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Dear Councillors

I respectfully advise that the ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING will be held in Council Chambers, York Town Hall, York on Tuesday, 28 March 2023, commencing at 5.00pm.

MEETING LATE AGENDA ATTACHED

Chris Linnell

CHRIS LINNELL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Date: 28 March 2023

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12 BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING**SY035-03/23 MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2023**

File Number: 4.4175

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Previously before Council: Not Applicable

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Appendices: 1. Unconfirmed Minutes - 21 March 2023 [↓](#)

NATURE OF COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE MATTER

Legislative

Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2023 to Council for consideration of the Committee's Recommendations.

BACKGROUND

At its Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 21 March, the Committee was presented with information relating to:

1. Road Risk Register
2. Risk Management Update
3. Compliance Audit Return
4. Delegation Review – Tenders for Goods and Services and Contract Variations

The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Committee's Meeting are presented in Appendix 1.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

Further details and the implications of these reports are identified within the Committee's Minutes hence are not duplicated here. However, for ease of reference the Committee's recommendations were:

TABLE 1.

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION
Road Risk Register	That, with regard to the Road Risk Register, the Audit and Risk Committee recommend to Council that it: 1. Resolves to receive the Road Risk Register, as presented in Appendix 1, with the understanding that it is a living document that will be updated on an as needs basis.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Notes that Officers will review the current system and provide options for future reporting. 3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present the Road and Drainage Asset Management Plans to the September 2023 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.
Risk Management Update	<p>That, with regard to the Risk Management Update as at 8 February 2023, the Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receives the Shire of York Risk Register Dashboard Report as at 8 February 2023, as presented in Appendix 1. 2. Notes the progress made to date regarding the actions contained in the Risk Register and that Officers will review the current system and provide options for future reporting. 3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present the next review of the Risk Register to the Audit and Risk Committee at its June 2023 meeting.
Compliance Audit Return	<p>That, with regard to the Compliance Audit Return 2022, the Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolves to adopt the completed 2022 Compliance Audit Return, as presented in Appendix 1, for certification by the Shire President and the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 15(2) of the <i>Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996</i>. 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to submit the 2022 Compliance Audit Return to the Departmental CEO of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries prior to 31 March 2023 in accordance with Regulation 15(1) of the <i>Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996</i>.
Tenders for Goods and Services and Contract Variations	<p>That, with regard to the Delegation Review - Tenders for Goods and Services and Contract Variations, the Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revokes Delegations DE5-2 – Tender Evaluation Criteria, DE5-3 – Minor Variation for Goods and Services and DE5-5 – Tenders to be invited for Certain Contracts. 2. Adopts Delegation DE5-6 - Tenders for Goods and Services – Accepting and Rejecting Tenders, Varying Contracts and Exercising Contract Extension Options, as presented in Appendix 2. 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to amend Policy F2 – Procurement to increase the tender threshold limit from \$150,000 to \$250,000 to align with Delegation DE5-6 - Tenders for Goods and Services – Accepting and Rejecting Tenders, Varying Contracts and Exercising Contract Extension Options. 4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor typographical and formatting changes to Delegation DE5-6 - Tenders for Goods and Services – Accepting and Rejecting Tenders, Varying Contracts and Exercising Contract Extension Options prior to publication.

Council may be interested to note that the Committee's March meeting was the first meeting with its two (2) external representatives following the recruitment processes undertaken since June 2021.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

Option 1: Council could choose to accept the Committee's recommendations.

Option 2: Council could choose to reject the Committee's recommendations.

Option 3: Council could choose to resolve differently to the Committee's recommendations.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER**Consultative**

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Executive Leadership Team

StrategicStrategic Community Plan 2020-2030

Goal 5: Strong Leadership and Governance

To have effective and responsive leadership and governance, where a sense of collective purpose and shared direction combine to work together.

Goal 4: Built for Lifestyle and Resilience

To have a built environment which supports community, economy, and the environment, respects the past, and creates a resilient future.

Policy Related

G19 Risk Assessment and Management

G25 Compliance

Financial

The financial impact of the items considered by the Committee is detailed within the meeting minutes and the individual appendices to each report.

Legal and Statutory

Section 7.1A of the *Local Government Act 1995* is applicable and states:

"7.1A. Audit committee

(1) *A local government is to establish an audit committee of 3 or more persons to exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred on it.*

(2) *The members of the audit committee of a local government are to be appointed* by the local government and at least 3 of the members, and the majority of the members, are to be council members.*

** Absolute majority required.*

(3) *A CEO is not to be a member of an audit committee and may not nominate a person to be a member of an audit committee or have a person to represent the CEO as a member of an audit committee.*

(4) *An employee is not to be a member of an audit committee."*

Regulation 16 and 17 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* are applicable to the functions of an audit committee and state:

“16. Functions of audit committee

An audit committee has the following functions —

- (a) to guide and assist the local government in carrying out —
 - (i) its functions under Part 6 of the Act; and*
 - (ii) its functions relating to other audits and other matters related to financial management;**
- (b) to guide and assist the local government in carrying out the local government’s functions in relation to audits conducted under Part 7 of the Act;*
- (c) to review a report given to it by the CEO under regulation 17(3) (the **CEO’s report**) and is to —
 - (i) report to the council the results of that review; and*
 - (ii) give a copy of the CEO’s report to the council;**
- (d) to monitor and advise the CEO when the CEO is carrying out functions in relation to a review under —
 - (i) regulation 17(1); and*
 - (ii) the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 5(2)(c);**
- (e) to support the auditor of the local government to conduct an audit and carry out the auditor’s other duties under the Act in respect of the local government;*
- (f) to oversee the implementation of any action that the local government —
 - (i) is required to take by section 7.12A(3); and*
 - (ii) has stated it has taken or intends to take in a report prepared under section 7.12A(4)(a); and*
 - (iii) has accepted should be taken following receipt of a report of a review conducted under regulation 17(1); and*
 - (iv) has accepted should be taken following receipt of a report of a review conducted under the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 5(2)(c);**
- (g) to perform any other function conferred on the audit committee by these regulations or another written law.*

17. CEO to review certain systems and procedures

- (1) The CEO is to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of a local government’s systems and procedures in relation to —
 - (a) risk management; and*
 - (b) internal control; and*
 - (c) legislative compliance.**
- (2) The review may relate to any or all of the matters referred to in subregulation (1)(a), (b) and (c), but each of those matters is to be the subject of a review not less than once in every 3 financial years.*
- (3) The CEO is to report to the audit committee the results of that review.”*

Risk Related

The Committee plays a key role in overseeing the local government’s responsibilities in relation to financial reporting, internal controls, risk management and legislative compliance. This report mitigates the risk of non-compliance.

Workforce

The scope of this report is managed within current operational capacity.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority: Yes

RECOMMENDATION

That, with regard to the Minutes and Recommendations of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 21 March 2023, Council:

- 1. Receives the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) Meeting held on 21 March 2023, as presented in Appendix 1, and adopts the following recommendations of the Committee:**
 - a. Resolves to receive the Road Risk Register with the understanding that it is a living document that will be updated on an as needs basis.**
 - b. Notes that Officers will review the current system and provide options for future reporting.**
 - c. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present the Road and Drainage Asset Management Plans to the September 2023 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.**
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 - e. Notes the progress made to date regarding the actions contained in the Risk Register and that Officers will review the current system and provide options for future reporting.**
 - f. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present the next review of the Risk Register to the Audit and Risk Committee at its June 2023 meeting.**
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UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Tuesday, 21 March 2023

Date: Tuesday, 21 March 2023

Time: 3.00pm

Location: Council Chambers, York Town Hall, York

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**MINUTES OF SHIRE OF YORK
AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YORK TOWN HALL, YORK
ON TUESDAY, 21 MARCH 2023 AT 3.00PM**

1 OPENING**1.1 Declaration of Opening**

Cr Denese Smythe, Presiding Member, declared the meeting open at 3.00pm.

1.2 Acknowledgement / Disclaimer

The Presiding Member advised the following:

"The York Shire Council acknowledges the Ballardong people of the Noongar Nation who are the Traditional Owners of this country and recognise their continuing connection to land, water, sky and culture. We pay our respects to all these people and their Elders past, present and emerging.

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I wish to draw attention to the Disclaimer Notice contained within the agenda document and advise members of the public that any decisions made at the meeting today, can be revoked, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1995.

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1.3 Attendance via Electronic Means

Nil

1.4 Standing Orders

Nil

1.5 Announcement of Visitors

Nil

1.6 Declarations of Interest that Might Cause a Conflict

Nil

1.7 Declaration of Financial Interests

Nil

1.8 Disclosure of Interests that May Affect Impartiality

Nil

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2 ATTENDANCE

2.1 Members

Cr Denese Smythe, Presiding Member; Cr Denis Warnick (from 3.56pm); Cr Kevin Trent; Mr Peter Carden; Ms Shona Zulsdorf

2.2 Staff

Chris Linnell, Chief Executive Officer; Alina Behan, Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services; Sinead McGuire, Executive Manager Infrastructure & Development Services; Sophie Fielder, Executive Support and WHS Officer; Anneke Birlson, Administration & Governance Coordinator; Vanessa Green, Council & Executive Support Officer

2.3 Apologies

Nil

2.4 Leave of Absence Previously Approved

Nil

2.5 Number of People in the Gallery at Commencement of Meeting

There were zero (0) people in the Gallery at the commencement of the meeting.

3 QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time is conducted in accordance with the Act and Regulations. In addition to this the Shire's *Local Government (Council Meetings) Local Law 2016* states –

6.7 Other procedures for question time for the public

- (1) A member of the public who wishes to ask a question during question time must identify themselves and register with a Council Officer immediately prior to the meeting.
- (2) A question may be taken on notice by the Council for later response.
- (3) When a question is taken on notice the CEO is to ensure that—
 - (a) a response is given to the member of the public in writing; and
 - (b) a summary of the response is included in the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.
- (4) Where a question relating to a matter in which a relevant person has an interest is directed to the relevant person, the relevant person is to—
 - (a) declare that he or she has an interest in the matter; and
 - (b) allow another person to respond to the question.
- (5) Each member of the public with a question is entitled to ask up to 2 questions before other members of the public will be invited to ask their questions.
- (6) Where a member of the public provides written questions then the Presiding Member may elect for the questions to be responded to as normal business correspondence.

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- (7) The Presiding Member may decide that a public question shall not be responded to where—
- (a) the same or similar question was asked at a previous meeting, a response was provided and the member of the public is directed to the minutes of the meeting at which the response was provided;
 - (b) the member of the public uses public question time to make a statement, provided that the Presiding Member has taken all reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to phrase the statement as a question; or
 - (c) the member of the public asks a question that is offensive or defamatory in nature, provided that the Presiding Member has taken all reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to phrase the question in a manner that is not offensive or defamatory.
- (8) A member of the public shall have 2 minutes to submit a question.
- (9) The Council, by resolution, may agree to extend public question time.
- (10) Where any questions remain unasked at the end of public question time they may be submitted to the CEO who will reply in writing and include the questions and answers in the agenda for the next ordinary Council meeting.
- (11) Where an answer to a question is given at a meeting, a summary of the question and the answer is to be included in the minutes.

Public Question Time commenced at 3.06pm.

4.1 Written Questions – Current Agenda

Nil

4.2 Public Question Time

As there was no public in attendance and therefore questions asked, Public Question Time concluded at 3.06pm.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Kevin Trent

Seconded: Mr Peter Carden

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2022 be confirmed as a correct record of proceedings.

CARRIED: 4/0

8 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

The Shire President welcomed Ms Zulsdorf to her first meeting of the Shire of York's Audit & Risk Committee.

OFFICER'S REPORTS**9.1 ROAD RISK REGISTER**

File Number:	4.0466
Author:	Sinead McGuire, Executive Manager Infrastructure & Development Services
Authoriser:	Chris Linnell, Chief Executive Officer
Previously before Council:	23 March 2021 (060321) 22 June 2021 (030621) 28 September 2021 (040921) 23 March 2022 (020322) 13 September 2022 (100922)
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Appendices:	1. March 2023 Road Risk Register ↓

NATURE OF COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE MATTER

Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides a review of the Road Risk Register (the Register) through regular reporting of the Register to Council through the Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee).

BACKGROUND

A key element in the Talis Report - 'Review of Delivery Against Road Design and Construction Guideline Standards, 2016' previously presented to Council, referenced road risk management in its Summary of Findings, as below:

"4. Assessment of Risks to Road Users

The failures to implement appropriate road management practices, particularly given the shortfall in required funding, has the potential to pose risks to road users associated with the failure to use detailed design when necessary, appropriate construction methods and a risk based maintenance strategy to make best use of the available funds. The risks to road users relate to the potential for increased crashes and increased vehicle operating costs associated with lower levels of service from the road system."

Taking on board the Talis comments and previous commitments, Officers developed the Register to assist in tracking road safety risks.

At its March 2021 meeting Council first considered the Register and resolved in part (060321):

"That Council:

- 1. Resolve to adopt the "Road Risk Register", with the understanding that it is a living document that will be updated on an as needs basis.***
- 2. Endorse the use of the Road Risk Register as a method of informing the budget process of the importance of road safety projects.***
- 3. Requests the CEO to present the first formal Road Risk Register to the Audit and Risk Committee in June 2021 and then every six months, commencing with the September 2021 Audit and Risk Committee meeting."***

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Most recently, at its September 2022 meeting Council again considered the Register and resolved (100922):

“That, with regard to the Minutes and Recommendations of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 13 September 2022, Council:

- 1. *Receives the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) Meeting held on 13 September 2022, as presented in Appendix 1, and adopts the following recommendations of the Committee:***
 - a. *Resolves to receive the Road Risk Register with the understanding that it is a living document that will be updated on an as needs basis.***
 - b. *Notes that Officers will review the current system and provide options for future reporting.***
 - c. *Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present the next review of the Road Risk Register to the Audit and Risk Committee at its March 2023 Ordinary Meeting.***
 - d. *Receives the Shire of York Risk Register Dashboard Report as at 31 August 2022.***
 - e. *Notes the progress made to date regarding the actions contained in the Risk Register and that Officers will review the current system and provide options for future reporting.***
 - f. *Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present the next review of the Risk Register to the Audit and Risk Committee at its December 2022 Ordinary Meeting.***
 - g. *Notes that Expressions of Interest for an external representative to the Audit and Risk Committee are currently open with a closing date of Friday 30 September 2022.***
 - h. *Notes that all applications received for external membership will be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee’s December 2022 Meeting for consideration.”***

In accordance with point 1c of Council’s September 2022 resolution, the Register is presented to the Committee for consideration.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

As outlined in the September 2022 report, a detailed assessment has been undertaken of the road and drainage asset classes. To date this includes video capture of the entire road network and visual inspections of a sample size of drainage assets. This has informed a subsequent assessment of the roads and drainage condition. This data will advise the Shire’s road and drainage asset management plans. These asset management plans will identify how roads and drainage assets can optimise performance, risks and costs. The asset management plans will provide the Shire with a comprehensive overview of the road and drainage network, identifying risks and associated actions for the Committee’s consideration and recommendation to Council.

As a result of this review, the Register information and format is expected to be significantly updated, integrated closely with the new road and drainage asset management plans. Due to the implementation of the new Enterprise Resource Planning platform, it is timely to undertake a review of the current risk identification and reporting system. Officers will review the current system and provide options to the Committee through a Workshop for future reporting.

The current Register is presented in Appendix 1.

OPTIONS

The Committee has the following options:

Option 1: The Committee could recommend to Council that it receives the review of the Register and its operation and reporting.

Option 2: The Committee could recommend to Council that it not receive the review of the Register.

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Option 3: The Committee could recommend to Council that it not receive the review of the Register and request the Chief Executive Officer to include additional information (which is to be identified).

Option 1 is the recommended option.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER**Consultative**

Whilst no formal consultation process has been undertaken in relation to development of the Register, the feedback and complaints received by the Shire relating to roads has been included in the Register, and this will continue to occur.

StrategicStrategic Community Plan 2020-2030

Goal 4: Built for Lifestyle and Resilience

To have a built environment which supports community, economy, and the environment, respects the past, and creates a resilient future.

Policy Related

G19 Risk Assessment and Management

While a Road Risk Register is not specifically mentioned in the Policy, the Policy principals apply.

Financial

The timely management of road risks will reduce the Shire's exposure to civil action regarding road conditions. It will also assist in the forward planning of works to ensure the most efficient use of Shire resources.

Legal and Statutory

Civil Liabilities Act 2002

Risk Related

If no formal Register is kept there is a risk that road risks will not be enacted on in a timely and efficient manner.

Workforce

The scope of this report is managed within current operational capacity.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority: No

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**Moved: Cr Kevin Trent****Seconded: Ms Shona Zulsdorf**

That, with regard to the Road Risk Register, the Audit and Risk Committee recommend to Council that it:

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- 2. Notes that Officers will review the current system and provide options for future reporting.**
- 3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present the Road and Drainage Asset Management Plans to the September 2023 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting.**

CARRIED: 4/0

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Shire of York Road Risk Register							
Damage Parameters:					Timing Parameters:		
1 Damage to road					1 within 6 months		
2 Downstream/obstruction					2 from 6-12 months		
3 Overgrown vegetation					3 from 12-24 months		
4 Drainage					4 from 24-36 months		
5 Severe							
Type of Damage	Road Name	ROAD number	SLK From	SLK to	Damage Description	Proposed Remediation	Level
4	Allen Road	43 30040	5	5.5	Wind row needs to be pulled across road		1
4	Allen Road	43 30040	4.08	4.08	Culverts need cleaned up LHS ONLY	Clean up culverts	1
4	Allen Road	43 30040	3.34	3.36	LHS Drainage needs cleared out to allow for flow of water	Clear out drain on LHS	1
4	Allen Road	43 30040	2.08	2.13	LHS Drainage needs cleared out to allow for flow of water	Clear out drain on LHS	1
4	Allen Road	43 30040	1.85	1.88	LHS Drainage needs cleared out to allow for flow of water	Clear out drain on LHS	1
4	Ashworth Road	43 30051	5.95	6.08	RHS of Road Entire road needs to be lifted	Lift entire road running course so that drain can be inverted	3
4	Ashworth Road	43 30051	1.6	5.95	RHS Needs Drain	Grade a drain into RHS shoulder	3
1	Ashworth Road	43 30051	2.72	1.6	Requires seal	Road to have design and Sealed	4
1	Ashworth Road	43 30051	1.23	2.24	Requires seal	Road to have design and Sealed	3
4	Begging Road	43 30024	0.84	0.88	Damage occurring due to storm events	Reform drains. To be addressed November 2022	4
4	Begging Road	43 30024	0.84	0.84	Storm damage to current crossing	Major repairs and upgrade of drainage required (multiple years) Requires redesign. Structural Engineering Assessment Undertaken	3
4	Boyerully Road	43 30015	4.15	5.15	LHS Drain needs material brought back across road	Remove material to middle of road	1
1	Carter Road	43 30018	0.54	0.14	RHS drainage needs to be cleared out to allow for flow of water	Clear vegetation	4
4	Cresford Court	43 30164	0.14	0.14	Drainage scouring due to storm event	Reform and clear out drains	1
4	Cur Hill Road	43 30020	0.25	0.46	Drainage LHS	Requires cleaning / Possible Rock protection	3
4	Cur Hill Road	43 30020	0.29	0.29	Crossover Full	Requires cleaning	3
4	Cur Hill Road	43 30020	0.46	0.46	Culvert RHS	Requires extension	1
4	Cur Hill Road	43 30020	0.57	0.17	Culvert Both sides	Requires Extension / Headwall added	1
4	Cur Hill Road	43 30020	1.6	1.75	Shoulder scour	Requires cleaning / Possible Rock protection	2
1	Cubine Road	43 30038	0.2	1.6	Widening and Reseal (currently 3.6m wide) Shoulder erosion at SLK 1.51 Lip on edge of seal	Reseal and widen, upgrade drainage. Tree clearance required. Shoulder works have been undertaken by internal crews Nov 2022	4
1	Cubine Road	43 30038	2.28	2.68	Widening and Reseal (currently 3.6m wide) Lip on edge of seal	Reseal and widen, upgrade drainage. Tree clearance required. Shoulder works have been undertaken by internal crews Nov 2022	4
1	Doodenanning Road	43 30008	1.2	12.75	Sealed jumpup	Nothing needed	4
1	Doodenanning Road	43 30008	7.35	10.05	Sealed-Old	Reseal in 5 years	4
1	Doodenanning Road	43 30008	4.7	7.35	Sealed	Nothing needed	4
1	Doodenanning Road	43 30008	1.9	4.7	Sealed-Old	Reseal in 5 years	4
1	Doodenanning Road	43 30008	1.77	1.9	Sealed	Nothing needed	4
1	Doodenanning Road	43 30008	0	1.77	Sealed	Nothing needed	4
2	Knotts Road	43 30028	0	1.658	Drainage not constructed to satisfaction	Construct drainage to standard. Drainage works planned March 2023. Adjustment to design required due to fibre optic cables	1
2	Knotts Road	43 30028	0	1.658	Shoulders need to be uniform both sides	Construct shoulders. Drainage works planned March 2023. Adjustment to design required due to fibre optic cables	2
2	Knotts Road	43 30028	0	0.2	Water in the stopping zone	Need to review to ensure that water is either drained away/the stopping zone needs to be built up to ensure capability of raising	2
1	Knotts Road	43 30028	3.65	4.05	Shoulders need to be uniform both sides	Construct and seal Shoulders (Death on Road)	2
4	Marine Tiding	43 30037	0.48	0.48	Significant damage to river crossing as a result of storm event	Major repairs and upgrade of drainage required (multiple years) Concept designs presented to March 2023 OCM	4
1	Manhvale Road	43 30002	6.35	12.6	Widening and Reseal	Widen road by including shoulders and reseal entire road (Multiple years)	3
3	Manhvale Road	43 30002	5.92	5.92	Reduced sight lines due to vegetation	Tree pruning	2
0	Manwicks Road	43 30069	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
4	Mokine Road	43 30010	0	0.85	Drain needs to be cleared	Clear drain on RHS Only	4
1	Mokine Road	43 30010	11.09	11.26	Pavement failure	Dip in road has been temporarily addressed by Shire road team. Section of road to be cement stabilised to be scheduled by team	1
4	Moore Road	43 30063	0	1.5	Drainage needs cleared out	Requires cleaning	4
4	Moore Road	43 30063	1.95	1.95	Culvert needs cleaning/extension	Clean/ Extend	3
4	Moore Road	43 30063	1.74	1.74	Culvert needs cleaning/extension	Clean/ Extend	3
0	Penny road	43 30213	0	0	N/A	N/A	0
4	Quaker West Road	43 30019	10.69	10.69	Drainage scouring due to storm event	Reform drain and shoulder	2
4	Queerington Road	43 30004	1.84	1.81	LHS Drain needs to clear the vegetation	Requires Cleaning	3

