

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia Thursday 18th February 2021

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 18th March 2021 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18th February 2021.

Cr Karin Day Shire President

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CORE DRIVERS

- 1. Relationships that bring us tangible benefits (to the Shire and our community)
- 2. Our lifestyle and strong sense of community.
- 3. We are prepared for opportunities and we are innovative to ensure our relevancy and destiny.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY

OUR VALUES

Respect – We value people and places and the contribution they make to the Shire.

Inclusiveness – Be receptive, proactive, and responsive.

Fairness and Equity - Provide services for a variety of ages and needs.

<u>Communication</u> – Create opportunities for consultation with the broad community.



PLAN

2018-2028

OUR VISION

A vibrant community lifestyle

MISSION

Provide leadership and direction for the community.



Support growth and progress, locally and regionally...

Efficient transport connectivity in and around our Shire.

- Management which incorporates a road hierarchy, levels and maintenance policy.
- RAV Ratings and Shire boundaries are consistent across government boundaries.
- Lobby and build enduring partnerships with key Government Departments to improve
- Actively participate in the Secondary Freight Network group.
- Develop and implement a Road Asset Plan highlighting key funder and strategic partnerships to support sustainability.
- Develop a Gravel Reserve Policy which identifies future gravel reserves and recognises cost to local government.
- Educate road users about road safety and driving on gravel roads.
- Optimal and safe use of our plants and equipment assets.
- Ensure that appropriate RAV vehicles traverse correct RAV routes.
- Maintain our airport with a view to improvements to meet commercial and recreational aviation needs.

Facilitate local business retention and growth.

- Council recognises the opportunity of partnering with Westonia Progress Association, works closely and supports them to help achieve their economic development projects and our strategic goals.
- Council continue to have a role in facilitating the presence of a Co-op in our community.
- Enhance local economic activity by supporting the growth of tourism in our Shire and region including applying for funding to improve tourist facilities.
- Improve our online tourism presence.
- We forward plan to improve the economic diversity in our community.
- In partnership with Council, the mine develops long term business plans for current mine assets.
- multipurpose accommodation if vacancies arise in mine



Provide community facilities and promote social Interaction...

Plan for community growth and changing demographics

- Our lifestyle, facilities and sense of community is
- of universally designed dwellings in our town.
- We support our emergency services.

 We enable visiting health professionals to our
- funding to provide preventative health and community development initiatives to the

Our community has the opportunity to be active,

- Continue to provide high standard and accessible
- Retain and expand Westonia's unique tourism

Natural spaces are preserved and bring us value.

- Sustainably manage our reserves and open spaces. Participate in best practice waste management.



Continually enhance the Shire's organisational capacity to service the needs of a growing community...

opportunities.

- and cost saving opportunities locally and

- Investigate joint resourcing and tendering
 Advocate and develop strong partnerships to benefit our community.
 Be prepared by forward planning our resources and focusing on continuous improvement. Identify risks and opportunities after the life of the

The community receives services in a timely

- Work to develop Councillor and staff skills and experience to provide career and succession opportunities within the Shire.

 Inside and outside staff are multi skilled to understand
- the business of local government and provide a seamless service to the community.

 Communicate and engage with our community

Financial resources meet the ongoing needs of

- Seek external funding for significant capital improvements that deliver upon our strategic
- Investigate ways to reduce reliance on operational grants given the current State and Federal Government priorities.

Shire of Westonia: -A vibrant community lifestyle.



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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Day welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.46pm.

A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for the following former ratepayer/residents who recently passed away:

- Myra Vaughan
- Barry Heatley

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr KM Day President

Cr DL Geier Cr RS Corsini Cr JJ Jefferys Cr RA Della Bosca

Staff:

Mr. JC Criddle Chief Executive Officer Mr. AW Price Manager of Works

Members of the Public: Nil

Apologies: Cr WJ Huxtable Deputy President

Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.48PM – 4.03PM)

Nil

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Corsini requested a Leave of Absence for the March Meeting

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

01/02-21 That Cr Corsini be granted a Leave of Absence for the March Ordinary Meeting.

CARRIED 4/0

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17th December 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jefferys Seconded: Cr Corsini

02/02-21 That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17th December 2020 be

confirmed as a true and correct record with the following alteration:

Item 11.1 SEED COLLECTION - RAMELIUS RESOURCES should have been moved by Cr

Huxtable.

CARRIED 5/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

NIL.

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President, Cr Day took the opportunity to advise Council that Chief Executive Officer, Jamie Criddle has been granted a Special Appointment of Justice of the Peace by the Governor, Hon Kim Beazley and Attorney General, Hon John Quigley after completing the necessary training and assignments and was presented with his plaque at the Council meeting.

The President, Cr Day advised having attended the following meetings:

- Shire Christmas function with Councillors , staff and families
- Student emersion program billet meeting.

