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South East Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

21 April 2021

South East Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Canning

1317 Albany Highway, Cannington

Wednesday 21 April 2021 commenced at 6:00 pm

Minutes

MEMBERS

2 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Armadale

Cr Emma Flynn
Mayor Ruth Butterfield (SC)
Mr Jason Lyon, Executive Director Corporate Services non-voting delegate

City of Canning

Cr Tim Porter
Cr Mark Bain
Mr Warren Bow, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

City of Gosnells

Cr Julie Brown (SC)
Mayor David Goode JP
Mr Ian Cowie, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate

City of South Perth

Cr Mary Choy
Cr Carl Celedin
Mr Mike Bradford, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

Town of Victoria Park

Cr Bronwyn Ife - **Chair**
Mayor Karen Vernon
Mr Anthony Vuleta, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

WALGA Secretariat

Joanne Burges, Senior Advisor, Intergovernmental Relations & Risk
Ben McCallum, Governance Advisor

DLGSC Representative

Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery
Cameron Taylor, Senior Legislation and Strategy Officer

Guest Speakers

Andrew Valder, Co-Founder, Grow it Local

APOLOGIES

City of Armadale

Ms Joanne Abbiss, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of Canning

Mr Arthur Kyron Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of South Perth

Cr Samantha Bradder

WALGA

Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation of Attendance, an attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Zone Delegates were requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda prior to the Zone meeting, to the Chair and Secretariat.

Agenda Papers were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Acknowledgement of Country All attendees acknowledged the traditional owners of the land that the meeting is held on and paying respects to Elders past, present and future.

ATTACHMENTS WITHIN THE AGENDA

1. Draft Minutes of the previous meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. President's Report
4. Standing Orders

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected Members must declare to the Chairperson any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

2. DEPUTATIONS

All Deputations have a time limit of 20 minutes, which includes questions time.

2.1 Grow it Local

Andrew Valder presented to the Zone on the Grow it Local program and what benefits it can provide to the Community.

2.2 Deputation Adjustment

The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage have advised that information on the new Legislation and Noongar Agreement will now be provided to Local Governments via an alternative format. Further information on this will be communicated in due course. Therefore will no longer be presenting at the Zone meeting.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Tim Porter

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone held on 17 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. BUSINESS ARISING

A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions was enclosed as an attachment to the Agenda.

Noted

5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

(Zone delegates to consider the Matters for Decision contained in the WA Local Government Association State Council Agenda and put forward resolutions to Zone Representatives on State Council)

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State-Council-Agenda-5-May-2021](#)

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

5.1 Local Government Financial Ratios

That WALGA:

1. Advocate to the Minister for Local Government to amend the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 to prescribe the following ratios:
 - a. Operating Surplus Ratio,
 - b. Net Financial Liabilities Ratio,
 - c. Debt Service Coverage Ratio, and
 - d. Current Ratio.
2. Recommend that Local Governments consider including Asset Management ratios in their Annual Report.
3. Request the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to review the Asset Management ratios in consultation with the Local Government sector.
4. Continue the Local Government Financial Ratios Working Group as a reference group for the development of a Model set of Financial Statements and Budget Statements, and to establish new financial indicators.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Ruth Butterfield
Seconded: Cr Carl Celedin

That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.1 WALGA Recommendation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.2 Roads Asset Preservation Model Review

That WALGA:

1. Seek support from the WA Local Government Grants Commission to provide presentations on the inputs, operation of and outputs of the Road Asset Preservation Model at Zone or Regional Road Group meetings where requested.
2. Advocate to the WA Local Government Grants Commission to improve the formatting and labelling of the model and make it available via the Commission's website.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Karen Vernon
Seconded: Cr Emma Flynn

That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.2 WALGA Recommendation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.3 Western Australian Development Index

That the development and implementation of the Western Australian Development Index, led by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, be supported.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Mayor David Goode JP

That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.3 WALGA Recommendation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4 Review of the State Industrial Relations System

That WALGA:

1. Seek confirmation from the State Government on whether it intends to re-introduce legislation for Local Governments to operate solely in the State Industrial Relations System.
2. If the State Government reintroduces legislation to require all Local Governments to operate within the State Industrial Relations System, continue to advocate for the State Government to:
 - a. Amend the Industrial Relations Act 1979 (WA) to include additional provisions to modernise the State IR system; and
 - b. Provide adequate funding and resourcing to ensure Local Governments are equipped with the appropriate tools and training to enable a smooth transition.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Emma Flynn
Seconded: Cr Tim Porter

That the South East Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.4 WALGA Recommendation

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Matters for Noting

- 6.1 New Regulations Update – Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates; and CEO Standards for Recruitment, Performance Review and Termination
- 6.2 State Election Campaign
- 6.3 Draft Position Statement: Dark Sky and Astrotourism
- 6.4 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Karen Vernon
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the South East Metropolitan Zone

1. **Supports all Matters for Decision as listed above in the May 2021 State Council Agenda; and**
2. **Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the May 2021 State Council Agenda.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Food Security - Food stress index project support

Following the presentation at the February 2021 meeting of the Zone, there was discussion on whether the Zone was interested in requesting WALGA to progress a proposal for Local Governments to contribute funding to the next stage of Dr Pollard's Food security project.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Karen Vernon
Seconded: Cr Bronwyn Ife

The South East Metropolitan Zone request WALGA to explore the partnership opportunities for the Local Government sector to be involved in this project including a sector funding contribution.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

Joanne Burges, Senior Advisor, Intergovernmental Relations & Risk, WALGA presented the President's Report.

Noted

8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor Cr Julie Brown provided a written report on the previous State Council meeting.

WALGA State Councillor Mayor Ruth Butterfield provided a verbal report on the State Council informal forum convened to discuss the political environment following the State Election, including WALGA's working relationship with the Government and the representation in both Houses of Parliament.

Noted

8.3 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Representative Update Report.

Mr Gordon MacMile, Director Strategic Coordination and Delivery was in attendance and provided an update to the Zone on DLGSC issues.

Noted

8.4 Topics for next meeting update by the DLGSC

The Zone would like an update and/or information on the following topics at the next Zone meeting.

- **Feedback on delays being experienced by Local Governments re the Office of the Auditor General.**
- **Update around the rollout of the Code of Conduct Behaviour Complaints Management process following concern expressed around guidance provided by both DLGSC and WALGA**

Noted

9. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Mayor David Goode JP

That the next ordinary meeting of the South East Metropolitan Zone be held on Wednesday 23 June at the City of Gosnells commencing at 6:00 pm.

CARRIED

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:09pm.