



CITY OF VINCENT

NOTES

Council Briefing

15 October 2024

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**NOTES OF CITY OF VINCENT
COUNCIL BRIEFING
HELD AS E-MEETING AND AT THE ADMINISTRATION AND CIVIC CENTRE,
244 VINCENT STREET, LEEDERVILLE
ON TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2024 AT 6.00PM**

PRESENT:	<p>Mayor Alison Xamon Cr Alex Castle Cr Ron Alexander Cr Suzanne Worner Cr Nicole Woolf Cr Jonathan Hallett Cr Ashley Wallace Cr Sophie Greer Cr Ashlee La Fontaine</p>	<p>Presiding Member North Ward North Ward North Ward North Ward South Ward South Ward South Ward South Ward</p>
IN ATTENDANCE:	<p>David MacLennan Peter Varris Rhys Taylor Jay Naidoo Karsen Reynolds Prue Reddingius Dale Morrissy Lisa Williams Emma Simmons Joslin Colli Wendy Barnard</p>	<p>Chief Executive Officer Executive Director Infrastructure & Environment A/Executive Director Community & Business Services A/Executive Director Strategy & Development A/Manager Development & Design (left at 6.03pm before Item 5.2) Manager Public Health & Built Environment (left at 6.05pm after Item 5.2) Manager Community Facilities (left at 6.10pm after Item 6.1) Executive Manager Communications & Engagement (left at 6.15pm during Item 8.2) Senior Governance and Projects Officer Executive Manager Corporate Strategy & Governance Mayor and Council Support</p>
Public:	No members of the public.	

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Presiding Member, Alison Xamon, declared the meeting open at 6.00pm and read the following Acknowledgement of Country statement:

“The City of Vincent would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation and pay our respects to Elders past and present. We also acknowledge that the City of Vincent has a role in working towards reconciliation and justice for First Nations people.”

2 APOLOGIES / MEMBERS ON APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND RECEIVING OF PUBLIC STATEMENTS

There being no speakers, Public Question Time closed at approximately 6.01pm.

The following statements were received in writing prior to the meeting.

Adam Kapinkoff of Perth – Item 8.2

Firstly, apologies for not being present this evening at the Council Briefing session.

By way of background, ARK Group are an experienced, intergenerational hospitality and property group that has operated in Western Australia for over five decades.

The group has operated sixteen venues during this time throughout regional and metropolitan Western Australia and sold seven venues to Australian Venue Co in August 2022. Currently, the group operates the Paddington Alehouse, JB O'Reilly's and Brisbane Hotel with all sites earmarked for development and investment.

The iconic and historic Brisbane Hotel presents a unique opportunity to expand the operating footprint to create a community asset that responds to the evolving locality, expectations of the modern consumer and the ability to cater for guests at the proximally located HBF Park pre and post events.

The intention at a high level (subject to further design development, approvals etc.) is to sympathetically renovate the existing hotel which has operated since 1898 acknowledging its history and character, renovate the existing courtyard space, create a family friendly zone, maintain the mature trees onsite, maintain the comedy lounge on level one (which has operated since 1990) and expand back of house facilities to include a new class A commercial kitchen with a woodfired pizza oven, woodfired grills and rotisserie to support improved food service for guests.

The group's most recent and comparable development is the award-winning Bassendean Hotel, completed in conjunction with Woods Bagot.

This transformed the dated hotel into a sprawling, multi-experiential, family and community focused venue with two new courtyards, bespoke playground, six bars, two kitchens and eight zones, including function facilities.

The development has positively contributed to the activation and vibrancy of the Bassendean Town Centre, provided community amenity and functioned as a catalyst for further private investment into the area.

The administration have outlined the planning considerations and benefits associated with the Right of Way (RoW) closure and sale of the adjoining car bays to ARK in the Council Briefing session and their support for our proposal.

ARK Group have the passion, development experience, financial capacity and operational knowledge to deliver a high-quality community amenity, in the public interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Bradley Woods of West Perth – Item 8.2

The Australian Hotels Association WA (AHA(WA)) supports the request from the Brisbane Hotel owners to close by acquisition and amalgamate the private right of way known as Lot 66 on Diagram 501; and excise and sell seven parking bays within the Brisbane Street car park for exclusive use by the Brisbane Hotel.