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Shire of York Road Risk Register							
Damage Parameters					Timing Parameters		
1 Damage to Road					1 within 6 months		
2 Geomorphology					2 from 6-12 months		
3 Overgrown vegetation					3 from 12-24 months		
4 Drainage					4 from 24-36 months		
5 Signage							
Type of Damage	Road Name	ROAD number	SLK From	SLK to	Damage Description	Proposed Remediation	Level
4	Querrington Road	43 30006	1.88	2.11	LHS Drain needs to clear the vegetation	Requires Cleaning	3
4	Querrington Road	43 30006	3.6	3.85	LHS Drain needs to clear the vegetation	Requires Cleaning	3
4	Querrington Road	43 30006	4.3	4.3	Culvert needs cleaning/extension	Requires Cleaning	2
3	Querrington Road	43 30006	10.04	11.09	Seal needs replacement	Road widening needs to go ahead	2
3	Querrington Road	43 30006	11.15	14.58	Shoulder build-up	Road widening needs to go ahead	2
3	Querrington Road	43 30006	14.73	16.56	Seal needs replacement	Road widening needs to go ahead	2
3	Querrington Road	43 30006	16.85	17.6	Shoulders need to be uniform both sides	Road widening needs to go ahead	2
3	Querrington Road	43 30006	17.6	19.34	Tree trimming require on RHS	Trim trees	2
4	Spencers Brook York Road	43 30004	18.62	18.62	Drainage scouring due to storm event	Clear out drain on LHS	2
2	Talbot Road	43 30003	4.4	4.4	Geometric issue LHS	Requires Redesign	4
2	Talbot Road	43 30003	4.93	4.93	Pot Road surface/ Sink surface	Requires Redesign	1
2	Talbot Road	43 30003	4.71	4.77	Incorrect Superelevation/transition LHS	Requires Redesign	1
4	Talbot Road	43 30003	4.8	4.8	No Crossover LHS	Install Crossover	3
4	Talbot Road	43 30003	4.92	4.92	No drainage LHS	Requires clearing	3
2	Talbot Road	43 30003	5.1	5.1	Incorrect Camber RHS	Return to correct camber	1
2	Talbot Road	43 30003	5.1	5.1	Shoulder Narrow	Increase Shoulder	1
2	Talbot Road	43 30003	5.1	5.1	Embankment Steep	Increase embankment	1
2	Talbot Road	43 30003	9.77	10.12	Narrowing of Road on Bend and Crest	Increase seal width to 7.2 metres	1
2	Talbot Road	43 30003	10.12	10.16	Narrowing of Culvert	Increase Culvert width	1
2	Talbot Road	43 30003	10.16	11.42	Narrowing of Road	Increase seal width to 7.2 metres	3
2	Talbot west road	43 30012	30.85	30.95	Inter Section Redesign	Redesign intersection to today's standards	1
4	Trigg Road	43 30001	0	0.12	Insufficient drainage causing damage to road	Design drainage system, reconstruct road where required	4
4	Widley Road	43 30030	0.2	0.2	Culverts needs to be cleaned out	Clear out drain	1
4	Wormyn Road	43 30014	3.18	3.12	LHS Drain needs to clear the vegetation	Clear vegetation	2
3	Wormyn Road	43 30014	5.33	5.6	Roads jutting through road	Realign road to higher level, or redesign	3
4	Waterford road	43 30050	0	0	Access required	Realign Road: Works to be complete March 2023	4
4	Millersburg Road	43 30048	0	0.24	Over crossing still submerged as a result of August 2022 storm event	Structural assessment has been undertaken by independent engineer since water levels subside to inform works	4
3	York-Tammin Road	43 30001	31.2	31.5	Both sides vegetation clearing	Clear vegetation	4
3	York-Tammin Road	43 30001	32.15	32.2	Both sides Edge line - Seal	Extend shoulders and seal: Shoulder works complete, sealing works scheduled for March 2023	3
3	York-Tammin Road	43 30001	31.15	31.5	Both shoulders require new work and seal extension	Extend shoulders and seal: Shoulder works complete, sealing works scheduled for March 2023	3
3	York-Tammin Road	43 30001	31.1	31.3	Roadway needs work: Has small potholes throughout the area	Resurf pavement and resal: Shoulder works complete, sealing works scheduled for March 2023	4
3	York-Tammin Road	43 30001	29.3	29.6	Stripping of sealed section	Re-seal: Shoulder works complete, sealing works scheduled for March 2023	4

9.2 RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE AS AT 8 FEBRUARY 2023

File Number:	4.4274
Author:	Alina Behan, Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services
Authoriser:	Chris Linnell, Chief Executive Officer
Previously before Council:	28 June 2022 (020622) 27 September 2022 (100922) 20 December 2022 (141222)
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Appendices:	1. Risk Dashboard and Profiles ↓

NATURE OF COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE MATTER

Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report provides the Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) with an update regarding progress on the Shire's Risk Management.

BACKGROUND

The Shire of York's Risk Assessment and Management Policy, in conjunction with the Risk Management Framework, sets out the Shire's approach to the identification, assessment, management and monitoring of risks.

Appropriate governance of risk management within the Shire provides:

1. Transparency of decision making
2. Clear identification of the roles and responsibilities of the risk management functions
3. An effective governance structure to support the Risk Management Framework

The Committee's role and responsibilities include:

1. Regular review of the appropriate and effectiveness of the Risk Management Framework
2. Support Council to provide effective corporate governance
3. Oversight of all matters that relate to the conduct of external audits
4. Must be independent, objective and autonomous in deliberations

It is essential to monitor and review the management of risks as changing circumstances may result in some risks increasing or decreasing in significance. By regularly reviewing the effectiveness and efficiency of controls and appropriateness of treatment/action options selected, it can be determined if the organisation's resources are being put to the best use possible.

An internal Risk Working Group (RWG) has been formed to enable Officers from across the organisation to meet regularly and monitor the progress against the Risk Improvement Plan, Risk Management Framework and Register. Further, the RWG is responsible for implementation of timely and effective remedial measures to address risk management deficiencies.

This report presents an update of risks identified and addressed across the organisation for consideration and recommendation to Council. The Committee last considered the Risk Management Update at its December 2022 meeting which was endorsed by Council at its December 2022 Ordinary Meeting where it resolved (141222):

“That, with regard to the Minutes and Recommendations of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 6 December 2022, Council:

- 1. Receives the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) Meeting held on 6 December 2022, as presented in Appendix 1, and adopts the following recommendations of the Committee:***
 - a. Appoints Applicant 1 as the second external representative of the Audit and Risk Committee, with the term ending at the October 2023 Local Government Elections.***
 - b. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to notify Applicant 2 of the outcome and thank them for their interest.***
 - c. Receives the Shire of York Risk Register Dashboard Report as at 28 November 2022.***
 - d. Notes the progress made to date regarding the actions contained in the Risk Register and that Officers will review the current system and provide options for future reporting.***
 - e. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present the next review of the Risk Register to the Audit and Risk Committee at its March 2023 meeting.***
 - f. Adopts the Fraud and Corruption Framework.***
 - g. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to develop a Fraud and Corruption Management Plan.***
- 2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor typographical and formatting changes to the Fraud and Corruption Framework prior to publication.”***

In accordance with point 1e of Council's December 2022 resolution, the Register is presented to the Committee for consideration.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

The RWG meets regularly to review and update the risk register and prioritise actions considering potential organisational opportunities and the adverse effects that could result. The RWG monitors these risks so that organisational objectives can be achieved considering the Shire's appetite for risk.

A comprehensive RWG review of actions was undertaken on 8 February 2023 and the risk dashboard updated accordingly. The dashboard report details a total of eight-seven (87) actions that are still in progress or ongoing or are new actions to be completed. The updated Risk Dashboard is presented in Appendix 1.

Asset Sustainability

The Transport Asset Management Plans have been developed and are ready for presentation to Council at its May 2023 Ordinary Meeting. The delayed completion of this project has resulted in a delayed commencement of the Building and Open Space Asset Management Plans. These asset classes are due for a review of Fair Value in the current financial year. Officers will undertake a separate procurement for Fair Value to ensure this information can be captured to inform the Annual Financial Statement for 2022/23.

Compliance

Two (2) Rangers have recently been appointed which has resulted in an immediate improvement in the Shire's ability to respond to compliance issues.

Officers have met with WA Country Health Services to agree responsibility for outstanding compliance actions at the Pioneer Memorial Lodge facility where expectations did not align with the prepared lease. A Memorandum of Understanding will be completed for both parties' signature to document compliance responsibilities.

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Employment Practices

This financial year the Shire's insurer, LGIS, reduced its coverage under the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). With stress claims rising across the sector, the Shire has determined to seek an external provider to support employees where gaps exist. An interim arrangement is now in place and an RFQ will be released to service future years. Officers are negotiating with LGIS for a return to full service of the EAP program.

Engagement

Work to develop an Engagement Framework will be influenced by the local government reform requirements for all local governments to prepare a community and stakeholder engagement charter. A model charter will be produced to assist local government in the preparation of their own documents. This will form the base of the Shire of York's proposed Charter.

The 2022/23 Community Scorecard has now closed, and final results are being tallied ready to be shared with Council. Information gathered as part of this process will be used to inform the desktop review of the Strategic Community Plan.

Environment

At its February 2023 Ordinary Meeting, Council resolved (010223):

"That, with regard to the Request for Budget Allocation - Corella Management, Council:

- 1. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to adjust the 2022/23 budget to a total of \$8,000 (being \$5,000 to support this initiative and \$3,000 for operational response) and allocate \$13,000 in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 budgets for the purpose of Corella management and advise the Avon Regional Organisation of Councils' Executive Officer accordingly."***

This will support a regional response to reducing corella numbers by member Shires.

Information Technology

Work has commenced to improve connectivity to the Shire Administration, Depot and Residency Museum facilities through installation of direct fibre connections.

Misconduct

The Fraud and Corruption Framework was adopted by Council at its December 2022 Ordinary Meeting, Resolution 141222. A Fraud and Corruption Management Plan is being developed to support the aims of the Framework.

Safety and Security Practices

Work is being undertaken by an external contractor to conduct audits for Shire facilities to review compliance and update evacuation plans. Following the completion of this training, new fire wardens can commence and evacuation drills undertaken mitigating a long-standing Work Health and Safety risk for the Shire.

Work has been completed to upgrade the entry toggle system to the Shire's Administration building following equipment failure. This work was already scheduled for the 2022/23 financial year.

New actions

The RWG continues to monitor the environment for changes that could result in the need for new actions to mitigate risks to the Shire. There were no new actions identified in this quarter.

Superseded Actions

There are no superseded actions for this period.

Going Forward

Officers have been working with Government Frameworks to transition risk reporting to the new platform. It is anticipated that the new format will be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee at its June 2023 meeting.

OPTIONS

The Committee has the following options:

Option 1: The Committee could recommend that Council requests the Chief Executive Officer to ensure all issues have been dealt with within a certain timeframe. However, Officers have focused on those issues that present the highest risk to the Shire for immediate action within current resources and will continue to work through the remaining issues on the same basis.

Option 2: The Committee could recommend that Council accepts the Shire of York Risk Register Dashboard Report as at 8 February 2023

Option 2 is the recommended option.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER**Consultative**

LGIS

RWG

Office of the Auditor General

Strategic

Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030

Goal 5: Strong Leadership and Governance

To have effective and responsive leadership and governance, where a sense of collective purpose and shared direction combine to work together.

Policy Related

G19 Risk Assessment and Management

Financial

Financial implications of the proposed risk mitigation strategies are presented to Council as they emerge and inform the annual budget process.

Legal and Statutory

Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* is applicable and states:

“17. CEO to review certain systems and procedures

- (1) *The CEO is to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of a local government's systems and procedures in relation to —*
 - (a) *risk management; and*
 - (b) *internal control; and*
 - (c) *legislative compliance.*
- (2) *The review may relate to any or all of the matters referred to in subregulation (1)(a), (b) and (c), but each of those matters is to be the subject of a review not less than once in every 3 financial years.*
- (3) *The CEO is to report to the audit committee the results of that review.”*

Risk Related

The development and regular update of an organisational Risk Register is a risk management tool.

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Workforce

It is proposed that risk mitigation actions are undertaken within current resources. Where additional resources are required, this will be identified and submitted as part of the annual budget process.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority: No

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mr Peter Carden

Seconded: Ms Shona Zulsdorf

That, with regard to the Risk Management Update as at 8 February 2023, the Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council:

1. Receives the Shire of York Risk Register Dashboard Report as at 8 February 2023, as presented in Appendix 1.
2. Notes the progress made to date regarding the actions contained in the Risk Register and that Officers will review the current system and provide options for future reporting.
3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to present the next review of the Risk Register to the Audit and Risk Committee at its June 2023 meeting.

CARRIED: 4/0

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Asset Sustainability practices			Risk	Control	Business & Community disruption			Risk	Control
			Moderate	Inadequate				High	Adequate
Failure or reduction in service of infrastructure assets, plant, equipment or machinery. These include fleet, buildings, roads and playgrounds and all other assets during their lifecycle from procurement to disposal.			Failure to adequately prepare and respond to events that cause disruption to the local community and / or normal business activities. This could be a natural disaster, weather event, or an act carried out by an external party (e.g. sabotage / terrorism).			Failure to correctly identify, interpret, assess, respond and communicate laws and regulations as a result of an inadequate compliance framework. This includes, new or proposed regulatory and legislative changes, in addition to the failure to maintain updated internal & public domain legal documentation.			
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility				Actions	Due Date	Responsibility	
Maintenance and repairs to be documented as part of AMP's to be redone	Oct-23	EMDS				Staffing - illness, Attrition and Retention	Ongoing	EMCCS	
Develop asset replacement program for capital equipment and vehicles	Apr-23	EMDS				IT Disaster Recovery Testing	16/06/2023	EMCCS	
Develop and implement asset management processes	Jun-23	EMDS							
Review Asset Management Plans and present to Council for noting	Dec-24	EMDS							
Prepare Asset Disposal Policy for adoption by Council	Jun-23	AGO							
Prepare designs to repair Mackie Siding	Jun-23	EMDS							
Document Management processes			Risk	Control	Employment practices			Risk	Control
			Moderate	Effective				Moderate	Adequate
Failure to adequately capture, store, archive, retrieve, provide or dispose of documentation.			Failure to effectively manage and lead human resources (full-time, part-time, casuals, temporary and volunteers).			Failure to maintain effective working relationships with the Community (including local Media), Stakeholders, Key Private Sector Companies, Government Agencies and / or Elected Members. This includes activities where communication, feedback or consultation is required and where it is in the best interests to do so.			
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility				Actions	Due Date	Responsibility	
Prepare project brief for records digitisation and disposal for consideration in 23-24 budget	Mar-23	AGC				Ensure annual budget allocation to subscribe to WILGA HR assistance services	Ongoing	EMCCS	
Auditor App being examined for storage and collection of WHS issues to promote ease of use and encourage compliance	Ongoing	ELT				Implement annual training program for staff that includes refresher training on policies and procedures	Ongoing	EMCCS	
Additional applications for compliance, WHS etc will dilute the 'one source of truth' record keeping system	Ongoing	EMCCS				Review Workforce Plan - informed gap analysis project	Jun-23	EMCCS	
Develop a culture of good record-keeping	Dec-23	EMDS				Complete Employee Manual for inclusion in employee inductions	Ongoing	ESOH	
Develop succession planning strategies	Ongoing	AGC				Include Employee Assistance Program process in Employee Manual	Ongoing	EMCCS	
						Training needs identified as part of annual budget process	Ongoing	Executive & Supervisors	
Engagement practices			Risk	Control				Risk	Control
			Low	Effective					
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility				Actions	Due Date	Responsibility	
Implement the actions contained in the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan	1/06/2023	All staff				Develop new Engagement Framework	1/06/2023	EMCCS	
						Undertake Community Scorecard 2022/23	1/06/2023	EMCCS	

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Environment management			Risk	Control
			Moderate	Adequate
Inadequate prevention, identification, enforcement and management of environmental issues.				
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility		
Identification of new and review of current hockey stick locations for endangered flora on roadsides	Ongoing	EMDS		
Develop a coordinated approach to disseminating information to new and existing residents re: waste and other environmental initiatives	Ongoing	EMDS		
Conduct a recycling education program once new waste collection contract is signed.	1/06/2023	EHO		
Develop a strategy to manage council control in the Shire of York.	Ongoing	DSC/EHO		
Develop and implement procedures for the use of hazardous chemicals to include strategies for community consultation	1/06/2023	EMDS		

Errors, omissions & delays			Risk	Control
			Moderate	Adequate
Errors, omissions or delays in operational activities as a result of unintentional errors or failure to follow due process including incomplete, inadequate or inaccuracies in advisory activities to customers or internal staff.				
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility		
Implement a staff training program that includes refresher training on procurement	Ongoing	EMCCS		
Review Procurement Policy and Procedures	1/06/2023	FM		
Works delayed by stock items	Ongoing	EMDS		
Undertake business planning to develop an asset register/recording system	1/03/2023	EMDS		
Develop the intranet for use of staff to display current documents and information	1/06/2023	AGO		
Mapping the customer expectations for works including action request process and looking for improvements	1/06/2023	EMDS		

External theft & fraud (Including Cyber)			Risk	Control
			High	Moderate
Loss of funds, assets, data or unauthorised access, (whether attempted or successful) by external parties, through any means (including electronic).				
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility		
Review procedures and provide refresher training on cash handling	1/06/2023	FM		
Document clear internal processes and systems to report any potential fraud, that include anonymous reporting (Fraud & Corruption)	1/06/2023	EMCCS		
Investigate careless operations at the CFC Facility	1/06/2023	EMDS		
Review cybersecurity measures	1/06/2023	EMCCS/FM		
Review departmental responsibilities around security and assigning tasks appropriately	1/06/2023	ELT		

Management of Facilities / Venues / Events			Risk	Control
			Low	Adequate
Failure to effectively manage the day to day operations of facilities, venues and / or events.				
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility		
Events Committee to undertake desktop review of event management procedures.	Ongoing	CPC		
Develop procedures for facility bookings and feedback - events especially	Ongoing	AGC/EMDS ESO		
Booking forms to include details of Evacuation Plans for all facilities	1/12/2023	EMDS ESO/AGC		
Investigate online booking system to be integrated into Shire website for community bookings	1/06/2023	AGC		
Review signage for all venues giving consideration to the Access and Inclusion Audit	Ongoing	DSC/PMO		
YRCC sharing of information with teams re: bookings	Ongoing	CPC		
Review of the Events procedures and processes to consider current risks such as terrorism	1/06/2023	CPC		

IT or communication systems and infrastructure			Risk	Control
			Moderate	Adequate
Disruption, financial loss or damage to reputation from a failure of information technology systems, instability, degradation of performance, or other failure of IT or communication system or infrastructure causing the inability to continue business activities and provide services to the community. This may or may not result in IT Disaster Recovery Plans being invoked.				
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility		
Implement regular testing regime for effectiveness of IT Disaster Recovery Plan	Ongoing	IT/P		
Hot water system leak in server room to be rectified	Ongoing	EMDS		
Review levels of service with the external IT providers	Ongoing	EMCCS		
Improve levels of service at Shire outstations (ie museum, swimming pool, depot, YRCC)	1/06/2023	IT/P		

Misconduct			Risk	Control
			Moderate	Effective
Intentional activities intended to circumvent the Code of Conduct or activities in excess of authority, which circumvent endorsed policies, procedures or delegated authority.				
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility		
Review stocktaking procedures for minor plant and equipment portable and attractive items	1/06/2023	FM		
Complete Employee Induction Manual	Ongoing	EMCCS		
Review Delegation Authority Register to ensure details of sub-delegations are accurate	Ongoing	AGC		
Undertake training for all staff on HR policies and procedures	Ongoing	EMCCS		
Develop and implement an annual staff training program that includes refresher training in HR policies and procedures.	Ongoing	EMCCS		
Review cash handling procedures for outstations	1/12/2023	FM		
Develop and implement a periodic fraud awareness training program for all staff	Ongoing	EMCCS		
Discussions of conflict of interest when staff attend meetings with contractors where they could influence the work.	Ongoing	EMDS		
Review of purchasing segregation and delegations after receipt of OAG Management letter	1/06/2023	ELT		
Need to confirm validity of driver licences with implicated employees	Annual	EMCCS		

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Project / Change management			Safety and Security practices		
Risk			Risk		
Moderate			Moderate		
Adequate			Adequate		
Inadequate analysis, design, delivery and/ or status reporting of change initiatives, resulting in additional expenses, time delays or scope changes.			Non-compliance with the Work Health and Safety Act, associated regulations and standards. It is also the inability to ensure the physical security requirements of staff, contractors and visitors. Other considerations are negligence or carelessness.		
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility	Actions	Due Date	Responsibility
Develop and implement procedures around Grants Management	1/06/2023	FM/EMDS	Adopt the WHS Policy and Safety Manuals for staff	1/06/2023	EMDS/EMCCS
Consider grants management as part of the new Government Frameworks package	1/06/2023	ELT	Undertake training in WHS policies	Ongoing	EMDS/EMCCS
Implement the new contractor/project management procedures and forms and train all relevant staff. Include this in annual refresher training	1/06/2023	EMDS	CCTV to be installed at all buildings	1/06/2023	IT/PIGEAM
Financial risk in completing projects in time to acquit against grants	1/12/2023	EMDS	Update evacuation plans for the depot to include new security gates and undertake emergency exercises	1/06/2023	EMDS
			Access register to be developed and maintained for Depot	Ongoing	OAC
			MSDS for Depot missing - sheets and register to be updated	1/06/2023	EMDS ESO
			Undertake access and alarm upgrades at Administration, YRCC and Museum	1/06/2024	EMDS
			Undertake Emergency Evacuation testing at all facilities	1/12/2023	EMDS
			Front counter replacement to consider upgraded security measures	1/06/2023	EMDS
			Mechanism for flagging aggressive customers and properties	1/06/2023	ELT
			Bushfire volunteer safety inductions and training	Ongoing	EMDS ESO
			Continue to embed safety practices and processes into project work	1/06/2023	EMDS

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Asset Sustainability practices				Mar-23
Risk Context				
Failure or reduction in service of infrastructure assets, plant, equipment or machinery.				
Areas included in the scope are:				
Potential causes include:				
Skill level & behaviour of operators		Unavailability of parts		
Lack of trained staff		Lack of formal or appropriate scheduling (maintenance /		
Outdated equipment		Unexpected breakdowns		
Outdated Asset Management Plans				
Outdated Asset Management Framework				
Absence of Key Asset Documents (Plans etc.)				
Outdated Service Level Agreements				
Insufficient budget to maintain or replace assets		Portable attractive items inventory updates not completed		
Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating	
Procurement Process	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Disposal / Acquisition Process (Financial)	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Roads Routine Maintenance Program	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Plant Routine Maintenance Program	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate	
Buildings Routine Maintenance Program	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Asset Management Data Collection (RAMS and Finance)	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Asset replacement program (broad range of asset classes)	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Statutory requirements (licensing, etc.) in place	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
All maintenance and repairs are documented	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Reactive maintenance	Recovery	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Insurance	Recovery	Mar-23	Effective	
Equipment hire available if needed	Recovery	Mar-23	Effective	
Training provided and qualifications updated	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate	
Overall Control Ratings:				Inadequate
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility		
Training needs submitted to 2019/20 Budget process	Mar-19	EMDS		
Develop annual training program for staff that includes refresher training in procurement	Jun-19	EMDS		
Review Asset Management Plans and submit for adoption by Council	Jun-19	ETO		
Develop and implement procedure for submitting insurance claims	Dec-16	ITP		
Undertake building risk assessments in consultation with LGCS	Dec-16	DSC,TSO,PMO		
Formalise Asset Disposal Process	Complete	EMDS		
Develop and implement Insurance Claims Checklist	Complete	ITP		
Open Space Asset Management Plan to be prepared	Complete	EMDS		
Maintenance and repairs to be documented as part of AMP's to be redone	Oct-23	EMDS		
Develop asset replacement program for capital equipment and vehicles	Apr-23	EMDS		
Develop and implement asset management processes	Jun-23	EMDS		
Review Asset Management Plans and present to Council for noting	Dec-24	EMDS		
Prepare Asset Disposal Policy for adoption by Council	Jun-23	AGO		
Prepare designs to repair Macleod Siding	Jun-23	EMDS		
Consequence Category	Risk Ratings		Rating	
Financial / Reputational	Consequence:		Minor (2)	
	Likelihood:		Possible (3)	
	Overall Risk Ratings:		Moderate	