Cr Corsini advised having attended the following meetings:

• Australia Day function at the Stadium with Cr's Della Bosca, Huxtable and Geier.

8. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of <u>Financial</u> interest were made at the Council meeting held on **18**thFebruary **2021**.

| Name/Position | |
|--------------------|--|
| Item No./Subject | |
| Nature of interest | |
| Extent of Interest | |

In accordance with Section 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of <u>Closely Association Person And Impartiality</u> interest were made at the Council meeting held on **18**thFebruary **2021**.

| Name/Position | |
|--------------------|--|
| Item No./Subject | |
| Nature of interest | |
| Extent of Interest | |

In accordance with Section 5.60B and 5.65 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the following disclosures of <u>Proximity</u> interest were made at the Council meeting held on **18**thFebruary **2021**.

| Name/Position | |
|--------------------|--|
| Item No./Subject | |
| Nature of interest | |
| Extent of Interest | |

9. MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

9.1. GOVERNANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

9.1.1 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Responsible Officer: Jamie Criddle, CEO

Author: Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services

File Reference: F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments: Attachment 9.1.1 List of Accounts

Signature: Officer CEO



Executive Decision Executive Requirement



This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. A Local Government is to develop procedures for the authorisation of, and payment of, accounts to ensure that there is effective security for, which money or other benefits may be obtained.



Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of December 2020 & January 2021. The credit card statements currently show: -

CEO December 2020 \$4,844.95 associated with the purchase of Activ8inet Housing & Office,

Email Exchange Platform, Office 365, Fuel, Telstra Recharges-Councillors, Philips Heart

Start, Spotify, Kresrel Meters & Acer 23.8 Monitors.

January 2021 \$ 1,404.50 associated with the purchase of Activ8inet Housing & Office, Email Exchange Platform, Office 365, Fuel, Spotify, Telstra NightHawk Replacement

Battery & Acrobat Pro DC

Works Supervisor December 2020 \$2,474.16 associated with the purchase of 20L Paint, Fairy Lights,

Stationary 1 x Phone Charger, Accommodation, Rapid Cement, Stihl Cordless Blower

Vac, Coupling & Elbow Reticulations

January 2021 \$ NIL



Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Regulations 12 & 13 requires the list of accounts to be presented to Council. Payments are made by staff under delegated authority from the CEO and Council.



Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to payment of accounts.



Strategic Implications

Accounts for payment are presented to Council in the interests of accountability and provide information on Council expenditure.



|X|

Financial Implications

Expenditure in accordance with the 2020/2021 Annual Budget.

| Voting Requirements |
|---------------------|
| |

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That December 2020 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 3902 to 3910, and D/Debits from EFT4684 to EFT4773 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$457,373.23 be passed for payment.

Absolute Majority

That January 2021 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 3911 to 3915, and D/Debits from EFT4774 to EFT4812 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$239251.87 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Corsini

Seconded:

Cr Geier

03/02-21

That December 2020 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers numbered from 3902 to 3910, and D/Debits from EFT4684 to EFT4773 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$457,373.23 be passed for payment.

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CARRIED 5/0

9.1.2 MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY – DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021

Responsible Officer: Jamie Criddle, CEO Author: Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services **File Reference:** F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements **Disclosure of Interest:** Attachments: Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity Signature: Officer **Purpose of the Report** X **Executive Decision** Legislative Requirement **Background**

This information is provided to Council on a monthly basis in accordance with provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.



The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending December 2020 & January 2021 is attached for Councillor information, and consists of:

- 1. Summary of Bank Balances
- 2. Summary of Outstanding Debtors
- 3. Balance Sheet
- 4. Budget v Actuals Schedules



General Financial Management of Council Council 2020/2021 Budget Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996 Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4



Council is required annually to adopt a policy on what it considers to be material as far as variances that require to be reported for Council. Council policy is that the material variation be set at \$10,000 and 15%.



The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity is a record of Council's activities and financial performance during the reporting period.



There is no direct financial implication in relation to this matter.



OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending December 2020 & January 2021 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Della Bosca Seconded: Cr Corsini

04/02-21 That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending December 2020 &

January 2021 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

CARRIED 5/0

Cr Geier left the meeting at 5.02pm

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021

| Responsible Officer: | Jamie Criddle, CEO | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Author: | Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services | | | | |
| File Reference: | F1.4.4 Audit Report | | | | |
| Disclosure of Interest: | Nil | | | | |
| Attachments: | Attachment 9.1.3 GST Report | | | | |
| Signature: | Officer CEO | | | | |
| | June June | | | | |
| Purpose of the Report | | | | | |
| Executive Decision | Legislative Requirement | | | | |
| Background | | | | | |
| | edger to the General Ledger as reported as at 31st December 2020 and 31st on a monthly basis as a means of keeping Council informed of its current | | | | |
| Comment | | | | | |
| The GST Reconciliation Report is att | ached for Councillor consideration. | | | | |
| Statutory Environment | | | | | |
| Nil | | | | | |
| Policy Implications | | | | | |
| Council does not have a policy in re | gard to Goods and Services Tax. | | | | |
| Strategic Implications | | | | | |
| Nil | | | | | |
| Financial Implications | | | | | |
| The GST reconciliation is presented an impact on Council's cash-flow. | to Council as a means of indicating Council's current GST liability, which has | | | | |
| Voting Requirements | | | | | |
| Simple Majority | Absolute Majority | | | | |
| OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS | | | | | |

That the GST Reconciliation totaling\$ 552.00 for the period ending December 2020 adopted.

