



Shire of Cunderdin

Notice of an Ordinary Council Meeting

Dear Council Member,

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Cunderdin Shire Council will be held on **Wednesday 24th April 2024** in the Cunderdin Shire Council Chambers, WA, 6407 **commencing at 5.00pm.**

Stuart Hobley
Chief Executive Officer

18th April 2024

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AGENDA

1. Declaration of Opening

The Shire President declared the meeting open at ____pm.

The Shire of Cunderdin disclaimer will be read aloud by Cr AE (Alison) Harris.

The *Local Government Act 1995* Part 5 Division 2 Section 5.25 and Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 Regulation 13.

“No responsibility whatsoever is implied or accepted by the Shire of Cunderdin for any act, omission or statement or intimation occurring during this meeting. It is strongly advised that persons do not act on what is heard at this Meeting and should only rely on written confirmation of Council’s decisions, which will be provided within ten working days of this meeting”.

2. Record of Attendance, Apologies and Approved Leave of Absence

2.1 Record of attendances

Councillors

Cr AE (Alison) Harris	Shire President
Cr TE (Todd) Harris	
Cr N (Natalie) Snooke	
Cr B (Bernie) Daly	
Cr HN (Holly) Godfrey	
Cr NW (Norm) Jenzen	

In Attendance

Stuart Hobley	Chief Executive Officer
Hayley Byrnes	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Samantha Pimlott	Governance & Administration Officer

Guests of Council

Members of the Public

2.2 Apologies

2.3 Leave of Absence Previously Granted

Cr A (Tony) Smith	Deputy Shire President
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3. Public Question Time

Declaration of public question time opened at:

Declaration of public question time closed at:

4. Petitions, Deputations & Presentations

5. Applications for Leave of Absence

Recommendation 5.1

That Council approve Leave of Absence for Cr _____ from _____ to _____ inclusive

Moved: Cr _____

Seconded: Cr _____

Vote – Simple majority

Carried/Lost: _____

6. Confirmation of the Minutes of Previous Meetings

6.1. Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27th March 2024

Recommendation 6.1

1. That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27th March 2024 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: Cr _____

Seconded: Cr _____

Vote – Simple majority

Carried/Lost: _____

Note to this item:

The President will sign the minute declaration on the previous minutes.

7. Declaration of Members and Officers Interests

8. Announcements by President without Discussion

9. Finance & Administration

9.1. Financial Reports for March 2024

Location:	Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Date:	17 th April 2024
Author:	Hayley Byrnes
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.1.1 – March 2024 Monthly Financial Report Attachment 9.1.2 - Rates Details March 2024

Proposal/Summary

The financial reports as at 31st March 2024 are presented for consideration.

Background

The financial reports have been circulated to all Councillors.

Comment

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Environment

The *Local Government Act 1995* Part 6 Division 3 requires that a monthly financial report be presented to Council.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

All financial implications are contained within the reports.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Recommendation 9.1

That Council receives the monthly financial reports for the periods ending 31st March 2024.

Moved: Cr _____

Seconded: Cr _____

Vote – Simple majority

Carried/Lost: _____

9.2. Accounts Paid – 31st March 2024

Location:	Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Hayley Byrnes
Report Date:	17 th April 2024
Item Approved By:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.2.1 – March 2024 Creditors Listing

Proposal/Summary

Council is requested to confirm the payment of Accounts totalling:

Total for Municipal -	\$285,814.77
Total for Trust -	\$0.00
TOTAL -	\$285,814.77

For March 2024 as listed in the Warrant of Payments for the period 1st to 31st March 2024.

Background

Nil.

Comment

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Environment

In accordance with Financial Management Regulations 12 & 13, a List of all accounts paid or payable shall be presented to Council (Refer Warrant of Payments attached).

