

## **11.0 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF THE MEETING.**

### **11.B. OFFICERS**

#### **11.B.(i) MEETING BETWEEN COUNCIL AND ITS AUDITOR**

**SUBMISSION TO:** Meeting of Council  
Meeting Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

**AGENDA REFERENCE:** 11.B.(i) OCT 19

**SUBJECT:** Meeting between Council and its Auditor

**LOCATION / ADDRESS:** Leonora

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** Shire of Leonora

**FILE REFERENCE:** 1.10

#### **AUTHOR, DISCLOSURE OF ANY INTEREST AND DATE OF REPORT**

**NAME:** James Gregory Epis

**OFFICER:** Chief Executive Officer

**INTEREST DISCLOSURE:** Nil

**DATE:** 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2019

#### **BACKGROUND**

Previously, Council has satisfied the regulatory requirement to meet with its auditors by either teleconference or in person meetings, and usually during the Ordinary Meeting of Council, or when the opportunity has presented to meet with the appointed auditors in person. In some instances, as the audit committee is represented by the full Council, it was decided after discussions with the Shire of Leonora's appointed auditors, to schedule visits for meetings at the same time as the Audit Committee Meeting. This would enable one of Council's appointed auditors, Mr Marius van der Merwe, to attend in person and liaise with the committee.

This year, scheduling has prevented the Shire of Leonora's auditor to meet during an Audit Committee meeting, however meeting with Council in person at the full Council meeting still satisfies compliance requirements and Mr van der Merwe will be in attendance at the Council meeting in person.

The independent audit report for the 2018/19 period will be forwarded to Councillors for review at the earliest opportunity, and there will be opportunity for Council to engage with its auditor to raise queries about audits carried out this year and any other matter.

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Section 7.12A(2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires a local government meet with its auditor at least once every year.

#### **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.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

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

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Council accept this report prepared by the Chief Executive Officer, and note the requirement to meet with the Council's auditor at least once per year has been met for this period.

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority required.

**SIGNATURE**

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Chief Executive Officer