That the GST Reconciliation totaling\$ 8,143.00 for the period ending January 2021 adopted.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Corsini Seconded: Cr Jefferys

05/02-21 That the GST Reconciliation totalling \$ 552.00 for the period ending December 2020 adopted.

That the GST Reconciliation totalling\$ 8,143.00 for the period ending January 2021 adopted.

CARRIED 4/0

Bill Price, Work Supervisor entered the meeting at 5.06pm

9.1.4 BUDGET REVIEW 2020/2021

Responsible Officer:Jamie Criddle, CEO
Author:
Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference: F1.3.3

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments: Attachment 9.1.4 Budget Review Documents

Signature: Officer CEO

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Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement



Background

Local Governments are required to conduct a Budget Review in accordance with Regulation 33A of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996. These Regulations state:

- 1. "Between 1 January and 31 March in each year a local government is to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year.
- Within 30 days after a review of the annual budget of a local government is carried out it is to be submitted to the council.
- 3. A council is to consider a review submitted to it and is to determine* whether or not to adopt the review, any parts of the review or any recommendations made in the review.
- *Absolute majority required.
- 4. Within 30 days after a council has made a determination, a copy of the review and determination is to be provided to the Department."

A Budget Review for the period ending 31st January 2021 has been completed and is presented for Council's consideration.



Comment

In adopting the 2020/2021 Budget, Council, as required, adopted a level of material variances for reporting purposes. The level of material variance reporting set by Council is \$10,000 and 15%. Staff have used this variance in their analysis.

The nature of the review is to predict estimates of material variations likely to occur as at 30 June 2021.



Statutory Environment

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996 Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4



Policy Implications

Nil



Strategic Implications

Nil



That the Audit committee recommend to Council to:

- 1. Receive the 2020/2021 Budget Review as per the Audit Committee recommendation for the period ending 31st January 2021 and adopt the recommended Budget figures as presented.
- 2. Forward the review to the Department of Local Government as per the requirements of the act.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Della Bosca

Seconded:

Cr Corsini

06/02-21

That the Audit committee recommend to Council to:

- Receive the 2020/2021 Budget Review as per the Audit Committee recommendation for the period ending 31st January 2021 and adopt the recommended Budget figures as presented.
- 2. Forward the review to the Department of Local Government as per the requirements of the act.

CARRIED 4/0

Cr Geier entered the meeting at 5.16pm

Attachments:

9.1.5 **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Responsible Officer: Jamie Criddle, CEO Author: Jamie Criddle, CEO File Reference: CA1.3.2 **Disclosure of Interest:** Nil

Nil Officer CEO Signature:



Purpose of the Report

|X|Legislative Requirement **Executive Decision**

Council adoption of the Audit Report and Management Letter for the 2019/20 financial year is required as per recommendation from the Audit Committee.



Background

The Shire of Westonia auditors have completed the Annual Audit for the financial year ending 30th June 2020 as per the Local Government Act 1995 as amended and the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

The auditors attended Council's offices on the 14th to 16th September 2020 to complete their final audit.

As a result Council adopted the Annual Report and Annual Statements minus the Audit Report for the Year ending 30th June 2020 at the December 2020 Ordinary Council meeting.



Comment

Council is now required to adopt the Audit Report and Management Letter as it was received from the Auditor and Auditor General after the December Ordinary meeting.

With the adoption, Council will need to arrange a date for the Annual Electors Meeting

Following acceptance of the Annual Report by Council, Council is required to hold a general meeting of electors within 56 days. At least 14 days local public notice must be given of an electors meeting. The Annual Electors meeting would normally occur after the next Ordinary meeting, but as the Student Emersion program will be in Westonia that week and the annual thank you dinner to be held on the Thursday night it would be suggested to hold the Annual General Meeting in early March, say Tuesday 9^{th} March $\ 2\ 0\ 2\ 1$.



Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995 (As Amended)

5.27. Electors' general meetings

- (1) A general meeting of the electors of a district is to be held once every financial year.
- (2) A general meeting is to be held on a day selected by the local government but not more than 56 days after the local government accepts the annual report for the previous financial year.
- (3) The matters to be discussed at general electors' meetings are to be those prescribed.

