

Agenda for the 680th Ordinary Council Meeting

**14 December 2021** 

COUNCIL CALENDAR				
Date	Time	Meeting		
15 February 2022	4.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting		
15 March 2022	4.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting		

14 December 2021 MEETING PROGRAM		
2.30pm	Audit and Risk Committee	
3.00pm	Councillor Discussion Forum	
4.00pm	Ordinary Council Meeting	

**MEETING GUESTS** 

Nil

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# **DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORM**

TO: CHIEF EXECUT	IVE OFFICER		
As required by Section 5 hereby disclose my inte	5.65 of the Local Government A rest in the following matters of	act 1995, I the agenda papers fo	or the Council meeting
FINANCIAL INTEREST			
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AGENDA ITEM No.	SUBJECT	NATURE OF INTEREST	MINUTE No.
PROXIMITY INTEREST			
AGENDA ITEM No.	SUBJECT	NATURE OF INTEREST	MINUTE No.
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF	FICER:	DATED:	

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

To the President & Councillors,

In accordance with the provisions of Section 5.5 of the Local Government Act, you are hereby notified that the 680<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Meeting of Council has been convened for:

**Date:** Tuesday 14 December 2021

At: Shire of Narembeen Council Chambers

1 Longhurst Street, Narembeen

Commencing: 4.00pm

**David Blurton** 

Chief Executive Officer Date: 8 December 2021

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## **AGENDA**

## Shire of Narembeen Ordinary Council Meeting Tuesday 14 December 2021, commencing at 4.00pm

Opening & Welcome

1.0

	<u> </u>		
2.0	Attendance	& Apologies	
	<u>Attendance</u>		
	Councillors		
	Officers		
	<u>Apologies</u>		
	Approved le	eave of absence	
3.0	Declaration	s of Interest	
4.0	Announcen	nents	
	4.1 Applica	ation for leave of absence	
5.0	Public Question Time & Deputations (15 min)		
	Nil		
6.0	Minutes of	Previous Meetings	
	6.1 Confir	mation of Minutes of Ordinary Meeting o	of Council
	6.1.1	Confirmation of Minutes	
		Confirmation of Minutes from the Shire of on Tuesday 16 November 2021.	f Narembeen Ordinary Meeting held
	RECOMMENDATION:  That the minutes of the meeting of the Shire of Narembeen Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 16 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.		
	COUNCIL RESOLUTION		
			Seconded Cr.

#### 6.1.2 Business Arising

Business Arising from the Minutes of the Shire of Narembeen Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 16 November 2021.

#### 6.2 Receive Minutes - Audit and Risk Committee

6.2.1 Receive Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 December 2021.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the minutes of the Shire of Narembeen Audit Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 14 December 2021 be received and the following actions endorsed:

#### That Council:

- 1. Adopt the Shire of Narembeen Annual Report 2020/2021, including the Annual Financial Report and Independent Auditor's Report.
- 2. Advertise for the Shire of Narembeen Annual Electors Meeting to be held at 3.30pm on Tuesday 15 February 2022 in Council Chambers.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MIN MOTION - Moved Cr. Seconded Cr.

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## 7.0 Status Report

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Status Report for December 2021 be received.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MIN MOTION - Moved Cr. Seconded Cr.

#### 8.0 Reports

#### 8.1 Chief Executive Officer

#### AGENDA ITEM: 8.1.1 Bendering Farm- License Agreement

Subject: Bendering Farm Licence Agreement

Applicant: NA
File Ref: ADM164
Disclosure of Interest: NA

**Author:** David Blurton, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 1 November 2021

Attachments: Nil

#### **PURPOSE**

For Council to consider the lease of an unused portion of Bendering Farm to Notting Nominees Pty Ltd, who is the current lessee of the property.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Shires of Kondinin, Corrigin, Kulin and Narembeen purchased 64 hectares of freehold land in the Shire of Kondinin for the Bendering Tip in 2007 for \$63,000. The Shires also entered into a Licence to Use Land agreement with the former owner of the land on 1 October 2009 for the use of part of the land for a period of 10 years expiring on 1 October 2019.

