

Notice of Meeting



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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Shire of Pingelly Audit Committee will be held on Wednesday 12 December 2018 in the Council Chambers, 17 Queen Street, Pingelly commencing at 11am.

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Gavin Pollock
Chief Executive Officer

7 December 2018

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AGENDA

Shire of Pingelly
Audit Committee Meeting
12 December 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.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND INFORMATION

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (PUBLIC QUESTION TIME)

The Shire of Pingelly welcomes community participation during public question time and this document is to be read in conjunction with the *Shire of Pingelly Standing Orders Local Law 2017* and the *Local Government Act 1995* and the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*.

1. A member of the public who raises a question during question time must:
 - a. be in attendance at the meeting;
 - b. first state their name and address;
 - c. direct the question to the Presiding Member;
 - d. ask the question briefly and concisely;
 - e. limit any preamble to matters directly relevant to the question; and
 - f. ensure that the question is not accompanied by any expression of opinion, statement of fact or other comment, except where necessary to explain the question;
 - g. each member of the public with a question is entitled to ask up to 3 questions before other members of the public will be invited to ask their questions;
 - h. where a member of the public seeks a written response to their questions to be tabled at a meeting, the member of the public must submit their questions to Council by no later than 12 noon on the day prior to the meeting date of which the response is to be tabled;
 - i. where a member of the public submits their questions after 12 noon on the day prior to the meeting date of which the response is to be tabled, a written response may be provided at the discretion of the presiding member;
 - j. where a member of the public submits a written question after 12 noon the day prior to the meeting at which they are to be tabled, a verbal response may be provided at the meeting;
 - k. A member of the public may ask questions without notice at a meeting, provided they present a written copy of their questions to Council prior to the commencement of the meeting.

The following is a guide to assist you on the process of Public Question Time. You can submit questions using the form attached, or by e-mail to admin@pingelly.wa.gov.au.

1. **Please Note:** Members of the public must be in attendance at the Council Meeting to which they have submitted a question(s) for response. If this is not the case, the question(s) will be treated as 'normal business correspondence' and the question / response will not appear in the Council Minutes.
2. This is a "question" time only. Orations, explanations or statements of belief will not be accepted or allowed.
3. Questions must relate to a matter affecting the Shire of Pingelly.
4. Questions must be appropriate and made in good faith. Those containing defamatory remarks, offensive language or question the competency or personal affairs of council members or employees may be ruled inappropriate by the Shire President or Presiding Member and therefore not considered.
5. Frame your question so that it is both precise and yet fully understood. Long questions covering a multitude of subjects are easily misunderstood and can result in poor replies being given.
6. Write your question down on the attached form, it helps you to express the question clearly and provides staff with an accurate record of exactly what you want to know.
7. When the Shire President calls for any questions from the public, stand up and wait until you are acknowledged and invited to speak. Please start by giving your name and address first, and then ask the question.
8. Questions to be put to the presiding member and answered by the Council. No questions can be put to individual Councillors.
9. The question time will be very early in the meeting. **There is only 15 minutes available for Question Time.** The extension of public question time beyond 15 minutes would require a Council resolution. Questions not asked may still be submitted to the meeting and will be responded to by mail.
10. When you have put your question, await the reply. If possible, the Shire President will answer directly or invite a staff member with special knowledge to answer in his place. Complex questions that require research, may be Taken on Notice by the Shire President and an answer will be forwarded to you in writing. Please note in NO circumstances, will the question be debated or discussed by Council at that meeting.
11. To maximise public participation only three questions per person with a time limit of 2 minutes per person unless extra time is granted by the presiding person.
12. To fill out the form, just enter your name and address in the appropriate areas together with details of any group you are representing, then write out your question.
13. Please ensure your form is submitted to the meeting secretary by 1.45pm.

If you have difficulty in writing the question, Shire staff are available on request to assist in this task.

We hope this note assists you in the asking of your question and thank you for your interest and participation in the affairs of our Shire.

