



# South Metropolitan Zone

## Minutes

26 February 2018

# South Metropolitan Zone

Hosted by the City of Fremantle – to be held at:  
Garden room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of new admin temporary admin building 70 Parry Street  
Parking available at Parry Street Car Park 01

Monday 26 February 2018 commenced at 5:32 pm

## Minutes

### MEMBERS

#### 3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Cockburn	Mayor Logan Howlett JP (SC) - <b>Deputy Chair</b> Cr Lee-Anne Smith Mr Stephen Cain, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
Town of East Fremantle	Cr Cliff Collinson Cr Michael McPhail (DSC) Cr Tony Natale Cr Tony Watkins - observer
City of Fremantle	Cr Doug Thompson (SC) - <b>Chair</b> Cr Jon Strachan (DSC) Cr Sam Wainwright Mr Philip St John, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate
City of Kwinana	Mayor Carol Adams (SC) Cr Sandra Lee Cr Sheila Mills Ms Joanne Abbiss, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate
City of Melville	Cr Nicole Robins Cr Tim Barling Cr Duncan McPhail
City of Rockingham	Cr Andrew Burns Cr Matthew Whitfield
WALGA Secretariat	Ms Lynn Craigie, WALGA President Mr Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Services
DLGSC Representative	Mr Nick Sloan, Executive Director Integrated Planning and Delivery Ms Jodie Holbrook, Director Local Government Policy & Engagement
Guest Speakers	Mr Tony Flack APM, Divisional Superintendent, State Operations WA Police Mr Simon Taylor, Department of the Premier and Cabinet

### APOLOGIES

City of Rockingham	Cr Deb Hamblin (DSC) Mr Andrew Hammond, Chief Executive Officer
City of Cockburn	Cr Carol Reeve-Fowkes
Town of East Fremantle	Mr Gary Tuffin, Chief Executive Officer
City of Melville	Dr Shayne Silcox, Chief Executive Officer
South West Group	Position vacant

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair welcomed WALGA President Lynne Craigie to the meeting.

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. President's Report
4. Standing Orders

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## **1. DEPUTATIONS**

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### **1.1 Presentation – Policing Major Events Legislation Briefing with WA Police**

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Mr Tony Flack, Divisional Superintendent and Mr Gary Nicolau from the WA Police presented to the Zone.

#### **In Brief**

The completion and commissioning of the new Perth Stadium has given rise to moves to reinvigorate Major Events or 'User Pays' legislation that will allow WA Police to recover costs for policing events within WA. Major events are 5000 people or more attending the event.

Whilst the new stadium is the catalyst for these discussions, the application of cost recovery is intended to be state wide. WA Police would like to provide a high level briefing to the Zone on plans for the future in relation to policing services for major events which may be of interest to Local Governments.

Mr Flack encouraged Zone representatives to advise Local Government officers to be aware of this resource.

#### **Noted**

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### **1.2 Presentation - Strategic Environmental Planning and Approvals**

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Simon Taylor, Director, Strategic Environmental Planning and Approvals at the Department of the Premier and Cabinet presented in relation to the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions (SAPPR) currently being undertaken by the State Government, which have implications for Local Government in Perth, Peel and surrounds.

A copy of the presentation is provided as an attachment.

#### **Noted**

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## **2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved Mayor Logan Howlett**  
**Seconded Cr Sandra Lee**

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone held on 27 November 2017 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 Mayor Carol Adams**  
**Seconded Cr Mathew Whitfield**

**That all items except item 5.7 within the March 2018 State Council agenda be endorsed 'en-bloc'**  
**CARRIED**

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#### **Item 5.7 Review of the Administrative Road Classification Methodolgy**

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Concern was expressed at the Departments suggested phasing in of the road classification changes.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved Mayor Adams**  
**Seconded Cr Sandra Lee**

**That the South Metropolitan Zone advise that it does not support the phasing in of the road classification system by Main Roads.**

**CARRIED**

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### **6. BUSINESS**

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#### **6.1 Presentation – Auditor General's Office**

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The Office of the Auditor General would like to present at the next meeting to be held 23 April.

The Auditor General or one of the Assistant Auditor Generals will provide an overview of what Local Governments can expect in terms of performance and financial audits.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved Cr Nicole Robins  
Seconded Mayor Logan Howlett**

**That the South Metropolitan Zone invite the Auditor General's Office to present at the meeting to be held 23 April 2018.**

**CARRIED**

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## **6.2 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 will identify 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.

