



South Metropolitan Zone

Minutes

27 April 2021

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Hosted by the City of Kwinana
Held via Microsoft Teams
Monday 27 April 2021 commenced at 5:30 pm

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MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Cockburn	Mayor Logan Howlett JP Mr Tony Brun, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
Town of East Fremantle	Cr Tony Natale Cr Kerry Donovan Mr Gary Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Fremantle	Cr Doug Thompson - Chair Cr Geoff Graham Cr Andrew Sullivan Mr Philip St John, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Kwinana	Mayor Carol Adams OAM Cr Sandra Lee Cr Matthew Rowse Mr Wayne Jack, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Melville	Cr Duncan McPhail
WALGA Secretariat	Zac Donovan, Executive manager Commercial and Communications Jo Burges, Intergovernmental Relations and Risk Senior Advisor Kelly McManus, Principal Policy and Advocacy
DLGSC Representative	Carmen Chia Legislation Officer Regulatory Services Tim Fraser, Director Local Government
Guest Speaker	Acting Deputy Commissioner Operations Jon Broomhall, Department of Fire and Emergency Services Corrine Hawke, NBN Co.

APOLOGIES

City of Rockingham	Cr Mark Jones Cr Deb Hamblin Cr Hayley Edwards Mr Michael Parker, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
City of Cockburn	Cr Chamonix Terblanche Cr Tom Widenbar Cr Chontelle Stone
Town of East Fremantle	Cr Cliff Collinson
City of Melville	Cr June Barton Cr Steve Kepert Mr Marten Tieleman, Chief Executive Officer -
Guest Speaker	Commissioner Darren Klemm AFSM, Department of Fire and Emergency Services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

Confirmation of Attendance An attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting, please register your attendance by printing your name against your Council on the attendance sheet.

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

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

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Elected Members must declare to the Chairman 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 Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Acting Deputy Commissioner Operations Jon Broomhall presented and updated the Zone on emergency services matters.

2.2 NBN Co – Corinne Hawke

Ms Corrine Hawke presented to the Zone on NBN matters.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams OAM

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone held on 22 February 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

4. BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 Nil

4.2 Status Report

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

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 Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: Cr Sandra Lee

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 - d. Current Ratio.
 - e. Asset Management Ratio
2. Request the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to review the Asset Management ratios in consultation with the Local Government sector to determine the most appropriate asset management ratio to be reported upon.
 3. 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.

CARRIED

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.

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.

5.4 Review of the State Industrial Relations System

MOTION

Moved: Cr Andrew Sullivan
Seconded: Cr Geoff Graham

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.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: Cr Sandra Lee

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3. Subject to positive confirmation of the government's intention to re-introduce legislation that will require all Local Governments to operate within the State Industrial Relations System, State Council on behalf of the Local Government sector, consider informing each member of Parliament to the costs to be borne by Local Government (and ultimately the rate payer) should the legislation be introduced without modernising the State Industrial Relations System.

CARRIED

The Amendment became the substantive motion.

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: Cr Sandra Lee

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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 Carol Adams OAM

Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the South Metropolitan Zone

- 1. **Supports Matters for Decision 5.2 and 5.3 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

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Nil

7. OTHER BUSINESS

8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

8.1 WALGA President's Report

Zac Donovan, Executive Manager Commercial and Communications, WALGA presented the President's Report.

Noted

9.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

WALGA State Councillor, Mayor Logan Howlett JP presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

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

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representatives, Tim Fraser, Executive Director Local Government and Carmen Chia, Legislation Officer Regulatory Services updated the Zone on any 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.

- Clarification on the operational duties of the Independent chair in relation to the recently released Regulations.

Noted

10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone will be held Monday 28 June 2021 at a venue to be confirmed (likely City of Melville) commencing at 5.30 pm.

Noted

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:35pm.