SHIRE OF PINGELLY QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Name: _____

Residential Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Meeting Date: _____

Signature: _____

Council Agenda Item Number: _____

If applicable-see below*

Name of Organisation Representing: _____

If applicable

QUESTION

Each member of the public is entitled to ask up to 3 questions before other members of the public will be invited to ask their question. 15 Minutes is allotted to Public Question Time at Council Meetings. If submitting questions to the Agenda Forum, they are to relate to the Agenda Item tabled at that meeting.

Please Note: Members of the public must be in attendance at the Council Meeting to which they have submitted a question(s) for response. If this is not the case, the question(s) will be treated as 'normal business correspondence' and the question / response will not appear in the Council Minutes.

Please see Notes on Public Question Time overleaf

- * **Agenda Forums:** Questions can only be addressed where they relate to an Agenda Item.
- * **Council Meetings:** Questions are to relate to a matter affecting the Shire of Pingelly.

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:

12 December 2018

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(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, 12 December 2018 – commencing at 11am.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman to declare the meeting open.

1.1 Welcome to Country

I respectfully acknowledge the past and present traditional owners of this land on which we are meeting, the Noongar people. It is a privilege to be standing on Noongar country. I also acknowledge the contributions of Aboriginal Australians and non-Aboriginal Australians to the security and wellbeing of all the people of this country where we live and that we share together – Australia.

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

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 – 2 May 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 2 May 2018 be confirmed.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

9. PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

Nil

10. BUSINESS

Phone link up meeting with AMD Partner Mr Tim Partridge at 11am

10.1 Audited Annual Financial Report 2018

File Reference: ADM0074
Location: Shire of Pingelly
Applicant: Stuart Billingham, Director Corporate & Community Services
Author: Stuart Billingham, Director Corporate & Community Services
Date: 5 December 2018
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Attachments: Annual Financial Report 2018 (Attachment 1 following green cover sheet)

Summary:

Council is required to receive the Annual Financial Report for the Financial Year ending 30th June 2018.

Background:

Section 7.9 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires an audit to be undertaken and, on its completion, submitted to the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer of the Local Government, and to the Minister for Local Government.

It is a requirement that the Annual Audit be completed by 31 December following the close of the financial year. The audit was commenced on-site by AMD Chartered Accountants on 19th November to 21st November 2018. The Statutory Report and Management letter has been completed by AMD Chartered Accountants and received by the Shire President, Chief Executive Officer and Director Corporate & Community Services. The Auditor's Management Report is submitted to the Shire of Pingelly Audit Committee for further consideration. (See separate attachment submitted under a separate cover)

Comment:

The Statutory Annual Financial Report for 2017/2018 has now been completed and is included as an attachment to this document. (See separate attachment submitted under a separate cover) This Annual Report will be available to the Public and Electors prior to the Annual Electors Meeting, subject to its acceptance by Council.

The Auditors report under the heading 'Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements' raised the following:

In accordance with the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* we report that:

- (i) In our opinion, the following matters indicate significant adverse trends in the financial position of the Shire of Pingelly:
 - a. Operating surplus ratio as reported in Note 31 of the financial report is below the below the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) standard of zero for the last three years (2016: -0.719, 2017: -0.596 and 2018: -0.47).

AMD's auditors indicated that procedures and controls in respect to the Shire of Pingelly internal controls, processes, procedures and financial reporting framework are adequately designed and have been maintained to adequate standards throughout the audit period subject to the comments and recommendations within the Management Review Report.

Consultation:

AMD Chartered Accountants

Chief Executive Officer

Bob Waddell & Associates Pty Ltd – Local Government Consultant

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 and Regulations

7.12A. Duties of local government with respect to audits

- (1) A local government is to do everything in its power to —
- (a) assist the auditor of the local government to conduct an audit and carry out his or her other duties under this Act in respect of the local government; and
 - (b) ensure that audits are conducted successfully and expeditiously.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a local government is to meet with the auditor of the local government at least once in every year.
- (3) A local government is to examine the report of the auditor prepared under section 7.9(1), and any report prepared under section 7.9(3) forwarded to it, and is to -
- (a) determine if any matters raised by the report, or reports, require action to be taken by the local government; and
 - (b) ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those matters.
- (4) A local government is to -
- (a) prepare a report on any actions under subsection (3) in respect of an audit conducted in respect of a financial year; and
 - (b) forward a copy of that report to the Minister, by the end of the next financial year, or 6 months after the last report prepared under section 7.9 is received by the local government, whichever is the latest in time.
- [Section 7.12A inserted by No. 49 of 2004 s. 8.]*