## **RESOLUTION**

**Moved Cr Nicole Robins  
Seconded Mayor Logan Howlett**

**That the South Metropolitan Zone invite the Mr Geoff Eves, Local Roads Program Manager, to present at the meeting to be held 23 April 2018.**

**CARRIED**

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### **6.3 The Local Government Agricultural Freight Group – Election of Delegate and Deputy Delegate**

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Following the 2017 Local Government Elections the member Zones of the Local Government Agricultural Freight Group reappointed their delegate and deputy delegate to the Group.

Under the Group's Terms of Reference each member Zone is entitled to appoint a delegate and deputy delegate to represent it on the Group; the delegate and deputy delegate are to be elected members and the term of office is two years.

The Group meets 1-3pm at WALGA, 5 February, 13 April, 13 August and 15 October.

Incumbent Members are Cr Sam Wainwright and Cr Tim Barling.

#### **RESOLUTION**

**Moved Cr Jon Strachan**  
**Seconded Cr Duncan McPhail**

**That Cr Tim Barling be the Zones representative and Cr Sam Wainwright the Deputy for the Local Government Agricultural Freight Group**

**CARRIED**

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## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

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### **7.1 WA Municipal Dog Pounds– Guidelines and Standards**

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In response to a questions raised by Zone Member Cr Lee-Anne Smith from the City of Cockburn, the Presiding Member has requested an item detailing guidelines and standards for the management of "WA Municipal Dog Pounds".

#### **Legislation**

The *Dog Act 1976*, section 29 provides for impounding dogs in a dog management facility and for maintaining dogs whilst impounded. Section 3 defines "dog management facility" as meaning:

- (a) *a facility operated by a local government that is, or may be, used for keeping dogs; or*
- (b) *a facility for keeping dogs that is operated by a person or body prescribed; or*
- (c) *a facility for keeping dogs that is operated by a person or body approved in writing by a local government;*

Regulation 5 of the *Dog Regulations 2013*, lists the prescribed persons or bodies as:

- Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Inc) of Western Australia; and
- Dogs' Refuge Home (W.A.) Inc.

Section 11, provides for Local Governments to establish and maintain dog management facilities and to appoint fit and proper persons to administer those facilities.

Other legislation that include provisions requiring Local Governments to administer impounding, include:

- *Cat Act 2011*
- *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960* - cattle, including; goats, pigs, sheep, poultry and horses.
- *Local Government Act 1995*, Part 3, Div.3, Sub-Div.4 - goods and abandoned vehicles.

The *Dog Act, 1976*, *Local Government Act 1995* and *Cat Act 2011* do not include or reference detailed guidance or standards for how pound facilities are to be operated.

The *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960*, does however include some guidance specific to impounding cattle:

- Public notice requirements for establishing or closing a pound [s.450 and 451];
- Construction of pounds, specific to keeping cattle [s.452, s.453, s.454];
- Requirements for keeping a Pound Book, which records prescribed information regarding impounded cattle [s.455];
- Fees and charges for poundage [s.456, 462, 464, 470, 477]; and
- Poundkeeper functions [s.467, 479].

## Guidelines

No Western Australian government standards or guidelines have been identified for dog pound facilities.

The Victorian State Government has a Code of Practice for the Operation of Shelters and Pounds, under the *Domestic Animals Act 1994 (Vic)*. The Code of Practice is available online at <http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/pets/domestic-animal-businesses/shelters-and-pounds/code-of-practice-for-the-operation-of-shelters-and-pounds>

In addition, the following organisations have published guidance material that may be relevant:

<b>Australian Veterinary Association</b>	Animal Shelters and Municipal Pounds Policy and Guideline <a href="http://www.ava.com.au/policy/63-animal-shelters-and-municipal-pounds">http://www.ava.com.au/policy/63-animal-shelters-and-municipal-pounds</a>
<b>RSPCA</b>	Position Paper A6 – Operation of RSPCA Shelters <a href="http://kb.rspca.org.au/afile/591/131/">http://kb.rspca.org.au/afile/591/131/</a>

## RESOLUTION

**Moved Cr Lee-Anne Smith**  
**Seconded Mayor Carol Adams**

**That the South Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to advocate for uniform standards and guidelines for dog pound facilities in WA**

**CARRIED**

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## 7.2 Local Government Engagement with the Smart Cities Program

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In response to a questions raised by Zone Member Cr Lee-Anne Smith from the City of Cockburn, the Presiding Member requested an item detailing Local Government Engagement with the Smart Cities Program.

