



STRATEGIC BRIEFING

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
953 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY, DENMARK, ON
TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2022

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 Kingsley Gibson
Cr Donna Carman
Cr Clare Campbell
Cr Donald Clarke
Cr Nathan Devenport
Cr Jan Lewis
Cr Jackie Ormsby

STAFF:

David Schober (Chief Executive Officer)
David King (Deputy CEO)
Gina McPharlin (Director Corporate and Community Services)
Angela Simpson (Corporate Planner)
Renee Wiggins (Manager Community Services)
Rosie Arnephie (Community Development Officer)

APOLOGIES:

Cr Ceinwen Gearon
Cr Janine Phillips

ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Nil

ABSENT:

Nil

VISITORS:

Mr Ian Clarke, CEO, Albany Youth Support Association
Ms Kristy, Youth Outreach Coordinator, Albany Youth Support Association
Ms Sharon, Finance Manager, Albany Youth Support Association
Ms Kath Ward, Principal, Denmark Senior High School
Ms Amy Palmer, Deputy Principal, Denmark Senior High School

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Nil

2. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**2.1 ALBANY YOUTH SUPPORT ASSOCIATION (AYSA)**

Mr Ian Clarke, CEO, and team presented data from the past three (3) years of AYSA servicing Denmark, as part of the contract between the Shire of Denmark and Department of Communities, to provide the Denmark Youth Outreach Program.

Mr Clarke discussed the current contract and case load challenges in meeting demand.

Ms Kath Ward and Ms Amy Palmer, Denmark Senior High School, presented information regarding the mental health of school students, and the resultant impacts on educational and social outcomes. Ms Ward has provided six (6) months of funding to the Youth Outreach Service, delivered by AYSA, to provide an additional two (2) days for the current Youth Officer, taking their employment to full time until December 31, 2022. DSHS is unable to commit further funds to the program beyond this date.

Community Services will meet with the Department of Communities to see if additional funding is available to support the high case loads experienced with the program.

2.2 ELECTED MEMBER EXPENSES

NOTED - Session postponed to July 2022.

2.3 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND YOUTH UPDATE

Manager of Community Services and the Community Development Officer shared the teams workplan and draft Corporate Business Plan projects for the 22/23 financial year. The update also reported on the suite of programs delivered in the 21/22 financial year.

3. CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

Four (4) Denmark residents received their confirmation of citizenship commemorative certificate from the Deputy Shire President and attending Councillors.

4. CLOSE