7.13. Regulations as to audits

- (1) Regulations may make provision —
- (aa) as to the functions of the CEO and the audit committee in relation to audits carried out under this Part and reports made on those audits;
 - (ab) as to the functions of audit committees, including the selection and recommendation of an auditor;
 - (ac) as to the procedure to be followed in selecting an auditor;
 - (ad) as to the contents of the annual report to be prepared by an audit committee;
 - (ae) as to monitoring action taken in respect of any matters raised in a report by an auditor;
 - (a) with respect to matters to be included in agreements between local governments and auditors;
 - (b) for notifications and reports to be given in relation to agreements between local governments and auditors, including any variations to, or termination of such agreements;
 - (ba) as to the copies of agreements between local governments and auditors being provided to the Department;
 - (c) as to the manner in which an application may be made to the Minister for approval as an auditor;

- (d) in relation to approved auditors, for —
 - (i) reviews of, and reports on, the quality of audits conducted;
 - (ii) the withdrawal by the Minister of approval as an auditor;
 - (iii) applications to the State Administrative Tribunal for the review of decisions to withdraw approval;
- (e) for the exercise or performance by auditors of their powers and duties under this Part;
- (f) as to the matters to be addressed by auditors in their reports;
- (g) requiring auditors to provide the Minister with such information as to audits carried out by them under this Part as is prescribed;
- (h) prescribing the circumstances in which an auditor is to be considered to have a conflict of interest and requiring auditors to disclose in their reports such information as to a possible conflict of interest as is prescribed;
- (i) requiring local governments to carry out, in the prescribed manner and in a form approved by the Minister, an audit of compliance with such statutory requirements as are prescribed whether those requirements are —
 - (i) of a financial nature or not; or
 - (ii) under this Act or another written law.

(2) Regulations may also make any provision about audit committees that may be made under section 5.25 in relation to committees.

[Section 7.13 amended by No. 64 of 1998 s. 40; No. 49 of 2004 s. 9; No. 55 of 2004 s. 700.]

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996

51. Annual financial report to be signed etc. by CEO and given to Department

(1) After the annual financial report has been audited in accordance with the Act the CEO is to sign and append to the report a declaration in the form of Form 1.

(2) A copy of the annual financial report of a local government is to be submitted to the Departmental CEO within 30 days of the receipt by the local government's CEO of the auditor's report on that financial report.

[Regulation 51 amended in Gazette 18 Jun 1999 p. 2639; 20 Jun 2008 p. 2726.]

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

Part 3 — Electors' meetings

[Heading inserted in Gazette 26 Aug 2011 p. 3482.]

15. Matters to be discussed at general meeting (Act s. 5.27(3))

For the purposes of section 5.27(3), the matters to be discussed at a general electors' meeting are, firstly, the contents of the annual report for the previous financial year and then any other general business.

16. Request for special meeting, form of (Act s. 5.28(2))

A request for a special meeting of the electors of a district is to be in the form of Form 1.

17. Voting at meeting (Act s. 5.31)

(1) Each elector who is present at a general or special meeting of electors is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting but does not have to vote.

(2) All decisions at a general or special meeting of electors are to be made by a simple majority of votes.

(3) Voting at a general or special meeting of electors is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret.

18. Procedure at meeting (Act s. 5.31)

Subject to regulations 15 and 17, the procedure to be followed at a general or special meeting of electors is to be determined by the person presiding at the meeting.

5.27. Electors' general meetings

- (1) A general meeting of the electors of a district is to be held once every financial year.
- (2) A general meeting is to be held on a day selected by the local government but **not more than 56 days** after the local government accepts the annual report for the previous financial year.
- (3) The matters to be discussed at general electors' meetings are to be those prescribed.