### In Brief

- On 20 September 2015 the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, announced cities as a national priority for the Australian Government.
- On 29 April 2016 the Australian Government released a Smart Cities Plan for public consultation.
- The Smart Cities Plan sets out a range of opportunities and challenges that our cities face and proposes actions to address them, and further encourages Australians to share their ideas to help shape the cities agenda.
- On 17 November 2017, Round One of the Smart Cities and Suburbs projects announced.

### Background

In 2015 the Commonwealth Government acknowledged cities as a national priority. As part of this priority a Smart Cities Plan was released in 2016 for public consultation.

The following information outlining the program is drawn, in part, from the Commonwealth Government Website: <https://cities.dpmc.gov.au/smart-cities-program>

The Smart Cities Plan sets out the Australian Government's vision for our cities, and their plan for maximising their potential.

It includes three pillars: *Smart Investment*, *Smart Policy* and *Smart Technology*.

The Smart Cities Plan is not just for our capital cities, or just for our CBDs. It is for cities of all sizes and for all parts of cities and acknowledged that across Australia, cities face different opportunities and challenges.

The Smart Cities Plan provides a foundation for ongoing reform and cooperative action.

It represents a new framework for cities policy at the federal level—and it is a framework that will guide action via various portfolios, to deliver better outcomes for our cities, the people who live in them and all Australians.

The document outlines early commitments to provide a structural setting for reform, including through:

- **\$50 million for Infrastructure Planning**
- **Establishment of an Infrastructure Financing Unit**
- **Inviting State and Territory Governments to partner with the Commonwealth on City Deals.**

**On 17 November 2017, Round One of the Smart Cities and Suburbs projects announced with \$6 million awarded in technology projects to help solve practical problems for Perth including:**

- The City of Fremantle - renewable energy generation and storage, rainwater storage and distribution, and an electric vehicle shared ownership trial - \$8.26 million;
- The City of Perth - communications precinct around the new Perth Stadium and an irrigation trial in public parks - \$2.63 million;



- The City of Joondalup - monitoring system to better manage the Yellagonga Wetlands - \$2.05 million;
- University of Western Australia in collaboration with the City of Wanneroo - real-time rail patronage data to improve development of rail station precincts along the Metronet extension - \$1 million;
- City of Gosnells - real-time data on thermal performance of newly built homes, to encourage the uptake of energy efficiency measures for new housing developments - \$265,000;
- RAC WA Holdings in collaboration with the City of South Perth - trial of driverless electric shuttles to reduce congestion - \$980,000.

This \$6 million in federal funding leverages further co-investment of \$9 million taking the total investment for Perth projects in this round under the Smart Cities and Suburbs Program to \$15 million.

Round two of the \$50 million Smart Cities and Suburbs Program is expected to open in the first half of 2018.

Local Governments can become involved by familiarising themselves with, and actively participating in, the Smart Cities Program and associated funding opportunities.

The \$50 million Smart Cities and Suburbs Program is a key element of the Government's Smart Cities Plan. More information on the Program and the Smart Cities Plan is available at <https://cities.dpmc.gov.au/>.

## RESOLUTION

**Moved Cr Lee-Anne Smith**  
**Seconded Mayor Carol Adams**

**That the South Metropolitan Zone:**

1. **Notes the report on Smart Cities; and**
2. **Request WALGA to encourage Local Governments across Western Australia to familiarise themselves with, and actively participate in, the Smart Cities program and associated funding opportunities.**

**CARRIED**

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## 8. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

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### 8.1 WALGA President's Report

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Ms Lynne Craigie presented the President's Report.

**Noted**

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### 9.2 State Councillor's report to the Zone

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WALGA State Councillor, Mayor Logan Howlett presented on the previous State Council meeting.

**Noted**

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**9.3 Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Interests Representative Update Report.**

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Nick Sloan from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries presented to the meeting and advised that the Department are looking to attend as many Zone meetings as possible.

The Department are looking for a much stronger liaison with the sector and are looking to engage much more in a significant attempt to work with the sector as much as possible.

Nick also advised on Machinery of Government changes, service delivery reviews and Integrated Planning and reporting program.

**Noted**

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**10. SOUTH WEST GROUP REPORT**

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**11. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone will be held Monday 23 April at the City of Kwinana commencing at 5.30 pm.

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**12. CLOSURE**

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There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:15pm.