The AHA(WA) recognises that the acquisition and investment in the Brisbane Hotel from Queenrise Corporation Pty Ltd (ARK Group) this year is an exciting opportunity to provide expansion and upgrades to the well-loved venue.

Approval of the acquisition request would facilitate the hotels desire to extend the courtyard space and allow for significant investment into the hotel to create a dynamic, multi-faceted hospitality experience that can cater for the community and families in the City of Vincent area.

Importantly, this will assist in enhancing a quality guest experience pre and post HBF Park events to cater for locals and tourists alike.

We have reviewed the content of the application and believe the approval will unlock the full potential of the proposed development providing scale and the ability to create a variety of hospitality experiences with an appropriate amount of back of house to support the operation.

We strongly recommend the Council make a favourable decision to support continued investment and expansion of the hotel by approving this development. We consider it will provide a much-needed enhancement to the hospitality offerings in the City of Vincent.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cr Suzanne Worner declared a financial interest in Item 7.5 Underground Power - North Perth Mount Hawthorn - service charges & Co-Funding agreement. The extent of her interest is that she owns property in the first underground power project area.

Cr Suzanne Worner declared a financial interest in Item 5.1 No. 10 (Lot: 2545; D/P: 143599) Farmer Street, North Perth - Alterations and Additions Recreation Facility (Woodville Reserve) (Unauthorised Existing Development) The extent of her interest is that her son is employed at the North Perth Bowling Club.

Cr Nicole Woolf declared an impartiality interest in Item 5.1 No. 10 (Lot: 2545; D/P: 143599) Farmer Street, North Perth - Alterations and Additions Recreation Facility (Woodville Reserve) (Unauthorised Existing Development) The extent of her interest is that she is a social member of the North Perth Bowling Club.

Cr Nicole Woolf declared an impartiality interest in Item 8.3 Information Bulletin. The extent of her interest is that she is a former member of the Stop the Station Community Group.

REPORTS

The Presiding Member, Mayor Alison Xamon, requested Council Members to indicate:

Items which Council Members wish to discuss which have not already been the subject of a public question/comment and the following was advised:

COUNCIL MEMBER	ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED
Cr Alexander	7.4
Cr Woolf	5.2 and 8.3
Cr Wallace	7.5
Cr Greer	6.1, 7.3 and 8.2

At 6.03pm A/Manager Development & Design left the meeting and did not return.

REPORTS WITH DISCUSSION

5.2 PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN (2020 - 2025) - ANNUAL REVIEW 4

Attachments: 1. Annual Review 4 - Public Health Plan - 2020-2025 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council NOTES the fourth annual review and progress towards the deliverables within the Public Health Plan 2020 – 2025, at Attachment 1.

CR WOOLF:

Additional info about next plan and any additional information regarding when that consultation will be and what form that will take.

MANAGER PUBLIC HEALTH & BUILT ENVIRONMENT:

Administration has commenced development on the next iteration of the City's Public Health Plan (2025-2030). Works are in their infancy and have been limited to engaging with internal business units and undertaking desktop research on the health profile of the Vincent community.

A draft engagement plan to support the development of the next Public Health Plan is intended to be discussed with Council at its October workshop.

Consultation is scheduled to commence in the new year and will be supported by a detailed communications plan. This plan will support engagement and ensure people know what it is about, understand the context of what they are being asked to consider, and are aware of opportunities to have their say. It is proposed engagement activities will include:

- *Imagine Vincent online engagement platform.*
- *Face to face engagement.*
- *Online surveys.*
- *Activations at events and in Town Centres.*
- *Social media, media releases and news items.*

At 6.05pm Manager Public Health & Built Environment left the meeting and did not return.