If Council adopts the Annual Report at its Council Meeting 13 December 2017, then in accordance with statutory requirements, Council must give a minimum of 14 days' local public notice in calling the Annual Electors Meeting following acceptance of the Annual Report. It must also hold the AEM not more than 56 days from Council accepting the Annual Report. It is recommended that the Electors General Meeting be held on the evening of Tuesday 6 February 2017 in the Council Chambers, 17 Queen Street, Pingelly, commencing at 7:00 pm.

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Strategic Implications:

While there are no direct strategic implications in receiving the Shire of Pingelly Statutory Annual Financial Report, the Auditors Management Report point 7 raises commentary regarding the Shire's financial ratios.

7. Financial Ratio Performance Measures

We note Council's Asset Management Plan currently only includes projections for seven years to 2024/25 and therefore does not include data for the ten year projection of renewal/ replacement expenditure required for the calculation of the asset renewal funding ratio. As a result, Council's asset renewal funding ratio has been calculated as at 30 June 2018 based on the 7 year expenditure forecast to 2024/25, and an average of the 7 year capital expenditure forecasts for the subsequent 3 years.

We also noted Council's Long Term Financial Plan was still in draft stage at the time of our November 2018 visit and therefore had not been adopted by Council.

A review of Council's financial ratios as included within Note 31 of the financial report indicates that 6 of the 7 ratios were within the recommended guidelines provided by the Department of Local Government and Communities for the past 3 financial years, with the exceptions noted below:

- The operating surplus ratio as at 30 June 2018 is calculated at -0.472 (2017: -0.596, 2016: 0.719 recommended to be between 0.01 and 0.15); and

We recommend Council continue to consider the impact on ratios and long term sustainability when making decisions regarding asset renewal, additional borrowings and setting rates for future years.

Risk Implications:

Risk	Low (3)
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Low (3)
Risk Impact / Consequence	Low (3)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Low (3)
Principal Risk Theme	Low (3)
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Low (3)

Risk Matrix

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	Medium (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
Likely	4	Low (4)	Medium (8)	High (12)	High (16)	Extreme (20)
Possible	3	Low (3)	Medium (6)	Medium (9)	High (12)	High (15)
Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Medium (6)	Medium (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Medium (5)

A risk is often specified in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. An effect may be positive, negative or a deviation from the expected and may be related to the following objectives; occupational health and safety, financial, service interruption, compliance, reputation and environment. A risk matrix has been prepared and a risk rating of 1 has been determined for this item. Any items with a risk rating over 10 (considered to be high or extreme risk) will be added to the Risk Register, and any item with a risk rating over 17 will require a specific risk treatment plan to be developed.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Recommendation:

That the Audit Committee recommends to Council that it:

1. receives the minutes of the Audit Committee dated 2 May 2018.
2. accepts the Shire of Pingelly Annual Report for the Financial Year ended 30th June 2018;
3. receives the Audit Report for 2017/18 from AMD Chartered Accountants;
4. advertises and holds its Annual Electors Meeting in the Council Chambers, 17 Queen Street, Pingelly to be held on Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 7:00pm;
5. submits a copy of the Shire of Pingelly Statutory Annual Financial Report to the Director General of the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries as required by Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations clause 51(2).

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

10.2 Audit Management Letter

File Reference: ADM0074
Location: Shire of Pingelly
Applicant: Stuart Billingham, Director Corporate & Community Services
Author: Stuart Billingham, Director Corporate & Community Services
Date: 5 December 2018
Disclosure of Interest: Nil
Attachments: 30 June 2018 Management Report (Attachment 2 following blue cover sheet)

Summary:

Audit Committee is required to consider the contents of the Annual Management Report for the Financial Year ending 30th June 2018.

Background:

As part of the Annual Final Audit the Auditor's Management Report is submitted to the Shire of Pingelly Audit Committee for further consideration.

Matters raised by the auditor are as follows;

Point 7. Financial Ratio Performance Measures

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We recommend Council continue to consider the impact on ratios and long term sustainability when making decisions regarding asset renewal, additional borrowings and setting rates for future years.

Operating Surplus Ratio

$$\frac{\text{operating revenue minus operating expenses}}{\text{own source operating revenue}}$$

- Basic standard is achieved if the ratio is between 0.01-0.15; advanced greater than 0.15.