Financial Management Regulations 12 & 13.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

All financial implications are contained within the reports.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Recommendation 9.2

1. That Council's payments of accounts amounting to \$285,814.77 being from Municipal Account for March 2024, as follows:

Municipal Account	\$	Total
Electronic Funds Transfer: EFT 8093- 8173	\$196,233.50	
Direct Debit (Inc Bank Charges):	\$21,608.98	
Cheques: 11901- 11905	\$67,972.29	
Trust Account		
	\$0.00	
TOTAL		\$285,814.77

Moved: Cr _____

Seconded: Cr _____

Vote – Simple majority

Carried/Lost: _____

9.3. Council Investments – As at 31st March 2024

Location:	Cunderdin
Applicant:	Deputy Chief Executive Officer
Author:	Hayley Byrnes
Report Date:	18 th April 2024
Item Approved By:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 9.3.1 - Bank Statements March 2024

Proposal/Summary

To inform Council of its investments at 31st March 2024.

Background

The authority to invest money held in any Council Fund is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer. Council Funds June be invested in one or more of the following:

- Fixed Deposits;
- Commercial Bills;
- Government bonds; and
- Other Short-term Authorised Investments.

Council funds are to be invested with the following financial institutions:

- Major Banks & Bonds Issued by Government and/ or Government Authorities.

Comment

In addition to the Shire's Municipal Operating Accounts, the below investment accounts are held as at 31st March 2024

COUNCIL ACCOUNTS					
Institution	Amount	Investment type/ Account details	Municipal Funds	Reserve Funds	Trust Funds
Westpac Bank	\$721,692.07	Municipal- 0000030	\$721,692.07		
Bendigo Bank	\$1,690,555.03	Municipal- 155971377	\$1,690,555.03		
Westpac Bank	\$146.78	Business Cash Reserve 22-3647 0.50%		\$146.78	
Bendigo Bank	\$5,104.99	Bendigo Trust Account 164 488 686			\$5,104.99
Westpac Bank	\$0.00	Trust Working Account 12-2981			\$0.00
Bendigo Bank	\$1,421,752.23	Term Deposit 5.01% Exp 20 Jun 2024		\$1,421,752.23	
Bendigo Bank	\$1,000,000.00	Term Deposit -4.76% Exp 20 Jun 2024	\$1,000,000.00		
Bendigo Bank	\$500,000.00	Term Deposit -4.76% Exp 20 Jun 2024	\$500,000.00		
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	\$5,339,251.10		\$3,912,247.10	\$1,421,899.01	\$5,104.99

In addition to the Council Accounts, the Shire administers the Cunderdin Community Centre Trust Accounts being Bendigo Term Deposits, and operating Acc#000073- \$0.00

CUNDERDIN COMMUNITY TRUST DETAILS
INTEREST ACCOUNT
31 March 2024

Opening Balance as per Bank Statement & Term Deposits

	Term Deposit# 4589480	
	Maturing 5 June 2024 (4.89%)	225,369.49
	TOTAL	225,369.49
Credits		0.00
Debits		0.00
Closing Balance as Per Bank Statements & Term Deposits	TOTAL	225,369.49
INCOMING		
	<i>Interest earnt on TD @ maturity</i>	0.00
		0.00
OUTGOING		0.00
Balance as at end of month	TOTAL	225,369.49

CUNDERDIN COMMUNITY TRUST DETAILS
CAPITAL ACCOUNT
31 March 2024

Opening Balance as per Bank Statement & Term Deposits

	Term Deposit# 4589492	
	Maturing 5 June 2023 (4.89%)	369,862.05
	TOTAL	369,862.05
Credits		0.00
Debits		0.00
Closing Balance as Per Bank Statements & Term Deposits	TOTAL	369,862.05
INCOMING		
		0.00
		0.00
OUTGOING		0.00
Balance as at end of month	TOTAL	369,862.05

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Implications

Financial Management Regulation 19.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in considering this item.

Strategic Implications

This item related to the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework, which feeds into the Long-Term Financial Plan when determining annual Council Budgets.

Recommendation 9.3

That the report on Council investments as at 31st March 2024 be received and noted.

Moved: Cr _____

Seconded: Cr _____

Vote – Simple majority

Carried/Lost: _____

9.4. Shire of Cunderdin Quarterly Review – Corporate Business Plan

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Governance and Administration
Date:	19 th April 2024
Author:	Samantha Pimlott
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.4.1 - Shire of Cunderdin Corporate Business Plan 2021 - 2025 - Adopted 15.06.2023 Attachment 9.4.2 - Corporate Business Plan Quarterly Review January 2024 - March 2024

Proposal/Summary

For Council to receive the Quarterly Corporate Business Plan Report as attached.