5.54. Acceptance of annual reports

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), the annual report for a financial year is to be accepted* by the local government no later than 31 December after that financial year.
- * Absolute majority required.
- (2) If the auditor's report is not available in time for the annual report for a financial year to be accepted by 31

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December after that financial year, the annual report is to be accepted by the local government no later than 2 months after the auditor's report becomes available.

[Section 5.54 amended by No. 49 of 2004 s. 49.]

5.55. Notice of annual reports

The CEO is to give local public notice of the availability of the annual report as soon as practicable after the report has been accepted by the local government.

Division 4 — General

7.12A. Duties of local government with respect to audits

- (1) A local government is to do everything in its power to
 - (a) assist the auditor of the local government to conduct an audit and carry out his or her other duties under this Act in respect of the local government; and
 - (b) ensure that audits are conducted successfully and expeditiously.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a local government is to meet with the auditor of the local government at least once in every year.
- (3) A local government is to examine the report of the auditor prepared under section 7.9(1), and any report prepared under section 7.9(3) forwarded to it, and is to
 - (a) determine if any matters raised by the report, or reports, require action to be taken by the local government; and
 - (b) ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those matters.
- (4) A local government is to
 - (a) prepare a report on any actions under subsection (3) in respect of an audit conducted in respect of a financial year; and
 - (b) forward a copy of that report to the Minister,

by the end of the next financial year, or 6 months after the last report prepared under section 7.9 is received by the local government, whichever is the latest in time.

[Section 7.12A inserted by No. 49 of 2004 s. 8.]

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

51. Completion of financial report

- (1) After the annual financial report has been audited in accordance with the Act the CEO is to sign and append to the report a declaration in the form of Form 1.
- (2) A copy of the annual financial report of a local government is to be submitted to the Departmental CEO within 30 days of the receipt by the local government's CEO of the auditor's report on that financial report.

[Regulation 51 amended in Gazette 18 Jun 1999 p. 2639; 20 Jun 2008 p. 2726.]



Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter.



Strategic Implications

Nil



Financial Implications

Nil



Voting Requirements

| | Simple Majority | Absolute Majority | |
|---------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| OFFICER | RECOMMENDATIONS | | |

That Council accepts the recommendation from the Audit Committee, therefore:

- 1. reconfirms the Annual Financial Report for the Financial Year 2019/20;
- 2. reconfirms the Annual Report for the 2019/20 Financial Year inclusive of the above as presented;
- 3. Adopts the Audit Report for 2019/20 Financial Year;
- 4. Adopts the Management Report for the 2019/20 Financial Year; and
- 5. Advertises Annual Elector's Meeting be held on (Tuesday 9th March 2021), commencing at (6.30pm) in the Old Miner Hall.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Della Bosca Seconded: Cr Corsini

07/02-21 That Council accepts the recommendation from the Audit Committee, therefore:

- 1. reconfirms the Annual Financial Report for the Financial Year 2019/20;
- 2. reconfirms the Annual Report for the 2019/20 Financial Year inclusive of the above as presented;
- 3. Adopts the Audit Report for 2019/20 Financial Year;
- 4. Adopts the Management Report for the 2019/20 Financial Year; and
- 5. Advertises Annual Elector's Meeting be held on Tuesday 9th March 2021, commencing at 6.30pm in the Old Miner Hall.

CARRIED 5/0

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

9.2.1 DEPT OF LANDS – OFFER OF SALE: FREEHOLD CONVERSION OF LEASE 0388484

Responsible Officer:

Author:

Jamie Criddle, CEO

Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference:

Es1.6.1

Disclosure of Interest:

Attachments:

Nil

Signature:

Officer

CEO



Obtain Council resolution to purchase lots freehold from Lease O388484.



Background

Approximately fifteen (15) years ago, Council entered into a Lease arrangement with the Dept of Lands to lease a number of townsite blocks (upward of twenty five) to ensure that 'speculators' did not purchase blocks in town to drive up land prices in the town. As Council were not in a position to purchase all blocks at the time, the Lease arrangement was deemed as the best fit.

Legislative Requirement

A recent push on land sales has resulted in at least six (6) blocks recently purchased, but unfortunately the Dept of Lands have struggled to have them released from the original Lease due to "Red Tape". This has caused no end of issues with water and power connections and the ability to attract the recent State and Federal housing bonus's due to the lack of land tenure.



Comment

Management have been trying to have land released from the Lease since late 2019 and to date, nothing has happened! This process has seen the CEO deal with five (5) Dept of Lands staff, when finally requesting a meeting with the manager, they advised me now that valuations on the blocks now have to be done and probably won't be done prior to Feb 3 when "caretaker mode" is enforced meaning nothing will be done until April 2021. This prompted a discussion with Mia Davies, which has since resulted in some action to the point where the Minister has now signed off the blocks, subject to payment and transfer.

In speaking to the President, it was recommended that Council purchase ALL of the remaining blocks to ensure that this does not occur again and will give Council full control over the Sale of the blocks. Each block was set at \$1,000 (up from the original \$500 set in 2005), which is still a relatively cheap block to purchase.