Copy of the Department of Local Government and Communities Operational Guidelines No18 for Financial Ratios is submitted as a separate attachment for further information.

Point 9 Audit Recommendations

Please refer to Appendix 1 for comments and recommendations arising from our 30 June 2018 audit. We provide these comments and recommendations to suggest improvements to the Shire of Pingelly's internal controls and procedures.

Our management report is on an exception basis, and therefore we have not commented on the various internal controls in place within your accounting systems.

APPENDIX 1 Audit Recommendations for the year ended 30 June 2018

GUIDANCE TO FINDINGS RATING / IMPLICATION

Findings identified during the final audit have been weighted in accordance with the following scale:

Significant: Those findings where there is potentially a significant risk to the entity should the finding not be addressed promptly.

Moderate: Those findings which are of sufficient concern to warrant action being taken by the entity as soon as possible.

Minor: Those findings that are not of primary concern however still warrant action being taken.

AUDIT FINDINGS

1. EXCESSIVE ANNUAL LEAVE BALANCES

Finding Rating: Minor

From our review of the annual leave listing at 30 June 2018, we noted 2 employees who have accrued in excess of 6 weeks annual leave.

Implication

- The cost to Council is greater if annual leave is not paid out on a regular basis due to the cumulative effect of salary increases over a period of time;
- Recreational leave enhances employee performance; and
- It is a fundamental principle of good internal control that all employees take regular holidays.

Recommendation

We recommend excessive leave balances be reviewed by management regularly.

Management Comment

Management to review Annual Leave and Long Service Leave accrued balances with the Shire of Pingelly Audit Committee.

It should be noted the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) accrues 6 weeks Annual Leave every year of employment as per his employment contract. With the CEO clearing some Annual leave over the Christmas /New Year in 2018 this should help reduce this outstanding annual leave down.

Furthermore the Director of Technical Services (DTS) accrues 5 weeks annual leave each year as per his employment contract, his position has accumulated annual leave due to clearing Long Service Leave recently in place of clearing Annual Leave and this should be resolved in coming financial years

Comment

For a breakdown of Staff Leave Accruals please refer to the extract of Annual Leave and Long Service Leave spreadsheets as at 30 June 2018 tabled at the Audit Committee meeting.

Consultation:

AMD Chartered Accountants
 Chief Executive Officer
 Bob Waddell & Associates Pty Ltd – Local Government Consultant

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 and Associated Regulations

Risk Implications:

Risk	Low (3)
Risk Likelihood (based on history and with existing controls)	Low (3)
Risk Impact / Consequence	Low (3)
Risk Rating (Prior to Treatment or Control)	Low (3)
Principal Risk Theme	Low (3)
Risk Action Plan (Controls or Treatment Proposed)	Low (3)

Risk Matrix

Consequence Likelihood		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
		1	2	3	4	5
Almost Certain	5	Medium (5)	High (10)	High (15)	Extreme (20)	Extreme (25)
Likely	4	Low (4)	Medium (8)	High (12)	High (16)	Extreme (20)
Possible	3	Low (3)	Medium (6)	Medium (9)	High (12)	High (15)
Unlikely	2	Low (2)	Low (4)	Medium (6)	Medium (8)	High (10)
Rare	1	Low (1)	Low (2)	Low (3)	Low (4)	Medium (5)

A risk is often specified in terms of an event or circumstance and the consequences that may flow from it. An effect may be positive, negative or a deviation from the expected and may be related to the following objectives; occupational health and safety, financial, service interruption, compliance, reputation and environment. A risk matrix has been prepared and a risk rating of 1 has been determined for this item. Any items with a risk rating over 10 (considered to be high or extreme risk) will be added to the Risk Register, and any item with a risk rating over 17 will require a specific risk treatment plan to be developed.

Voting Requirements:

Simple Majority

Recommendation:

That the Audit Committee recommends to Council that it notes the comments on the Audit Management Letter by management with no further actions required to be undertaken by the Chief Executive Officer.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

11. CLOSURE

The Chairman to declare the meeting closed.