

# Notice of Meeting



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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Shire of Pingelly Audit Committee will be held on Wednesday 18 April 2018 in the Council Chambers, 17 Queen Street, Pingelly commencing at 11am.

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Gavin Pollock  
**Chief Executive Officer**

13 April 2018

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## **AGENDA**

Shire of Pingelly  
Audit Committee Meeting  
18 April 2018

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*To enhance the quality of life for the people of Pingelly through the provision of leadership, services and infrastructure.*

## **DISCLAIMER**

### **INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS**

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The recommendations contained in this agenda are officer's recommendations only and should not be acted upon until Council has resolved to adopt those recommendations.

The resolutions of Council should be confirmed by perusing the minutes of the Council meeting at which these recommendations were considered.

Members of the public should also note that they act at their own risk if they enact any resolution prior to receiving official written notification of Councils decision.

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**GAVIN POLLOCK  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

## **COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION NOTES**

Your Council generally handles all business at Ordinary or Special Council Meetings.

From time to time Council may form a Committee to examine subjects and then report to Council.

Generally all meetings are open to the public; however, from time to time Council will be required to deal with personal, legal and other sensitive matters. On those occasions Council will generally close that part of the meeting to the public. Every endeavour will be made to do this as the last item of business of the meeting.

**Public Question Time.** It is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1995 to allow at least fifteen (15) minutes for public question time following the opening and announcements at the beginning of the meeting. Should there be a series of questions the period can be extended at the discretion of the Chairman.

Written notice of each question should be given to the Chief Executive Officer fifteen (15) minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting. A summary of each question and response is included in the Minutes.

When a question is not able to be answered at the Council Meeting a written answer will be provided after the necessary research has been carried out. Council staff will endeavour to provide the answers prior to the next meeting of Council.

Councillors may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter before Council. Councillors must declare an interest and the extent of the interest in the matter on the Agenda. However, the Councillor can request the meeting to declare the matter trivial, insignificant or in common with a significant number of electors or ratepayers. The Councillor must leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed and cannot vote unless those present agree as above.

Members of staff, who have delegated authority from Council to act on certain matters, may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter on the Agenda. The member of staff must declare that interest and generally the Chairman of the meeting will advise the Officer if he/she is to leave the meeting.

Agendas, including an Information Bulletin, are delivered to Councillors within the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995, i.e. seventy-two (72) hours prior to the advertised commencement of the meeting. Whilst late items are generally not considered there is provision on the Agenda for items of an urgent nature to be considered.

Should an elector wish to have a matter placed on the Agenda the relevant information should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer in time to allow the matter to be fully researched by staff. An Agenda item, including a recommendation, will then be submitted to Council for consideration. The Agenda closes the Monday week prior to the Council Meeting (i.e. ten (10) days prior to the meeting).

The Information Bulletin produced as part of the Agenda includes items of interest and information, which does not require a decision of Council.

Agendas for Ordinary Meetings are available in the Shire of Pingelly Office, on the website and the Pingelly Library seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting and the public are invited to secure a copy.

Agenda items submitted to Council will include a recommendation for Council consideration. Electors should not interpret and/or act on the recommendations until after they have been considered by Council. Please note the Disclaimer in the Agenda (page 3).

## Public Inspection of Unconfirmed Minutes (Reg 13)

A copy of the unconfirmed Minutes of Ordinary and Special Meetings will be available for public inspection from the Shire of Pingelly Office and the Shire of Pingelly website within ten (10) working days after the Meeting.

### NOTE:

#### Unopposed Business

Upon a motion being moved and seconded, the person presiding may ask the meeting if any member opposes it.

If no member signifies opposition to the motion the person presiding may declare the motion in sub clause (1) carried without debate and without taking a vote on it,

A motion carried under sub clause (2) is to be recorded in the minutes as a unanimous decision of the Council or committee.

If a member signifies opposition to a motion the motion is to be dealt with according to this Part.

This clause does not apply to any motion or decision to revoke or change a decision which has been made at a Council or committee meeting.

## **Question Time**

This Policy provides guidance to the Presiding Member (noting the provisions of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulation 7*).