Management is recommending that Council purchase the entire 18 Blocks in town as listed below for \$1,000 each plus GST and transfer fees, totaling \$22,135.34 to be purchased as an out of budget expense via general Municipal funds, with the CEO to monitor at year end and authorize a Reserve transfer from the Community Development Reserve (if required).

Lots 58 & 59 on DP 203296, Lots 104, 105 & 107 on DP 20397 and Lots 322, 323, 324, 325,327, 328, 334, 335, 336, 337, 342, 343, 345 on DP 203300 as part of Lease O388484.

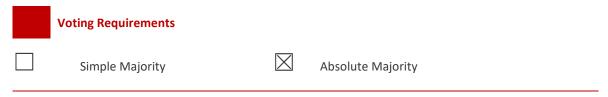


Statutory Environment

The Land Administration Act prevails in this instance



Purchase price of \$22,135.34 inclusive of settlement/preparation fees to be treated as an out of budget expense via general Municipal funds. There may be transfer fees applicable.



OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council resolves to purchase All lots contained within Lease O388484 (Lots 58 & 59 on DP 203296, Lots 104, 105 & 107 on DP 20397 and Lots 322, 323, 324, 325,327, 328, 334, 335, 336, 337, 342,343,345 on DP 203300) from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) for the purchase price of \$1,000 plus GST and all applicable transfer/settlement costs to be purchased as an out of budget expense via general Municipal funds, with the CEO to monitor at year end and authorize a Reserve transfer from the Community Development Reserve (if required).

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Jefferys Seconded: Cr Corsini

O8/02-21 That Council resolves to purchase All lots contained within Lease O388484 (Lots 58 & 59 on DP 203296, Lots 104, 105 & 107 on DP 20397 and Lots 322, 323, 324, 325,327, 328, 334, 335, 336, 337, 342,343,345 on DP 203300) from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) for the purchase price of \$1,000 plus GST and all applicable transfer/settlement costs to be purchased as an out of budget expense via general Municipal funds, with the CEO to monitor at year end and authorize a Reserve transfer from the Community Development

Reserve (if required).

CARRIED 5/0

9.2.2 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 77/2756, 77/2757, 77/2762,77/2766

Responsible Officer:

Author:

Jamie Criddle, CEO

Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference:

Es1.6.1

Disclosure of Interest:

Attachments:

Nil

Signature:

Officer

CEO



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement



Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration licence having been lodged by Anderson's Tenement Management on behalf of Kula Gold Ltd (77/2756, 77/2757, 77/2762,77/2766)

The application relates to land in the Westonia area (north and south of current Edna May Lease and straddling Warrachuppin and Boodarockin Roads. See Attached.

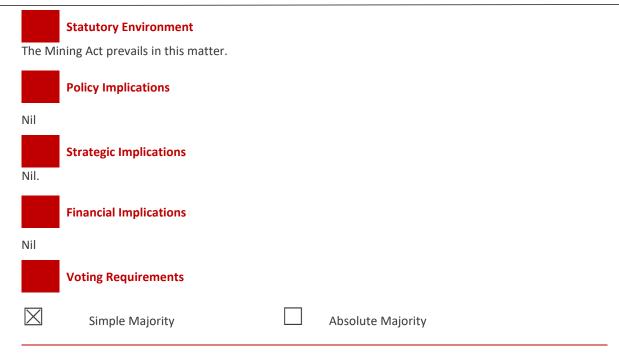


Comment

Kula Gold Ltd is a junior exploration company with holdings in Western Australia (southern Cross and Brunswick).

Previous exploration approvals have been granted with the following conditions:

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions;
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread;
- 4) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner;
- 5) All rubbish is to be disposed of at the local landfill site in the appropriate manner;
- 6) A firefighting unit is to be available at all times, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called;
- 7) No drill holes are to extend under any public railway line or any roadways. Drilling being carried out is not to interfere with road drainage and must be beyond the batter line (this is to minimise damage to capped drill holes during maintenance grading) refer to Typical Cross Section of Road Formation diagram;
- 8) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/ visitors;
- 9) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling;
- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Westonian" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.



OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council grants approval to of Kula Gold Ltd (77/2756, 77/2757, 77/2762,77/2766) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with these respective Exploration Leases as shown on the attached maps on the following conditions:-

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions;
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread;
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- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Westonian" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Geier

Seconded:

Cr Della Bosca

09/02-21

That Council grants approval to of Kula Gold Ltd (77/2756, 77/2757, 77/2762,77/2766) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with these respective Exploration Leases as shown on the attached maps on the following conditions:-

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;
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- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Westonian" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and
- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.

