interest would be adversely affected, was it recorded in the minutes.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe
14	s5.70(2)	Where an employee had an interest in any matter in respect of which the employee provided advice or a report directly to the Council or a Committee, did that person disclose the nature of that interest when giving the advice or report.	Yes	Steere St agenda item contribution to works	Damien Morgan



No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
15	s5.70(3)	Where an employee disclosed an interest under s5.70(2), did that person also disclose the extent of that interest when required to do so by the Council or a Committee.	Yes	Steere St agenda item contribution to works	Damien Morgan
16	s5.103(3) Admin Reg 34B	Has the CEO kept a register of all notifiable gifts received by Council members and employees.	Yes		Kate O'Keeffe

No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
1	s3.58(3)	Was local public notice given prior to disposal for any property not disposed of by public auction or tender (except where excluded by Section 3.58(5)).	Yes	-See Council Report/Minutes 23 May 2018 -Tuia Lodge Bus	Damien Morgan
2	s3.58(4)	Where the local government disposed of property under section 3.58(3), did it provide details, as prescribed by section 3.58(4), in the required local public notice for each disposal of property.	Yes	-See Council Report/Minutes 23 May 2018 File 149600 -Tuia Lodge Bus	Damien Morgan

No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
1	s7.1A	Has the local government established an audit committee and appointed members by absolute majority in accordance with section 7.1A of the Act.	Yes		Alan Thornton
2	s7.1B	Where a local government determined to delegate to its audit committee any powers or duties under Part 7 of the Act, did it do so by absolute majority.	N/A		Alan Thornton
3	s7.3	Was the person(s) appointed by the local government to be its auditor, a registered company auditor.	Yes		Alan Thornton
4	s7.3, 7.6(3)	Was the person or persons appointed by the local government to be its auditor, appointed by an absolute majority decision of Council.	Yes		Alan Thornton
5	Audit Reg 10	Was the Auditor's report for the financial year ended 30 June 2018 received by the local government within 30 days of completion of the audit.	Yes		Alan Thornton
6	s7.9(1)	Was the Auditor's report for the financial year ended 30 June 2018 received by the local government by 31 December 2018.	Yes		Alan Thornton
7	S7.12A(3)	Where the local government determined that matters raised in the auditor's report prepared under s7.9 (1) of the Act required action to be taken by the local government, was that action undertaken.	Yes		Alan Thornton



No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
8	S7.12A (4)	Where the local government determined that matters raised in the auditor's report (prepared under s7.9 (1) of the Act) required action to be taken by the local government, was a report prepared on any actions undertaken.	Yes		Alan Thornton
9	S7.12A (4)	Where the local government determined that matters raised in the auditor's report (prepared under s7.9 (1) of the Act) required action to be taken by the local government, was a copy of the report forwarded to the Minister by the end of the financial year or 6 months after the last report prepared under s7.9 was received by the local government whichever was the latest in time.	Yes		Alan Thornton
10	Audit Reg 7	Did the agreement between the local government and its auditor include the objectives of the audit.	Yes		Alan Thornton
11	Audit Reg 7	Did the agreement between the local government and its auditor include the scope of the audit.	Yes		Alan Thornton
12	Audit Reg 7	Did the agreement between the local government and its auditor include a plan for the audit.	Yes		· Alan Thornton
13	Audit Reg 7	Did the agreement between the local government and its auditor include details of the remuneration and expenses to be paid to the auditor.	Yes		Alan Thornton
14	Audit Reg 7	Did the agreement between the local government and its auditor include the method to be used by the local government to communicate with, and supply information to, the auditor.	Yes		Alan Thornton
15	Audit Reg 17	Has the CEO reviewed the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's systems and procedures in accordance with regulation 17 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996.	Yes	×	Alan Thornton
16	Audit Reg 17	If the CEO has not undertaken a review in accordance with regulation 17 of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, is a review proposed and when.	N/A		Alan Thornton



