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STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK,
TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2020, COMMENCED AT 12.00PM

The Council Forum and Briefing session follows the suggested format proposed by the Department of Local Government Operational Guidelines (Number 5 January 2004). The role of such forums is to allow opportunity for elected members and senior officers of the Council to come together outside of the formal meeting process to discuss matters that do not require formal decisions, do not discuss matters on the Ordinary Council Meeting Agenda but to discuss matters that might be conceptual (brain storming etc.), informative (updates on progress with matters) or administrative in nature. For this reason they are normally held 'in committee'. Disclosures of Financial, Impartiality and Proximity interests are still to be recorded and dealt with if they arise.

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MEMBERS:

Cr Ceinwen Gearon (Shire President)
Cr Mark Allen (Deputy Shire President)
Cr Geoff Bowley
Cr Kingsley Gibson
Cr Steve Jones
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Ian Osborne (arrived 1:10pm)
Cr Janine Phillips
Cr Roger Seeney

STAFF:

David Schober (Acting Chief Executive Officer)
David King (Director Assets and Sustainable Development)
Lee Sounness (Executive Manager Corporate Services)
Angela Simpson (Executive Manager Community Services)
Mel Haymont (Bushfire Risk Planning Coordinator)
Damian Schwarzbach (Recreation Services Manager)
Teiga Murray (Corporate Planning Officer)
Bohdan Davies (Sustainability Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Nil

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS:

Rod Mitchell, Citizens Assembly

Julie Marsh, Citizens Assembly

Ben Marsh, Citizens Assembly

Charlotte Powis, Community Preparedness Advisory (DFES)

Carl Wesley, Denmark Bushfire Ready Manager (DFES)

Mark Sheppard (Salmon Canning)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Citizens Assembly

Julie Marsh provided an overview and thoughts on the recent public meeting concerning water in Denmark.

Rod Mitchell presented a paper for Councillors (attached) requesting Council consider a Citizens Assembly and the objectives of the group. In summary a Citizens' Assembly is a new way of involving citizen voters in public decision-making in policy areas extending beyond electoral reform. For others, it demonstrates the power of participatory democracy and the need to transform existing representative institutions.

2.2 Parry Beach Masterplan

Executive Manager of Community Services, Angela Simpson, provided an update on the Masterplan framework for Parry's Beach and associated timeframe.

2.3 McLean Oval Update

Manager of Recreation Services, Damian Schwarzbach, provided a report on the completion of McLean Oval including final expenditure measured against budget, project learnings, User Group feedback and satisfaction, maintenance and future plans.

2.4 Prawn Rock Channel (PRC)

The Director Assets & Sustainable Development, David King, discussed the recent service level failure at PRC and subsequent short term arrangements to address the failures, the 2015 Concept Plan and proposed next actions to resolve the issues.

2.5 Container Deposit Scheme

The Sustainable Development Officer, Bohdan Davies, presented information and updates on the Container Deposit Scheme including State service expectations in Denmark and the Shires role in delivery.

2.6 Salmon Canning

Mark Sheppard provided a brief update on the salmon season and operations. Mark answered questions on sustainability and future plans.

2.7 WALGA Zone Priority areas for consideration

Councillors were asked to consider key strategic priorities for the WALGA Zone's considerations. The Regional Economic Alliance will be forwarded to Councillors for future consideration, but the following areas of interest were identified:

- Water
- Transport
- Aged care
- Agriculture – Horticulture and Value-adding
- Mobile abattoir
- Education (TAFE support)
- Tourism

2.8 Bushfire Read Program

Carl Wesley, Denmark Bushfire Ready Manager made a presentation on the Bushfire Ready Programs success in Denmark. The program is run exclusively by Volunteers and Carl asked Council to consider a small \$5,000 contribution next financial year to the program.

2.9 Budget Introduction

The Acting CEO, David Schober, provided the following documents:

1. Budget and rating review timeline
2. Performance tracking (internal, staff measure)
3. Corporate Business Plan (Budget) timeline and process.

The CEO then outlined four key priorities for Council and Executive staff from now until June 30:

- a. CEO recruitment
- b. Rating review
- c. Corporate Business Plan (Budget process)
- d. Amazing South Coast / Denmark Visitor Centre transition

Executive Manager of Corporate Services, Lee Sounness, provided an update and timeframe for the 2020/21 budget process. This included discussion on budget workshops with Councillors and consideration the current rate review process.

3. COUNCILLOR ROUND UP

Nil

4. CLOSURE