Control Assurance						
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud	Comments
EMCCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Procurement review underway
EMDS	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Finance has a disposal process in place - asset register. Policy needed. EEDO to pass info on to EMDS/Finance
EMDS	Yes	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	
WS	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Plant replacement program being developed
DSC / PMO	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Routine maintenance program however when annual inspections are carried out, a list of maintenance jobs is created. Plan needed. Building asset management
ETO	Partial	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Training needs to be updated
EMDS	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Asset management processes incomplete
ITP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
EMDS	Yes	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Documented through finance processes / action requests. Need to be registered
TSO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	As soon as maintenance issue is reported a PIR is completed
ITP	Partial	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Claims not always submitted to Payroll Office
EMDS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
EMCCS / FM	Yes	Partial	Yes	Partial	Partial	Training identified as part of annual budget process. Need training regarding procurement and portable items. Maintenance and repairs

Status of Actions	Comments
Complete	
Complete	
Complete	Submitted to June OCM
Complete	Circulated by Matthew
Complete	Now that asset management plans have been adopted
Not Started	Will commence once AMP's received
Not Started	Not yet commenced, to be undertaken by new Graduate Engineer - Asset Management as part of their
Complete	Formal processes not yet commenced
Complete	
In progress	Presented to ELT 19 August 2022
In progress	Transport Asset Management Plan to be presented Council May 2023, Open Space Asset Management
In progress	Draft to be presented to AARC 22/23
In progress	Designs for decommission, replacement and improvement have been undertaken and costed. These

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Business & Community disruption				Mar-23
Risk Context				
Failure to adequately prepare and respond to events that cause disruption to the local community and / or normal business activities. This could be a natural disaster, weather event, or an act carried out by an external party (e.g. sabotage / terrorism).				
This includes: Lack of (or inadequate) emergency response / business continuity plans. Lack of training for specific individuals or availability of appropriate emergency response. Failure in command and control functions as a result of incorrect initial assessment or untimely awareness of incident. Inadequacies in environmental awareness and monitoring of fuel loads, curing rates etc. This does not include disruptions due to IT Systems or infrastructure related failures - refer "Failure of IT & communication systems and infrastructure"				
Potential causes include:				
Cyclones, storm, fire, earthquake, flooding				Extended utility outage (electricity, communications etc.)
Terrorism / sabotage / criminal behaviour				Provisional Factors
Cybernetic / Ransomware				Loss of key staff
Loss of suppliers				Loss of key infrastructure
Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating	
Functional Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA)	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective	
Business Risk Management Program	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective	
Volunteer management & training (Volunteer inductions, BDC)	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate	
Community recovery preparation	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Community fire prevention education	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective	
Business Continuity Framework (Policy, Procedures & Plans)	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective	
Internal Emergency Management Plan (Emergency Management Procedures and Evacuation Plans)	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Generator	Recovery	Mar-23	Inadequate	
IT Disaster Recovery Plan	Recovery	Mar-23	Effective	
Overall Control Ratings:			Adequate	
Actions		Due Date	Responsibility	
Undertake an emergency evaluation, and		Complete	ESG	
Develop and document a Business Continuity Framework		Complete	EMGGS	
Review and implement IT Security Plan		Complete	ITAP	
Engage a BRMP - 4 days per fortnight to develop a BRMP		Complete	BRMP	
Establish and seek feedback from staff regarding Business Continuity Framework		July 19	ITAP	
Assign funding in the budget to purchase a generator		Superseded	EMGGS	
Schedule testing of IT Security Plan and Business Continuity Framework procedures for effectiveness		Complete	ITAP	
Develop organisational Business Continuity Plan in consultation with LGs		Dec-26	EMGGS	
Investigate the installation of infrastructure to facilitate fire of a generator in the event of an emergency		Superseded	ESG	
Arrange replacement of UPS and Server		Complete	ITAP	
Review IT Disaster Recovery Plan		Complete	ITAP	
COWA Work Plan		Ongoing	EMGGS	
Staffing - illness, Attrition and Retention		Ongoing	EMGGS	
IT Disaster Recovery Testing		Aug-23	EMGGS	
Consequence Category	Risk Ratings		Rating	
Service Interruption / Reputation	Consequence		Medium (3)	
	Likelihood		Low (4)	
	Overall Risk Ratings:		High	

Control Assurance						
Control owner	Control Documented	Competence	Accuracy	Timeliness	Pract	Comments
CEM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
CCM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
EMGS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
EMGS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
EMGS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
ITP	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	As part of IT Security Plan, needs work
DSC	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	Training to be undertaken. Equipment now changes to be released
EMGS	No	No	No	No	Yes	The store does not own a generator for Town Hall - Emergency services
ITP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Status of Actions						
Status of Actions		Comments				
Complete		Action plan developed and being implemented				
Complete		As part of IT Security Plan				
Complete		Security Plan developed. New IT Service Provider engaged				
Complete		BRMP engaged. Plan developed and submitted to Council. Works in progress.				
Complete		No constraints received - commencement testing phase				
Not progressed - superseded		Due to changeover in EMGGS				
Complete - test successful		Process to be managed by IT Provider				
Complete		Completed (see 2021 presented to AARC March 2-2021 and CCM March-23)				
To be commenced		Review to B into org BCP				
Complete		Server and UPS at end of life - to be replaced prior to implementation of Atlas Payroll. Procurement and installation				
To be commenced		COVID BCP prepared and adopted - wider BCP completed, Review still required				
Complete		Adjusts in accordance with State Government Mandates				
Ongoing		Recruitment and marketing processes under review to provide attraction. Housing Strategy to be developed to support key staff. Flexible Working Policy to be developed to capture offerings already in place to demonstrate to potential employees the value of working at the Shire. Wellness initiatives being included in recruitment advertisements. Advertising of internal secondment and higher duties opportunities				
Ongoing		Latest test conducted 26 August 2022. Atlas products cannot be tested in the sunset environment. Scheduling further testing in live environment. Action reset to 2023 for yearly action. Focus Networks contacted re testing for live sessions. NFA at Feb 23				

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Failure to fulfil Compliance requirements (statutory, Mar-23)			
Risk Context			
Failure to correctly identify, interpret, assess, respond and communicate laws and regulations as a result of an inadequate compliance. It includes (amongst others) the Local Government Act, Planning & Development Act, Health Act, Building Act, Dog Act, Cat Act.			
Potential causes include:			
Lack of training, awareness and knowledge	Lack of Legal Expertise		
Staff / Councillor Turnover/Vacancies and General Resourcing	No Compliance Officer or person responsible for Compliance oversight and enforcement		
Inadequate record keeping/ failure of corporate electronic systems	Breakdowns in the tender or procurement process		
Ineffective policies & processes	Ineffective monitoring of changes to legislation		
Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating
Compliance framework / calendar	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate
Ad-hoc monitoring (subscriptions & memberships)	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Annual Compliance Return	Detective	Mar-23	Effective
Standardised forms & check sheets (Compliance)	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
State Administrative Tribunal / Ombudsman	Recovery	Mar-23	Adequate
Record-keeping	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate
FMR and Audit Reg 17 Reviews undertaken by independent auditor	Detective	Mar-23	Effective
Risk and WHS Working Group	Detective	Mar-23	Adequate
Overall Control Ratings:			Adequate
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility	
Develop a Compliance Policy	Complete	EMCCS	
Develop an internal Control Policy	Complete	EMCCS	
Amend Code of Conduct to require alleged breaches to be reported to the GEO	Complete	EMCCS	
Complete Compliance Calendar	Complete	EMCCS	
Address risks outlined in Financial Management Review	Complete	PM	
Include documentation of procedures as a KPI for all staff	Complete	Executive & Supervisors	
Establish an OSH Working Group separate to Risk Working Group	Complete	EMDS	
Undertake training for elected OSH representatives	Complete	EMDS	
Review structure of AARC in line with new LG Act	Complete	PM	
Develop a process for internal audit	Jun-19	EMCCS	
Establish and maintain a risk register	Ongoing	EMCCS	
Review the Risk Register quarterly	Ongoing	EMCCS	
Undertake training for staff that includes refresher training on policies and procedures	Ongoing	EMCCS	
Review and refresh Compliance Calendar and report to AARC	Jun-23	EMCCS	
Increasing number of dog attacks and compliance issues. Ranger absence. Risk to Level	Jan-23	DSC	
Bus/Hire Compliance - WHS Procedures	Ongoing	EMDS	
DMIRS new requirements for asbestos reporting	Ongoing	EMDS	
Review building compliance for PML with WACHS	Jun-23	DSC	
Consequence Category	Risk Ratings		Rating
Reputation, Compliance	Consequence:		Moderate (3)
	Likelihood:		Unlikely (2)
Overall Risk Ratings:			Moderate

Control Assurance						
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud	Comments
EMCCS	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Presented to Audit (2021/22)
GEO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Annual budget allocation for memberships
EMCCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Completed on time and with accuracy
AGC	Yes	Partial	Yes	Partial	Yes	Ongoing process of development
GEO	Yes	Partial	Yes	Partial	Yes	Legislated - informal process
AGC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	State Records Act 2000
EMCCS	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	A budget allocations submitted to budget process
EMCCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Group established and meets bi-monthly - OSH working group to be established

Status of Actions	Comments
Complete	Policy adopted by Council in September 2017
Complete	Policy adopted by Council in September 2017
Complete	Code of Conduct amended and presented to the Risk & OSH Working Group
On-going	Risk training undertaken and register established with input from staff. Risks identified in previous Reg
Complete	Compliance calendar established and populated. To be moved to new Actian platform
Complete	All issues addressed. On-going process of documentation of procedures
To be actioned	In 2018/19
Complete	Included in Performance Review Process undertaken in May
On-going	Presented quarterly to Audit and Risk Committee
On-going	ELT met in August to prepare training program for 22/23. Full program yet to be rolled out due to other
Complete	Complete
To be actioned	Training programs are irregular - to be arranged asap
Ongoing	Attain software purchased and implemented for compliance forms such as annual declarations
To be actioned	New LG Act not yet in place. Audit and Risk Committee interim structure to commence following October
Current	Two (2) new Rangers have now been employed which is resulting in a an external change in perception
Ongoing	Compliance with WHS Act for volunteers. Stage one training and recording completed by and
To be actioned	Develop an awareness of new recording and reporting requirements for both staff and contractors (waste
New	Meeting was held with WACHS in February to determine liability for compliance items. This will be

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Document Management processes

Mar-23

Risk Context

Failure to adequately capture, store, archive, retrieve, provide or dispose of documentation.

This includes

- Contact lists
- Procedural documents, personnel files, complaints
- Applications, proposals or documents
- Contracts
- Forms or requests

Potential causes include:

Incompatible systems	Outdated record keeping practices
Inadequate access and / or security levels	Lack of system/application knowledge
Inadequate Storage facilities (including climate control)	High workloads and time pressures
High Staff turnover	Standard Operating Policies not followed

Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating
Document receipt process (scanned, registered & dated)	Preventative	Nov-22	Effective
Documentation archival process	Preventative	Nov-22	Adequate
Records Management Policy / Processes / Manual	Preventative	Nov-22	Effective
Records Management Policy / Processes / Manual	Preventative	Nov-22	Effective
Document disaster recovery plan	Recovery	Nov-22	Adequate
Electronic records back up	Recovery	Nov-22	Effective
Induction Process includes records management training	Preventative	Nov-22	Effective
Policy review processes	Preventative	Nov-22	Inadequate
Exit process	Preventative	Nov-22	Inadequate

Overall Control Ratings: Effective

Actions	Due Date	Responsibility
More training for staff on records eg. entering & recording	Superseded	AGC
Develop annual training program for staff that includes refresher training on records	Jun-19	EMCCS
Undertake training for records management	Complete	AGC
Develop Records Management Strategic Plan	Complete	AGC
Address the need for more procedures to ensure staff accountability	Complete	AGC
Review Social Media Strategy	Complete	AGC
Investigate software options for records digitisation and disposal	Complete	AGC
Update the Records Keeping / Management Plan	Complete	AGC
Prepare project brief for records digitisation and disposal for consideration in 23/24	Mar-23	AGC
Auditor App being examined for storage and collection of WHS issues to promote ease	Dec-23	EMIDS
Additional applications for compliance, WHS etc will dilute the 'one source of truth' record keeping system	Ongoing	AGC
Develop a culture of good record-keeping	Ongoing	ELT
Develop succession planning strategies	Ongoing	EMCCS

Consequence Category	Risk Ratings		Rating
Compliance / Reputation	Consequence:	Likelihood:	Possible (3)
	Overall Risk Ratings:		Moderate

Control Assurance						
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud	Comments
RO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Other policies implemented
AGC	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Part of record keeping plan
AGC	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Have commenced working on procedures
RO	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Strategic Records management plan being developed
ITP / RO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
ITP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
RO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
IT/RO						

Status of Actions	Comments
On-going	Records training undertaken for general staff. Administrator training undertaken using SynergySoft. New employees are now inducted in records training eg. entering & recording.
Complete	
Ongoing	Included as part of annual training refreshers. FCI & Records Info Session conducted December 2019.
Complete	Completed February 2020
Complete	Records procedures documented and reviewed regularly. OS records reports distributed monthly to EMG and staff.
In progress	Included in all inductions. Annual return requirement to acknowledge compliance. Annual refresher training. Additional staffing identified for records to assist other departments.
Ongoing	Workforce Management Plan
Completed	Record keeping software to be purchased in 22/23 that captures social media records
Completed	Further investigation may be required based on ELT priorities and budget constraints
Complete	Aiming for December OCM
To be actioned	Delayed due to key staff long service leave and change in AGC. Will be completed for 23/24 budget preparation
In progress	Investigating how this can be linked with the records system
Ongoing	Regular reminders through training. Check compatibility with new software and engage records team as a stakeholder in decision making

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Engagement practices				Mar-23
Risk Context				
Failure to maintain effective working relationships with the Community (including local Media, Stakeholders, Key Private Sector Companies, Government Agencies, and / or Elected Members). This includes activities where communication, feedback or consultation is required and where it is in the best interests to do so.				
For example: - Following up on any access & inclusion issues - Infrastructure Projects - Local planning initiatives - Strategic planning initiatives This does not include instances whereby Community expectations have not been met for standard service provisions such as Community Events, Library Services and / or Bus/Transport services.				
Potential causes include:				
Relationship breakdowns with community groups	Short lead times lack of planning			
Leadership inattention to current issues	Miscommunication / poor communication			
Inadequate documentation or procedures	Inadequate Regional or District Committee attendance			
Lack of clarity around roles and responsibilities				
Budget / funding issues	Inadequate involvement with, or support of community groups			
Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating	
Community engagement framework (committees, forums, & workshops)	Preventative	Jun-23	Effective	
Social media management	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective	
Support local Volunteer groups	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Community communications (public notices / local papers / website / message boards)	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective	
Complaints management process	Recovery	Mar-23	Effective	
Community involvement in decision making	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective	
Well developed job descriptions and clear communication around roles	Preventative	Jun-23	Adequate	
Customer Service Charter	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective	
Overall Control Ratings:				Effective
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility		
Develop and implement procedures to establish and maintain a FB page	Complete	CEO		
Ensure timelines allow for appropriate communication of information, deadlines etc.	Complete	All staff		
More training on the complaints policy and procedures	Superseded	All staff		
Work with Wheelable Volunteer hub to increase service provision to support volunteer groups	Complete	EMCCS / CEO		
Develop an annual training program for staff that includes refresh training on the Customer Service Charter and complaints procedures	Jun-24	EMCCS / CEO		
Develop Statement of Business Ethics	Jun-24	EMCCS		
Provide regular report on actions to date for 2024/25 budget	Complete	EMCCS		
Undertake Residents' Satisfaction Survey	Complete	EMCCS		
Implement the actions contained in the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan	Jun-23	All staff		
Develop new Engagement Framework	Jun-23	EMCCS		
Undertake Community Scorecard 2022/23	Jun-23	EMCCS		
Consequence Category	Risk Ratings		Rating	
Reputation	Consequence:	Minor (2)		
	Likelihood:	Unlikely (2)		
Overall Risk Ratings:				Low

Control Assurance							
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud		Comments
CEO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Framework and policy adopted by Council
CEO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
CEO	Yes	Partial	Yes	Partial	Yes		No policy provision other than the Community Grants Funding List of work conducted around
CEO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
ASC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Policy adopted by Council and incorporated in Customer Service Charter. Training for staff
EMG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		FB promotion - Community matters
ELT							
ASC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		FB Promotion

Status of Actions	Comments
Complete	Market Creators engaged to manage FB and Instagram accounts. Allocation in 2018/19 budget
Complete	Media deadlines distributed. Email reminders. Community Consultation and Engagement Plans developed for significant projects
To be actioned	Complaints register maintained. Complaints Policy reviewed and adopted October 2016
Complete	Proposals submitted to 2018/19 Budget process for a hub of WVN to be set up in York. Not considered a priority at this stage. YHLC Project Officer will assist clubs
Complete	Incorporated into training with Marg Hemmick in March 2015
Complete	Developed as part of the Procurement Review and uploaded to website
In progress	Customer Service Area - all purchases completed
In progress	Original project timing incorrect. Survey conducted in June 21 with final report to Council in
In progress	Actions continuing. Front counter and CEO Accessibility Upgrades scheduled for 2023/24
In progress	New engagement requirements under the Local Government Act are being investigated
In progress	Survey is now complete and results being collated

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Environment management Mar-23			
Risk Context			
Inadequate provision, identification, enforcement and management of environmental issues.			
The scope includes: - Lack of adequate planning and management of erosion issues - Failure to identify and effectively manage contaminated sites (including groundwater usage) - Waste facilities (landfill / transfer stations) - Waste & mosquito / Yella control - Ineffective management of water sources (recycled, potable) - Illegal dumping - Illegal clearing / land use			
Potential causes include:			
Inadequate management of landfill sites	Inadequate reporting / oversight frameworks		
Lack of understanding / knowledge	Community apathy		
Inadequate local laws / planning schemes	Ongoing land tenure (land occupancy or ownership conditions)		
Lack of understanding of cultural requirements for landowners			
Profit extractive industry (sand, limestone, etc.)	Ongoing land use (growing population vs conservation)		
Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating
Environment management program	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Community education & engagement e.g. schools / new home owner packs	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate
Support volunteer environment management groups	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Environmental monitoring, testing and inspection programs	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Encourage recycling efforts (glass, oil, batteries, etc.)	Recovery	Mar-23	Adequate
Cleaning permits for road works obtained	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Mosquito management program	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
RAP Working to inform education of landowners	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate
Sandridge water use education and regulation	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
			Adequate
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility	
Develop and document process for road cleaning permits	Complete	DAO	
Continually looking into a mosquito program & purchasing a fogger	Superseded	EHO	
Under take mosquito fogging for all roads (looking into purchasing fogger)	Complete	EHO	
Under take recruitment process for Contractors for Change site	Complete	EMDS	
Implement regular street sweeping program to address bird droppings in CBG	Complete	EHO/EMDS	
Engage contractor to undertake pothole filling	Complete	EHO	
Identification of new and review of current hockey stick locations for endogenous flora on	Ongoing	EMDS	
Develop a coordinated approach to disseminating information to new and existing residents re: waste and other environmental initiatives	Ongoing	EMDS	
Conduct a recycling education program once new waste collection contract is signed	Jun-23	EHO	
Develop a strategy to manage costs control in the State of York	Ongoing	BSC/EHO	
Develop and implement procedures for the use of hazardous chemicals to include strategies for community consultation	Jun-23	EMDS	
Consequence Category	Risk Ratings	Rating	
Environment, Reputation, Financial	Consequence	Minor / Low	
	Likelihood	Possible / 3	
	Overall Risk Rating:	Medium	

Control Assurance						
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud	Comments
EHO	No	Yes	Yes	Partial		Informal, but not documented
EHO	No	No	No	No		Social media promotion/Community matters flow home owner packs available but not well known. Please sign up for home builders. Coordinated approach needed
EMDS	No	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	May be a lack of awareness due to lack of education
EHO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
TSO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Controlled by Waste Transfer Station management. All households are encouraged to use their recycling bin. Mobile Muter for drop offs also at Share office. As part of Waste management contract??? Garage sale too.
DAO	No	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Have attended Environmental Planning Tool training through WFA, DA. Have yet to complete a desktop assessment.
EHO	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Mosquito spraying undertaken as required
EO Rates & Debtors	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	For a holistic approach

Status of Actions	Comments
Ongoing	Contract is in place. EHO to consider options and formulate program
Ongoing	Report passed by Council at Feb 23 OCM to commit current and future budget towards regional initiatives
Not started	No evidence of this work commencing
Ongoing	Street sweeping is in place, supported with adjustments to staffing hours and noise control. Pigeon control remains an issue where it is able to accumulate in large quantities on buildings. Specialist contractors are being engaged to conduct removal with regulations not dissimilar to the process for asbestos removal. Contractor coming early Sept
Ongoing	Reactive measures in place supported by budget for 2023. This will continue into future years
Ongoing	Coordination of locations of endangered flora complete however this needs to be reconciled with existing hockey stick locations
Ongoing	

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Errors, omissions & delays

Mar-23

Risk Context

Errors, omissions or delays in operational activities as a result of unintentional errors or failure to follow due process including incomplete, inadequate or inaccuracies in advisory activities to customers or internal staff.