6.1 LOFTUS RECREATION CENTRE - REVIEW OF ANNUAL LEASE PAYMENTS

Attachments: 1. Belgravia Financial Statements - FY2020/21 to FY2022/23 - Confidential

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. **APPROVES** a variation of lease with Belgravia Health & Leisure Group Pty Ltd (ACN 005 087 463) located at portion of Lot 501 (99) Loftus Street, Leederville as follows:
 - 1.1 Reduction of rent for FY2024/25 by 50% from 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025 in the amount of \$94,143; and
 - 1.2 COVID-19 balance deferred rent repayments amounting to \$14,977.08 to be suspended until 30 June 2025; and
2. Subject to satisfactory negotiations carried out by the Chief Executive Officer, **AUTHORISES** the Mayor and CEO to execute the Deed of Variation of Lease in accordance with the Execution of Documents Policy.

CR GREER:

How was the decision made to close the creche?

MANAGER COMMUNITY FACILITIES:

The decision to close the crèche at Loftus was made by the Belgravia Management team and communicated to the City in March this year. This decision was driven by several factors, including a significant decline in usage and the desire to optimise the space for broader community benefit and financial return.

To provide some context:

- *Over the month prior to closure, only 20 individual parents used the crèche.*
- *While some families attended regularly (3+ days per week), others attended infrequently, with 2 of the 20 families only using the crèche once during the entire month.*
- *Even on the busiest days, the crèche accommodated just 8-10 children at a time, which was a low number compared to previous years.*

After reviewing the data, the management determined that the potential loss in memberships, if all crèche-using members cancelled, was far outweighed by the savings in staffing costs. Furthermore, there was significant potential for repurposing the space to serve other community needs and user groups, providing greater overall benefit to the community and a positive financial return.

At 6.10pm Manager Community Facilities left the meeting and did not return.

7.3 INVESTMENT REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

Attachments: 1. Investment Statistics as at 31 August 2024 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council **NOTES** the Investment Statistics for the month ended 31 August 2024 as detailed in Attachment 1.

NO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

7.4 DRAFT STRETCH RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN 2025-2027

- Attachments:**
1. Draft Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan Deliverables - 2025-2027 
 2. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Guidelines 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council **APPROVES** the proposed '*Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan 2025-2027*' deliverables, at Attachment 1, for the purpose of community consultation.

CR ALEXANDER:

Who are the Elders? Can Administration provide a list?

EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT:

The Vincent's Boordiya (Boss) Reference Group comprises the following Elders and Leaders:

- *Uncle Ben Taylor*
- *Uncle Albert McNamara*
- *Aunty Irene McNamara*
- *Aunty Muriel Bowie*
- *Rodney Cox*
- *Cyril Yarran*

Cheryl Martin and Rosemary Walley have also attended some of their meetings.

To date, the Boordiya Reference Group have provided input and advice towards the development of the draft Plan with input from the City's Internal RAP working group to ensure we have the organisational capacity and budget to deliver it.

It is now time to extend our consultation to other key stakeholders and the broader community.

Other stakeholders invited to provide input include the Whadjuk Aboriginal Corporation, the Noongar Chamber of Commerce, local community groups and businesses.

CR GREER:

It is noted that we will increase Noongar language collection in the library, are there any comments on increasing the Noongar artwork in our art collection?

EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT:

The Place team are looking to commission a Public Art Opportunities Paper in 2025 to address a number of actions in the Arts Plan, including Action 2.4 which directly aligns with the Innovate RAP to commission a significant Noongar artwork in a prominent location. The paper will outline appropriate sites and provide a framework of cultural and curatorial themes.

