

Minutes

Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers, Wolfram Street Westonia Thursday 16th March 2017

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

These minutes were confirmed by the Council on 16 March 2017 as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 20 April 2017.

Cr Karin Day
Shire President

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President, Cr Day welcomed Councillors and staff and declared the meeting open at 3.48pm. A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect for the following former resident who had recently passed away:

Kim Chance

2. ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors:

Cr KM Day President

Cr D Hermon Deputy President

Cr RS Corsini Cr ML Geier Cr JJ Jefferys WJ Huxtable

Staff:

Mr. JC Criddle Chief Executive Officer

Mr. AW Price Works Supervisor (5.03pm – 5.47pm)

Members of the Public: Nil
Apologies: Nil
Approved Leave of Absence: Nil

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (3.48pm - 4.03pm)

Nil

4. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 16 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hermon Seconded: Cr Huxtable

01/03-17 That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Thursday 16 February 2017 be

confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 6/0

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of Council held on Thursday 16 February 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

RESOLUTION	

Moved: Cr Hermon Seconded: Cr Huxtable

02/03-17 That the minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of Council held on Thursday 16 February

2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

CARRIED 6/0

6. RECEIVAL OF MINUTES

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the Newtravel Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 be received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier Seconded: Cr Corsini

03/03-17 That the minutes of the Newtravel Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 be

received.

CARRIED 6/0

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the minutes of the LEMC Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 be received.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geier Seconded: Cr Corsini

04/03-17 That the minutes of the LEMC Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 be received.

CARRIED 6/0

7. PRESIDENT/COUNCILLORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Shire visit from the Shire of Narembeen pertaining to the Shire's involvement with new mining operations starting up with Cr Hermon and the Chief Executive Officer.
- WALGA Training Courses in Kellerberrin with Cr's Hermon and Corsini.
- Community Resource Centre committee meeting with Cr Corsini.

Cr Hermon advised having attended the following meeting:

• LEMC meeting in Southern Cross with Works Supervisor and the Chief Executive Officer.

Cr Geier advised having attended the following meeting:

• Westonia Historical Society (Museum) AGM with Stacey 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 **16 MARCH 2017.**

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 **16 MARCH 2017.**

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 **16 MARCH 2017.**

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:Kay Geier, Senior Finance OfficerFile Reference:F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements

Disclosure of Interest: Ni

Attachments: Attachment 9.1.1 List of Accounts

Signature: Officer CEO



Executive Decision



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.

Legislative Requirement

X



Attached is a copy of Accounts for Payment for the month of February 2017. The credit card statements currently show: -

CEO February 17 \$1161.04 associated with the purchase of; Diesel, check traction lights with

scan tool OWT, Activ8me Jan charges – Office, CEO, WORKS residences,

Works Supervisor February 17 \$556.25 associated with the purchase of; Diesel, Recharge Works ipad,

various retic fittings, 12 station controllers,



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.



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



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

Financial Implications

Expenditure in accordance with the 2016/2017 Annual Budget.

Voting Requirements

X

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That February 2017 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3496 to 3509 and D/Debits EFT2038 to EFT2346 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$481,230.49 be passed for payment.

RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Hermon

Seconded:

Cr Corsini

05/03-17

That February 2017 accounts submitted to today's meeting on Municipal vouchers 3496 to 3509 and D/Debits EFT2038 to EFT2346 (inclusive of Department of Planning and Infrastructure / Creditor and Bank Fees Directly Debited and Visa Card Payments) totalling \$481,230.49 be passed for payment.

9.1.2 **MONTHLY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY - FEBRUARY 2017 Responsible Officer:** Jamie Criddle, CEO Author: Kay Geier, Senior Finance Officer File Reference: F1.3.3 Monthly Financial Statements **Disclosure of Interest:** Attachment 9.1.2 Monthly Statement of Financial Activity Attachments: Signature: Officer CEO **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. Comment

The Monthly Statement of Financial Activity for the period ending 28th February 2017 is attached for Councillor

1. Summary of Bank Balances

information, and consists of:

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



Statutory Environment

General Financial Management of Council Council 2015/2016 Budget Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 34 1996 Local Government Act 1995 section 6.4



Policy Implications

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%.