Examples include;

- Incorrect planning, development, building, community safety and Emergency Management advice
- Incorrect health or environmental advice
- Inconsistent messages or responses from Customer Service Staff
- Any advice that is not consistent with legislative requirements or local laws.
- Human error
- Inaccurate recording, maintenance, testing or reconciliation of data
- Inaccurate data being used for management decision-making and reporting.
- Delays in service to customers

This excludes process failures caused by inadequate / incomplete procedural documentation - refer "Inadequate Document Management Processes"

Potential causes include;

Human error	Incorrect information
Inadequate formal procedures or training	Miscommunication
Lack of trained staff	Work pressure / stress
Unrealistic expectations from community, council or management	Health issues
Lack of discoverable information	
Poor use of check sheets / FAQ's	Lack of understanding

Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating
Procurement Policy	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Training for staff with purchasing authority	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Documented procedures / monitoring	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Staff training program (mentoring, formal & on-the-job)	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Documented information sheets / website information / FAQ's to assist customer service staff in providing advice to customers	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
External consultants such as legal, human resources, heritage	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Complaints resolution process	Recovery	Mar-23	Effective
Customer Management System	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate
Customer Service Charter	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Review and monitoring of outstanding correspondence	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Centralised information systems which allows the discovery and use of the most up to date information			
Overall Control Ratings:			Adequate

Actions

Due Date	Responsibility
Complete	EMCCS
Complete	EMCCS
Complete	EMG
Complete	EMG
Complete	RJ

Control Assurance						
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud	Comments
EMCCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Need review based on OAG feedback
EMCCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	RFQ Training to be conducted
All staff	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Procedures in the process or being documented
EMG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Training needs identified and included in Staff Training Plan
AGC	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	FAQ's currently in process. Website review
EMG	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
EMCCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Complaints Policy adopted. Procedures form part of the complaints policy. Register - Synergy based
EMUS						Lots of different approaches
EMCCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Charter adopted by Council
EMG	Yes	Partial	Yes	Partial	Yes	DS records distributed monthly

Status of Actions	Comments
Complete	Policy was reviewed, amended and adopted by Council in September 2017. RFQ and RFT documents have been amended to include reference to variations.
Complete	EMCCS and FM met with individual business units to provide further training and answer questions regarding procurement. Officers authorising payments now check for non-compliance with Policy and send an email memo to the responsible officer noting non-compliance. Moore Stephens noted significant improvement during 2017/18 Interim Audit.
Complete	Managers and supervisors are asked to complete a Training Request Template as part of the annual budget process which incorporate training needs identified during performance management process.
Complete	Allocations for legal advice, WALGA subscription services, heritage advice and consultants for specific projects where required are included in the annual budget.
Complete	Report provided to EMG monthly for review and action.

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Provide information to all staff regarding the Customer Service Charter and reminder regarding timescales for response.	Complete	AGG	Complete	Email memo to all staff with customer service charter attached. Customer Service Charter also sent out with 2018/19 rates notices.
Develop organisational templates in relation to procurement management...	Complete	EMCCS	In progress	
Undertake a Procurement Review and present findings and recommendations to the Audit Committee	Complete	EMCCS	In progress	
Undertake training to include amendments to the Procurement Policy and the new Procurement Manual	Complete	EMCCS	Complete	
Review Interim Audit Management Letter and implement recommendations made	Complete	EMG	Complete	
Review Final Audit Management Letter and implement recommendations made	Complete	FM	Complete	
Review Interim Audit Management Letter and implement timescale to address recommendations	Complete	FM	Complete	
Develop improvement plan based on findings of FMR and Audit Reg 17 Reviews	Complete	FM	Complete	
Implement a staff training program that includes refresher training on procurement	Ongoing	EMCCS	In progress	
Review Procurement Policy and Procedures	Jun-23	FM	In progress	Review needed to clearly detail treatment and recording of conflicts of interest in procurement processes and to review the level of delegations and controls. Awaiting outcome of QAG findings
Works delayed by stock items	Ongoing	EMDS	In progress	Identify items in advance that may have impact upon critical path
Undertake business planning to develop an asset register/recording system	Mar-23	EMDS	In progress	To be completed as part of the 23/24 budget preparation
Develop the intranet for use of staff to display current documents and information	Jun-23	AGO	In progress	
Mapping the customer expectations for works including action request process and looking for improvements	Jun-23	EMDS	In progress	

Consequence Category	Risk Ratings	Rating
Reputation / Compliance	Consequence:	Minor (2)
	Likelihood:	Possible (3)
	Overall Risk Ratings:	Moderate

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Management of Facilities / Venues / Events				Mar-23
Risk Context				
Failure to effectively manage the day to day operations of facilities, venues and / or events.				
This includes: -Inadequate procedures in place to manage quality or availability. -Poor crowd control -Ineffective signage -Booking issues -Stressful interactions with hirers / users (financial issues or not adhering to rules of use of facility) -Inadequate oversight or provision of peripheral services (e.g. cleaning / maintenance)				
Potential causes include:				
Double bookings	Traffic congestion or vehicles blocking entry or exit			
Illegal / excessive alcohol consumption	Insufficient time between bookings for cleaning or maintenance			
Bond payments poorly managed	Difficulty accessing facilities / venues.			
Falsifying hiring agreements (alcohol on site / lower deposit)	Failed safety / chemical / health requirements			
Inadequate oversight or provision of peripheral services (e.g. cleaning / maintenance)	Poor service from contractors (such as catering or cleaning)			
Terrorism				
Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating	
Event management procedures and monitoring	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Inspection, maintenance and cleaning schedules	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate	
Facility / Venue booking system (including bonds)	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate	
Venue booking management procedures and monitoring	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate	
Events package given to hire (information sheets, events questionnaire / procedures / checklist)	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective	
Insurance certificate of currency checked	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective	
Feedback from community and users of facilities	Recovery	Mar-23	Effective	
MOUs in place for on-going users	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Overall Control Ratings:			Adequate	
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility		
Staff training required in the area of venue bookings.	Complete	AGC		
Synergy Booking Module currently being updated.	Complete	AGC		
Social distancing measures and signage to be deployed in all State facilities	Ongoing	D&C		
Maintain and record COVID-19 cleaning regime	Ongoing	EHO		
Undertake an events review and develop/implement strategies to improve processes.	Complete	EEDO		
COVID-19 safety plans to be prepared for hire venues	Complete	DS&AGC		
Events Committee to undertake desktop review of event management procedures	Ongoing	CPC		
Develop procedures for facility bookings and feedback - events especially	Ongoing	AGC/EMDS/EO		
Booking forms to include details of Evacuation Plans for all facilities	Dec-23	EMDS/EO/AGC		
Investigate online booking system to be integrated into State website for community	Jun-23	AGC		
Review signage for all venues giving consideration to the Access and Inclusion Audit	Ongoing	D&C/PAO		
YRCC sharing of information with teams re bookings	Ongoing	CPC		
Review of the Events procedures and processes to consider current risks such as	Jun-23	CPC		
Consequence Category	Risk Ratings		Rating	
Reputation	Consequence:		Minor (2)	
	Likelihood:		Unlikely (2)	
	Overall Risk Rating:		Low	

Control Assurance						
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud	Comments
EEDO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	More events occurring. Improvements to increase LOS
EHO / venue managers	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	
AGC	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Issues with tentative bookings / accuracy of data. System inadequate. Reactive
AGC	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Partial	
EEDO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
AGC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
AGC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Debriefings and forms provided
YRCC/PO	Partial	No	Partial	No	Yes	Regular users of the Town Hall / Stadium

Status of Actions	Comments
Complete	Training undertaken
Complete	Updated
Review	Events Committee established and review of current procedures undertaken. Internal checklist developed to assist each department with operational controls required. To include RAP findings. Roles and responsibility definition. Review to include role of contractor induction in bookings.
Review	Procedures in place and being tested. Feedback is provided in the booking hire form for users to complete. Also through debriefings with the Events Coordinator following an event. Information sheet to be developed around insurances and contractor induction.
Complete	State of Emergency revoked
Complete	Events policy review and guidelines adopted by Council. Monitoring of events still in progress
Need updating	Events booking now cover safety induction. Evacuation plan updates being sought.
In Progress	RFO has been prepared for release to market
Complete	
In Progress	Not complete. Residency museum has not been done. Review and update of all facilities to be included as part of condition
Ongoing	Request to be extended again to Belgravia for staff attendance
In Progress	

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IT or communication systems and infrastructure				Mar-23
<p>Disruption, financial loss or damage to reputation from a failure of information technology systems. Instability, degradation of performance, or other failure of IT or communication system or infrastructure causing the inability to continue business activities and provide services to the community. This may or may not result in IT Disaster Recovery Plans being invoked.</p> <p>Examples include failures or disruptions caused by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Hardware or softwareNetworksFailures of IT Vendors <p>This also includes where poor governance results in the breakdown of IT maintenance such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Configuration managementPerformance monitoring <p>This does not include new system implementations - refer "Inadequate Project / Change Management"</p>				
Potential causes include:				
Weather impacts		Non-renewal of licences		
Power outage on site or at service provider		Inadequate IT incident, problem management & Disaster Recovery Processes		
Out-dated, inefficient or unsupported hardware or software		Lack of process and training		
Software vulnerability		Equipment purchases without input from IT department		
Incompatibility between operating systems		Vulnerability to user error		
Poor service from external IT providers				
Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating	
Formal IT infrastructure maintenance & replacement program	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate	
IT Vendor service level Agreement	Detective	Mar-23	Effective	
Infrastructure Security (security access protocols, firewalls)	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective	
UPS	Recovery	Mar-23	Inadequate	
IT Disaster Recovery Plan	Recovery	Mar-23	Effective	
Contract management	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate	
Overall Control Ratings:			Adequate	
Actions		Due Date	Responsibility	
Develop an IT Security and Disaster Recovery Plan that incorporates maintenance and replacement of infrastructure		Mar-16	ISB	
Implement a protocol to ensure passwords are changed regularly		Mar-16	ISB	
Review levels of access to server and develop a process to ensure security & confidentiality of information		Jun-16	ISB	
Develop a wireless specification, seek quotes and engage an IT Service Provider		Mar-23	ISB	
Investigate and implement transition to new communications provider		Mar-23	ISB	
Arrange installation of SATPOS facilities at the Museum		Sep-19	ITP	
Review levels of access to Synergy and implement changes		Complete	ITD / EAG	
Migrate email addresses from role-based to individual officers		Complete	ISB	
Review physical security of server rooms		Complete	ISB	
Arrange replacement of UPS and Server		Complete	ISB	
Implement regular testing regime for effectiveness of IT Disaster Recovery Plan		Ongoing	ITP	
Hot water system leak in server room to be rectified		Ongoing	EMEG	
Review levels of service with the external IT providers		Ongoing	EMCCS	
Improve levels of service at Site outstations (ie museum, swimming pool, depot, YROC)		Jun-23	ITP	
Consequence Likelihood		Risk Rating		Rating
Service disruption		Consequence:		Moderate (3)
		Likelihood:		Possible (3)
		Overall Risk Rating:		Moderate

Control Assurance						
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud	Comments
IT &P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Within budget constraints
IT &P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
IT &P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
IT &P	Partial	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	ITPS needs to be updated
IT &P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Status of Actions		Comments
Complete	IT Security Plan drafted and presented to Risk and OSH Working Group for feedback. Reconfiguration of firewalls, internet access, virus control undertaken	
Complete	A new process has been documented to ensure passwords are changed regularly	
Complete	The server structure has been reconfigured and levels of access introduced	
Complete	Focus Networks engaged as new IT support provider	
In Progress	Works commenced to provide fibre connections to Administration, Museum and Depot	
Complete		
Complete		
Complete		
Ongoing	Can be accessed by anyone with a master key. Conduct risk assessment to see whether measures are suitable	
Complete	Servers upgraded prior to Atlas Procurement and EGA changeover	
Ongoing	Last Disaster Recovery testing session conducted 26 August 2022. Atlas products unable to be linked in the sample environment. Further testing to be scheduled as these need to be conducted in the live environment	
Ongoing	Has been done. Redundant services still to be removed. Consider this as part of the risk assessment for the server room to remedy all defects	
In Progress	Contractor management meetings held with IT Vision to work to improve service. Alternative providers for support being sought	

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Misconduct

Nov-22

Intentional activities intended to circumvent the Code of Conduct or activities in excess of authority, which circumvent endorsed policies, procedures or delegated authority.

This would include instances of:

- Relevant authorisations not obtained.
- Distributing confidential information.
- Accessing systems and / or applications without correct authority to do so.
- Misrepresenting data in reports.
- Theft by an employee
- Inappropriate use of plant, equipment or machinery
- Inappropriate use of social media.
- Inappropriate behaviour at work.
- Purposeful sabotage

This does not include instances where it was not an intentional breach - refer Errors, Omissions or Delays.

Potential causes include:

Inadequate training of code of conduct \ induction	Greed, gambling or sense of entitlement
Changing of job roles and functions/authorities	Collusion between internal & external parties
Delegated authority process inadequately implemented	Password sharing
Lack of internal checks	Low level of Supervisor or Management oversight
Covering up poor work performance	Believe they'll get away with it
Poor enforcement of policies and procedures	Undue influence from Manager / Councillor
Information leaked to Tenderers during the Tender process	Poor work culture
Insubordination	By-passing established administrative procedures
Disgruntled employees	Sharing of confidential information

Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating
Delegated authority framework	Preventative	Nov-22	Effective
IT Security Framework	Preventative	Nov-22	Adequate
Cash handling procedures	Preventative	Nov-22	Adequate
Staff on-boarding / induction program (Code of Conduct)	Preventative	Nov-22	Effective
External Audits	Preventative	Nov-22	Effective
Police clearances	Preventative	Nov-22	Effective
Annual drivers licence checks	Preventative	Nov-22	Inadequate
Strong management culture (Zero tolerance for misconduct)	Preventative	Nov-22	Effective
Social Media policy	Preventative	Nov-22	Effective
Segregation of duties (Financial)	Preventative	Nov-22	Adequate

Overall Control Ratings:

Effective

Actions	Due Date	Responsibility
Develop an IT Security Framework	Jan-18	IT/P
Review and document cash handling procedures for implementation at all Shire outstations and administration	Jun-18	FM
Develop and implement a procedure for disciplining employees	Jun-18	EMCCS
Review and implement a procedure for new vehicle acquisition	Jun-18	EMCCS

Control Assurance						
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud	Comments
EMCCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Review based upon OAG recommendations
IT/P	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	
FM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	CCTV installed over cash handling areas
EMCCS	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Induction manual to be finalised and training undertaken
EMCCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
ESOCSS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Request for police clearances prior to confirmation of employment. Employee files reviewed and additional police clearance requested where required
ESOCSS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Under take July 2017, annual declaration risks for this
CEO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Induction for all staff regarding Code of Conduct Policy and implementation. Alcohol and Drug Policy adopted. Culture reinforced through email correspondence and in person at staff meetings.
CEO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	FB and Instagram sites launched December 2017
FM	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Review following OAG feedback

Status of Actions	Comments
Ongoing	Under review. Definitive training to be incorporated with Payroll officer Part A and E to be representative.
Ongoing	To be completed for Council Adoption in December every year. Last conducted OCM Dec 2021 Resolution 051221
Complete	Reviewed and adopted by Council November 2017 OCM. The server structure has been reconfigured and levels of access introduced. Passwords are changed regularly. Firewalls installed.
Complete	Cash handling procedures developed and implemented. CCTV cameras installed at all cash handling

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Develop a Fraud and Corruption Framework for review every 2 years	Ongoing	EMCCS
Review user access to SynergySoft	Complete	HRP + EMAs
Review stocktaking procedures for minor plant and equipment, portable and attractive	Jun-23	FM
Complete Employee Induction Manual	Ongoing	EMCCS
Review Delegation Authority Register to ensure details of sub-delegations are accurate	Ongoing	AGC
Undertake training for all staff on HR policies and procedures	Ongoing	EMCCS
Develop and implement an annual staff training program that includes refresher training in HR policies and procedures	Ongoing	EMCCS
Review cash handling procedures for outstations	Dec-23	FM
Develop and implement a periodic fraud awareness training program for all staff	Ongoing	EMCCS
Declarations of conflict of interest when staff attend meetings with contractors where	Ongoing	EMIDS
Review of purchasing segregation and delegations after receipt of OAG Management	Jun-23	ELT
Need to confirm validity of driver licences with implicated employees	Annual	EMCCS

Consequence Category	Risk Ratings	Rating
Reputation / Finance	Consequence:	Minor (2)
	Likelihood:	Possible (3)
	Overall Risk Ratings:	Moderate

Complete	Approved April 2018 following consultation and distributed to all staff
Complete	Approved April 2018 following consultation and distributed to all staff
Ongoing	Marg Hensley from LG People to undertake training on 6 March 2019. To be included in annual
In Progress	Incomplete. Work has recommenced on this
In Progress	Cash handling refresher updated planned for Containers for Change, Museum, Visitor Centre, Pool and
Complete	
Ongoing	Review being conducted currently. Delayed due to unexpected leave of responsible officer
Complete	Fraud and Corruption Framework adopted by Council at its December 22 OCM Resolution 141222
Not started	To be scheduled for 2023 as part of HR Leadership Training
In Progress	This needs to be workshopped to see how it can be implemented at the Shire
In Progress	EMCCS to meet with Munding to review their practices as recommended by CA3. Solutions will also
Ongoing	Officers to review whether Albus Payroll can record and issue notices for annual review. Currently this

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Project / Change management

Mar-23

Risk Context

Inadequate analysis, design, delivery and / or status reporting of change initiatives, resulting in additional expenses, time delays or scope changes.

This includes:

Inadequate change management framework to manage and monitor change activities.

Inadequate understanding of the impact of project change on the business.

Failures in the transition of projects into standard operations.

Failure to implement new systems

Inadequate handover process

This does not include new plant & equipment purchases. Refer "Inadequate Asset Sustainability Practices"

Potential causes include:

Lack of communication and consultation	Excessive growth (too many projects)
Lack of investment	Inadequate monitoring and review
Failures of project Vendors/Contractors	Geographic or transport difficulties sourcing equipment / materials
External consultants underquoting on costs	Lack of project methodology knowledge and reporting requirements
Ineffective management of expectations (scope creep)	Project risks not managed effectively
Inadequate project planning (resources/budget)	

Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating
Project Management Methodology	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Status reporting and monitoring program	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate
Stakeholder engagement policy and framework	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Council submission process (including Risk)	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Post-project debriefs	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate
Risk assessments are conducted before and during projects	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate
Project Management Teams	Preventative	Jan-00	Adequate
Overall Control Ratings:			Adequate

Actions	Due Date	Responsibility
Project Planning Template (including risk assessment) to developed and distributed to:	Feb-18	EMDS
Provide staff training regarding risk implications for inclusion in agenda reports.	Mar-18	EMGCS
Conduct Project Management Training for relevant staff	Jun-18	Relevant staff
Project plans including milestones, reporting, stakeholder engagement, risk assessment and formal debriefs are documented for projects	Jun-18	Relevant staff
Undertake staff training to include amendments to Procurement Policy and new Procurement Manual	Dec-19	FMGCS
Incorporate review of grants register into quarterly FACR processes	Superseded	FM
Review Project Management processes and develop checklist	Complete	EMDS
Develop and implement procedures around Grants Management	Jun-23	FM/EMDS
Consider grants management as part of the new Government Frameworks package	Jun-23	ELT
Implement the new contractor/project management procedures and forms and train all	Jun-23	FMDS
Financial risk in completing projects in time to acquit against grants	Dec-23	EMDS

Consequence Category	Risk Ratings	Rating
Financial / Reputational / Health	Consequence:	Minor (2)
	Likelihood:	Possible (3)
	Overall Risk Ratings:	Moderate

Control Assurance						
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud	Comments
EMDS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
EMDS	Partial	Yes	Partial	Partial	Yes	Procurement Review to be undertaken
CEO	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Policy G2.9 Community Engagement & Consultation adopted by Council 24/10/16
EMGCS	Yes	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Agenda template includes consideration of Risk implications. Training
EMDS	No	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Refused only
EMDS	Yes	Partial	Yes	Partial	No	Procurement Review
EMDS						Training planned, education on process and methodology

Status of Actions	Comments
Complete	Risk tables distributed to all staff. Agenda writing workshops conducted where elements of the agenda
Complete	Project management training provided to relevant staff.
In progress	Project plan developed. To be distributed to all staff.
Complete	Project management training provided to relevant staff.
Complete	
Incomplete	Review existing and incorporate into project procedures.
New	Examine the new Government Frameworks ERP to include grant management and reporting similar to
Incomplete	This process has not been conducted. New process to be developed for regular review as the FACR
Complete	EMDS has produced contractor management suite of information and has provided to the OAG as per
In Progress	Training has been conducted with all relevant staff. Refresher training to be scheduled in 23/24
In progress	Project spreadsheet captures grant spending and reports in a dashboard to highlight risk. Will be rolled out

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Safety and Security practices		Mar-23	
Risk Context			
Non-compliance with the Work Health and Safety Act, associated regulations and standards. It is also the inability to ensure the physical security requirements of staff, contractors and visitors. Other considerations are negligence or carelessness.			
Potential causes include:			
Lack of appropriate PPE / equipment	Inadequate signage, barriers or other exclusion techniques		
Inadequate first aid supplies or trained first aiders	Poor storage and use of dangerous goods		
Inadequate security protection measures in place for buildings, depots and other places of work	Ineffective / inadequate testing, sampling or other health-related requirements		
Inadequate or unsafe modifications to plant & equipment	Lack of mandate and commitment from senior management		
Inadequate policy frameworks, systems and structure to prevent the injury of visitors, staff, contractors and/or tenants.	Inadequate organisational Emergency Management requirements (evacuation diagrams, drills, wardens etc.)		
Inadequate supervision, training or mentoring of staff	Slow or inadequate response to notifications from public		
Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating
Building Security access controls (alarms, CCTV, keypad access)	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
WHS Management Framework	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Contractor site inductions	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Staff site inductions	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Drug and alcohol policy	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Employee Assistance Program	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Hazardous Substance and Dangerous Goods registers	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Health and Wellbeing program	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Incident register / incident reporting procedures	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Organisational Emergency Management Plan and evacuation diagrams	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate
Purchasing policies and procedures consider safety issues	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Regular documented safety inspections	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Safe work practices (Safe Work Method Statements)	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Toolbox meetings	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Trained first aiders	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Return to work programs	Recovery	Mar-23	Adequate
Establish WHS Committee	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Embed safety procedures and policies into project management framework	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate
Defib training	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Overall Control Ratings:			Adequate
Actions	Due Date	Responsibility	
Establish procedures in liaison with LGIS for EAP	Jan-18	EMCCS	
Update Hazardous Substance and Dangerous Goods Register	Mar-18	DAO	
Develop procedures for the implementation of the Alcohol & Other Drugs Policy	Complete	EMCCS + OSH	
Develop and implement a Grievance, Bullying and Harassment resolution procedure	Jun-18	EMCCS	
Undertake training in HR policies	Superceded	EMCCS	
Implement the recommendations of the Emergency Exercise report	Jun-19	TSO	
Implement action plan incorporating results of C&H Audit	Complete	TSO	
Review Safety Wardens at outstations and provide training	Ongoing	ESO EMIDS	
Seek quotes for new YHUT and Gym access and arrange installation	Complete	IIR/IRM	
Update procedures to reflect LGIS requirements for fire ground attendance	Dec-22	EMIDS ESO	
Clarification from LGIS on private vehicle attendance to a fire ground	Dec-22	EMIDS ESO	
Adopt the WHS Policy and Safety Manuals for staff	Jun-23	EMIDS/EMCCS	
Undertake training in WHS policies	Ongoing	EMIDS/EMCCS	
CCTV to be installed at all buildings	Jun-23	ITP/PEAM	
Update Evacuation Plans for the Depot to include new security gates and undertake	Jun-23	EMIDS	
Access register to be developed and maintained for Depot	Ongoing	DAO	
MSDS for Depot missing - sheets and register to be updated	Jun-23	EMIDS ESO	

Control Assurance						
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud	Comments
IT/P	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	
DSC	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial		ongoing
EMIDS	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes		
EMIDS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
EMCCS	Yes	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	
EMCCS	Yes	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Communication
DAO	Partial	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	
EMCCS	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Through LGIS Assessments
DSC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	ongoing as incident's happen
DSC	Yes	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	ongoing at the moment
EMCCS	Yes	Yes	Partial	Partial	Yes	Does the purchase order need to be enhanced to capture conditions
DSC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Undertaken in January 2019
WS	Partial	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	
WS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
ES/CCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
IT/P	Partial	No	No	Partial	Partial	
DSC						
						Training process

Status of Actions	Comments
Complete	Support provided on a case by case basis. Employees are recommend to the service when required
Complete	
Incomplete	Minor CCTV instalments have occurred. Shire to develop a strategy for use to understand the desired
Complete	Approved April 2018 following consultation and distributed to all staff
Complete	Amalgamated with later training item
Closed	New out of date. Replaced by regular audits and emergency evacuation item below.
In Progress	Work being undertaken by contractor currently
Ongoing	Sign in board for staff and visitor log for others - ongoing as the document is live
In Progress	Being completed along with evacuation training
Complete	New project in place to replace existing hardware.
In Progress	Update to reference new legislation. Safety inductions updated and rolled out for all staff. New
Ongoing	A training schedule is being prepared for 2022/23 to capture all of our training needs including HR
Complete	To be replaced by regular inspections. Hazards will be captured on register. Contact Worksafe to see
Complete	Policy adopted 18/09/17 Procedures in place. Two random tests conducted to date.
In progress	MSDS file has been located but sheets need updating.
In progress	Budget allocation made for 22/23. Toggle entry access upgraded to Administration building. Other
In progress	Still a risk. Key positions are being filled before Evacuation testing can occur at all facilities.