Background

Local governments are required to produce a plan for the future under Sec. 5.56 (1) of the Local Government Act 1995. Regulations made under the Act outline the minimum requirements of a plan for the future namely:

- A Strategic Community Plan to cover a period of at least 10 financial years.
- A Corporate Business Plan to cover a period of at least 4 financial years.

On the 15th of June 2023, Council adopted the revised Corporate Business Plan. This plan is subject to a review by staff on a quarterly basis to ensure the Shire is meeting Social and Community, Environmental, Housing and Facilities, Economic Development, Infrastructure and Transport and Civic Leadership strategies as outlined in the Corporate Business Plan 2021/2022 – 2024/2025.

The traffic light based Quarterly Update to report progress against the priorities as detailed in the Corporate Business Plan driven by the outcomes of the Strategic Community Plan and actioned through the Annual Budget.

Comment

Attachment 9.4.2 – Quarterly Corporate Business Plan Report at 31 March 2024 identifies the strategies and actions for each Strategic Community Plan objective and the year/s of implementation for the four-year life of the Corporate Business Plan.

On review of the required actions, it can be seen that the Shire is achieving good overall results. A number of projects have been undertaken or are in progress to deliver on the strategic outcomes of the Plan.

The actions and community priorities from the Corporate Business Plan along with the Shires integrated planning documents are considered during Annual Budget production.

Consultation

Shire of Cunderdin Staff

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995 - 5.56 (1)

Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 - 19DA. Corporate business plans, requirements for (Act s. 5.56)

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

2023/24 Adopted Budget.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan.

5.2 Forward planning and implementation of plans

- Accountable and transparent decision making
- Financial sustainability in achieving community aspirations

Recommendation 9.4

That Council receive and endorse the Corporate Business Plan Quarterly Report for the period between January and March 2024.

Moved: Cr _____

Seconded: Cr _____

Vote – Simple majority

Carried/Lost: _____

9.5. Proposed RAV Request

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Governance and Administration
Date:	19 th April 2024
Author:	Samantha Pimlott
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.5.1 - RAV Request Assessment Application & Road Owner Support Attachment 9.5.2 - AMMS Tandem Drive Prime Mover Trailer Combinations RAV Categories Attachment 9.5.3 - Tandem Drive Prime Mover Trailer Combinations RAV Categories

Proposal/Summary

For Council to consider the proposed RAV upgrade of the Shire of Cunderdin's road network as detailed below.

Background

Heavy Vehicle Services (HVS) has received an application to add the following section of roads onto the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network RAV N7.3:

Road No.	Road Name	From Location (SLK)	To Location (SLK)	Current Network	Requested Network
4060003	Cunderdin – Minnivale Rd	Quelagetting Rd (7.86)	LGA Boundary Line (18.71)	Tandem Drive Network 6	Tandem Drive Network 7
4060074	Seventeen Mile Gate Rd	Rabbit Proof Fence Nth Rd (2.36)	Cunderdin - Wyalkatchem Rd (7.00)	Tandem Drive Network 4	Tandem Drive Network 7
4060122	Rabbit Proof Fence Nth Rd	Seventeen Mile Gate Rd (23.84)	Edbrooke Rd (25.40)	Tandem Drive Network 4	Tandem Drive Network 7
4060166	Cunderdin - Wyalkatchem Rd	Seventeen Mile Gate Rd (30.68)	Cunderdin - Minnivale Rd (12.85)	AMMS Level 1	AMMS Level 3

The applicant has advised Main Roads the requested RAV 7.3 Network access is for Agricultural Haulage.

If the road is deemed unsuitable to be added to the relevant RAV network when assessed by Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services, it may be considered for a Restricted Local Access Permit (RLAP). This permit is for individual access to a road with a specific combination and with suitable conditions to mitigate any risk.

Comment

HVS will conduct onsite assessments and consider the safety aspects of approving RAV access in accordance with our [Standard Restricted Access Vehicle Route Assessment Guidelines](#) and [Guidelines for Approving RAV Access](#).