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1	s5.56 Admin Reg 19DA (6)	Has the local government adopted a Corporate Business Plan. If Yes, please provide adoption date of the most recent Plan in Comments. This question is optional, answer N/A if you choose not to respond.	Yes	See website - Corporate Business Plan 2017 - 2021	Sharon Upston
2	s5.56 Admin Reg 19DA (6)	Has the local government adopted a modification to the most recent Corporate Business Plan. If Yes, please provide adoption date in Comments. This question is optional, answer N/A if you choose not to respond.	N/A		Sharon Upston
3	s5.56 Admin Reg 19C (7)	Has the local government adopted a Strategic Community Plan. If Yes, please provide adoption date of the most recent Plan in Comments. This question is optional, answer N/A if you choose not to respond.	Yes	See website - Strategic Community Plan 2017 - 2027	Sharon Upston
4	s5.56 Admin Reg 19C (7)	Has the local government adopted a modification to the most recent Strategic Community Plan. If Yes, please provide adoption date in Comments. This question is optional, answer N/A if you choose not to respond.	N/A		Sharon Upston
5	S5.56	Has the local government adopted an Asset Management Plan. If Yes, in Comments please provide date of the most recent Plan, plus if adopted or endorsed by Council the date of adoption or endorsement. This question is optional, answer N/A if you choose not to respond.	Yes	Adopted 24/04/18	Stuart Eaton
6	S5.56	Has the local government adopted a Long Term Financial Plan. If Yes, in Comments please provide date of the most recent Plan, plus if adopted or endorsed by Council the date of adoption or endorsement. This question is optional, answer N/A if you choose not to respond.	Yes	SCM 8/08/17	Kate O'Keeffe
7	S5.56	Has the local government adopted a Workforce Plan. If Yes, in Comments please provide date of the most recent Plan plus if adopted or endorsed by Council the date of adoption or endorsement. This question is optional, answer N/A if you choose not to respond.	N/A		Kate O'Keeffe



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1	Admin Reg 18C	Did the local government approve the process to be used for the selection and appointment of the CEO before the position of CEO was advertised.	N/A		Loren Clifford
2	s5.36(4) s5.37(3), Admin Reg 18A	Were all vacancies for the position of CEO and other designated senior employees advertised and did the advertising comply with s.5.36(4), 5.37(3) and Admin Reg 18A.	N/A		Loren Clifford
3	Admin Reg 18F	Was the remuneration and other benefits paid to a CEO on appointment the same remuneration and benefits advertised for the position of CEO under section 5.36(4).	N/A		Loren Clifford
4	Admin Regs 18E	Did the local government ensure checks were carried out to confirm that the information in an application for employment was true (applicable to CEO only).	N/A ·		Loren Clifford
5	s5.37(2)	Did the CEO inform council of each proposal to employ or dismiss a designated senior employee.	Yes	_	Loren Clifford



Offici					
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
1	s5.120	Where the CEO is not the complaints officer, has the local government designated a senior employee, as defined under s5.37, to be its complaints officer.	Yes	CEO	Loren Clifford
2	s5.121(1)	Has the complaints officer for the local government maintained a register of complaints which records all complaints that result in action under s5.110(6)(b) or (c).	Yes	CEO's Office	Loren Clifford
3	s5.121(2)(a)	Does the complaints register maintained by the complaints officer include provision for recording of the name of the council member about whom the complaint is made.	Yes		Loren Clifford
4	s5.121(2)(b)	Does the complaints register maintained by the complaints officer include provision for recording the name of the person who makes the complaint.	Yes		Loren Clifford
5	s5.121(2)(c)	Does the complaints register maintained by the complaints officer include provision for recording a description of the minor breach that the standards panel finds has occured,	Yes		Loren Clifford
6	s5.121(2)(d)	Does the complaints register maintained by the complaints officer include the provision to record details of the action taken under s5.110(6)(b) or (c).	Yes		Loren Clifford

No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
1	s3.57 F&G Reg 11	Did the local government invite tenders on all occasions (before entering into contracts for the supply of goods or services) where the consideration under the contract was, or was expected to be, worth more than the consideration stated in Regulation 11(1) of the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations (Subject to Functions and General Regulation 11(2)).	Yes	Various Projects, Wet Plant Tender through Tenderlink	Damien Morgan
2	F&G Reg 12	Did the local government comply with F&G Reg 12 when deciding to enter into multiple contracts rather than inviting tenders for a single contract.	Yes		Damien Morgan
3	F&G Reg 14(1) & (3)	Did the local government invite tenders via Statewide public notice.	Yes	Wet plant tender	Damien Morgan
4	F&G Reg 14 & 15	Did the local government's advertising and tender documentation comply with F&G Regs 14, 15 & 16.	Yes	Wet plant tender	Damien Morgan