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Undertake access and alarm upgrades at Administration, YRCC and Museum	Jun-24	EMIS
Undertake Emergency Evacuation testing at all facilities	Dec-23	EMIS
Front counter replacement to consider upgraded security measures	Jun-23	EMIS
Mechanism for flagging aggressive customers and properties	Jun-23	ELT
Bushfire volunteer safety inductions and training	Ongoing	EMIS ESO
Continue to embed safety practices and processes into project work	Jun-23	EMIS

Consequence Category	Risk Ratings	Rating
Health	Consequence:	Moderate (3)
	Likelihood:	Possible (3)
	Overall Risk Ratings:	Moderate

In progress	To be considered as part of the refurbishment project
In progress	Best training schedule for staff on working with aggressive customers: discussed at risk working group meeting
In progress	Good practice to embed safety practices and training for staff brought to AG for discussion and approval
Complete	Staff induction
Complete	
Ongoing	

Note: This list is exhaustive of all WHS actions as further items are reported through the WHS Working Group

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Supplier / Contract management

Mar-23

Risk Context

Inadequate management of external Suppliers, Contractors, IT Vendors or Consultants engaged for core operations. This includes issues that arise from the ongoing supply of services or failures in contract management & monitoring processes.

This also includes:

- Concentration issues (contracts awarded to one supplier)
- Vendor sustainability

Potential causes include:

Insufficient funding	Inadequate contract management practices
Complexity and quantity of work	Ineffective monitoring of deliverables
Suppliers not willing to provide quotes	Limited availability of suppliers
Inadequate tendering process	Lack of planning and clarity of requirements
Contracts not renewed on time	Historical contracts remaining

Key Controls	Type	Date	Rating
Strict procurement / tender processes	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Contract management and review program	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Regular supplier / contractor review meetings	Preventative	Mar-23	Adequate
Legal advice (to confirm correct drafting of documentation and to prevent unknowingly accepting liability of the contractor or other parties)	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Contractor Online induction	Preventative	Mar-23	Effective
Contract/Project Management Process	Preventative	Mar-23	Inadequate
Overall Control Ratings:			Adequate

Actions	Due Date	Responsibility
Adjust Purchase Order Form to provide space for details of quotations sought.	Sep-17	FM
Meet with individual business units to provide further training on procurement policy	Sep-17	EMCCS
Review Delegation DES-1 to remove delegation not to invite tenders	Dec-17	EMCCS
Establish a register of contracts	Complete	EMDS
Provide contractor induction training	Complete	TSO
Develop Statement of Business Ethics	Complete	EMCCS
Develop and implement a process for progress reporting on Shire contracts	Complete	EMDS
Implement procedures for online contractor inductions	Complete	TSO
Purchase orders need review to include terms and conditions to form a more	Jun-23	FM
Seek explanations for non-compliance and provide information on PO before	Ongoing	ELT
Implement regular monitoring of contracts register	Ongoing	EMDS
Contractor Management Procedures	Ongoing	EMDS

Consequence Category	Risk Ratings	Rating
Service interruption, Financial	Consequence:	Moderate (3)
	Likelihood:	Moderate (3)
	Overall Risk Rating:	Moderate

Control Assurance						
Control Owner	Control Documented	Completeness	Accuracy	Timeliness	Fraud	Comments
EMCCS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Procurement Policy in place and implemented. Tender documentation using WALGA templates. Procurement Review.
EMDS	Partial	Partial	Yes	Yes	Yes	Procurement Review.
EMDS	Yes	Yes	Partial	Yes	Partial	As required. No formal process.
EMDS	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	WALGA templates are used.
						Investigated next week.

Status of Actions	Comments
Complete	EMCCS and FM have attended meetings with each business unit to answer questions and clarify the procurement process.
Annual	Completed last year. All officers trained in new Altus procurement and refresher. Add to training roster.
Ongoing	Authorising officers seek information from purchasing officers. Delegation removed by Council at November 2017 OCM.
Complete	
Ongoing	Register established. Contract dates being reviewed. Quotations sought for building services. Formal.
Complete	Adopted by Council 29 July 2019. Available to public on Shire Webpage.
Ongoing	This practice has been embedded now. Non-compliance is reduced by the new Altus Procurement.
Ongoing	Dametra/elpic system rolled out to all contractors who attend Shire premises and is followed up with.
Complete	Contract register complete and in use.
Ongoing	To amalgamate with contractor management procedures.
Ongoing	EMDS has produced contractor management suite of information and has provided to the OAG as per.
In Progress	Reference material available. Workshop to be undertaken to ascertain draft. Lawyer to complete T&Cs.

9.3 COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN 2022

File Number:	4.4175
Author:	Vanessa Green, Council & Executive Support Officer
Authoriser:	Chris Linnell, Chief Executive Officer
Previously before Council:	Not Applicable
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Appendices:	1. Compliance Audit Return ↓

NATURE OF COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE MATTER

Legislative

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents the Compliance Audit Return (CAR) 2022 for the Audit and Risk Committee's (the Committee) consideration and recommendation to Council.

BACKGROUND

Western Australian local governments are required to complete a CAR annually and submit it to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*, in relation to activities undertaken by the local authority in the preceding calendar year.

The CAR is a checklist of a local government's compliance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) and its Regulations. The 2022 CAR content focuses on areas considered high risk. It examines whether the Council has complied with each action listed on the return under the following activities:

1. Commercial Enterprises (five (5) audit questions)
2. Delegation of Power (thirteen (13) audit questions)
3. Disclosure of Interest (twenty-one (21) audit questions)
4. Disposal of Property (two (2) audit questions)
5. Elections (three (3) audit questions)
6. Finance (seven (7) audit questions)
7. Integrated Planning and Reporting (three (3) audit questions)
8. Local Government Employees (five (5) audit questions)
9. Official Conduct (four (4) audit questions)
10. Optional Questions (nine (9) audit questions)
11. Tenders (twenty-two (22) audit questions)

The audit questions are specific in nature and require a yes/no/NA response. Officers have provided further comment where appropriate.

The CAR covers the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and is presented in Appendix 1.

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COMMENTS AND DETAILS

The completed 2022 CAR is required to be:

1. Presented for review by the Committee before being presented for consideration and adoption by Council
2. Returned to the DLGSC with a copy of the relevant Committee and Council Minutes by 31 March 2023

The CAR has been undertaken as an internal audit, sourcing evidence of compliance through the Shire's record keeping systems and where required, through additional information held within respective sections of the organisation.

A summary of areas reviewed as part of the 2022 CAR is provided below:

Audit Focus	Comment
Commercial Enterprises	No major trading activities were undertaken during the reporting period
Delegation of Power	No areas of non-compliance were identified
Disclosure of Interest	No areas of non-compliance were identified
Disposal of Property	No areas of non-compliance were identified
Elections	No elections were held during the reporting period
Finance	The Office of the Auditor General was not able to provide a copy of the financial/auditors report by 31 December 2022
Integrated Planning and Reporting	The Committee will note the comment in relation to the vote via Absolute Majority
Local Government Employees	No areas of non-compliance were identified
Official Conduct	No areas of non-compliance were identified
Optional Questions	The Committee will note the comment in relation to consolidated versions of the Shire's Local Laws
Tenders	No areas of non-compliance were identified

OPTIONS

The Committee has the following options:

Option 1: The Committee could choose not to recommend acceptance of the CAR and request changes be made to the document prior to submission. Noting that the CAR is required to be presented to the Committee and Council prior to submission to the DLGSC by 31 March 2023.

Option 2: The Committee could choose to recommend Council accept the CAR and submit it to the DLGSC by 31 March 2023.

Option 2 is the recommended option.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER**Consultative**

Executive Leadership Team

Other Officers as required

Strategic

Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030

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Goal 5: Strong Leadership and Governance

To have effective and responsive leadership and governance, where a sense of collective purpose and shared direction combine to work together.

Policy Related

G19 Risk Assessment and Management

G20 Legislative Compliance

O6 Internal Controls

Financial

Nil

Legal and Statutory

Regulations 14 and 15 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* are applicable and state:

“14. Compliance audits by local governments

- (1) *A local government is to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1 January to 31 December in each year.*
- (2) *After carrying out a compliance audit the local government is to prepare a compliance audit return in a form approved by the Minister.*
- (3A) *The local government’s audit committee is to review the compliance audit return and is to report to the council the results of that review.*
- (3) *After the audit committee has reported to the council under subregulation (3A), the compliance audit return is to be —*
 - (a) *presented to the council at a meeting of the council; and*
 - (b) *adopted by the council; and*
 - (c) *recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is adopted.*

15. Certified copy of compliance audit return and other documents to be given to Departmental CEO

- (1) *After the compliance audit return has been presented to the council in accordance with regulation 14(3) a certified copy of the return together with —*
 - (a) *a copy of the relevant section of the minutes referred to in regulation 14(3)(c); and*
 - (b) *any additional information explaining or qualifying the compliance audit,**is to be submitted to the Departmental CEO by 31 March next following the period to which the return relates.*
- (2) *In this regulation —*

certified in relation to a compliance audit return means signed by —

 - (a) *the mayor or president; and*
 - (b) *the CEO.”*

Risk Related

The requirement to lodge an adopted CAR with the DLGSC is a legislative requirement. Failure to do so exposes Council to significant risk. This report and its appendices mitigate this risk.

Workforce

The CAR has been completed in-house within existing resources.

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS**Absolute Majority: No***At 3:56 pm, Cr Denis Warnick entered the meeting.***COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION****Moved: Cr Kevin Trent****Seconded: Mr Peter Carden****That, with regard to the Compliance Audit Return 2022, the Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council:**

1. Resolves to adopt the completed 2022 Compliance Audit Return, as presented in Appendix 1, for certification by the Shire President and the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 15(2) of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*.
2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to submit the 2022 Compliance Audit Return to the Departmental CEO of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries prior to 31 March 2023 in accordance with Regulation 15(1) of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*.

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Status

Draft

Commercial Enterprises by Local Governments

1. Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major trading undertaking that was not exempt in 2022? *

N/A

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No major trading activities were undertaken during the reporting period

2. Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major land transaction that was not exempt in 2022? *

N/A

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No major land transactions were undertaken during the reporting period

3. Has the local government prepared a business plan before entering into each land transaction that was preparatory to entry into a major land transaction in 2022? *

N/A

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4. Has the local government complied with public notice and publishing requirements for each proposal to commence a major trading undertaking or enter into a major land transaction or a land transaction that is preparatory to a major land transaction for 2022? *

N/A

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5. During 2022, did the council resolve to proceed with each major land transaction or trading undertaking by absolute majority? *

N/A

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Delegation of Power/Duty

1. Were all delegations to committees resolved by absolute majority? *

N/A

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No Committee has delegated authority

2. Were all delegations to committees in writing? *

N/A

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No Committee has delegated authority

3. Were all delegations to committees within the limits specified in section 5.17 of the Local Government Act 1995? *

N/A

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No Committee has delegated authority

4. Were all delegations to committees recorded in a register of delegations? *

N/A

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No Committee has delegated authority

5. Has council reviewed delegations to its committees in the 2021/2022 financial year? *

N/A

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No Committee has delegated authority

6. Did the powers and duties delegated to the CEO exclude those listed in section 5.43 of the Local Government Act 1995? *

Yes

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7. Were all delegations to the CEO resolved by an absolute majority? *

Yes

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8. Were all delegations to the CEO in writing? *

Yes

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9. Were all delegations by the CEO to any employee in writing? *

Yes

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10. Were all decisions by the Council to amend or revoke a delegation made by absolute majority? *

Yes

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11. Has the CEO kept a register of all delegations made under Division 4 of the Local Government Act 1995 to the CEO and to employees? *

Yes

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12. Were all delegations made under Division 4 of the Act reviewed by the delegator at least once during the 2020/2021 financial year? *

Yes

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Delegations reviewed December 2021 Item SY157-12/21 Resolution 051221

13. Did all persons exercising a delegated power or duty under the Local Government Act 1995 keep, on all occasions, a written record in accordance with Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 19? *

Yes

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Disclosure of Interest

1. Where a council member disclosed an interest in a matter and did not have participation approval under sections 5.68 or 5.69 of the Local Government Act 1995, did the council member ensure that they did not remain present to participate in discussion or decision making relating to the matter? *

Yes

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2. Were all decisions regarding participation approval, including the extent of participation allowed and, where relevant, the information required by the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 21A, recorded in the minutes of the relevant council or committee meeting? *

N/A

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Council were not required to approve a participation request

3. Were disclosures under sections 5.65, 5.70 or 5.71A(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the disclosures were made? *

Yes

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4. Was a primary return in the prescribed form lodged by all relevant persons within three months of their start day? *

Yes

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5. Was an annual return in the prescribed form lodged by all relevant persons by 31 August 2022? *

Yes

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6. On receipt of a primary or annual return, did the CEO, or the mayor/president, give written acknowledgment of having received the return? *

Yes

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7. Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained the returns lodged under sections 5.75 and 5.76 of the Local Government Act 1995? *

Yes

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8. Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained a record of disclosures made under sections 5.65, 5.70, 5.71 and 5.71A of the Local Government Act 1995, in the form prescribed in the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 28? *

Yes

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9. When a person ceased to be a person required to lodge a return under sections 5.75 and 5.76 of the Local Government Act 1995, did the CEO remove from the register all returns relating to that person? *

Yes

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10. Have all returns removed from the register in accordance with section 5.88(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 been kept for a period of at least five years after the person who lodged the return(s) ceased to be a person required to lodge a return? *

Yes

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11. Did the CEO keep a register of gifts which contained a record of disclosures made under sections 5.87A and 5.87B of the Local Government Act 1995, in the form prescribed in the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 28A? *

Yes

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12. Did the CEO publish an up-to-date version of the gift register on the local government's website? *

Yes

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<https://www.york.wa.gov.au/gift-and-travel-register.aspx>

13. When people cease to be a person who is required to make a disclosure under section 5.87A or 5.87B of the Local Government Act 1995, did the CEO remove from the register all records relating to those people? *

N/A

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No person ceased to be a relevant person during the reporting period

14. Have copies of all records removed from the register under section 5.89A(6) Local Government Act 1995 been kept for a period of at least five years after the person ceases to be a person required to make a disclosure? *

Yes

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15. Where an employee had an interest in any matter in respect of which the employee provided advice or a report directly to council or a committee, did that person disclose the nature and extent of that interest when giving the advice or report? *

Yes

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16. Where council applied to the Minister to allow the CEO to provide advice or a report to which a disclosure under section 5.71A(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 relates, did the application include details of the nature of the interest disclosed and any other information required by the Minister for the purposes of the application? *

Yes

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17. Was any decision made by the Minister under section 5.71B(6) of the Local Government Act 1995, recorded in the minutes of the council meeting at which the decision was considered? *

Yes

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Item SY138-12/22 December 2022 Resolution 081222

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18. Did the local government prepare and adopt, by absolute majority, a code of conduct to be observed by council members, committee members and candidates within 3 months of the prescribed model code of conduct coming into operation (3 February 2021)? *

Yes

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Adopted July 2021 Resolution 060421, reviewed August 2022 Resolution 150822

19. Did the local government adopt additional requirements in addition to the model code of conduct? If yes, does it comply with section 5.104(3) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1995? *

No

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20. Has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the code of conduct for council members, committee members and candidates on the local government's website? *

Yes

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<https://www.york.wa.gov.au/plan-build/planning/council-policies.aspx>

21. Has the CEO prepared and implemented a code of conduct to be observed by employees of the local government? *

Yes

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Policy 08 - <https://www.york.wa.gov.au/plan-build/planning/council-policies.aspx>

Has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the code of conduct for employees on the local government's website? *

Yes

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Disposal of Property

1. Where the local government disposed of property other than by public auction or tender, did it dispose of the property in accordance with section 3.58(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 (unless section 3.58(5) applies)? *

Yes

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Three leases entered into and approved by Council during this period

2. Where the local government disposed of property under section 3.58(3) of the Local Government Act 1995, did it provide details, as prescribed by section 3.58(4), in the required local public notice for each disposal of property? *

Yes

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Elections

1. Did the CEO establish and maintain an electoral gift register and ensure that all disclosure of gifts forms completed by candidates and donors and received by the CEO were placed on the electoral gift register at the time of receipt by the CEO and in a manner that clearly identifies and distinguishes the forms relating to each candidate in accordance with regulation 30G(1) and regulation 30G(2) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997? *

N/A

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No election held

2. Did the CEO remove any disclosure of gifts forms relating to unsuccessful candidates, or successful candidates that completed their term of office, from the electoral gift register, and retain those forms separately for a period of at least two years in accordance with regulation 30G(4) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997? *

N/A

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No election held

3. Did the CEO publish an up-to-date version of the electoral gift register on the local government's official website in accordance with regulation 30G(5) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997? *

N/A

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No election held

Finance

1. Has the local government established an audit committee and appointed members by absolute majority in accordance with section 7.1A of the Local Government Act 1995? *

Yes

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November 2021 Item SY144-11/21 Resolution 331121

2. Where the council delegated to its audit committee any powers or duties under Part 7 of the Local Government Act 1995, did it do so by absolute majority? *

N/A

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The Committee has no delegated authority

3. Was the auditor's report for the financial year ended 30 June 2022 received by the local government by 31 December 2022? *

No

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The Office of the Auditor General was not able to provide a copy of the financial/auditors report by 31 December 2022, as confirmed in email from the OAG dated 14 December 2022

4. Where the local government determined that matters raised in the auditor's report prepared under section 7.9(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 required action to be taken, did the local government ensure that appropriate action was undertaken in respect of those matters? *

N/A

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Audit Report not received to enable any matters raised to be addressed

5. Where matters identified as significant were reported in the auditor's report, did the local government prepare a report that stated what action the local government had taken or intended to take with respect to each of those matters? Was a copy of the report given to the Minister within three months of the audit report being received by the local government? *

N/A

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Refer above

6. Within 14 days after the local government gave a report to the Minister under section 7.12A(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, did the CEO publish a copy of the report on the local government's official website? *

N/A

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Refer above

7. Was the auditor's report for the financial year ending 30 June 2022 received by the local government within 30 days of completion of the audit? *

N/A

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Integrated Planning and Reporting

1. Has the local government adopted by absolute majority a strategic community plan? *

Yes

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23/06/2020

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SCP was adopted in 2020 reporting year Item SY085-06/20 Resolution 060620 *Note* Council report states Absolute Majority not required. However, vote count was an Absolute Majority

2. Has the local government adopted by absolute majority a corporate business plan? *

Yes

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25/08/2020

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CBP was adopted in 2020 reporting year by Absolute Majority Item SY122-08/20 Resolution 060820

3. Does the corporate business plan comply with the requirements of Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 19DA(2) & (3)? *

Yes

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Local Government Employees

1. Were all CEO and/or senior employee vacancies advertised in accordance with Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 18A? *

N/A

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An Acting EMCCS role was appointed. However, this was not required to be advertised in accordance with Admin Reg 18A(1)(b) as the contract term was 6 weeks

2. Was all information provided in applications for the position of CEO true and accurate? *

N/A

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No recruitment process was required for selection & appointment of a CEO

3. Was the remuneration and other benefits paid to a CEO on appointment the same remuneration and benefits advertised for the position under section 5.36(4) of the Local Government Act 1995? *

N/A

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No recruitment process was required for selection & appointment of a CEO

4. Did the CEO inform council of each proposal to employ or dismiss senior employee? *

Yes

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The Acting EMCCS role was presented to Council September 2022 SY063-09/22 Resolution 010922

5. Where council rejected a CEO's recommendation to employ or dismiss a senior employee, did it inform the CEO of the reasons for doing so? *

N/A

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Council did not reject the CEO's recommendation

Official Conduct

1. Has the local government designated an employee to be its complaints officer? *

Yes

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Council appointed the CEO at its February 2021 Meeting SY11-02/21 Resolution 130221

2. Has the complaints officer for the local government maintained a register of complaints which records all complaints that resulted in a finding under section 5.110(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995? *

Yes

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3. Does the complaints register include all information required by section 5.121(2) of the Local Government Act 1995? *

Yes

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4. Has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the register of the complaints on the local government's official website? *

Yes

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<https://www.york.wa.gov.au/council/your-council/register-of-complaints.aspx>

Other

1. Did the CEO review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's financial management systems and procedures in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulations 5(2)(c) within the three financial years prior to 31 December 2022?

Yes

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Please provide the date of council's resolution to accept the report. *

29/09/2020

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Last done 29 September 2020 SY134-09/20 Resolution 020920

2. Did the CEO review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's systems and procedures in relation to risk management, internal control and legislative compliance in accordance with Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 regulation 17 within the three financial years prior to 31 December 2022?

Yes

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Please provide the date of council's resolution to accept the report. *

29/09/2020

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Last done 29 September 2020 SY134-09/20 Resolution 020920

3. Where a disclosure was made under sections 5.87A or 5.87B of the Local Government Act 1995, were the disclosures made within 10 days after receipt of the gift? Did the disclosure include the information required by section 5.87C of the Act?

Yes

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4. Did the local government prepare, adopt by absolute majority and publish an up-to-date version on the local government's website, a policy dealing with the attendance of council members and the CEO at events?

Yes

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Policy E9 available <https://www.york.wa.gov.au/pian-build/planning/council-policies.aspx>

5. Did the CEO publish information on the local government's website in accordance with sections 5.96A(1), (2), (3), and (4) of the Local Government Act 1995?