Renewal of the lease was discussed at the RoeROC meeting in July 2021 and the following was decided.

- 1. A market valuation be obtained for the Bendering Tip farming land;
- 2. The CEO negotiate a lease arrangement with the current occupier based on RoeROC Delegates directions;
- 3. The lease arrangement be advertised as required under Section 3.58(3)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995: and
- 4. The item be brought back to RoeROC for consideration of the lease and submissions at the next meeting.

Following this meeting an indicative value was received indicating an amount of \$4,670 per annum.

#### **CONSULTATION**

RoeROC members

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995

- 3.58. Disposing of property
  - (1) In this section —

dispose includes to sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of, whether absolutely or not; property includes the whole or any part of the interest of a local government in property, but does not include money.

- (2) Except as stated in this section, a local government can only dispose of property to —
- (a) the highest bidder at public auction; or

- (b) the person who at public tender called by the local government makes what is, in the opinion of the local government, the most acceptable tender, whether or not it is the highest tender.
- (3) A local government can dispose of property other than under subsection (2) if, before agreeing to dispose of the property —
- (a) it gives local public notice of the proposed disposition —
- (i) describing the property concerned; and
- (ii) giving details of the proposed disposition; and
  - (iii) inviting submissions to be made to the local government before a date to be specified in the notice, being a date not less than 2 weeks after the notice is first given; and
- (b) it considers any submissions made to it before the date specified in the notice and, if its decision is made by the council or a committee, the decision and the reasons for it are recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the decision was made.

#### Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996

- 30. Dispositions of property excluded from Act s. 3.58
  - (1) A disposition that is described in this regulation as an exempt disposition is excluded from the application of section 3.58 of the Act.
  - (2) A disposition of land is an exempt disposition if —
  - the land is disposed of to an owner of adjoining land (in this paragraph called the transferee) and —
  - (i) its market value is less than \$5 000; and
  - (ii) the local government does not consider that ownership of the land would be of significant benefit to anyone other than the transferee;

or

- (b) the land is disposed of to a body, whether incorporated or not —
- (i) the objects of which are of a charitable, benevolent, religious, cultural, educational, recreational, sporting or other like nature; and
- (ii) the members of which are not entitled or permitted to receive any pecuniary profit from the body's transactions;

or

- (c) the land is disposed of to —
- (i) the Crown in right of the State or the Commonwealth; or
- (ii) a department, agency, or instrumentality of the Crown in right of the State or the Commonwealth; or
- (iii) another local government or a regional local government;

or

- (d) it is the leasing of land to an employee of the local government for use as the employee's residence; or
- (e) it is the leasing of land for a period of less than 2 years during all or any of which time the lease does not give the lessee the exclusive use of the land; or

## Local Government Act 1995

Section 5.43(d)

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

(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.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Financial implications for this proposal will be advertising for the transaction and legal fees for the drafting of the agreement.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

#### Corporate Business Plan 2020/21 - 2023/24

We place value on our role as part of RoeRoc and will investigate opportunities to work collaboratively to achieve goals.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### **COMMENT**

In discussions with the current lessee, they are happy to continue with the value of the lease being offset by the cost of maintaining the property creating a nil balance. i.e.

Annual Lease amount (payable to RoeROC)	\$4,670
Cost to maintain firebreaks and fences (Payable to Lessee)	\$4,670
Balance of transactions	\$ 0

The consideration of the maintenance value of the property is due to the fact that the property is surrounded by the current lessee's farming land and as such, it would be difficult to get another tenant to lease the property due to small size and location. If the current lessee does not renew the lease, then RoeROC will be responsible for maintaining the rest of the land at its own cost. It is easier to make the transactions simple that they cancel each other out for a simple process.

To ensure that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995 Section 3.58 (3)(a) are followed, advertising has taken place inviting submission on the proposed disposal and no submissions were received. Member shires now need to resolve the final transaction individually as the property is owned by each Shire as equal partners.