Strategic Implications

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



Financial Implications

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



Voting Requirements

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Simple Majority



Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 28th February 2017 and note any material variances greater than \$10,000 or 15%.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hermon Seconded: Cr Corsini

06/03-17 That Council adopt the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending 28th February 2017 and

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

9.1.3 GST RECONCILIATION REPORT – February 2017

Resp	oonsible Officer:	Jamie Criddle, CE	0			
Autl	hor:	Kay Geier, Senior	Finance Officer	-		
	Reference:	F1.4.4 Audit Repo	rt			
	losure of Interest:	Nil				
Atta	chments:	Attachment 9.1.3	GST Report			
Sign	ature:	Officer		CEO	/	
		KE	y eiel		Jamo	
	Purpose of the Report					
	Executive Decision	\boxtimes	Legislative R	equirement		
	Background					
	Reconciled Balance of the GST ded to Council on a monthly b	_	_	•	_	
	Comment					
The G	ST Reconciliation Report is at	tached for Councillo	or consideratio	n.		
	Statutory Environment					
Nil						
	Policy Implications					
Coun	cil does not have a policy in re	egards to Goods and	Services Tax.			
	Strategic Implications					
Nil						
	Financial Implications					
	ST reconciliation is presented to the conciliation is presented to the concil's cash-flow.	to Council as a mea	ans of indicating	g Council's cur	rrent GST liability,	which has an
	Voting Requirements					
\boxtimes	Simple Majority		Absolute Ma	ajority		
OFF	ICED DECOMMENDATIONS					

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the GST Reconciliation totaling (\$19,301) for the period ending 28th February 2017 be adopted.

Moved:

RESOLUTION

Cr Geier Seconded: Cr Huxtable

07/03-17 That the GST Reconciliation totalling (\$19,301) for the period ending 28th February 2017 be

adopted.

9.1.4 BUDGET REVIEW 2016/17

Responsible Officer:

Author:

Jamie Criddle, CEO

Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference:

ES1.6.1

Nil

Attachments:

Nil

Signature:

Officer

CEO



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.
- 2. 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 28 February 2017 has been completed and is presented for Council's consideration.



Comment

In adopting the 2016/2017 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 2017.



Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995,

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996



Policy Implications

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



Strategic Implications

Effective financial control.

Nil.	Financial Implications		
	Voting Requirements		
	Simple Majority	\boxtimes	Absolute Majority
OFFIC	ER RECOMMENDATIONS		

That Council

- 1. Receive the 2016/2017 Budget Review for the period ending 28th February 2017 and adopt the recommended Budget/Variation figures as presented.
- 2. Forward the review to the Department of Local Government as per the requirements of the act.

RESOLUTIO	N			
Moved:	Cr Huxtable	Seconded:	Cr Jefferys	
08/03-17	That Council			

- 1. Receive the 2016/2017 Budget Review for the period ending 28th February 2017 and adopt the recommended Budget/Variation figures as presented.
- 2. Forward the review to the Department of Local Government as per the requirements of the act.

9.1.5 COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN 2016

Responsible Officer:
Author:
Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference:
Disclosure of Interest:
Nil

Attachments:
Nil

Signature:

Officer

CEO



Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement



Background

In accordance with the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996, a local government is required to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1st January to 31st December each year against the requirements included in the Compliance Audit Return (CAR).

The completed CAR is required to be presented to Council for consideration and adoption, signed by the Shire President and CEO and subsequently submitted to the Director General of the Department of Local Government before 31st March next following.



Comment

The Compliance Audit Return has been a mandatory requirement since the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1999, were amended and made applicable from 1 January 2000.

All senior staff have been involved in the completion of the Compliance Audit Return, certifying their actions and that of the Council, relating to the return covering the 2016 calendar year.