No

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Section 5.96A(1)(b) is non-compliant in that the published local laws are not consolidated versions. Instead the original local law and the amendment local law are individually published. All other Sections are compliant

6. Did the local government prepare and adopt (by absolute majority) a policy in relation to the continuing professional development of council members?

Yes

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Policy E2 adopted 28 January 2016, last reviewed 31 March 2020 SY035-03/20 Resolution: 100320

7. Did the local government prepare a report on the training completed by council members in the 2021/2022 financial year and publish it on the local government's official website by 31 July 2022?

Yes

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<https://www.york.wa.gov.au/council/your-council/councillors.aspx>

8. By 30 September 2022, did the local government submit to its auditor the balanced accounts and annual financial report for the year ending 30 June 2022?

Yes

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9. When adopting the annual budget, did the local government take into account all its expenditure, revenue and income?

Yes

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All anticipated income and expenditure was taken into account at the time of budget adoption.

Tenders for Providing Goods and Services

1. Did the local government comply with its current purchasing policy, adopted under the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, regulations 11A(1) and (3) in relation to the supply of goods or services where the consideration under the contract was, or was expected to be, \$250,000 or less or worth \$250,000 or less? *

Yes

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The Shire of York Policy requires tenders to be called for amounts over \$150,000

2. Subject to Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, regulation 11(2), did the local government invite tenders for all contracts for the supply of goods or services where the consideration under the contract was, or was expected to be, worth more than the consideration stated in regulation 11(1) of the Regulations? *

Yes

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Three tenders were called during the reporting period, conducted via WALGA's Preferred Supplier Program (F&G Reg 11(2)(b)

3. When regulations 11(1), 12(2) or 13 of the Local Government Functions and General) Regulations 1996, required tenders to be publicly invited, did the local government invite tenders via Statewide public notice in accordance with Regulation 14(3) and (4)? *

N/A

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Tenders were called through WALGA's Preferred Supplier Program

4. Did the local government comply with Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 12 when deciding to enter into multiple contracts rather than a single contract? *

N/A

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5. If the local government sought to vary the information supplied to tenderers, was every reasonable step taken to give each person who sought copies of the tender documents or each acceptable tenderer notice of the variation? *

Yes

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6. Did the local government's procedure for receiving and opening tenders comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 15 and 16? *

Yes

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7. Did the information recorded in the local government's tender register comply with the requirements of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 17 and did the CEO make the tenders register available for public inspection and publish it on the local government's official website? *

Yes

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<https://www.york.wa.gov.au/tender-register.aspx>

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8. Did the local government reject any tenders that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the invitation to tender? *

N/A

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No tenders were not submitted at the place and within the time specified

9. Were all tenders that were not rejected assessed by the local government via a written evaluation of the extent to which each tender satisfies the criteria for deciding which tender to accept? *

Yes

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10. Did the CEO give each tenderer written notice containing particulars of the successful tender or advising that no tender was accepted? *

Yes

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11. Did the local government's advertising and expression of interest processes comply with the requirements of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulations 21 and 22? *

N/A

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No expressions of interest were called

12. Did the local government reject any expressions of interest that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the notice or that failed to comply with any other requirement specified in the notice? *

N/A

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13. Were all expressions of interest that were not rejected under the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 23(1) & (2) assessed by the local government? Did the CEO list each person as an acceptable tenderer? *

N/A

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As above

14. Did the CEO give each person who submitted an expression of interest a notice in writing of the outcome in accordance with Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24? *

N/A

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As above

15. Did the local government invite applicants for a panel of pre-qualified suppliers via Statewide public notice in accordance with Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulations 24AD(4) and 24AE? *

N/A

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No panels of pre-qualified suppliers processes were undertaken

16. If the local government sought to vary the information supplied to the panel, was every reasonable step taken to give each person who sought detailed information about the proposed panel or each person who submitted an application notice of the variation? *

N/A

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17. Did the local government's procedure for receiving and opening applications to join a panel of pre-qualified suppliers comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 16, as if the reference in that regulation to a tender were a reference to a pre-qualified supplier panel application? *

N/A

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As above

18. Did the information recorded in the local government's tender register about panels of pre-qualified suppliers comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24AG? *

N/A

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As above

19. Did the local government reject any applications to join a panel of pre-qualified suppliers that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the invitation for applications? *

N/A

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As above

20. Were all applications that were not rejected assessed by the local government via a written evaluation of the extent to which each application satisfies the criteria for deciding which application to accept? *

N/A

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21. Did the CEO send each applicant written notice advising them of the outcome of their application? *

N/A

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As above

22. Where the local government gave regional price preference, did the local government comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24E and 24F? *

N/A

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Regional price preference was not applicable to the tenders

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There are no notes to display.

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9.4 DELEGATION REVIEW - TENDERS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES AND CONTRACT VARIATIONS

File Number:	4.4175
Author:	Vanessa Green, Council & Executive Support Officer
Authoriser:	Chris Linnell, Chief Executive Officer
Previously before Council:	Not Applicable
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Appendices:	1. Existing Delegations ↓ 2. Draft Delegation DE5-6 ↓

NATURE OF COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE MATTER

Legislative

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents a review of delegations relating to tenders for goods and services to Council for consideration and, if satisfactory, adoption.

BACKGROUND

Officers are in the process of conducting the annual review of the Delegations Register. The review is extensive and will be presented to Council before 30 June 2023.

The main objective of the review is to formalise the delegations based on the WALGA model both in terms of content and formatting. This ensures the delegations are legislatively correct, can be entered into the Shire's new compliance platform (Attain) and align with best practice.

The review has highlighted a need to consider the review of delegations relating to tenders and contracts prior to presenting the full review of delegations to Council.

The WALGA model provides delegations relating to tenders for goods and services, accepting and rejecting tenders, varying contracts and exercising contract extension options.

Council's existing delegations (DE5-2 – Tender Evaluation Criteria, DE5-3 – Minor Variation for Goods and Services and DE5-5 – Tenders to be invited for Certain Contracts) do not provide the ability for contracts to be varied once they have been entered into, nor for contracts to be extended. The existing delegations are presented in Appendix 1.

With anticipated contracts being or soon to be entered into, specifically for tree pruning, road sealing and the light industrial area upgrade, it is expected that contract variations and extensions may be necessary.

Without a delegation authorising the Chief Executive Officer and, on a sub-delegation, other Officers to have that decision making ability, all such decisions need to be considered by Council. This would result in delays to the contract and service delivery, or the requirement to conduct a Special Council Meeting to enable such a decision to be made.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

Officers propose to revoke Council's existing delegations DE5-2 – Tender Evaluation Criteria, DE5-3 – Minor Variation for Goods and Services and DE5-5 – Tenders to be invited for Certain Contracts and replace them with the draft delegation DE5-6 - Tenders for Goods and Services – Accepting and

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Rejecting Tenders, Varying Contracts and Exercising Contract Extension Options. A copy of the draft delegation is presented in Appendix 2.

The draft delegation varies from Council's existing delegations as follows:

1. Threshold limit increased from \$150,000 to \$250,000 in line with legislative requirements. An amendment will be required to Policy F2 – Procurement as a result
2. Authority to accept tenders
3. Authority to accept the next most advantageous tender
4. Authority to determine whether variations are minor
5. Authority to make minor variations after a contract has been entered into
6. Authority to accept a contract extension
7. The inclusion of conditions on the original delegation, which also apply to the sub-delegation
8. The inclusion of a sub-delegation to Executive Managers and the provision of conditions on the use of that sub-delegation

Of note is the definition of 'minor variation' provided within Regulation 20(3) of the *Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations 1996* which states:

"minor variation means a variation that the local government is satisfied is minor having regard to the total goods or services that tenderers were invited to supply."

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

- Option 1:** Council could choose to revoke Delegations DE5-2 – Tender Evaluation Criteria, DE5-3 – Minor Variation for Goods and Services and DE5-5 – Tenders to be invited for Certain Contracts and replace them with draft Delegation DE5-6 - Tenders for Goods and Services – Accepting and Rejecting Tenders, Varying Contracts and Exercising Contract Extension Options.
- Option 2:** Council could choose to reject revoking Delegations DE5-2 – Tender Evaluation Criteria, DE5-3 – Minor Variation for Goods and Services and DE5-5 – Tenders to be invited for Certain Contracts.
- Option 3:** Council could choose to revoke Delegations DE5-2 – Tender Evaluation Criteria, DE5-3 – Minor Variation for Goods and Services and DE5-5 – Tenders to be invited for Certain Contracts and replace them with an amended version of draft Delegation DE5-6 - Tenders for Goods and Services – Accepting and Rejecting Tenders, Varying Contracts and Exercising Contract Extension Options. Council would need to identify the amendments necessary.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

Consultative

WALGA Governance Team

Executive Leadership Team

Strategic

Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030

Goal 5: Strong Leadership and Governance

To have effective and responsive leadership and governance, where a sense of collective purpose and shared direction combine to work together.

Policy Related

- F2 Procurement
- F9 Panels of Pre-Qualified Suppliers
- G30 Contractor Management Policy

Financial

There are no financial implications associated with the review of delegations.

Legal and Statutory

Section 3.57 of the *Local Government Act 1995* is applicable to tenders and states:

“3.57. Tenders for providing goods or services

- (1) *A local government is required to invite tenders before it enters into a contract of a prescribed kind under which another person is to supply goods or services.*
- (2) *Regulations may make provision about tenders.”*

Sections 5.42, 5.43, 5.44, 5.45 and 5.46 of the *Local Government Act 1995* are applicable to delegations and state:

“5.42. Delegation of some powers and duties to CEO

- (1) *A local government may delegate* to the CEO the exercise of any of its powers or the discharge of any of its duties under —*
 - (a) *this Act other than those referred to in section 5.43; or*
 - (b) *the Planning and Development Act 2005 section 214(2), (3) or (5).*

** Absolute majority required.*

- (2) *A delegation under this section is to be in writing and may be general or as otherwise provided in the instrument of delegation.*

5.43. Limits on delegations to CEO²⁸

A local government cannot delegate to a CEO any of the following powers or duties —

- (a) *any power or duty that requires a decision of an absolute majority of the council;*
- (b) *accepting a tender which exceeds an amount determined by the local government for the purpose of this paragraph;*
- (c) *appointing an auditor;*
- (d) *acquiring or disposing of any property valued at an amount exceeding an amount determined by the local government for the purpose of this paragraph;*
- (e) *any of the local government’s powers under section 5.98, 5.98A, 5.99, 5.99A or 5.100;*
- (f) *borrowing money on behalf of the local government;*
- (g) *hearing or determining an objection of a kind referred to in section 9.5;*
- (ha) *the power under section 9.49A(4) to authorise a person to sign documents on behalf of the local government;*
- (h) *any power or duty that requires the approval of the Minister or the Governor;*
- (i) *such other powers or duties as may be prescribed.*

5.44. CEO may delegate powers and duties to other employees

- (1) A CEO may delegate to any employee of the local government the exercise of any of the CEO's powers or the discharge of any of the CEO's duties under this Act other than this power of delegation.
- (2) A delegation under this section is to be in writing and may be general or as otherwise provided in the instrument of delegation.
- (3) This section extends to a power or duty the exercise or discharge of which has been delegated by a local government to the CEO under section 5.42, but in the case of such a power or duty —
 - (a) the CEO's power under this section to delegate the exercise of that power or the discharge of that duty; and
 - (b) the exercise of that power or the discharge of that duty by the CEO's delegate,
 are subject to any conditions imposed by the local government on its delegation to the CEO.
- (4) Subsection (3)(b) does not limit the CEO's power to impose conditions or further conditions on a delegation under this section.
- (5) In subsections (3) and (4) —
conditions includes qualifications, limitations or exceptions.

5.45. Other matters relevant to delegations under this Division

- (1) Without limiting the application of sections 58 and 59 of the Interpretation Act 1984 —
 - (a) a delegation made under this Division has effect for the period of time specified in the delegation or where no period has been specified, indefinitely; and
 - (b) any decision to amend or revoke a delegation by a local government under this Division is to be by an absolute majority.
- (2) Nothing in this Division is to be read as preventing —
 - (a) a local government from performing any of its functions by acting through a person other than the CEO; or
 - (b) a CEO from performing any of his or her functions by acting through another person.

5.46. Register of, and records relevant to, delegations to CEO and employees

- (1) The CEO is to keep a register of the delegations made under this Division to the CEO and to employees.
- (2) At least once every financial year, delegations made under this Division are to be reviewed by the delegator.
- (3) A person to whom a power or duty is delegated under this Act is to keep records in accordance with regulations in relation to the exercise of the power or the discharge of the duty."

Regulations 11(1A) to 24G inclusive of the *Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations 1996* stipulate the requirements to conduct a tender or expression of interest process, and how the tender/expression of interest is to be managed through a contract for the supply of goods and services. Section 11(1) states:

- "(1) Tenders are to be publicly invited according to the requirements of this Division before a local government enters into a contract for another person to supply goods or services if the consideration under the contract is, or is expected to be, more, or worth more, than \$250 000 unless subregulation (2) states otherwise."

Risk Related

An appropriate framework of delegations:

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1. Ensures accountability
2. Adequately manages risk
3. Increases efficiency and effectiveness of processes and practices
4. Ensures decisions are implemented in a timely manner
5. Complies with relevant legislation, policies and guidelines

Workforce

The scope of this report is managed within current resources.

Where an Officer is delegated or sub-delegated authority, he/she is required to complete a Primary Return and Annual Return in accordance with Sections 5.75 and 5.76 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority: Yes

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Kevin Trent

Seconded: Ms Shona Zulsdorf

That, with regard to the Delegation Review - Tenders for Goods and Services and Contract Variations, the Audit and Risk Committee recommends that Council:

1. Revokes Delegations DE5-2 – Tender Evaluation Criteria, DE5-3 – Minor Variation for Goods and Services and DE5-5 – Tenders to be invited for Certain Contracts.
2. Adopts Delegation DE5-6 - Tenders for Goods and Services – Accepting and Rejecting Tenders, Varying Contracts and Exercising Contract Extension Options, as presented in Appendix 2.
3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to amend Policy F2 – Procurement to increase the tender threshold limit from \$150,000 to \$250,000 to align with Delegation DE5-6 - Tenders for Goods and Services – Accepting and Rejecting Tenders, Varying Contracts and Exercising Contract Extension Options.
4. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to make any minor typographical and formatting changes to Delegation DE5-6 - Tenders for Goods and Services – Accepting and Rejecting Tenders, Varying Contracts and Exercising Contract Extension Options prior to publication.

CARRIED: 5/0

DE5-2 Tender Evaluation Criteria

Function to be performed:

The local government must, before tenders are publicly invited, determine in writing the criteria for deciding which tender should be accepted.

Legislative Power or Duty delegated:

Regulation 14(1), (2), (3), (4) or (5) of the *Local Government (Function and General) Regulations 1996*.

Legislative Power to delegate:

Section 5.42 and Section 5.44, *Local Government Act 1995*

Policy Provision:

F2 - Procurement

Delegation to:

Chief Executive Officer

Delegation:

The Chief Executive Officer is delegated the power to determine in writing the tender evaluation criteria prior to tenders being advertised.

Conditions and Exceptions:

After a notice has been given under the *Local Government (Function and General) Regulations 1996* 14(1) or (2), a local government may vary the information referred to in (3) by taking reasonable steps to give each person who has sought copies of the tender documents or each acceptable tenderer, as the case may be, notice of the variation.

Chief Executive Officer delegates to:

Executive Manager: Infrastructure and Development Services
Executive Manager: Corporate and Community Services

Power of Duty Delegated by Chief Executive Officer:

The CEO delegates the exercise of this delegated power to the above Officers. The exercise of the delegated power does not include the power of further delegation.

Reporting Requirements:

Details for the use of this delegation will be recorded in the records & information management system to meet legislative requirements.

Financial Interest Return Required: Yes

Details of Review: Adopted - 18 April 2016
Reviewed – 24 October 2016
Amended – 27 November 2017

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Reviewed – 17 December 2018
Reviewed – 25 November 2019
Amended – 22 December 2020
Reviewed – 21 December 2021

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DE5-3 Minor Variation for Goods and Services

Function to be performed:

A local government may, with the approval of the tenderer, make a minor variation in a contract for goods or services before it enters the contract with the successful tenderer.

Legislative Power or Duty delegated:

Regulation 20(1) of the *Local Government (Function and General) Regulations 1996*

Legislative Power to delegate:

Section 5.42 and Section 5.44, *Local Government Act 1995*

Policy Provision:

F2 - Procurement

Delegation to:

Chief Executive Officer

Delegation:

The Chief Executive Officer is delegated the power, with the approval of the tenderer, to make a minor variation in a contract for goods or services before the Shire enters the contract with the successful tenderer, subject to Regulation 20(1) of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*.

Conditions and Exceptions:

Minor variations before entering a contract are limited to a maximum value of aggregated variations which remain under 10% of the total contract value and remain within the relevant adopted Budget allocation.

Chief Executive Officer delegates to:

Nil

Delegation delegated by the CEO:

N/A

Reporting Requirements:

Details for the use of this delegation will be recorded in the records & information management system to meet legislative requirements.

Financial Interest Return Required: Yes

Details of Review:

- Adopted – 18 April 2016
- Reviewed – 24 October 2016
- Amended – 27 November 2017
- Reviewed – 17 December 2018
- Reviewed – 25 November 2019
- Reviewed – 22 December 2020
- Reviewed – 21 December 2021

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DE5-5 Tenders to be invited for Certain Contracts**Function to be performed:**

- a) Determining, in writing, the criteria for deciding which tender should be accepted prior to tenders being publicly invited; and
- b) Publicly inviting tenders before entering into a contract for the supply of goods or services if the consideration under the contract is, or is expected to be, worth more than \$150,000.

Legislative Power or Duty delegated:

- a) Regulation 14(2a) of the *Local Government (Function and General) Regulations 1996*; and
- b) Section 3.57(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and
- c) Regulation 11(1) of the *Local Government (Function and General) Regulations 1996*.

Policy:

F2 - Procurement

Delegation to:

Chief Executive Officer

Delegation:

The CEO is delegated the authority to:

- a) Determining, in writing, the criteria for deciding which tender should be accepted prior to tenders being publicly invited; and
- b) Publicly inviting tenders before entering into a contract for the supply of goods or services if the consideration under the contract is, or is expected to be, worth more than \$150,000.

Conditions and Exceptions:

Tenders will be awarded by the Council on receipt of a report on the evaluation against predetermined criteria and officers' recommendation.

Chief Executive Officer Delegates to:

Nil

Delegation delegated by the CEO:

N/A

Reporting Requirements:

Details for the use of this delegation will be recorded in the records & information management system to meet legislative requirements.

Financial Interest Return Required: Yes

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Details of Review: New – 24 October 2016
Amended – 27 November 2017
Reviewed – 17 December 2018
Reviewed – 25 November 2019
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Reviewed – 21 December 2021

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DE5-6 Tenders for Goods and Services – Accepting and Rejecting Tenders;
Varying Contracts; Exercising Contract Extension Options

Delegator: <i>Power / Duty assigned in legislation to.</i>	Local Government
Express Power to Delegate: <i>Power that enables a delegation to be made.</i>	<i>Local Government Act 1995:</i> s.5.42 Delegation of some powers or duties to the CEO s.5.43 Limitations on delegations to the CEO
Express Power or Duty Delegated:	<i>Local Government Act 1995:</i> s.3.57 Tenders for providing goods or services <i>Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996:</i> r.11(2)(j) Exercising contract extension options r.18(2), (4), (4a), (5), (6) and (7) Rejecting and accepting tenders r.20(1), (2), (3) Variation of requirements before entry into contract r.21A Varying a contract for the supply of goods or services
Delegate:	Chief Executive Officer
Function: <i>This is a precis only. Delegates must act with full understanding of the legislation and conditions relevant to this delegation.</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authority to determine whether or not to reject tenders that do not comply with requirements as specified in the invitation to tender [F&G.r.18(2)]. 2. Authority to seek clarification from tenderers in relation to information contained in their tender submission [F&G r.18(4a)]. 3. Authority to assess, by written evaluation, tenders that have not been rejected, to determine: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The extent to which each tender satisfies the criteria for deciding which tender to accept; and b. To accept the tender that is most advantageous within the \$250,000 detailed as a condition on this Delegation [F&G r.18(4)]. 4. Authority to decline to accept any tender [F&G r.18(5)]. 5. Authority to accept the next most advantageous tender if, within 6-months of accepting a tender, a contract has not been entered into <u>OR</u> the local government and the successful tenderer agree to terminate the contract [F&G r.18(6) & (7)]. 6. Authority to determine whether variations in goods and services required are minor variations, and to negotiate with the successful tenderer to make minor variations <u>before</u> entering into a contract [F&G r.20(1) and (3)].

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	<p>7. Authority to choose the next most advantageous tender to accept, if the chosen tenderer is unable or unwilling to form a contract to supply the varied requirement OR the minor variation cannot be agreed with the successful tenderer, so that the tenderer ceases to be the chosen tenderer [F&G r.20(2)].</p> <p>8. Authority to vary a tendered contract, <u>after</u> it has been entered into, provided the variation/s are necessary for the goods and services to be supplied, and do not change the scope of the original contract or increase the contract value beyond 10% or to a maximum of \$100,000 whichever is the lesser value [F&G r.21A(a)].</p> <p>9. Authority to exercise a contract extension option that was included in the original tender specification and contract in accordance with r.11(2)(j).</p>
Council Conditions on this Delegation:	<p>a. Exercise of authority under F&G.r.18(2) requires consideration of whether or not the requirements as specified in the invitation to tender have been expressed as mandatory and if so, discretion may not be capable of being exercised – consider process contract implications.</p> <p>b. In accordance with s.5.43(b), tenders may only be accepted under this delegation, where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The total consideration under the resulting contract is \$250,000 or less; The expense is included in the adopted Annual Budget; and The tenderer has complied with requirements under F&G r.18(2) and (4). <p>c. A decision to vary a tendered contract <u>before</u> entry into the contract [F&G r.20(1) and (3)] must include evidence that the variation is minor in comparison to the total goods or services that tenderers were invited to supply.</p> <p>d. A decision to renew or extend the contract must only occur where the original contract contained the option to renew or extend its term as per r.11(2)(j) <u>and</u> that the contractor's performance has been reviewed and the review evidences the rationale for entering into the extended term.</p>
Express Power to Sub-Delegate:	<p><i>Local Government Act 1995:</i> s.5.44 CEO may delegate some powers and duties to other employees</p>
Sub-Delegate/s: <i>Appointed by CEO.</i>	<p>Executive Manager Corporate and Community Services Executive Manager Infrastructure and Development Services</p>

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CEO Conditions on this Sub-Delegation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Each sub-delegate may only use the sub-delegation in regard to contracts that are within the scope of the incumbent's position role and responsibilities. b. Conditions on the original delegation also apply to the sub-delegations. c. The performance of sub-delegation under Function 8 only applies to lump sum contracts and is to align with the authorised limits contained in financial delegations.
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Compliance Links:	<p>Delegates are designated employees under s.5.74 and are required to provide Primary and Annual Returns.</p> <p>Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 – prescribe applicable statutory procedures</p> <p>WALGA Subscription Service – Procurement Toolkit</p> <p>F2 Procurement Policy</p>
Record Keeping:	<p>Each instance of this delegation being exercised is to be recorded in the Delegations Register (available in Attain via the following link https://attain.net.au/Account/Login) in accordance with r.19 of the <i>Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996</i>. The Delegation's Register is reported to Council in conjunction with the Concept Forum.</p>

Version Control:

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9 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

10 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE**11.1 Ms Shona Zulsdorf**

Ms Zulsdorf questioned the reason for the inclusion of Options in the Committee Reports, suggesting it could be streamlined to only include the Officer's recommendation.