7.5 UNDERGROUND POWER - NORTH PERTH MOUNT HAWTHORN - SERVICE CHARGES & CO-FUNDING AGREEMENT

- Attachments:
1. Co-Funding Agreement - North Perth/Mount Hawthorn - Confidential
 2. Timeline of Communications - North Perth/Mount Hawthorn 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. **AUTHORISES** the Chief Executive Officer to execute on behalf of the City, the Co-Funding Agreement at Attachment 1 with Western Power to implement the North Perth/Mount Hawthorn Underground Power project as part of the Network Renewal Underground Power Program (NRUPP), which includes a commitment by the City to meet the cash call requirements detailed in the Agreement; and
2. **NOTES** that the service charges below will be included in the schedule of fees and charges in the Annual Budget 2025/26:
 - A residential network charge of \$2,078.
 - A commercial network charge of \$305 per KVA
 - A connection charge of \$0-\$3,457, depending on the current connection arrangements; and
3. **NOTES** that the owners of properties in North Perth and Mount Hawthorn NRUPP to be given the option of upfront payment or annual instalments over a period of 4 years funded by either or a combination of 4-year fixed interest term loans borrowed from the WATC, the Underground Power Reserve and the Catalina Land Sales Reserve; and
4. **NOTES** that the 4 year instalment option will be available for up to an estimated maximum of 70% of ratepayers subject to the City's borrowing capacity and available funds in the Underground Power Reserve and Catalina Land Sales Reserve; and
5. **NOTES** that the costs to fund the 4 year instalment option will be funded by the ratepayers who take up this option.

At 6:09 pm, Cr Suzanne Worner left the meeting due to a previously declared financial interest.

CR WALLACE:

How will the connection charges be applied? How will that be calculated, including case studies on what may result in a zero dollar charge, a charge halfway through the range and the full charge?

A/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY & BUSINESS SERVICES:

Service charge = network charge + customer connection charge.

The Network charge is calculated differently for residential and commercial properties:

Residential network charge = \$2,078

Flat fee paid by all residential property owners – reflects the average demand that a residential dwelling places on the network.

Commercial network charge = load (KVA) x \$305

Variable fee reflecting the variable demand that different commercial operations place on the network.

The Connection charge is the cost of installing a new underground consumer mains cable from the property boundary to the property's main electricity meter.

Full connection charge = \$3,457

Payable where a new consumer mains cable needs to be installed from the property boundary to a meter attached to the building.

50% connection charge = \$1,728

Payable where a new consumer mains cable needs to be installed from the property boundary to a meter attached to a private pole located at or near the property boundary. In such circumstances, an underground consumer sub-main already connects the meter to the building.

No connection charge = \$0

No charge is payable where there is an existing underground consumer mains cable and no new consumer mains cable is required.

Part connection charge for multiple dwellings = applicable connection charge divided by the number of dwellings supplied by the consumer main.

Payable where a single new underground consumer main supplies multiple dwellings within a property.

Example:

- A multi-unit development containing ten dwellings receives a new underground mains cable to the main meter attached to the building and is subject to the full connection charge (\$3,457). The cost of that connection charge is divided by the number of dwellings ($\$3,457 \div 10 = \347.70 per dwelling).

At 6:12 pm, Cr Suzanne Worner returned to the meeting.

8.2 ACQUISITION RIGHT OF WAY LOT 66 AND CONSIDERATION PRIVATE USE OF BRISBANE ST PARKING BAYS BY BRISBANE HOTEL

- Attachments:
1. Survey Plan - Lot 66 on Diagram 501 & Lot 33 on Diagram 50121 
 2. Brisbane Hotel Draft Concept Plan 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. **REQUESTS** the Minister for Lands to acquire Lot 66 on Diagram 501, comprised in Certificate of Title Volume 2618 Folio 596 as shown in Attachment 1, as Crown land pursuant to section 52(1)(b) of the Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA) subject to the Chief Executive Officer:
 - 1.1 Providing public notice seeking submissions on the proposal to close by acquisition and amalgamate Lot 66 on Diagram 501 pursuant to section 52(1)(a) and section 87 of *Land Administration Act 1997* and Regulation 5 of *Land Administration Regulations 1998* into 292 Beaufort St, Perth (Lots 10-16 on Diagram 5740 & Lot 1 on Diagram 501); and
 - 1.2 Considering and responding to any submissions or objections received;
2. **APPROVES** the:
 - 2.1 excision and disposition of portion of Lot 33 on Diagram 50121 (Parking Bays Land) in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995*; and
 - 2.2 sale process relating to the disposition of Parking Bays Land to commence simultaneous or after the amalgamation of ROW Lot 66 with Brisbane Hotel land;
3. **DELEGATES BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY** to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to enter into a private treaty with Queenrise Corporation Pty Ltd (ARK Group) to:
 - 3.1 set the date for sale of the Land;
 - 3.2 provide local public notice;
 - 3.3 consider submissions;
 - 3.4 enter into private treaty negotiations;
 - 3.5 determining the sale price up to ten per cent (10%) variance on the market valuation; and
 - 3.6 conclude contract of sale with private treaty entity, and in this respect, determine and vary the settlement date and/or date of satisfaction of any conditions pursuant to the Contract of Sale between the City of Vincent and Queenrise Corporation Pty Ltd;
4. **AUTHORISES** that the proceeds from the sale of the Parking Bays Land be applied towards:

