

SHIRE OF LEONORA



MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD 15TH JUNE 2021, IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS COMMENCING
AT 10:51 AM.

President: _____

1.0 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS / FINANCIAL INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Chairperson, Cr PJ Craig, declared the meeting open at **10:51 am**.

2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE**2.1 Present**

President	PJ Craig
Deputy President	RA Norrie
Councillors	RM Cotterill
	AE Taylor
	LR Petersen
	F Harris
Chief Executive Officer	JG Epis
Deputy Chief Executive Officer	LA Gray

2.2 Apologies

Nil

2.3 Leave of Absence

Councillors	AM Moore
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2.4 Applications for Leave of Absence

Moved Cr AM Moore, seconded Cr RA Norrie that Council approve Leave of Absence for Cr AM Moore for the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting to be held on 15th June, 2021.

CARRIED (6 VOTES TO 0)

3.0 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Moved Cr RA Norrie, Seconded Cr RM Cotterill that the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 16th March, 2021, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 20th April, 2021 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED (6 VOTES TO 0)

4.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**4.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Nil

4.0 REPORTS OF OFFICERS**4.2 DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER****4.2.1 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND DISCLOSURES**

SUBMISSION TO: Meeting of Audit Committee
Meeting Date: 15th June, 2021

AGENDA REFERENCE: 4.2.1 AUDIT JUN 21

SUBJECT: Related Party Transactions and Disclosures

LOCATION / ADDRESS: Leonora

NAME OF APPLICANT: N/A

FILE REFERENCE: 1.8

AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT

NAME: Linda Gray

OFFICER: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

INTEREST DISCLOSURE: Nil

DATE: 11th June, 2021

BACKGROUND

In accordance with AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures*, local governments must disclose in the annual financial statements related party relationships, transactions and outstanding balances (including commitments) from 1 July 2016. Related parties include Key Management Personnel (KMP), which in the Shire of Leonora's case will include all elected members and executive staff, their close family members and any entities that they control or jointly control. The disclosure requires any transactions with these parties, whether monetary or not, to be identified and assessed whether disclosure is required or not. A disclosure may be in aggregate and will only occur where a transaction has occurred.

Regarding the disclosures, the following approach was developed in a workshop held at the June 2017 Audit and Risk Committee Meeting to ensure that management can properly address the requirements of the accounting standard:

- A procedure / guide for related party disclosures to be established, which includes the updating of returns quarterly through the Audit and Risk Committee Meetings
- Establishment of a system to identify and record related parties of KMPs
- Establishment of a system to identify and record related party relationships of KMPs
- Establishment of a system to identify and record related party transactions
- Identify 'Ordinary Citizen Transactions' (OCTs) that will not be disclosed by Council
- Create declaration forms to be completed by KMPs
- Set a materiality threshold for management to apply when assessing transactions for inclusion in the financial statements
- Identified the need for a separate workshop to be scheduled for newly elected members and
- For the Audit and Risk Committee to recommend any changes required to the above processes

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Disclosures were required from Local Government entities from 1 July 2016 in accordance with AASB 124 *Related Party Disclosures*, with the first disclosures made in the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2017.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendation of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendation of this report that will have any detrimental effect on the Shire's finances.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Strategic References within the Shire of Leonora Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027 demonstrate connections between services and the desired outcomes and community vision for the Shire of Leonora, particularly in relation to Governance services in this instance such as 4.1 Efficient service offerings to the community, 4.2 Effective and open engagement with all sections of the community, 4.5 Strong leadership and planning.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Audit and Risk Committee note the approach taken and the systems established by management with regard to addressing the requirements of *AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures*.

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

COUNCIL DECISION

Moved Cr RM Cotterill, Seconded Cr RA Norrie that the Audit and Risk Committee note the approach taken and the systems established by management with regard to addressing the requirements of *AASB 124 Related Party Disclosures*.

CARRIED (6 VOTES TO 0)

President: _____

5.0 NEXT MEETING

21st September, 2021, following the conclusion of the Ordinary meeting of Council commencing at 9:30am.

6.0 CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, Chairperson Cr PJ Craig declared the meeting closed at **10:54pm**.