Response provided by the Chief Executive Officer

The next tranche of local government reforms will involve updates to meeting procedures which could include the report structure, or require changes to the report structure. It is therefore recommended to wait until those reforms are known prior to making any changes. The Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries suggest the reforms should be implemented by the end of the calendar year.

The inclusion of Options also shows transparency to the community that there are other options available to the Committee and Council, aside from the Officer's recommendation, which the Committee and Council could choose to resolve in favour of.

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

Nil

12 CLOSURE

The Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4.09pm.

SY036-03/23 MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SPECIAL AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2023

File Number:	4.4175
Author:	Vanessa Green, Council & Executive Support Officer
Authoriser:	Chris Linnell, Chief Executive Officer
Previously before Council:	Not Applicable
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Appendices:	1. Unconfirmed Minutes - 28 March 2023 ↓

NATURE OF COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE MATTER

Legislative

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) Special Meeting held on Tuesday 28 March 2023 to Council for consideration of the Committee's Recommendations.

BACKGROUND

At its Special Meeting held on Tuesday 28 March, the Committee was presented with information relating to:

1. Mid-Year Budget Review

The Unconfirmed Minutes of the Committee's Meeting are presented in Appendix 1.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

Further details and the implications of the report is identified within the Committee's Minutes hence is not duplicated here. However, for ease of reference the Committee's recommendations were:

TABLE 1.

ITEM	RECOMMENDATION
Mid-Year Budget Review	<p>That, with regard to Mid-Year Budget Review 2022/23, the Audit and Risk Committee recommend to Council that it:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Resolves to adopts the Mid-Year Budget Review and supporting information, as presented in Appendix 1.2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to transfer \$450,000 of surplus funds to the Bridge Reserve.3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to forward the adopted 2022/23 Mid-Year Budget Review to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries within thirty (30) days of Council's adoption.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

Option 1: Council could choose to accept the Committee's recommendations.

Option 2: Council could choose to reject the Committee's recommendations.

Option 3: Council could choose to resolve differently to the Committee's recommendations.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER

Consultative

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Office of the Auditor General

Executive Leadership Team

Strategic

Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030

Goal 5: Strong Leadership and Governance

To have effective and responsive leadership and governance, where a sense of collective purpose and shared direction combine to work together.

Goal 4: Built for Lifestyle and Resilience

To have a built environment which supports community, economy, and the environment, respects the past, and creates a resilient future.

Policy Related

G19 Risk Assessment and Management

G25 Compliance

Financial

The financial impact of the items considered by the Committee is detailed within the meeting minutes and the individual appendices to each report.

Legal and Statutory

Section 7.1A of the *Local Government Act 1995* is applicable and states:

"7.1A. Audit committee

(1) *A local government is to establish an audit committee of 3 or more persons to exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred on it.*

(2) *The members of the audit committee of a local government are to be appointed* by the local government and at least 3 of the members, and the majority of the members, are to be council members.*

** Absolute majority required.*

(3) *A CEO is not to be a member of an audit committee and may not nominate a person to be a member of an audit committee or have a person to represent the CEO as a member of an audit committee.*

(4) *An employee is not to be a member of an audit committee."*

Regulation 16 and 17 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* are applicable to the functions of an audit committee and state:

“16. Functions of audit committee

An audit committee has the following functions —

- (a) to guide and assist the local government in carrying out —
 - (i) its functions under Part 6 of the Act; and*
 - (ii) its functions relating to other audits and other matters related to financial management;**
- (b) to guide and assist the local government in carrying out the local government’s functions in relation to audits conducted under Part 7 of the Act;*
- (c) to review a report given to it by the CEO under regulation 17(3) (the **CEO’s report**) and is to —
 - (i) report to the council the results of that review; and*
 - (ii) give a copy of the CEO’s report to the council;**
- (d) to monitor and advise the CEO when the CEO is carrying out functions in relation to a review under —
 - (i) regulation 17(1); and*
 - (ii) the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 5(2)(c);**
- (e) to support the auditor of the local government to conduct an audit and carry out the auditor’s other duties under the Act in respect of the local government;*
- (f) to oversee the implementation of any action that the local government —
 - (i) is required to take by section 7.12A(3); and*
 - (ii) has stated it has taken or intends to take in a report prepared under section 7.12A(4)(a); and*
 - (iii) has accepted should be taken following receipt of a report of a review conducted under regulation 17(1); and*
 - (iv) has accepted should be taken following receipt of a report of a review conducted under the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulation 5(2)(c);**
- (g) to perform any other function conferred on the audit committee by these regulations or another written law.*

17. CEO to review certain systems and procedures

- (1) The CEO is to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of a local government’s systems and procedures in relation to —
 - (a) risk management; and*
 - (b) internal control; and*
 - (c) legislative compliance.**
- (2) The review may relate to any or all of the matters referred to in subregulation (1)(a), (b) and (c), but each of those matters is to be the subject of a review not less than once in every 3 financial years.*
- (3) The CEO is to report to the audit committee the results of that review.”*

Regulation 33A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* is applicable and states:

“33A. Review of budget

- (1) *Between 1 January and 31 March in each financial year a local government is to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year.*
- (2A) *The review of an annual budget for a financial year must —*
 - (a) *consider the local government’s financial performance in the period beginning on 1 July and ending no earlier than 31 December in that financial year; and*
 - (b) *consider the local government’s financial position as at the date of the review; and*
 - (c) *review the outcomes for the end of that financial year that are forecast in the budget.*
- (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.”*

Risk Related

The Committee plays a key role in overseeing the local government’s responsibilities in relation to financial reporting, internal controls, risk management and legislative compliance. This report mitigates the risk of non-compliance.

Workforce

The scope of this report is managed within current operational capacity.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority: Yes

RECOMMENDATION

That, with regard to the Minutes and Recommendations of the Special Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 28 March 2023, Council:

- 1. Receives the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee (the Committee) Meeting held on 28 March 2023, as presented in Appendix 1, and adopts the following recommendations of the Committee:**
 - a. Resolves to adopt the Mid-Year Budget Review and supporting information, as presented in Appendix 1.**
 - b. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to transfer \$450,000 of surplus funds to the Bridge Reserve.**
 - c. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to forward the adopted 2022/23 Mid-Year Budget Review to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries within thirty (30) days of Council’s adoption.**



UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Special Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 28 March 2023

Date: Tuesday, 28 March 2023

Time: 4.00pm

Location: Council Chambers, York Town Hall, York

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**MINUTES OF SHIRE OF YORK
SPECIAL AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, YORK TOWN HALL, YORK
ON TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2023 AT 4.00PM**

1 OPENING**1.1 Declaration of Opening**

Cr Denese Smythe, Presiding Member, declared the meeting open at 4.00pm.

1.2 Acknowledgement / Disclaimer

The Presiding Member advised the following:

"The York Shire Council acknowledges the Ballardong people of the Noongar Nation who are the Traditional Owners of this country and recognise their continuing connection to land, water, sky and culture. We pay our respects to all these people and their Elders past, present and emerging.

This meeting is being recorded on a digital audio and visual device to assist with minute taking purposes. The public is reminded that in accordance with Section 6.16 of the Shire of York Local Government (Council Meetings) Local Law 2016 that nobody shall use any visual or vocal recording device or instrument to record the proceedings of Council without the written permission of the presiding member.

I wish to draw attention to the Disclaimer Notice contained within the agenda document and advise members of the public that any decisions made at the meeting today, can be revoked, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1995.

Therefore members of the public should not rely on any decisions until formal notification in writing by Council has been received. Any plans or documents in agendas and minutes may be subject to copyright. The express permission of the copyright owner must be obtained before copying any copyright material."

1.3 Attendance via Electronic Means

In accordance with Regulation 14C(2)(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Shire President authorised Ms Shona Zulsdorf to attend the meeting by electronic means, having given regard to the location being a private residence and the equipment being a personal laptop.

1.4 Standing Orders

Nil

1.5 Announcement of Visitors

Nil

1.6 Declarations of Interest that Might Cause a Conflict

Nil

1.7 Declaration of Financial Interests

Nil

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1.8 Disclosure of Interests that May Affect Impartiality

Nil

2 ATTENDANCE

2.1 Members

Cr Denese Smythe, Presiding Member; Cr Kevin Trent; Mr Peter Carden; Ms Shona Zulsdorf (via electronic means)

2.2 Staff

Chris Linnell, Chief Executive Officer; Alina Behan, Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services; Sophie Fielder, Acting Executive Manager Infrastructure & Development Services; Kristy Livingstone, Finance Manager; Anneke Birlson, Administration & Governance Coordinator; Vanessa Green, Council & Executive Support Officer

2.3 Apologies

Cr Denis Warnick

2.4 Leave of Absence Previously Approved

Nil

2.5 Number of People in the Gallery at Commencement of Meeting

There were zero (0) people in the Gallery at the commencement of the meeting.

3 QUESTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Nil

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Public Question Time is conducted in accordance with the Act and Regulations. In addition to this the Shire's *Local Government (Council Meetings) Local Law 2016* states –

6.7 Other procedures for question time for the public

- (1) A member of the public who wishes to ask a question during question time must identify themselves and register with a Council Officer immediately prior to the meeting.
- (2) A question may be taken on notice by the Council for later response.
- (3) When a question is taken on notice the CEO is to ensure that—
 - (a) a response is given to the member of the public in writing; and
 - (b) a summary of the response is included in the agenda of the next meeting of the Council.
- (4) Where a question relating to a matter in which a relevant person has an interest is directed to the relevant person, the relevant person is to—
 - (a) declare that he or she has an interest in the matter; and
 - (b) allow another person to respond to the question.

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- (5) Each member of the public with a question is entitled to ask up to 2 questions before other members of the public will be invited to ask their questions.
- (6) Where a member of the public provides written questions then the Presiding Member may elect for the questions to be responded to as normal business correspondence.
- (7) The Presiding Member may decide that a public question shall not be responded to where—
 - (a) the same or similar question was asked at a previous meeting, a response was provided and the member of the public is directed to the minutes of the meeting at which the response was provided;
 - (b) the member of the public uses public question time to make a statement, provided that the Presiding Member has taken all reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to phrase the statement as a question; or
 - (c) the member of the public asks a question that is offensive or defamatory in nature, provided that the Presiding Member has taken all reasonable steps to assist the member of the public to phrase the question in a manner that is not offensive or defamatory.
- (8) A member of the public shall have 2 minutes to submit a question.
- (9) The Council, by resolution, may agree to extend public question time.
- (10) Where any questions remain unasked at the end of public question time they may be submitted to the CEO who will reply in writing and include the questions and answers in the agenda for the next ordinary Council meeting.
- (11) Where an answer to a question is given at a meeting, a summary of the question and the answer is to be included in the minutes.

Public Question Time commenced at 4.03pm.

4.1 Written Questions – Current Agenda

Nil

4.2 Public Question Time

As there were no questions asked Public Question Time concluded at 4.03pm.

5 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil

6 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

7 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

8 OFFICER'S REPORTS

8.1 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW 2022/23

File Number:	4.0463
Author:	Kristy Livingstone, Finance Manager
Authoriser:	Alina Behan, Executive Manager Corporate & Community Services
Previously before Council:	Not Applicable
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Appendices:	1. Projected Statement of Financial Activity February 2023 ↓

NATURE OF COUNCIL'S ROLE IN THE MATTER

Legislative

PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report presents the Mid-Year Budget Review, for the period ending 28 February 2023 for the Audit and Risk Committee's (the Committee) consideration and recommendation to Council.

BACKGROUND

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, Council is required to review the adopted budget and assess actual values against budgeted values for the period at least once a year, after the December quarter.

The 2022/23 annual budget was adopted by Council at its Special Council Meeting on 4 August 2022 (020822). As part of adopting the budget the following was also resolved (030822):

"That, with regard to Material Variance Reporting for 2022/23, Council:

- 1. Resolves in accordance with Regulation 34(5) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 and Australian Accounting Standards, to adopt the level for the reporting of material variance in 2022/23 as 10% or \$10,000, whichever is the greater."***

A comprehensive review of the 2022/23 Adopted Budget and year to date actuals to 28 February 2023 has been undertaken and is presented in Appendix 1. Officers have reported on major variances in accordance with the above resolution and provided comments where applicable.

COMMENTS AND DETAILS

As part of the annual budget preparation, Officers across the organisation are assigned projects and accounts within the budget for which they are responsible to monitor and manage. At the close of the second quarter, responsible Officers met with the Executive Leadership Team to analyse these accounts and consider any variations required to the adopted budget. The review considers progress during the first part of the financial year including actual spend up to 28 February 2023, the likely operating environment over the remaining months and the estimated impact on the Shire's financial position at year end.

Following this review process, a summary of all material variances was compiled for consideration by the Audit and Risk Committee and is presented in Appendix 1. The following table provides a summary of the anticipated year end position incorporating the proposed amendments with an

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anticipated surplus of \$520,410 expected as a result. Explanations for key variances are provided below.

Officers seek permission from Council to commit \$450,000 of these unattached Municipal surplus funds to the Bridge Reserve in anticipation of future works identified in the Transport Asset Management Plans

	ANNUAL BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	BUDGET REVIEW PERMANENT	BUDGET REVIEW VARIANCE (CARRYOVER)	YEAR END
NET SURPLUS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,104,232.00	4,092,144.00	-30,380.00	0.00	4,073,852.00
Operating revenue	3,315,638.00	2,015,611.00	-631,955.00	0.00	2,683,683.00
Operating expenditure	-12,183,616.00	-5,814,043.00	-141,110.00	0.00	-12,324,726.00
Add non cash items (profit depreciation and loss)	2,903,493.00	0.00	-3,000.00	0.00	2,900,493.00
Amount attributable to operating activities	-1,860,253.00	293,712.00	-806,445.00	0.00	-2,666,698.00
Amount attributable to investing activities	-3,916,208.00	-529,463.00	-171,710.00	1,217,140.00	-2,870,778.00
Amount attributable to financing activities	-1,155,695.00	-146,533.00	266,469.00	0.00	-889,226.00
Estimated deficiency before general rates	-6,932,156.00	-382,284.00	-711,686.00	1,217,140.00	-6,426,702.00
Estimated amount to be raised from general rates	6,932,156.00	7,006,103.00	14,956.00	0.00	6,947,112.00
Closing funding surplus/(deficit)	0.00	6,623,819.00	-696,730.00	1,217,140.00	520,410.00

➤ OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating Revenues – net decrease \$631,955

- Operating Grants – Federal Assistance Grants (FAGs) income removed as this was received June 2022 and already represented in the 2021/22 surplus. Further FAGs income is expected in June 2023 as advance payment for the 2023/24 financial year however, we are unable to accurately estimate the value of this grant at this point in time.
- Fees and Charges – Increased revenue has been received for grave reservations, hall hire and permits.
- Service Charges – No material variance
- Interest Earnings – Due to an improved investment market, the Shire has seen an increase in interest earnings across both Trust and Reserve accounts.
- Other Revenue – An amount has been included for revenue expected to be recouped from planning activity.
- Profit on Assets Disposal – No material variance

Expenses – net increase of \$141,110

- Employee Costs – Employee costs have risen due to the employment of an additional resource in the library to cover extended leave, and the inclusion of the Senior Project Officer, Light Industrial Area. The later expense forms part of the Shire's contribution to the overall project cost
- Materials and Contracts – A decrease is expected in this are due to the timing of debt recovery legal actions and any associated rate write offs. Increases are expected around remedial works to the western hockey oval, and costs associated with planning actions.
- Utility Charges – No material variance
- Depreciation on Non-Current Assets – No material variance
- Interest Expenses – No material variance
- Insurance Expenses – No material variance

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- Other Expenditure – Expenditure is no longer expected for both pandemic response, and business grants. Allocations have now been made for the Wheatbelt Regional University as per Council direction and the York Business Association Multi Year Funding agreement.
- Loss on Assets Disposal – At the commencement of the 2022/23 financial year it was expected that ranger services would continue to be outsourced. Due to successful recruiting that service is now in house and there is no expectation of disposal of the ranger vehicle this financial year.

➤ **INVESTING ACTIVITIES – net increase of \$1,045,430**

- Non-operating Grants, Subsidies and Contributions – Income increased due to successful grants funding for the Mosaic Burning Program
- Purchase Land Held for Resale Expenses – No material variance
- Purchase Investment Property Expenses – No material variance
- Purchase Land and Buildings – Due to resourcing constraints the front counter refurbishment project, Candice Bateman dog exercise area fountain and Depot master plan work have been carried forward into 2023/24.
- Purchase Plant and Equipment – The purchase of the new ranger vehicle and skid steer have been deferred until 2023/24 as the current vehicles have not yet met the criteria for replacement. Standpipe upgrades have been deferred to the 2023/24 budget due to resourcing constraints.
- Purchase and Construction of Infrastructure Roads –
 - Project Variations to Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Projects Phase 3 (No net budget impact)
 - Withdrawn due to resourcing constraints: Avon Terrace Drainage - \$200,000
 - Withdrawn due to resourcing constraints: Red Swamp Road - \$137,000
 - Reallocation to new project: Tree pruning - \$337,000
 - Project Variations to Road to Recovery Projects (No net budget impact)
 - Withdrawn due to resourcing constraints: Greenhills South Culvert upgrade - \$57,000
 - Reallocation to new project: Rural Road Various Projects - \$57,000
 - Regional Road Group Projects
 - Deferral of project presented to MRWA through Avon North Regional Road Sub Group in late 2022
 - Carry forward to 23/24 due to resourcing constraints: Quellington Road - \$621,192
 - Carry forward to 23/24 due to native vegetation clearing delays: Goldfields Road \$1,258,115
 - Carry forward to 23/24 due to resourcing constraints: Spencer Brook/Avon Terrace Project \$295,650
- Purchase and Construction of Infrastructure Other – Budget was allocated for the Shire's contribution towards trails upgrades however the grant was unsuccessful. Further grant opportunities will be sought into the future.
- Purchase of Right of Use Assets– No material variance
- Purchase of Investments– No material variance
- Proceeds from Self Supporting Loans– No material variance
- Proceeds from Disposal of Assets – The ranger vehicle and skid steer replacements have been deferred so trade-in proceeds will not be realised until 2023/24.
- Proceeds from Sale of Investments– No material variance

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➤ **FINANCING ACTIVITIES - net increase of \$266,469**

- Repayment of debentures – No material variance
- Principal Elements of Finance Lease Payments – No material variance
- Proceeds from New Borrowings – No material variance
- Proceeds from New Lease Liabilities – No material variance
- Advances of Self-Supporting Loans – No material variance
- Transfers to Cash Backed Reserves (Restricted Assets) – Has been adjusted in line with Council resolutions prior to Mid-Year Review
- Transfers from Cash Backed Reserves (Restricted Assets) – Additional refurbishment work at the Centennial Units has required funding from the Centennial Gardens Reserve. New plant purchases are required to support Light Industrial Area and Town Teams activities and will be sourced from the Plant Reserve.

➤ **OTHER ITEMS**

- Net Current Assets at Start of Financial Year Surplus (Deficit) – A decrease of \$30,380 was required to the starting position following the completion of the Annual Financial Statements
- Non-Cash Amounts Excluded from Operating Activities – Minor loss has been recorded on vehicle asset disposals.
- Non-Cash Amounts Excluded from Investing Activities – No material variance
- Rate Revenue – there has been an increase in actual funds derived from interim rating and back rating activities. No adjustment has been made to date for the adjustment for discounted rates of \$55,000. This results in the actual rates balances being higher than the final estimate.
- Estimated Amount to be Raised from General Rates – No material variance

Officers seek Council's permission to repurpose \$450,000 of the unattached Municipal surplus funds to the Bridge Reserve for the purpose of future bridge improvements as identified as part of the Transport Asset Management Plan process. This will alter the Transfers to Cash Backed Reserves (Restricted Assets) from \$181,469 to \$631,469.

OPTIONS

The Committee has the following options:

- Option 1:** To recommend to Council that it adopts the Mid-Year Budget Review for 2022/23 and supporting information, as presented in Appendix 1. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to transfer \$450,000 of surplus funds to the Bridge Reserve.
- Option 2:** To recommend to Council that it does not adopt the Mid-Year Budget Review for 2022/23 and supporting information, as presented in Appendix 1 and request further information from the Chief Executive Officer.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

IMPLICATIONS TO CONSIDER**Consultative**

Executive Leadership Team

Other Officers as required

Strategic

Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030

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Goal 5: Strong Leadership and Governance

To have effective and responsive leadership and governance, where a sense of collective purpose and shared direction combine to work together.

Policy Related

F3 Significant Accounting Policies

F11 Financial Planning and Sustainability

Financial

The financial impact of the Mid-Year Budget Review is presented in Appendix 1. A year end surplus of \$520,410 is anticipated following the review with \$500,000 to be transferred to the Bridge Reserve upon receipt of Council approval.

Legal and Statutory

Section 6.2 of the *Local Government Act 1995* is applicable and states:

“6.2. Local government to prepare annual budget

- (1) *During the period from 1 June in a financial year to 31 August in the next financial year, or such extended time as the Minister allows, each local government is to prepare and adopt*, in the form and manner prescribed, a budget for its municipal fund for the financial year ending on the 30 June next following that 31 August.*

** Absolute majority required.*

- (2) *In the preparation of the annual budget the local government is to have regard to the contents of the plan for the future of the district made in accordance with section 5.56 and to prepare a detailed estimate for the current year of —*

- (a) the expenditure by the local government; and*
- (b) the revenue and income, independent of general rates, of the local government; and*
- (c) the amount required to make up the deficiency, if any, shown by comparing the estimated expenditure with the estimated revenue and income.*

- (3) *For the purposes of subsections (2)(a) and (b) all expenditure, revenue and income of the local government is to be taken into account unless otherwise prescribed.*

- (4) *The annual budget is to incorporate —*

- (a) particulars of the estimated expenditure proposed to be incurred by the local government; and*
- (b) detailed information relating to the rates and service charges which will apply to land within the district including —*
 - (i) the amount it is estimated will be yielded by the general rate; and*
 - (ii) the rate of interest (if any) to be charged by the local government on unpaid rates and service charges;*
- and*
- (c) the fees and charges proposed to be imposed by the local government; and*
- (d) the particulars of borrowings and other financial accommodation proposed to be entered into by the local government; and*
- (e) details of the amounts to be set aside in, or used from, reserve accounts and of the purpose for which they are to be set aside or used; and*

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- (f) particulars of proposed land transactions and trading undertakings (as those terms are defined in and for the purpose of section 3.59) of the local government; and
- (g) such other matters as are prescribed.
- (5) Regulations may provide for —
 - (a) the form of the annual budget; and
 - (b) the contents of the annual budget; and
 - (c) the information to be contained in or to accompany the annual budget.”