CARRIED 5/0

9.2.3 APPLICATION FOR EXPLORATION LICENCE 77/2770

Responsible Officer:
Author:
Jamie Criddle, CEO
File Reference:
Disclosure of Interest:
Jamie Criddle

Attachments:
Nil

Signature:

Officer

CEO



Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

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Legislative Requirement



Background

The Shire has been advised of an application for an Exploration licence having been lodged by M & M Walter Consulting on behalf of Discovex Resources Ltd (E77/2770).

The application relates to land in the Westonia area (roughly north of current Edna May Lease. See Attached.



Comment

Discovex Resources Ltd is a junior exploration company providing mining services to holdings in Western Australia (Goldfields) and Botswana. The Company explores and develops projects for copper, molybdenum, gold, base metals and uranium.

Previous exploration approvals have been granted with the following conditions:

- 1) That dust suppression is carried out so that others are not adversely affected;
- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions;
- 3) Any ground water that escapes onto the ground around the drill site is to be bunded so that it does not spread;
- 4) All plastic bags used for soil samples are to be removed from the site and disposed of in a suitable manner;
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- 6) A firefighting unit is to be available at all times, and drilling is to cease if a total fire and harvest ban is called;
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- 8) Safety signs are to be erected in accordance with Australian Standards to warn both mining staff, contractors, and the public/ visitors;
- 9) All drill holes are to be capped as soon as possible/practical after drilling;
- 10) If working within 100m from a residence, all noise generated is to be limited in accordance with the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997, in particular when working between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.;
- 11) That the proposed drilling work is advertised in the local newsletter "Westonian" prior to any work commencing to notify the general public of this work; and

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12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the

Statutory Environment
The Mining Act prevails in this matter.

Policy Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council

That Council grants approval to Discovex Resources Ltd (E77/2770) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with these respective Exploration Leases as shown on the attached maps on the following conditions:-

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- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions;
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RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Corsini

Seconded:

Cr Jefferys

10/02-21

That Council grants approval to Discovex Resources Ltd (E77/2770) to carry out drilling along sections of Council controlled road reserves with these respective Exploration Leases as shown on the attached maps on the following conditions:-

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- 2) That any saline ground water found is contained by pumping it into a water trailer and disposed of through normal mining practices under the terms of the company's mining conditions;
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- 12) That no drilling is to occur within any Shire gravel pits, and no drilling operation is to affect any part of the Rabbit Proof Fence in any way.

CARRIED 5/0

9.3 WORKS AND SERVICE

NIL

9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

NIL

10 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

11 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY A DECISION OF THE MEETING

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier Seconded: Cr Della Bosca

11/02-21 That Council accepts three (3) items of urgent business

CARRIED 5/0

11.1 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND CANDIDATES

Responsible Officer: Jamie Criddle, CEO
Author: Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference: A1.1.4
Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments: 1.Guidelines on the Model Code of Conduct for council Members,

Committee Members and Candidates

2.Draft – Shire of Westonia Code of Conduct for Council Members,

Committee Members and Candidates

3.Complaint about alleged Breach Draft Template

4. Current Code of Conduct for council Members, Committee Members and

Employees

Signature: Officer CEO

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Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement

The government has enacted new legislation requiring all local governments to adopt a new Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates for a local government election, and to deal with ancillary matters.



Background

The following regulations took effect on 3 February 2021, implementing the remaining parts of the Local Government Legislation Amendment Act 2019:

- Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2021
- Local Government Regulations Amendment (Employee Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021
- Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021.

In regard to the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021, Local Governments are required to adopt a Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates within three (3) months of the Regulations taking effect.

To account for any breaches occurring on and from the first day that the Regulations take effect, Local Governments must authorise at least one person to receive complaints.

This has to be done by the 24 February 2021.



The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) has produced Guidelines on the Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates, which is an attachment to this item. It is expected that a Model Code will be developed in coming months to meet the three (3) month deadline and its adoption will be the subject of a separate consideration / approval by Council.

In the interim, the Model Code of Conduct has been recommended and appears to be satisfactory. The Chief Executive Officer has proposed replacing the word 'work' in clause 5 of the Model, with 'working' due to Elected Members and Committee Member not considered to be 'workers' or at 'work' from a employer / employee perspective.

The guidelines indicate that local governments must authorise at least one person to receive complaints regarding members and candidates. The Regulations state that the Local Government must, in writing, authorise one or more persons to receive complaints and withdrawals of complaints, but they do not specify who that person(s) will be. The Complaints Officer could be:

- President,
- Deputy President (especially for complaints about the President),
- Chief Executive Officer, or
- External Consultant

The DLGSC has also produced a template complaints form as the Regulations state that complaints are to be made in writing in a form approved by the Local Government. The DLGSC template form is another attachment to this item (Attachment 3).

While there is a requirement to appoint a Complaints Office by the 24 February 2021.

For clarity, it is noted that there is still a requirement for a local government to have a Complaints Officer (section 5.120 of the Local Government Act 1995), to process allegations of 'Rules of Conduct' breaches, and these alleged breaches are still to be referred to the Local Government Standards Panel (refer Division 4 of the Model Code of Conduct). The position of Chief Executive Officer is currently the complaints officer.