- Question time is for the asking of questions. General comments, issues for debate etc. are to be progressed through the normal procedure for submitting Agenda items for Council's consideration. Tabled correspondence will not be accepted.
- Unless the person is known to all other persons in the Chamber, the Questioner is to state their name and address prior to asking the question.
- The Questioner is to stand to address the Presiding Member, unless illness or a physical or other disability prevents him/her from doing so. All questions are to be addressed to the Presiding Member.
- The question must be immediately put and may be followed by a brief statement related to the question.
- The Presiding Member may respond to the question or may nominate a Councillor or an Officer to respond.
- Debate between the Questioner or public and a Councillor or Officer is not permitted.
- Questions may not be put by Councillors to the Questioner or other members of the public except for the purpose of clarification.
- If the Presiding Member determines that a full and complete answer is unable to be given at that time, the question may be taken on notice. In that case, an answer will be given in writing to the Questioner within 7 days and the response tabled at the next Ordinary Council meeting.
- A summary of the question and the response only is to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

## QUESTION TIME FOR THE PUBLIC

*(Please write clearly)*

DATE:

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NAME:

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TELEPHONE :

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ADDRESS:

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QUESTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT:

GENERAL QUESTION / QUESTION RELATED TO THE AGENDA *(strike out which is not applicable)*

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PLEASE PASS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR REFERRAL TO THE PRESIDENT BY 9.45AM ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING AT THE SHIRE OF PINGELLY OFFICE, 17 QUEEN STREET, PINGELLY.

## **Public Question Time – Statutory Provisions – Local Government Act 1995**

Time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to at: every ordinary meeting of a council; and

Such other meetings of councils or committees as may be prescribed.

Procedures and the minimum time to be allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at council or committee meetings are to be in accordance with regulations.

### **9A. Question Time for the Public at Certain Meetings – s5.24 (1) (b)**

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Reg 5 For the purpose of section 5.24(1)(b), the meetings at which time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to are:

every special meeting of a council; and

every meeting of a committee to which the local government has delegated a power or duty.

Minimum Question Time for the Public – s5.24 (2)

Reg 6 (1) The minimum time to be allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at ordinary meetings of councils and meetings referred to in regulation 5 is fifteen (15) minutes.

(2) Once all the questions raised by members of the public have been asked and responded to at a meeting referred to in sub regulation (1), nothing in these regulations prevents the unused part of the minimum question time period from being used for other matters.

Procedures for Question Time for the Public – s5.24 (2)

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Reg 7 (1) Procedures for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6 (1) are to be determined:

by the person presiding at the meeting; or

in the case where the majority of members of the council or committee present at the meeting disagree with the person presiding, by the majority of members, having regard to the requirements of sub regulations (2) and (3).

The time allocated to the asking and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to precede the discussion of any matter that requires a decision to be made by the council or the committee, as the case may be.

Each member of the public who wishes to ask a question at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to be given an equal and fair opportunity to ask the question and receive a response.

Nothing in sub regulation (3) requires:

A council to answer a question that does not relate to a matter affecting the local government;

A council at a special meeting to answer a question that does not relate to the purpose of the meeting; or

A committee to answer a question that does not relate to a function of the committee.

SHIRE OF PINGELLY

DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Under the Provisions of Division 6 of Part 5 of the Local Government Act 1995, I hereby disclose a Financial Interest/s in the matter/s listed on this form, which is/are scheduled for consideration at the meeting of Council to be held on:

18 April 2018
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*(Print Name)*

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*(Signature)*

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*(Date)*

NOTE: Members of Council are asked to deliver this completed form to the Chief Executive Officer on the day of the Council Meeting as required by the Act. Where this is not practicable the Disclosure/s may be telephoned to the Council Office on 9887 1066 and/or the form subsequently passed to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting.

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## DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST, PROXIMITY INTEREST AND/OR INTEREST AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Pingelly

In accordance with Section 5.60-5.65 of the *Local Government Act* and Regulation 34(B) and 34(C) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations* and Regulation 11 of the *Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations*, I advise you that I declare a ( appropriate box):

- financial interest (Section 5.60A)

A person has a financial interest in a matter if it is reasonable to expect that the matter will, if dealt with by the local government, or an employee or committee of the local government or member of the council of the local government, in a particular way, result in a financial gain, loss, benefit or detriment for the person.

- proximity interest (Section 5.60B)

A person has a proximity interest in a matter if the matter concerns a proposed —  
(a) change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land;  
(b) change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or  
(c) development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.

- interest affecting impartiality (Regulation 11). I disclose that I have an association with the applicant. As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.

An interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to, adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest and includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association but does not include a financial or proximity interest as referred to in section 5.60.