Staff involved and included in the process included;

- · Chief Executive Officer
- Senior Finance Officer
- Works Supervisor

The Return is to be jointly certified by the Shire President and the Chief Executive and subsequently submitted to the Director General of the Department of Local Government before 31st March.

Additionally staffing levels in small local governments are such that we do not have the quantum or degree of specialisation available to larger local governments. Hence not every question in the CAR has been "fully" researched as to absolute accuracy. The responses are based on some research and memory and made in good faith.



Statutory Environment

Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 – Regulations 13, 14 & 15 – Compliance Audit Returns.



Policy Implications

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

	Strategic Implications		
The Lo	cal Government Act 1995 and Local Go	vernment	t (Audit) Regulations 1996 apply.
Nil.	Financial Implications		
	Voting Requirements		
	Simple Majority	\boxtimes	Absolute Majority
OFFIC	ER RECOMMENDATIONS		

That Council:

- 1. receives the Compliance Audit Return 2016; and
- 2. recommends to Council that the Compliance Audit Return 2016 be endorsed and authorise the Shire President and CEO to sign the CAR for dispatch to the Department of Local Government as per the requirements of the Act.

RESOLUTIO	N			
Moved:	Cr Corsini	Seconded:	Cr Hermon	
09/03-17	That Council:			

- 1. receives the Compliance Audit Return 2016; and
- 2. recommends to Council that the Compliance Audit Return 2016 be endorsed and authorise the Shire President and CEO to sign the CAR for dispatch to the Department of Local Government as per the requirements of the Act.

9.1.6 WRITE OFF ACCRUED INTEREST – M NICOLETTI

Responsible Officer: Author: File Reference: Disclosure of Interest:		Jamie Criddle, CEO					
		Stacey Geier, Rates R1.1.11					
Signat		Officer		CEO		- · ·	
Jigila		Stacey Geier		CLO	/		
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	Purpose of the Report						
	Executive Decision		\boxtimes	Legislative R	equirement		
	Background						
	rdance with S 6.12 (1)(c) of rror raising due to a Valuer			uncil decision	in writing off o	of rates (interest) due	
	Comment						
	llowing outstanding rates Ingreasons:	Debtor amounts req	uires a n	notion from (Council to have	e written off for the	
1.	Rates Notice A6575						
2.	Valuer General amalgama	ation of properties re	esulting i	n interest acci	rued due to ne	ew assessment being	
3.	created. The total amount of debtor write-off amount to \$ \$225.61						
	Statutory Environment						
S 6.12 (1)(c) of the Local Governme	ent Act 1995.					
	Policy Implications						
Council	does not have a policy in re	elation to this matter	·.				
	Strategic Implications						
Effectiv	ve financial control.						
	Financial Implications						
An adju	ustment of \$225.61.						
	Voting Requirements						
	Simple Majority	\boxtimes	Absolut	e Majority			

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council agrees in accordance with S 6.12 (1)(c) of the Local Government Act, to write-off an amount of \$225.61 from outstanding rates debtors, being interest accrued due to new assessment being created.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Corsini Seconded: Cr Geier

10/03-17 That Council agrees in accordance with S 6.12 (1)(c) of the Local Government Act, to write-off an amount of \$ 225.61 from outstanding rates debtors, being interest accrued due to new

assessment being created.

9.2 COMMUNITY AND REGULATORY SERVICE

NIL

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 Jefferys Seconded: Cr Geier

11/03-17 That Council accepts three items of late business.

CARRIED 6/0

11.1.1 CHANGE OF ORDINARY MEETING DATE – APRIL 2017

Responsible Officer:Jamie Criddle, CEOAuthor:Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference:

Disclosure of Interest: Nil Attachments: Nil

Signature: Officer CEO

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Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



Legislative Requirement



Background

For Council to consider moving the April Ordinary Council Meeting to allow for the Shire President to attend the State Development Commission Regional Development Council meeting on Thursday 20th April as Tim Shackleton, (WDC Chair) can't attend. It is with the other Regional Development Commission's chairs, Governor and new Regional Development Minister & staff.