In time, with the development of templates by industry or the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), Local Governments can determine the most appropriate and effective process for dealing with complaints under Division 3 of the Code of Conduct and how they are prioritised and managed. Having such processes at the moment is not required by the law and nor considered critical.



Statutory Environment

Sections of the Acts, Regulations and/or Local Laws that apply to this item include:

- Local Government Act 1995
- Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2021
- Local Government Regulations Amendment (Employee Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021
- Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021.

Resources and further reading for local governments include:

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https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/docs/default-source/local-government/local-government-act-review/model-code-of-conduct-guidelines.pdf?sfvrsn=b507b9c3 0

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Policy Implications

The Council's existing Code of Conduct, listed as Policy number 1.1, must be repealed, as the Act and Regulations now stipulates there are to be at least two separate Codes, one for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates, and another for local government employees.



Strategic Implications

Shire of Westonia Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027

Objective 4. Civic Leadership Objective (Continually enhance the Shire's organisational capacity to service the needs of a growing community)

Outcome: 4.1 An efficient and effective organisation

Strategy: 4.1.1 Continually improve operational efficiencies and provide effective services

Strategy: 4.1.2 Continue to enhance communication and transparency

Outcome: 4.2 An employer of choice

Strategy: 4.2.1 Provide a positive, desirable workplace



Financial Implications

There are no known meaningful financial implications relative to this matter in excess of officer time and minor administrative cost.



Voting Requirements

☐ Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That with respect to the new Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates for a local government election, Council;

- 1. Repeal the existing Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Employees listed as Policy 1.1;
- 2. Note that pursuant to section 5.51A of the Local Government Act 1995, the Chief Executive Officer will be preparing an interim Code of Conduct for all employees of the Shire, including the Chief Executive Officer, based on the repealed version, prior to any model being available from WALGA.
- 3. Pursuant to section 5.104 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopt the new Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates for local government elections for Westonia, listed as Attachment 2, subject to the the deletion of the word 'work' in clause 5 and replacement of it with the word 'working' and request the Chief Executive Officer to ensure all Elected Members and Committee Members are aware if its content
- 4. Pursuant to the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021;
 - a. Clause 11 (2), adopt the form for lodging complaints, listed as Attachment 3;
 - b. Clause 11 (3), authorise the following persons to receive Division 3 complaints and withdrawals of same, relating to about Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates:
 - i. Complaints about Council Members or candidates for elections that become Council Members, excluding those made by the Shire President the Shire President;
 - ii. Complaints made by the Shire President excluding those made by the Deputy Shire President the Deputy Shire President;
 - iii. Complaints about the Shire President the Deputy Shire President; and
 - iv. Complaints about the Deputy Shire President made by the Shire President a committee comprising the remaining Council Members.
- 5. Pursuant to sections 5.551A (3) and 5.104 (7) of the Local Government Act 1995, request the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that both of the updated / adopted Codes of Conduct are published on the Shire's official website, as soon as practical.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier Seconded:

12/02-21

That with respect to the new Model Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates for a local government election, Council;

1. Repeal the existing Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Employees listed as Policy 1.1;

Cr Della Bosca

- Note that pursuant to section 5.51A of the Local Government Act 1995, the Chief Executive Officer will be preparing an interim Code of Conduct for all employees of the Shire, including the Chief Executive Officer, based on the repealed version, prior to any model being available from WALGA.
- 3. Pursuant to section 5.104 of the Local Government Act 1995, adopt the new Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates for local government elections for Westonia, listed as Attachment 2, subject to the the deletion of the word 'work' in clause 5 and replacement of it with the word 'working' and request the Chief Executive Officer to ensure all Elected Members and Committee Members are aware if its content
- 4. Pursuant to the Local Government (Model Code of Conduct) Regulations 2021:
 - a. Clause 11 (2), adopt the form for lodging complaints, listed as Attachment3:
 - b. Clause 11 (3), authorise the following persons to receive Division 3 complaints and withdrawals of same, relating to about Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates:
 - i. Complaints about Council Members or candidates for elections that become Council Members, excluding those made by the Shire President – the Shire President;
 - ii. Complaints made by the Shire President excluding those made by the Deputy Shire President – the Deputy Shire President;
 - iii. Complaints about the Shire President the Deputy Shire President; and
 - iv. Complaints about the Deputy Shire President made by the Shire President a committee comprising the remaining Council Members.
- 5. Pursuant to sections 5.551A (3) and 5.104 (7) of the Local Government Act 1995, request the Chief Executive Officer to ensure that both of the updated / adopted Codes of Conduct are published on the Shire's official website, as soon as practical.

CARRIED 4/1 By Absolute Majority

11.2 SECOND HAND TRANSPORTABLE TENDER – OLD SCHOOL PROJECT

Responsible Officer: Jamie Criddle, CEO **Author:** Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference: t
Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Attachments:

Signature: Officer CEO

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Purpose of the Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

Present second hand transportable tenders for consideration.



