



# South Metropolitan Zone

## Minutes

23 April 2018

# South Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Kwinana  
Cnr Gilmore Ave and Sulphur Road Kwinana, Phone 9439 0200  
Monday 23 April commenced at 5:35 pm

## Minutes

### MEMBERS

#### 3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Cockburn	Mayor Logan Howlett JP Cr Lee-Anne Smith Mr Stephen Cain, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
Town of East Fremantle	Cr Cliff Collinson Cr Tony Natale Mr Gary Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Fremantle	Cr Doug Thompson Cr Jon Strachan Cr Sam Wainwright Mr Philip St John, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Kwinana	Mayor Carol Adams Cr Sandra Lee Cr Sheila Mills Ms Joanne Abbiss, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Melville	Cr Tim Barling Cr Nicole Robins
City of Rockingham	Cr Andrew Burns Cr Matthew Whitfield Cr Deb Hamblin Mr Robert Jeans, Acting Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
South West Group	Mr Chris Fitzhardinge
WALGA Secretariat	Mr Mark Batty, Executive Manager Environment and Waste Mr Chris Hossen, Senior Planner, People and Place
DLGC Representative	Ms Jodi Holbrook
Guest Speakers	Ms Sandra Labuschagne, A/Deputy General Mr Geoff Eves – Local Roads Program Manager

### APOLOGIES

Town of East Fremantle	Cr Michael McPhail
City of Melville	Cr Duncan McPhail Dr Shayne Silcox, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Cockburn	Cr Carol Reeve-Fowkes
City of Fremantle	Cr Sam Wainwright

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confirmation of Attendance An attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting to register your name for the Minutes

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of previous meeting
2. Zone Status Report
3. Standing Orders

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## 1. DEPUTATIONS

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### 1.1 Presentation – Auditor General's Office

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Ms Sandra Labuschagne from the Office of the Auditor General presented to the Zone.

Following the passage through Parliament and proclamation of the Local Government Amendment (Auditing) Act 2017 the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) is attending the Zone Meeting to meet with as many Local Governments as possible and provide an overview of the role of the OAG in Local Government and what to expect from both the performance and financial audit.

The implementation of the legislative change was outlined, as well as answering questions from delegates.

**Noted**

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### 1.2 Presentation – Addressing the Risk of Losing State and Federal Road Funding

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Mr Geoff Eves was appointed to the role of Local Roads Program Manager in August 2016 and has been working with Local Governments and Main Roads WA to improve timely delivery of road improvement projects in the Metropolitan area.

This presentation identified the six major issues that have been found to affect timely road project delivery and discuss actions that Councillors and Councils should consider to manage the risks.

**In Brief**

At the end of 2016/17 Local Governments in the metropolitan area sought to carry forward \$3.7 million of State BlackSpot funding (48% of budget), \$4.2 million of Federal BlackSpot funding (46% of budget) and \$6.2 million in State Government funded Road Project Grants (21% of funding) largely for projects that were unable to be completed in time. This is consistent with the pattern over many years. State Treasury does not support the carry-over of funds between years, meaning that these dollars are potentially lost from road improvement projects. There is also a significant reputational risk for Local Governments.

The State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee established a project to identify the issues affecting timely project delivery and work with Local Governments to implement corrective actions. The analysis has found that there are long held myths about why State funded road projects cannot be delivered on time.

**Noted**

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## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Matthew Whitfield**

**Seconded: Cr Tim Barling**

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone held on 26 February 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.**

**CARRIED**

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## **3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, Councillors must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

**Nil**

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## **4. BUSINESS ARISING**

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### **4.1 Status Report**

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A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions was enclosed as an attachment to the Agenda.

**Noted**

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## **5. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION**

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### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Matthew Whitfield**

**Seconded: Cr Tim Barling**

**That the South Metropolitan Zone supports items 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.6, 5.7, 5.8, 5.9, 5.10, and 5.11 within the May 2018 State Council Agenda 'en-bloc'.**

**CARRIED**

### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved: Cr Sandra Lee**

**Seconded: Cr Jon Strachan**

**That the South Metropolitan Zone supports Item 5.4 within the May 2018 State Council Agenda.**

**CARRIED**

## RESOLUTION

**Moved: Cr Deb Hamblin**  
**Seconded: Cr Sandra Lee**

**That the South Metropolitan Zone supports item 5.5 within the May 2018 State Council Agenda.**  
**CARRIED**

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## **6. BUSINESS**

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### **6.1 Josh Wilson MP Federal Member for Fremantle**

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Mr Josh Wilson MP, Federal Member for Fremantle will be attending the South Metropolitan Zone meeting of 27 August. Mr Wilson is very keen to hear about the issues of highest priority for the Zone.

Please forward all subjects of interest to Margaret at mdegebrot@walga.asn.au to be forwarded to Mr Wilson for discussion on 27 August.

**Noted**

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## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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### **7.1 WALGA Draft Climate Change Policy**

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Cr Strachan complimented the Association on the quality of its draft Climate Change Policy.

**Noted.**

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### **7.2 Review of the MWAC Waste Levy Policy Statement**

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Discussion centred on the need for members to provide feedback to MWAC on the Waste Levy Discussion Paper and the review of the MWAC Waste Levy Policy Statement.

## RESOLUTION

**Moved: Mayor Carol Adams**  
**Seconded: Cr Matthew Whitfield**

**That the South Metropolitan Zone:**

- **Express its concern at the current utilisation of the waste levy to support non waste related State Government activities.**
- **Express its support for an extension of the waste levy to non-metropolitan areas, on a fair and equitable basis.**

**CARRIED**

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## **8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**

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### **8.1 WALGA President's Report**

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Mark Batty presented the President's Report.

**Noted.**

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### **8.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone**

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WALGA State Councillor Mayor Carol Adams presented on the previous State Council meeting, noting that proposed changes to the WALGA Constitution is an emerging issue.

**Noted.**

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### **8.3 Department of Local Government and Communities Representative Update Report.**

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Department of Local Government and Communities representative Jodi Holbrook updated the Zone on any DLGC issues.

**Noted.**

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## **9. SOUTH WEST GROUP REPORT**

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Mr Fitzhardinge advised that a new Director for the South West Group had been appointed. Mr Tom Griffiths, Manager Economic Development at the City of Fremantle had been appointed, and will commence 5 June 2018.

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## **10. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

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**The next meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone will be held Monday 25 June at the City of Melville commencing at 5.30 pm.**

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## **11. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7.08pm.