The Public Open Space Reserve for use on upgrade projects associated with Birdwood Square; and
5. In respect of Recommendation 2 **AUTHORISES**:
 - 5.1 the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to affix the common seal and execute the Contract of Sale and Transfer of Land document; and
 - 5.2 all other documents necessary to give effect to Recommendation 2 be executed in accordance with the Execution of Documents Policy.

CR CASTLE:

Could you amend the report so that the proceeds from sale be allocated to the Highgate area given that it could be 2 years or more before the funds could be received?

EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE:

Recommendation 4 and the report have been updated to refer to remove specific reference to Birdwood Square and instead reference the Highgate area.

CR ALEXANDER:

Could you provide updated parking statistics around the hotel peak period showing utilisation of car parking bays?

EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE:

Occupancy data - Brisbane St car park (Jan - Sept 2024)										
	6AM-9AM		9AM-12PM		12PM-3PM		3PM-6PM		6PM-Midnight	
	Trans %	Avg Stay	Trans %	Avg Stay	Trans %	Avg Stay	Trans %	Avg Stay	Trans %	Avg Stay
Sep-24	15		32		38		19		13	
Aug-24	15		46		43		33		19	
Jul-24	15		38		38		19		16	
Jun-24	10		28		30		24		20	
May-24	15		37		42		31		16	
Apr-24	11		34		44		26		19	
Mar-24	10		30		38		32		23	
Feb-24	10		37		42		42		44	
Jan-24	10		31		26		21		26	
Average	12		35		38		27		22	

The latest occupancy data for the carpark is from January to September 2024. The peak times can be seen as around 9am – 12pm and 12pm-3pm. On average during the peak times, the occupancy of the carpark is at approximately 36.5%.

CR WOOLF:

Could the language referring to the ‘community courtyard’ in the report to be updated to clarify whether this space is open to the public or within private property?

EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE:

References in the report to ‘Community courtyard’ has been updated throughout to instead state ‘private enclosed courtyard’ with the intent that the courtyard will be within the hotel confines and not a public community open space.

CR GREER:

Are there other opportunities to consider creation of other POS in the areas of Mt Lawley and Perth which would benefit Highgate, Mt Lawley and Perth community?

EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE STRATEGY & GOVERNANCE:











The Public Open Space (POS) Strategy notes that the suburb of Highgate has a low provision of Local POS and no provision for classifications above this (Neighbourhood, District & Regional). There is little opportunity to address these issues through actions such as the acquisition of land to increase the provision generally. Alternate mechanisms such as improving amenities, accessibility and functionality within existing POS would be most feasible and beneficial to the community.

Under the Key Action Table in the Public Open Space Strategy, it outlines Prepare and implement landscape plans, aligned with hierarchy / minimum levels of service that includes Jack Marks Reserve and Brigatti Gardens, which are local classification POS within the Highgate Suburb. The tasks for these actions note the replacement/improvement of dated infrastructure provisions at both sites (such as play spaces, seating and shade). While specifically tasking the potential for dog exercise infrastructure/management and addressing turf and drainage issues at Jack Marks Reserve.

Also acknowledging that there are a number of significant POS provisions neighbouring the suburb and could be considered for future improvements through the utilisation of POS Reserve funding contributions in Highgate and bordering suburbs such as; Forrest Park, Hyde Park, Birdwood Square, Banks Reserve and Loton Park.

At 6.15pm Executive Manager Communications and Engagement left the meeting and did not return.