Background

The Shire is eligible for a grant of up to \$248,865 under the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI) Program Extension. This funding will be available from 1 January 2021, with the Program being extended until the end of 2021. Council resolved in November 2020 to utilize the funds to redevelop the Old School Accommodation Precinct and purchase upto 20 secondhand transportable units for the site.



Comment

The Shire of Westonia invited tenders for the supply of up to (5) 4 Bedroom Fully Ensuited Second Hand Transportable Accommodation units to be located at the Westonia "Old School" Precinct in the Westonia townsite.

Tenders are to be submitted and lodged in the Tender Box at the Shire Office at 41 Wolfram Street, Westonia WA 6423, no later than 5.00 pm on Wednesday 8th January 2021.

It has been quite difficult to formulate the tender of second hand units as they my be sold at any time leaving Council with no buildings.

In accordance with the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations, Regulation 14(2a) the following criteria were utilised to assess the tenders submitted:

- (a) Demonstrated experience in completing similar projects;
- (b) Skills & experience of key personnel; and
- (c) Financial capability to complete this project along with having suitable insurances.

Tenders were received as follows:

To be presented at the meeting

Assessment of tenders against compliance criteria:

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| Tenderer | Experience (50%) | Personnel (25%) | Resources (25%) | weighted Score |
| SM Transportables | 45 | 20 | 20 | 85 |
| Fox Manufacturing | 45 | 20 | 20 | 85 |
| ACERO Construction | 40 | 20 | 20 | 80 |
| Steel Homes | 40 | 20 | 20 | 80 |



Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995, section 3.57 – tenders for providing goods or services and the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations, section 4.



Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter



Strategic Implications

Increased housing capacity in Westonia, particularly seasonal workers



Financial Implications

\$248,865 under the Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI) Program Extension has been allocated in the 2020/21 Budget to facilitate the purchase of additional multipurpose housing.

Council will be committed to contribute some funds to the project, both cash and in-kind.

Voting Requirements

X

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council accept the tender submitted by (SM Transportables) for the construction of up to 5 (4 room) second hand transportable Accommodation units at the tendered price of \$42,000 each plus GST and plus any additional extras including transport.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Corsini

Seconded:

Cr Jefferys

13/02-21

That Council accept the tender submitted by (SM Transportables) for the construction of up to 5 (4 room) second hand transportable Accommodation units at the tendered price of \$42,000 each plus GST and plus any additional extras including transport.

CARRIED 5/0

11.3 LETTER OF SUPPORT – SHIRE OF MERREDIN CBD REVITALISATION PROJECT

Responsible Officer: Jamie Criddle, CEO Author: Jasmine Geier, Manager of Corporate Services File Reference: F1.4.4 Audit Report **Disclosure of Interest:** Nil Attachment 9.1.3 GST Report **Attachments:** Signature: Officer **CEO Purpose of the Report** |X|**Executive Decision** Legislative Requirement

On Monday 15 February 2021, the Shire of Merredin CEO, Mr. Mark Dacombe wrote to the Executive Officer with a request for a letter of support from WEROC Inc. for an application to Round 5 of the Building Better Regions Fund.

The Shire of Merredin is applying for funding to undertake Stage 1 of a multi-stage redevelopment of the Merredin central business district (CBD). Mr. Dacombe advised that the Shire have been working on plans for the revitalization of the CBD since at least 2008. The community was first engaged on the future design of the CBD in early 2009 and the initial concept plan was well received.



Background

In the Shire of Merredin Strategic Community Plan 2012-2018, the revitalization of the CBD was identified as a very high priority. In 2017 the project was further developed within the context of the State Governments' Regional Centers Growth planning initiative. Funding for the project did not eventuate and the Shire has undertaken less ambitious improvement over the years as budgets allowed.

The CBD revitalization has again come into prominence through the Shire of Merredin's recent community engagement and is identified as the top strategic project in the Shire's draft Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030, alongside economic development funding opportunities related to COVID-19 recovery. A such, the Shire now intends to vigorously pursue funding for a comprehensive CBD revitalization project. A copy of the project concept and draft letter of support have been provided as attachments to the meeting agenda.

Absolute Majority



OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council provide a letter of support for applications to Round 5 of the Building Better Regions fund for the Shire of Merredin's CBD revitalisation project.

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Moved: Cr Corsini Seconded: Cr Jefferys

14/02-21 That Council That WEROC Inc. provide letters of support for applications to Round 5 of the

Building Better Regions fund for the Shire of Merredin's CBD revitalisation project, and the

Shire of Kellerberrin's Swimming Pool Redevelopment.

CARRIED 5/0

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on 18th March 2021 commencing at 3.30pm

13 MEETING CLOSURE

There being no further business the President, Cr Day declared the meeting closed at 6.03pm