## SHIRE OF PINGELLY

*Agenda for the Shire of Pingelly Audit Committee meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, 17 Queen Street, Pingelly on Wednesday, 18 April 2018 – commencing at 11am.*

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**1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Chairman to declare the meeting open.

**1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We acknowledge the Noongar people of this area and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and community. We pay respect to both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people and past and present.

**2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

N/A

**3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

Nil

**4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**5. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

**6. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

The *Local Government Act* (Section 5.60 – 5.62) provides that it is the Councillor's obligation to declare an interest if they believe that they have a financial interest, proximity interest, closely associated persons interest or an interest affecting impartiality in a matter being discussed by Council.

The Act provides that the interest may be declared in writing to the Chief Executive Officer prior to the meeting or declared prior to discussion of the agenda item at the meeting. Forms for this purpose are available to Councillors.

The Act further provides that the extent of the interest needs to be declared if the Councillor seeks to remain in the Chamber during the discussion, debate or voting on the item.

A Councillor declaring a financial or proximity interest must leave the meeting prior to the matter being discussed or voted on (including the question as to whether they are permitted to remain in the Chamber). Councillors remaining in the Chamber may resolve to allow the member to return to the meeting to participate in the proceedings.

**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES AND REPORTS**

**7.1 Audit Committee Meeting – 21 February 2018**

**Statutory Environment:**

Section 5.22 of the Local Government Act provides that minutes of all meeting to be kept and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the council or the committee, as the case requires, for confirmation.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Recommendation:**

**That the Minutes of the Audit Committee of the Shire of Pingelly held in the Council Chambers on 21 February 2018 be confirmed.**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION**

**9. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS**

Nil

## **10. BUSINESS**

### **10.1 Regulation 17 Review December 2017**

**File Reference:** ADM0074  
**Location:** Shire of Pingelly  
**Applicant:** Stuart Billingham, Director Corporate & Community Services  
**Author:** Stuart Billingham, Director Corporate & Community Services  
**Date:** 10 April 2018  
**Disclosure of Interest:** Nil  
**Attachments:** Regulation 17 Review December 2017 (Attachment 1 following green cover sheet)

#### **Summary:**

Submission of the Shire of Pingelly Regulation 17 Review December 2017 to Audit Committee for recommendation to Council for consideration of receiving.

#### **Background:**

Under the Local Government Audit Regulations 1996, Regulation 17, CEO to review certain systems and procedures

- (1) The CEO is to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of a local government's systems and procedures in relation to —
  - (a) risk management; and
  - (b) internal control; and
  - (c) legislative compliance.
- (2) The review may relate to any or all of the matters referred to in subregulation (1)(a), (b) and (c), but each of those matters is to be the subject of a review at least once every 2 calendar years.
- (3) The CEO is to report to the audit committee the results of that review.  
[Regulation 17 inserted in Gazette 8 Feb 2013 p. 868.]

The Shire of Pingelly engaged AMD Chartered Accountants to undertake the Reg 17 review on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer. The review was conducted on the 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 2017.

#### **Comment:**

The last Shire of Pingelly Regulation 17 Review was undertaken item 11.3.1 in December 2014 Ordinary Council Meeting and was due in December 2016, as it is required to be undertaken every two years.

Please refer to the separate attachment for management comments on the points raised by the Auditors.

Overall the following results were obtained

Compliance Breach	Significant Risk	Moderate Risk	Minor Risk
2	1	3	12

The two non-compliance matters previously raised in the 2016/17 Final Audit report and presented to the Audit Committee and Council.

#### **Consultation:**

Shire of Pingelly Audit Committee  
Chief Executive Officer  
AMD Chartered Accountants

**Statutory Environment:**

Regulation 17 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* provides:

CEO to review certain systems and procedures

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**Policy Implications:**

Policy 2.7 Risk Management.

**Financial Implications:**

To be considered in future budgets and Long Term Financial Plans.

**Strategic Implications:**

Shire of Pingelly Strategic Community Plan

Strategy 4.5.2: Develop and maintain risk management policies and procedures.

**Voting Requirements:**

Simple Majority

**Recommendation:**

**That the Audit Committee recommends to Council that it receives:**

- 1. the minutes of the Audit Committee dated 18 April 2018.**
- 2. the Regulation 17 Review December 2017, finding and recommendations as presented; noting no further actions are required by the Chief Executive Officer.**

Moved: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded: \_\_\_\_\_

**11. CLOSURE**

The Chairman to declare the meeting closed.