As the area of arable will be impacted with changes to the area used for rubbish disposal, but the final transaction value is still nil, it is recommended that the Agreement be established for a five year period with an option to renew for five years.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council lease a 45 hectare portion of Lot 23945 on Deposit Plan 151345 on Kondinin-Narembeen Road, Kondinin (Bendering Waste Site) to Notting Nominees Pty Ltd for a period of five years with a five-year option for nil cost.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MIN MOTION - Moved Cr. Seconded Cr.

#### 8.2 Executive Manager Corporate Services

#### AGENDA ITEM: 8.2.1 - Local Government Reform - Draft Submission

Subject: Local Government Reform – Draft Submission

Applicant: NA
File Ref: ADM676
Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Author: Tamara Clarkson, Executive Manager Corporate Services

Date: 6 December 2021

Attachments: LG Reform – Shire draft submission and WALGA submission

#### **PURPOSE**

Provide an update on the Local Government Reform and for Council to endorse the draft submission to the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In 2017, the McGowan Government announced a review of the *Local Government Act 1995*. This was the most significant and comprehensive review of the legislation that occurred in more than two decades.

There were several recommendations that have been implemented including universal training for elected members, mandatory code of conduct and best practice standards for CEO recruitment.

On 10 November 2021, the Minister for Local Government, Hon John Carey MLA announced his plan for major reforms of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

The proposed reforms have been developed on the basis of findings identified as part of the Local Government Act Review and recommendations of various reports, including the Local Government Review Panel Final Report.

Major changes to the Local Government Act and Regulations will provide for a stronger, more consistent framework for local government across Western Australia. The reform proposals have been designed to deliver significant benefits for residents and ratepayers, small business, industry, elected members and professionals working in the sector.

The proposed reforms are based on six themes:

- 1. Earlier intervention, effective regulation and stronger penalties
- 2. Reducing red tape, increasing consistency and simplicity
- 3. Greater transparency and accountability
- 4. Stronger local democracy and community engagement
- 5. Clear roles and responsibilities
- 6. Improved financial management and reporting.

Consultation is open until 25 February 2022.

#### **CONSULTATION**

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Manager Corporate Services

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Currently there are no financial implications, however any changes to the *Local Government Act* may result in financial implications for the Shire.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Currently there are no policy implications, however any changes to the *Local Government Act* may result in policy implications for the Shire.

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

Corporate Business Plan 2020/21 - 2023/24

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### COMMENT

Councillors were asked to provide comment, and this has been collated in to the draft submission with staff providing additional comment.

WALGA have finalised their submission the proposed reform, this has been attached to provide further clarification and information.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Endorse draft submission, and
- 2. A copy of this resolution together with attached submission be forwarded to the Minister for Local Government.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MIN MOTION - Moved Cr. Seconded Cr.

#### AGENDA ITEM: 8.2.2 - Schedule of Accounts for November 2021

Subject: Schedule of Accounts for November 2021

Applicant: NA
File Ref: NA
Disclosure of Interest: Nil

**Author:** Kathryn Conopo – Administration Officer

Date: 6 December 2021

Attachments: Creditors Payment List - November 2021, Credit Card

Payments List 14 October – 12 November 2021

#### **PURPOSE**

For Council to review the payments made by the Shire of Narembeen in November 2021.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Shire's schedule of accounts is to be provided to council each month pursuant to the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulation 1996.

#### **CONSULTATION**

Nil

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

Reg. 13 List of Accounts

- 1. If the local government has delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the municipal fund or the trust fund, a list of accounts paid by the CEO is to be prepared each month showing for each account paid since the last such list was prepared;
  - a. The payee's name;
  - b. The amount of the payment;
  - c. The date of the payments; and
  - d. Sufficient information to identify the transaction.
- 3. A list prepared under sub regulation (1) or (2) is to be
  - a. Presented to the council at the next ordinary meeting of council after the list is prepared; and
  - b. Recorded in the minutes of that meeting.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

#### Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027

Goal 2: Internal and external relationships actively grow our Shire population and positive financial position.