No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
5	F&G Reg 14(5)	If the local government sought to vary the information supplied to tenderers, was every reasonable step taken to give each person who sought copies of the tender documents or each acceptable tenderer, notice of the variation.	N/A		Damien Morgan
6	F&G Reg 16	Did the local government's procedure for receiving and opening tenders comply with the requirements of F&G Reg 16.	Yes	Wet plant tender	Damien Morgan
7	F&G Reg 18(1)	Did the local government reject the tenders that were not submitted at the place, and within the time specified in the invitation to tender.	N/A		Damien Morgan
8	F&G Reg 18 (4)	In relation to the tenders that were not rejected, did the local government assess which tender to accept and which tender was most advantageous to the local government to accept, by means of written evaluation criteria.	Yes		Damien Morgan
9	F&G Reg 17	Did the information recorded in the local government's tender register comply with the requirements of F&G Reg 17.	Yes		Damien Morgan
10	F&G Reg 19	Was each tenderer sent written notice advising particulars of the successful tender or advising that no tender was accepted.	Yes		Damien Morgan
11	F&G Reg 21 & 22	Did the local governments's advertising and expression of interest documentation comply with the requirements of F&G Regs 21 and 22.	Yes		Damien Morgan
12	F&G Reg 23(1)	Did the local government reject the expressions of interest that were not submitted at the place and within the time specified in the notice.	Yes		Damien Morgan
13	F&G Reg 23(4)	After the local government considered expressions of interest, did the CEO list each person considered capable of satisfactorily supplying goods or services.	Yes		Damien Morgan
14	F&G Reg 24	Was each person who submitted an expression of interest, given a notice in writing in accordance with Functions & General Regulation 24.	Yes		Damien Morgan
15	F&G Reg 24AD(2)	Did the local government invite applicants for a panel of pre-qualified suppliers via Statewide public notice.	Yes	Wet plant tender	Damien Morgan
16	F&G Reg 24AD(4) & 24AE	Did the local government's advertising and panel documentation comply with F&G Regs 24AD(4) & 24AE.	Yes	Wet plant tender	Damien Morgan



No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
17	F&G Reg 24AF	Did the local government's procedure for receiving and opening applications to join a panel of pre-qualified suppliers comply with the requirements of F&G Reg 16 as if the reference in that regulation to a tender were a reference to a panel application.	Yes	Wet plant tender	Damien Morgan
18	F&G Reg 24AD(6)	If the local government to sought to vary the information supplied to the panel, was every reasonable step taken to give each person who sought detailed information about the proposed panel or each person who submitted an application, notice of the variation.	N/A		Damien Morgan
19	F&G Reg 24AH(1)	Did the local government reject the applications to join a panel of prequalified suppliers that were not submitted at the place, and within the time specified in the invitation for applications.	N/A		Damien Morgan
20	F&G Reg 24AH(3)	In relation to the applications that were not rejected, did the local government assess which application (s) to accept and which application(s) were most advantageous to the local government to accept, by means of written evaluation criteria.	Yes	Wet plant tender	Damien Morgan
21	F&G Reg 24AG	Did the information recorded in the local government's tender register about panels of pre-qualified suppliers, comply with the requirements of F&G Reg 24AG.	Yes	Wet plant tender	Damien Morgan
22	F&G Reg 24AI	Did the local government send each person who submitted an application, written notice advising if the person's application was accepted and they are to be part of a panel of pre-qualified suppliers, or, that the application was not accepted.	Yes	Wet plant tender	Damien Morgan
23	F&G Reg 24E	Where the local government gave a regional price preference in relation to a tender process, did the local government comply with the requirements of F&G Reg 24E in relation to the preparation of a regional price preference policy (only if a policy had not been previously adopted by Council).	Yes	Wet plant tender	Damien Morgan
24	F&G Reg 24F	Did the local government comply with the requirements of F&G Reg 24F in relation to an adopted regional price preference policy.	Yes		Damien Morgan
25	F&G Reg 11A	Does the local government have a current purchasing policy in relation to contracts for other persons to supply goods or services where the consideration under the contract is, or is expected to be, \$150,000 or less.	Yes		Damien Morgan

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries - Compliance Audit Return



I certify this Compliance Audit return has been adopted by Coun	cil at its meeting on
Signed Mayor / President Donnybrook-Balingup	Signed CEO Donnyhrook-Ralingun