Regulation 33A of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* is applicable and states:

“33A. Review of budget

- (1) Between 1 January and 31 March in each financial year a local government is to carry out a review of its annual budget for that year.
 - (2A) The review of an annual budget for a financial year must —
 - (a) consider the local government’s financial performance in the period beginning on 1 July and ending no earlier than 31 December in that financial year; and
 - (b) consider the local government’s financial position as at the date of the review; and
 - (c) review the outcomes for the end of that financial year that are forecast in the budget.
 - (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.”

Risk Related

It is a legislative requirement to undertake a review of the budget and to lodge it with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries. Failure to monitor and financially manage budgeted projects exposes the Shire to significant risk. This report helps to mitigate this risk.

However, the review does not seek to make amendments below the materiality threshold unless strictly necessary. The materiality threshold is set at \$10,000 as adopted by Council. Should several accounts exceed their budget within these thresholds, it poses a risk that the forecasted year end position may be understated.

Workforce

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority: Yes

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**Moved: Cr Kevin Trent****Seconded: Mr Peter Carden**

That, with regard to Mid-Year Budget Review 2022/23, the Audit and Risk Committee recommend to Council that it:

- 1. Resolves to adopts the Mid-Year Budget Review and supporting information, as presented in Appendix 1.**
- 2. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to transfer \$450,000 of surplus funds to the Bridge Reserve.**
- 3. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to forward the adopted 2022/23 Mid-Year Budget Review to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries within thirty (30) days of Council's adoption.**

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY: 4/0

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT) REGULATIONS 1996

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SHIRE OF YORK
STATEMENT OF BUDGET REVIEW
(NATURE OR TYPE)
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		Budget v Actual		Predicted		
	Note	Adopted Budget (a) \$	YTD Actual (b) \$	Variance Permanent (c) \$	Variance Temporary (Carryover) (d) \$	Year End (a)+(c)+(d) \$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES						
Net current assets at start of financial year surplus/(deficit) 4 5.1 4 104,232 4 092,144 (30,380) 0 4,073,852 ▼						
Revenue from operating activities (excluding rates)						
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions 4 1.1 1 896,045 690,331 (706,767) 0 1,189,278 ▼						
Fees and charges 4 1.2 1 152,656 1 096,440 9,545 0 1,162,201 ▲						
Interest earnings 4 1.3 91,093 104,875 15,267 0 106,360 ▲						
Other revenue 4 1.4 151,069 123,965 50,000 0 201,069 ▲						
Profit on asset disposals 4 1.5 24,775 0 0 0 24,775 ▲						
Expenditure from operating activities						
Employee costs 4 2.1 (4,767,290) (3,197,228) (123,643) 0 (4,890,933) ▲						
Materials and contracts 4 2.2 (3,438,737) (1,900,703) 40,204 0 (3,398,533) ▼						
Utility charges 4 2.3 (395,851) (153,573) 0 0 (395,851) ▼						
Depreciation on non-current assets 4 2.4 (2,619,336) 0 0 0 (2,619,336) ▼						
Interest expenses 4 2.5 (72,601) (45,329) 0 0 (72,601) ▼						
Insurance expenses 4 2.6 (257,424) (241,696) 0 0 (257,424) ▼						
Other expenditure 4 2.7 (324,229) (275,514) (60,671) 0 (384,900) ▲						
Loss on asset disposals 4 2.8 (308,148) 0 3,000 0 (305,148) ▼						
Amount attributable to operating activities						
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities 4 5.2 2 903,493 0 (3,000) 0 2,900,493 ▼						
INVESTING ACTIVITIES						
Non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions 4 3.1 2 714,448 12,723 28,000 0 2,742,448 ▲						
Purchase land and buildings 4 3.2 (506,677) (53,021) (57,000) 106,500 (457,177) ▼						
Purchase plant and equipment 4 3.3 (1,197,690) (290,261) (191,892) 252,000 (1,137,582) ▼						
Purchase furniture and equipment 4 3.4 (283,053) (166,212) (30,000) 49,800 (263,253) ▼						
Purchase and construction of infrastructure-roads 4 3.5 (4,607,963) (126,427) (7,000) 916,840 (3,698,123) ▼						
Purchase and construction of infrastructure-other 4 3.6 (669,000) (26,720) 79,000 0 (590,000) ▼						
Proceeds from disposal of assets 4 3.7 633,727 120,455 7,182 (108,000) 532,909 ▼						
Amount attributable to investing activities						
FINANCING ACTIVITIES						
Repayment of debentures 4 4.1 (197,907) (146,533) 0 0 (197,907) ▼						
Transfers to cash backed reserves (restricted assets) 4 4.2 (1,142,788) 0 181,469 0 (961,319) ▼						
Transfers from cash backed reserves (restricted assets) 4 4.3 185,000 0 85,000 0 270,000 ▲						
Amount attributable to financing activities						
Budget deficiency before general rates						
Estimated amount to be raised from general rates 4 5.3 6 932,156 7 006,103 14,956 0 6 947,112 ▲						
Closing funding surplus/(deficit) 3(c) 0 6 623,819 (896,730) 1,217,140 520,410 ▲						

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**SHIRE OF YORK
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE BUDGET REVIEW REPORT
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1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The budget review has been prepared in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards (as they apply to local governments and not-for-profit entities) and interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board, and the Local Government Act 1995 and accompanying regulations.

The Local Government Act 1995 and accompanying Regulations take precedence over Australian Accounting Standards where they are inconsistent.

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 specify that vested land is a right-of-use asset to be measured at cost. All right-of-use assets (other than vested improvements) under zero cost concessionary leases are measured at zero cost rather than at fair value. The exception is vested improvements on concessionary land leases such as roads, buildings or other infrastructure which continue to be reported at fair value, as opposed to the vested land which is measured at zero cost. The measurement of vested improvements at fair value is a departure from AASB 16 which would have required the Shire of York to measure any vested improvements at zero cost.

Accounting policies which have been adopted in the preparation of this budget review have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise. Except for cash flow and rate setting information, the budget review has been prepared on the accrual basis and is based on historical costs, modified, where applicable, by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and liabilities.

Financial reporting disclosures in relation to assets and liabilities required by the Australian Accounting Standards have not been made unless considered important for the understanding of the budget review or required by legislation.

The local government reporting entity

All funds through which the Shire of York controls resources to carry on its functions have been included in the financial statements forming part of this budget review.

In the process of reporting on the local government as a single unit, all transactions and balances between those Funds (for example, loans and transfers between Funds) have been eliminated.

All monies held in the Trust Fund are excluded from the financial statements.

Rounding off figures

All figures shown in this budget review are rounded to the nearest dollar.

2022/23 actual balances

Balances shown in this budget review report as YTD Actual are as forecast at the time of budget review preparation and are subject to final adjustments.

Budget comparative figures

Unless otherwise stated, the budget comparative figures shown in the budget review relate to the original budget estimate for the relevant item of disclosure.

Judgements, estimates and assumptions

The preparation of the budget review in conformity with Australian Accounting Standards requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that effect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances; the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The balances, transactions and disclosures impacted by accounting estimates are as follows:

- estimated fair value of certain financial assets
- estimation of fair values of land and buildings and investment property
- impairment of financial assets
- estimation uncertainties and judgements made in relation to lease accounting
- estimated useful life of assets

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SHIRE OF YORK
SUMMARY GRAPHS - BUDGET REVIEW
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2. SUMMARY GRAPHS - BUDGET REVIEW



This information is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements and notes.

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SHIRE OF YORK
NOTES TO THE BUDGET REVIEW REPORT
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3 NET CURRENT FUNDING POSITION

EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCE IN NET CURRENT ASSETS AND SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)

Operating activities excluded from budgeted deficiency

When calculating the budget deficiency for the purpose of Section 6.2 (2)(c) of the Local Government Act 1995 the following amounts have been excluded as provided by Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 32 which will not fund the budgeted expenditure

(a) Operating activities excluded from budgeted deficiency

The following non-cash revenue or expenditure has been excluded from operating activities within the Rate Setting Statement.

Adjustments to operating activities

	Actual - Used for Budget 30 June 2022	Audited Actual 30 June 2022	Budget 30 June 2023	Actual 28 February 2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Less: Profit on asset disposals	(11,259)	(11,260)	(24,775)	0
Less: Movement in liabilities associated with restricted cash	(47,593)	(47,594)	784	0
Add: Loss on disposal of assets	74,538	74,538	308,148	0
Add: Depreciation on assets	2,700,538	2,953,967	2,819,336	0
Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities	2,716,224	2,969,651	2,903,493	0

(b) Current assets and liabilities excluded from budgeted deficiency

The following current assets and liabilities have been excluded from the net current assets used in the Rate Setting Statement

Adjustments to net current assets

Less: Cash - reserve accounts	(2,585,273)	(2,585,273)	(3,543,061)	(2,585,273)
Add: Current liabilities not expected to be cleared at end of year				
- Current portion of borrowings	(533)	197,908	(198,440)	51,374
- Current portion of provisions held in reserve	506,927	506,927	507,711	506,927
Total adjustments to net current assets	(2,078,879)	(1,880,438)	(3,233,790)	(2,026,972)

(c) Composition of estimated net current assets

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	7,614,089	8,003,482	4,466,861	9,034,642
Receivables	1,284,943	1,193,588	1,284,943	2,057,404
Inventories	81,716	34,223	81,716	38,143
	8,980,748	9,231,293	5,833,520	11,130,189

Less: current liabilities

Trade and other payables	(893,323)	(1,370,032)	(893,323)	(737,253)
Contract liabilities	(996,572)	(858,770)	(996,572)	(858,770)
Long term borrowings	533	(197,908)	198,440	(51,374)
Provisions	(908,275)	(832,001)	(908,275)	(832,001)
	(2,797,637)	(3,258,711)	(2,599,730)	(2,479,398)
Net current assets	6,183,111	5,972,582	3,233,790	8,650,791

Less: Total adjustments to net current assets

Closing funding surplus / (deficit)	4,104,232	4,092,144	0	6,623,819
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3 COMMENTS/NOTES - NET CURRENT FUNDING POSITION (CONTINUED)

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, cash at bank, deposits available on demand with banks, other short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value and bank overdrafts.

Bank overdrafts are shown as short term borrowings in current liabilities.

FINANCIAL ASSETS AT AMORTISED COST

The Shire of York classifies financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following criteria are met:

- the asset is held within a business model whose objective is to collect the contractual cashflows, and
- the contractual terms give rise to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest.

TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

Trade and other receivables include amounts due from ratepayers for unpaid rates and service charges and other amounts due from third parties for grants, contributions, reimbursements, and goods sold and services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at the amount of consideration that is unconditional, unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognised at fair value.

Trade receivables are held with the objective to collect the contractual cashflows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

Due to the short term nature of current receivables, their carrying amount is considered to be the same as their fair value. Non-current receivables are indexed to inflation, any difference between the face value and fair value is considered immaterial.

The Shire of York applies the AASB 9 simplified approach to measuring expected credit losses using a lifetime expected loss allowance for all trade receivables. To measure the expected credit losses, rates receivable are separated from other trade receivables due to the difference in payment terms and security for rates receivable.

INVENTORIES

General

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business less the estimated costs of completion and the estimated costs necessary to make the sale.

CONTRACT ASSETS

Contract assets primarily relate to the Shire of York's right to consideration for work completed but not billed at the end of the period.

CONTRACT LIABILITIES

Contract liabilities represent the Shire of York's obligation to transfer goods or services to a customer for which the Shire of York has received consideration from the customer.

Contract liabilities represent obligations which are not yet satisfied. Contract liabilities are recognised as revenue when the performance obligations in the contract are satisfied.

PROVISIONS

Provisions are recognised when the Shire of York has a present legal or constructive obligation, as a result of past events, for which it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will result and that outflow can be reliably measured.

Provisions are measured using the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation at the end of the reporting period.

CURRENT AND NON-CURRENT CLASSIFICATION

An asset or liability is classified as current if it is expected to be settled within the next 12 months, being the Shire of York's operational cycle. In the case of liabilities where the Shire of York does not have the unconditional right to defer settlement beyond 12 months, such as vested long service leave, the liability is classified as current even if not expected to be settled within the next 12 months. Inventories held for trading are classified as current or non-current based on the Shire of York's intentions to release for sale.

TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade and other payables represent liabilities for goods and services provided to the Shire of York prior to the end of the financial year that are unpaid and arise when the Shire of York becomes obliged to make future payments in respect of the purchase of these goods and services. The amounts are unsecured, are recognised as a current liability and are normally paid within 30 days of recognition. The carrying amounts of trade and other payables are considered to be the same as their fair values, due to their short-term nature.

PREPAID RATES

Prepaid rates are, until the taxable event has occurred (start of the next financial year), refundable at the request of the ratepayer. Rates received in advance are initially recognised as a financial liability. When the taxable event occurs, the financial liability is extinguished and the Shire of York recognises revenue for the prepaid rates that have not been refunded.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Short-Term Employee Benefits

Provision is made for the Shire of York's obligations for short-term employee benefits. Short-term employee benefits are benefits (other than termination benefits) that are expected to be settled wholly before 12 months after the end of the annual reporting period in which the employees render the related service, including wages, salaries and sick leave. Short-term employee benefits are measured at the (undiscounted) amounts expected to be paid when the obligation is settled.

The Shire of York's obligations for short-term employee benefits such as wages, salaries and sick leave are recognised as a part of current trade and other payables in the net current funding position. Shire of York's current obligations for employees' annual leave and long service leave entitlements are recognised as provisions in the net current funding position.

Other long-term employee benefits

Long-term employee benefits provisions are measured at the present value of the expected future payments to be made to employees. Expected future payments incorporate anticipated future wage and salary levels, durations of service and employee departures and are discounted at rates determined by reference to market yields at the end of the reporting period on government bonds that have maturity dates that approximate the terms of the obligations. Any remeasurements for changes in assumptions of obligations for other long-term employee benefits are recognised in profit or loss in the periods in which the changes occur.

The Shire of York's obligations for long-term employee benefits where the Shire of York does not have an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least 12 months after the end of the reporting period, are presented as current provisions in the net current funding position.

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4. PREDICTED VARIANCES

Comments/Reason for Variance	Predicted Variance \$	
	Permanent	Temporary
4.1 OPERATING REVENUE (EXCLUDING RATES)		
4.1.1 Operating grants, subsidies and contributions		
Adjustment to Financial Assistance Grants received in 22/23. Other grants received. Library Little Ditties grant.	(706,767)	0
4.1.2 Fees and charges		
Increased revenue received for grave reservations, hall hire and York Agricultural show permits	9,545	0
4.1.3 Interest earnings		
Increased interest received year to date for Municipal, Trust and Reserve accounts	15,267	0
4.1.4 Other revenue		
Reimbursement of costs	50,000	0
4.1.5 Profit on asset disposals		
No material variance	0	0
Predicted Variances Carried Forward	(631,955)	0

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4. PREDICTED VARIANCES

Comments/Reason for Variance	Predicted Variance \$	
	Permanent	Temporary
Predicted Variances Brought Forward	(631,955)	0
4.2 OPERATING EXPENSES		
4.2.1 Employee costs		
Increased employee costs, new employee in library, top up of protective clothing and allowances.		
Appointment of senior project manager associated with the York Light Industrial Area. Saving on Bulk Rubbish verge collection	(123,643)	0
4.2.2 Materials and contracts		
Rate debt recovery cost not expected to be used in current year. Remedial works to the western hockey oval.	40,204	0
Town promotions. Planning control.		
4.2.3 Utility charges		
No material variance	0	0
4.2.4 Depreciation on non-current assets		
No material variance	0	0
4.2.5 Interest expenses		
No material variance	0	0
4.2.6 Insurance expenses		
No material variance	0	0
4.2.7 Other expenditure		
Write-off of rates not expected to be accounted in 2022/23. Business grants not expected in 2022/23.		
Pandemic response funding not required in 2022/23. Financial support for the Wheatbelt Regional University.	(60,671)	0
Multi year funding agreements.		
4.2.8 Loss on asset disposals		
Ranger vehicle not being disposed of in 22/23	3,000	0
Predicted Variances Carried Forward	(773,065)	0

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4. PREDICTED VARIANCES

Comments/Reason for Variance	Predicted Variance \$	
	Permanent	Temporary
Predicted Variances Brought Forward	(773,065)	0
4.3 INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
4.3.1 Non-operating grants, subsidies and contributions		
\$28k GRANT National Risk Reduction Grant - Mosaic Burning Program	28,000	0
4.3.2 Purchase land and buildings		
Project carried forward to 2023/24 - Front counter refurbish, Dog park fountain, Depot masterplan. New projects for Town Hall.	(57,000)	106,500
4.3.3 Purchase plant and equipment		
Trade in of vehicles carried forward to 2023/24 - Ranger vehicle, skid steer and standpipe upgrades.	(191,892)	252,000
4.3.4 Purchase furniture and equipment		
Purchases carried forward to 2023/24 - Office furniture. New project for Quick Wins purchase of CBD furniture.	(30,000)	49,800
4.3.5 Purchase and construction of infrastructure-roads		
Project carried forward to 2023/24 - Regional Road Group and Blackspot projects to be allocated to New Project Manager (Rikus).	(7,000)	916,840
4.3.6 Purchase and construction of infrastructure-other		
Heritage Trail project not proceeding due to unsuccessful funding application.	79,000	0
4.3.7 Proceeds from disposal of assets		
Ranger vehicle, skidsteer roads supervisor vehicles trade-in values have been deferred to 2023/24.	7,182	(108,000)
Predicted Variances Carried Forward	(944,775)	1,217,140

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4. PREDICTED VARIANCES

Comments/Reason for Variance	Predicted Variance \$	
	Permanent	Temporary
Predicted Variances Brought Forward	(944,775)	1,217,140
4.4 FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
4.4.1 Repayment of debentures		
No material variance.	0	0
4.4.2 Transfers to cash backed reserves (restricted assets)		
For the purchase of (5) plant and equipment items.	181,469	0
4.4.3 Transfers from cash backed reserves (restricted assets)		
Centennial Unit Reserve for the purpose for top up requested. Senior Project Manager for the LIA Access upgrade project.	85,000	0
Predicted Variances Carried Forward	(678,306)	1,217,140

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4. PREDICTED VARIANCES

Comments/Reason for Variance	Predicted Variance \$	
	Permanent	Temporary
Predicted Variances Brought Forward	(678,306)	1,217,140
4.5 OTHER ITEMS		
4.5.1 Net current assets at start of financial year surplus/(deficit)		
Difference between adopted 22/23 budget and closing balance of the 21/22 annual statements	(30,380)	0
4.5.2 Non-cash amounts excluded from operating activities		
Loss on asset disposals	(3,000)	0
4.5.3 Rates revenue		
Increase in interm & back rates	14,956	0
Total Predicted Variances as per Annual Budget Review	(696,730)	1,217,140

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5. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Amendments to original budget since budget adoption. Surplus/(Deficit)

Description	Council Resolution	Classification	No Change (Non-Cash Items) Adjust	Increase in Available Cash	Decrease in Available Cash	Amended Budget Running Balance	Comments
			\$	\$	\$	\$	
Budget Adoption		Opening Surplus/(Deficit)				(30,380)	
Rates		Operating Revenue	0	14,906	0	(15,424)	Increase in interim 5 back rates
Operating grants, subsidies and contributions		Operating Revenue	0	0	(713,767)	(729,191)	Adjustment to FAGS - Office Office grant received
Fees and charges		Operating Revenue	0	9,545	0	(719,646)	Increase in halftone fees, grave reservation fees, York show permits
Other Revenue		Operating Revenue	0	50,000	0	(669,646)	Reimbursement of costs
Interest earnings		Operating Revenue	0	10,267	0	(659,379)	Additional interest received in loans and reserve accounts
Employee costs		Operating Expenses	0	0	(80,188)	(714,634)	New library employee, increase in protective clothing
Materials and contracts		Operating Expenses	0	80,177	0	(634,457)	Rate debt recovery cost not expected to be used in current year
Other expenditure		Operating Expenses	0	0	(85,172)	(719,632)	Increase in expenditure for festivals and events
Loss on asset disposals		Non-Cash Item	3,000	0	0	(719,632)	Manager vehicle not being disposed of in 22/23
Non operating grants, subsidies and contributions		Capital Revenue	0	38,000	0	(681,632)	\$25k OMAAT National Fire Protection Grant - Mosess Burning Program
Purchase land and buildings		Capital Expenses	0	48,000	0	(643,632)	Carry forward of some projects and increase in cost for others
Purchase plant and equipment		Capital Expenses	0	241,577	0	(402,055)	Carry forward of some projects and increase in cost for others
Purchase furniture and equipment		Capital Expenses	0	26,000	0	(373,055)	Carry forward of some projects and increase in cost for others
Purchase and construction of infrastructure assets		Capital Expenses	0	100,840	0	(272,215)	Carry forward of some projects and increase in cost for others
Purchase and construction of infrastructure other		Capital Expenses	0	70,340	0	(201,875)	Carry forward of some projects and increase in cost for others
Proceeds from disposal of assets		Capital Revenue	0	0	(100,818)	(302,693)	Disposal of ranger vehicle, old deer and truck carried for ward to 23/24
Transfers from cash backed reserves (restricted assets)		Capital Revenue	0	10,000	0	(292,693)	Increase in transfer required from reserve industrial and Cent Unit Reserve
PEACE PARK LIGHTS & FURNITURE CAPITAL	081120	Capital Expenses	0	0	(7,099)	(302,693)	Two park benches in Peace Park
HERITAGE TRAILS INFRASTRUCTURE	081022	Capital Expenses	0	8,990	0	(293,683)	Financial support for the Wheatbelt Regional University
LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AREA PROJECT	051022	Operating Expenses	0	0	(71,006)	(364,689)	Senior Project Manager for the LIA Access upgrade project
OTHER GRANTS	081121	Operating Revenue	0	7,000	0	(357,689)	York Business Association
PLANT PURCHASES CAPITAL	081120	Capital Expenses	0	0	(181,489)	(539,178)	1 x powered drain cleaner and 1 x traffic counter
TRANSFER TO RESERVE - PLANT RESERVE	081121	Capital Revenue	0	181,489	0	(357,689)	For the purchase of (5) plant and equipment items
WHEATBELT REGIONAL UNIVERSITY CENTRE	081022	Operating Expenses	0	0	(8,990)	(366,169)	Financial support for the Wheatbelt Regional University
TRANSFER FROM INDUSTRIAL LAND RESERVE	051022	Capital Revenue	0	70,000	0	(296,169)	Senior Project Manager for the LIA Access upgrade project
BLACK RUBBISH VERGE COLLECTION	070223	Operating Expenses	0	0	(22,273)	(318,442)	Remedial works to the western hockey oval
HOCKEY OVAL MAINTENANCE	070223	Operating Expenses	0	22,273	0	(296,169)	Remedial works to the western hockey oval
TOWN PROMOTIONS	020821	Operating Expenses	0	34,000	0	(262,169)	Reclassification
MULTI-YEAR FUNDING AGREEMENTS	020821	Operating Expenses	0	0	(34,000)	(300,169)	Reclassification
			3,000	(1,334,254)	(1,331,254)	(300,169)	

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9 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN*Nil***10 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE***Nil***11 BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING***Nil***12 CLOSURE***The Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 4.19pm.*