Comment

At the Ordinary Council Meeting held 18 October 2016 Council resolved unanimously (08/10-16) to accept the following dates, times and locations for Ordinary Council Meetings:

Ordinary Council meetings:

February – Thursday 16th March – Thursday 16th

April – Thursday 20th May – Thursday 18th

June – Thursday 15th July – Thursday 20th

August – Thursday 17th September–Thursday 21st

October – Thursday 19th November–Thursday 16th

December – Thursday 21st;

with all meetings commencing at 3.30pm in the Council Chamber, Wolfram Street, Westonia.

Audit Committee meeting:

The Audit Committee meetings is at this stage proposed for the following dates:

April - Thursday 20th

August - Thursday 17th

October - Thursday 19th

Thursday 21st December 2017; at 3.00pm in the Council Chamber



Statutory Environment

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1995:

- 5.3. Ordinary and special council meetings
- (1) A Council is to hold Ordinary Meetings and may hold special meetings
- (2) Ordinary meetings are to be held not more than three months apart.
- 5.5. Convening council meetings
- (1) The CEO is to convene an ordinary meeting by giving each Council member at least 72 hours notice of the date, time and place of the meeting and an agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, Section 12:

Meetings, public notice of

- (1) At least once each year a local government is to give local public notice of the dates on which and the time and place at which —
- (a) the ordinary council meetings;

are to be held in the next 12 months.

(2) A local government is to give local public notice of any change to the date, time or place of a meeting referred to in subregulation (1).



Policy Implications

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



Strategic Implications

Nil.



Financial Implications

Nil.



Voting Requirements

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Simple Majority

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Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

In accordance with Regulation 12(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, that notice be given that the Ordinary Council Meeting previously scheduled to be held at 3.30pm, 20 April 2017, will now be held at 3.30pm, 28 April 2017.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Hermon Seconded: Cr Jefferys

12/03-17

In accordance with Regulation 12(2) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, that notice be given that the Ordinary Council Meeting previously scheduled to be held at 3.30pm, 20 April 2017, will now be held at 3.30pm, 28 April 2017.

CARRIED 6/0

11.1.2 REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PLAN

Responsible Officer:

Author:

Jamie Criddle, CEO

File Reference:

Disclosure of Interest:

Attachments:

Nil

Signature:

Officer

CEO









Summary

This report recommends that the process detailed in this agenda item be adopted for the review of the Shire of Westonia Community Strategic Plan.



Background

In June 2013, Council, after a concerted process of community consultation and after the preparation of a number of informing strategies adopted the Shire of Westonia Community Strategic Plan for the 10 year period from July 2013. Most of this work was done in-house with consultants only being engaged for the Asset Strategy which had to be compiled using professional valuations of the Shire's assets.

The principal "living part" of the Community Strategic Plan is in the area of identifying key themes and objectives, determining what actions are to be taken to progress those objectives and establishing key performance indicators as a measurement tool.

A status report on the key themes (Social, Environment, Economic and Civic Leadership) has been prepared which shows that significant inroads have been made towards meeting the objectives within the plan, particularly with respect to new or improved infrastructure projects.

Legislation requires that the Community Strategic Plan is subject to a major review every 4 years with the following questions being put to the community:

- Where are we now?
- Where do we want to be?
- How do we get there?

All Councillors have previously been issued with the voluminous integrated planning and reporting documents which may also be accessed on the Shires website www.westonia.wa.gov.au



Comment

The first stage of the review is to embark on the community engagement process:

The current Shire of Westonia Community Engagement Strategy details the principles, objectives and engagement techniques and options.