8.3 INFORMATION BULLETIN

- Attachments:**
1. **Statistics for Development Services Applications as at the end of September 2024** 
 2. **Register of Legal Action and Prosecutions Monthly - Confidential**
 3. **Register of State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) Appeals - Progress Report as at 7 October 2024** 
 4. **Register of Applications Referred to the Metro Inner-North Joint Development Assessment Panel - Current** 
 5. **Register of Applications Referred to the Design Review Panel - Current** 
 6. **Quarterly Street Tree Removal Information** 
 7. **Register of Petitions - Progress Report - October 2024** 
 8. **Register of Notices of Motion - Progress Report - October 2024** 
 9. **Register of Reports to be Actioned - Progress Report - October 2024** 
 10. **Council Workshop Items since 27 August 2024** 
 11. **Council Briefing Notes - 10 September 2024** 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council RECEIVES the Information Bulletin dated October 2024.

NO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The SAT register has been updated in respect to appeals for No. 235 Brisbane Street, Perth and Nos. 41-43 Angove Street, North Perth.

REPORTS WITH NO DISCUSSION**5.1 NO. 10 (LOT: 2545; D/P: 143599) FARMER STREET, NORTH PERTH - ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS RECREATION FACILITY (WOODVILLE RESERVE) (UNAUTHORISED EXISTING DEVELOPMENT)****Ward:** North

- Attachments:**
1. Location Map 
 2. Development Plans 
 3. Determination Advice Notes 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Vincent Local Planning Scheme No. 2 and the Metropolitan Region Scheme, **APPROVES** the application for Recreation Facility (Woodville Reserve) (Unauthorised Existing Development) at No. 10 (Lot: 2545; D/P: 143599) Farmer Street, North Perth, in accordance with the plans shown in Attachment 2, subject to the following conditions, with the associated determination advice notes in Attachment 3:

1. Development Plans

This approval is for Alterations and Additions to Recreation Facility (Woodville Reserve) (Unauthorised Existing Development), as shown on the approved plans dated 28 June 2024. No other development forms part of this approval.

NO DISCUSSION

7.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT 31 AUGUST 2024

Attachments: 1. **Financial Statements as at 31 August 2024** 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council **RECEIVES** the Financial Statements for the month ended 31 August 2024 as shown in Attachment 1.

NO DISCUSSION

7.2 AUTHORISATION OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 01 AUGUST 2024 TO 31 AUGUST 2024

- Attachments:
1. August 2024 - Payments by EFT and Payroll 
 2. August 2024 - Payments by Direct Debit 
 3. August 2024 - Payments by Cheques 
 4. August 2024 - Payments for Fuel Cards 

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council RECEIVES the list of accounts paid under delegated authority for the period 01 August 2024 to 31 August 2024 as detailed in Attachments 1, 2, 3 and 4 as summarised below:

EFT payments, including payroll	\$5,746,235.24
Cheques	\$483.48
Direct debits, including credit cards	\$611,051.27
Total payments for August 2024	\$6,357,769.99

NO DISCUSSION

8.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS - WALGA ADVOCACY POSITIONS

Attachments: Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council recommends WALGA adopt the following Local Government Election Advocacy Positions:

1. PARTICIPATION

- (b) The sector supports compulsory voting at Local Governments elections.

2. TERMS OF OFFICE

- (a) The sector continues to support four-year terms with a two year spill.

3. VOTING METHODS

- (b) The sector supports Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) as the preferred voting method for general elections.

4. INTERNAL ELECTIONS

- (b) The sector supports Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) as the preferred voting method for all internal elections.

5. VOTING ACCESSIBILITY

The sector supports the option to hold general elections through:

- (a) Electronic voting; and/or
- (b) In-Person voting.

6. METHOD OF ELECTION OF MAYOR

The sector supports:

- (a) As per the current legislation with no change – Class 1 and 2 local governments directly elect the Mayor or President (election by electors method), with regulations preventing a change in this method.

NO DISCUSSION

9 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

10 REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEES AND PUBLIC BODIES

Nil

11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS/MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

Nil

12 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed 6.23pm.