2.1 Our organisation model is responsive to economic conditions, the delivery of core services and infrastructure so too the successful pursuit of economic opportunities that benefit our community.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple majority

#### COMMENT

A schedule of accounts paid during the month of November 2021 is attached to this report and the total amount paid from the municipal fund is as follows:

Municipal Account: \$511,755.91 Trust Account: \$634.38

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Receive the Creditors Payment List for November 2021
- 2. Receive the Credit Card Payment List for 14 October 12 November 2021

## **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MIN MOTION - Moved Cr. Seconded Cr.

#### AGENDA ITEM: 8.2.3 - Financial Report period ending 31 November 2021

**Subject:** Financial Report November 2021

**Applicant:** Shire of Narembeen

File Ref: N/A
Disclosure of Interest: N/I

**Author:** Teresa Cousins, Finance Officer

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Attachments: November 2021 Financial Report

#### **PURPOSE**

The monthly statement of Financial Activity discloses the Shires financial activities for the period ending 30 November 2021.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The monthly financial report is presented in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*. A statement of financial activity and any accompanying documents are to be presented to the Council at an ordinary meeting of the Council within two months after the end of the month to which the statement relates. The Statement of Financial Activity Report summarises the Shire's financial activities.

#### CONSULTATION

Chief Executive Officer
Executive Manager Corporate Services

#### STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1995, Section 6.4

Regulation 34(1) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 requires a local government to prepare each month a statement of financial activity.

Regulation 34(2) requires the statement of financial activity to report on the sources and applications of funds, as set out in the annual budget.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- Minor Compliance risk considered low.
   Risk acceptable with adequate controls, managed by routine procedures and subject to annual monitoring.
- Financial Impact risk considered moderate.
   Risk acceptable with adequate controls, managed by specific procedures and subject to semi-annual monitoring

#### STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE

#### Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027

Focus upon our local economic drivers to retain and grow existing businesses, employment and to attract new industry.

#### Corporate Business Plan 2020/21 - 2023/24

Goal Area 1. Focus upon local economic drivers to retain and grow existing businesses, employment and to attract new industry.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority

#### COMMENT

Council's closing position at 30 November 2021 amounts to \$3,403,246 with current assets of \$8,441,539 and \$313,325 in reserve funds and \$4,500,000 in term deposits.

The figures contained as at 30 June 2021, will not be finalised until the annual report and an audit is completed.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council receive the Shire of Narembeen's Financial Report for the month of November 2021.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MIN MOTION - Moved Cr.

Seconded Cr.

#### 8.3 Confidential Reports provided under separate cover

# **CONFIDENTIAL** AGENDA ITEM: 8.3.1 Tender 04/2021 Narembeen-Kondinin Road SLK 10.2-13.2 widen and overlay

Subject: Tender 04/2021 Narembeen - Kondinin widen and overlay

Applicant: NA
File Ref: ADM053
Disclosure of Interest: NA

**Author:** David Blurton, Chief Executive Officer

Date: 7 December 2021

Attachments: Nil

In accordance with Section 5.23 (2) (c) it is recommended that the meeting be closed to the public to discuss a matter relating to a potential contractual agreement.

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

#### That Council

- 1. Reject the tender submitted by WCP Civil for tender 04-2021 Narembeen-Kondinin SLK 10.2-13.2 widen and overlay
- 2. Direct staff to review the project scope with a view to commencing a new tender process in the 2022 year.

#### **COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

MIN MOTION - Moved Cr. Seconded Cr.

## 9.0 Urgent business as permitted by Council

## 10.0 Councillor's Reports

#### **Cr K Mortimore**

Attended

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#### Cr S Stirrat

Attended

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#### Cr H Cusack

Attended

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#### Cr T Cole

Attended

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## Cr C Bray

Attended

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## Cr A Hardham

Attended

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## Cr M Currie

Attended

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#### Cr W Milner

Attended

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## 11.0 Date, time & place of next meeting

Tuesday 15 February 2022, 4.00pm at the Shire of Narembeen Council Chambers.

## 12.0 Closure

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at \_\_\_\_\_.