When considering how best to engage with the community as part of this review, the following factors have been taken into account:

- 1. While community consultation is a critical component of the exercise, it is important not to overburden the community with too many meetings and surveys as this can be counterproductive;
- 2. Community engagement has to be more than just an invitation for participants to simply provide an unfunded "wish list". Given the tight grant funding situation at both the Federal and State levels of government and the fact that ratepayers would be unlikely to support rate increases much above the current low rate of inflation, the financial constraints to which local government is subject, has to be brought into the equation to assist the prioritisation process;
- 3. A snapshot of major projects currently being staged along with their financial implications needs to be part of the informing process.

Given the above, it is suggested that the community consultation process comprise of the following:

- 1. Introduction paper prepared to initially engage the community in the process (April/May);
- 2. Fact sheet prepared and circulated to inform the community of the current status of the Community Strategic Plan (April/May);
- 3. Fact sheet prepared on the current financial environment in which the Shire is operating in terms of government grants and rate levels (April/May);
- 4. "Round table" public meetings to be to be held after the Ordinary Council meetings in June, facilitation of these meeting to be conducted by staff;
- 5. Outcomes from public meetings to be collated and made public (July/August);
- 6. Public survey to be circulated along the lines of the survey for the inaugural Community Strategic Plan; (August)
- 7. Community Strategic Plan Developed along with other plans and informing strategies and adopted in mid-late 2017.



Statutory Environment

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 - r 19C

19C. Strategic community plans, requirements for (Act s. 5.56)

- (1) A local government is to ensure that a strategic community plan is made for its district in accordance with this regulation in respect of each financial year after the financial year ending 30 June 2013.
- (2) A strategic community plan for a district is to cover the period specified in the plan, which is to be at least 10 financial years.
- (3) A strategic community plan for a district is to set out the vision, aspirations and objectives of the community in the district.
- (4) A local government is to review the current strategic community plan for its district at least once every 4 years.
- (5) In making or reviewing a strategic community plan, a local government is to have regard to —
- (a) the capacity of its current resources and the anticipated capacity of its future resources; and
- (b) strategic performance indicators and the ways of measuring its strategic performance by the application of those indicators; and
- (c) demographic trends.
- (6) Subject to subregulation (9), a local government may modify its strategic community plan, including extending the period the plan is made in respect of.
- (7) A council is to consider a strategic community plan, or modifications of such a plan, submitted to it and is to determine* whether or not to adopt the plan or the modifications.
- *Absolute majority required.
- (8) If a strategic community plan is, or modifications of a strategic community plan are, adopted by the council, the plan or modified plan applies to the district for the period specified in the plan.
- (9) A local government is to ensure that the electors and ratepayers of its district are consulted during the development of a strategic community plan and when preparing modifications of a strategic community plan.
- (10) A strategic community plan for a district is to contain a description of the involvement of the electors and ratepayers of the district in the development of the plan or the preparation of modifications of the plan.



Policy Implications

Council Policy 1.4 Community Engagement Council Policy 1.5 Asset Management



Strategic Implications

The Community Strategic Plan is the principal plan articulating the priorities of the community and determining how those priorities will be resourced and brought through to completion.



Financial Implications

Given that it is intended to manage the community strategic planning process by using in – house resources rather than external consultants (apart from the asset management/ valuation components for which a Reserve fund has been established), there should not be any financial implications outside of the usual operational costs of the Shire.

Voting Requirements

X

Simple Majority

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

That the following process be adopted for the review of the Shire of Westonia Community Strategic Plan:

- 1. Introduction paper prepared to initially engage the community in the process (April/May);
- 2. Fact sheet prepared and circulated to inform the community of the current status of the Community Strategic Plan (April/May);
- 3. Fact sheet prepared on the current financial environment in which the Shire is operating in terms of government grants and rate levels (April/May);
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RESOLUTION

Moved:

Cr Corsini

Seconded:

Cr Hermon

13/03-17

That the following process be adopted for the review of the Shire of Westonia Community Strategic Plan:

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- 7. Community Strategic Plan Developed along with other plans and informing strategies and adopted in mid-late 2017.

CARRIED 6/0

12 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 20 April 2017 commencing at 3.30pm

13 MEETING CLOSURE

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