To assist HVS in this process, estimated traffic volumes and any comments relating to road condition, that the Shire can foresee impacting the above road can be reported to HVS as per Attachment 9.5.1 - Application for road owner support to add or amend RAV network.

If the Shire is in favour of supporting the request, HVS will assess the mentioned road and a condition report will be sent to the Shire on its findings. If the road is found to be suitable it then will be added to the network as per the requested RAV rating.

Any road that requires maintenance or works will not be added to the network until the condition of the road meets requirements of the HVS assessment. Either the applicant or the Shire will need to bring the road to the required standard prior to the road being upgraded to the requested RAV rating.

The approval of an upgrade in RAV rating may result in an increase of on-going maintenance to the requested road.

Robert Bell, Manager of Works and Services will provide a verbal update on the current road conditions at the meeting.

Consultation

Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Service (HVS)
Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Robert Bell, Manager of Works and Services

Statutory Implications

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act, 2012

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Strategic Implications

Strategic Community Plan 2022 – 2032

2. ECONOMY

2.3 Build economic capacity

Land and infrastructure can accommodate commercial and residential growth

3. BUILT ENVIRONMENT

3.1 Safe, efficient and well maintained road infrastructure

Environmental – roadside vegetation

Infrastructure – appropriate for local business operations

Recommendation 9.5

That Council:

1. Accepts the request to amend the RAV rating of:
 - i. Cunderdin – Minnivale Rd (SLK 7.86 – 18.71)
 - ii. Seventeen Mile Gate Rd (SLK 2.36 – 7.00)
 - iii. Rabbit Proof Fence Nth Rd (SLK 23.84 – 25.40)
 - iv. Cunderdin - Wyalkatchem Rd (SLK 30.68 – 12.85)for the purpose of the Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network 7.3.
2. Acknowledge that approval is subject to a favourable road condition report from Main Roads Heavy Vehicle Services being received on the completion of their road assessments.

Moved: Cr _____

Seconded: Cr _____

Vote – Simple majority

Carried/Lost: _____

9.6. Play Our Way Program – Stream 1 Expression of Interest

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Community Development Officer
Date:	19 th April 2024
Author:	Samantha Pimlott
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.6.1 – Play Our Way Grant Opportunity Guidelines Attachment 9.6.2 - Play Our Own Way Program – Stream 1 EOI Budget Attachment 9.6.3 – GANTT Chart – WeatherGuard Project

Proposal/Summary

For Council to consider and endorse the lodgement of an expression of interest in the Play Our Way Program grant opportunity for the provision of the WeatherGuard: Sheltering Female Sports Participation in Cunderdin Project.

Background

During the Community Consultation process to develop the Shires 2022 – 2023 Strategic Community Plan further development of Sport and Recreation Facility was identified as a high priority for the community.

A Women in Sport community survey was conducted in January 2024. The results from the survey indicated that there would be a substantial rise in participation in female sports and physical activities with the provision of undercover recreation facilities.

Consultation during the development of the Shires Draft Youth Strategy also identified that construction of a shelter over the basketball and netball surfaces would increase participation.

A meeting with the women's netball, basketball and junior female netball clubs was held on 9th April 2024 to discuss the prospective project. Club representatives consulted with their respective members and were all in agreement of the outcomes proposed through completion of the project. The Clubs have shown their support to the Shire for completing the Play Our Way Program EOI and the project, pending secured funding.

Initial indicative quotes have been obtained for the construction project, indicating the total project cost of \$968,826.28. The breakdown of these costs can be found in Attachment 9.6.2 – Play Our Own Way Program – Stream 1 EOI Budget.

Comment

The proposed project will involve:

- construction of a hard cover roof over the multi-purpose (basketball/netball) courts at the Cunderdin Recreation Centre
- resurfacing the playing surface to ensure compliance with regulation court measurements as per the rules of the International Federation of Netball Associations and the International Basketball Federation (FIBA)
- drainage works mitigating flooding risks with allowance for removal of existing concrete edging making the courts universally accessible
- lighting improvements for player safety during low light or night competition and training
- CCTV surveillance installation for user safety and infrastructure security
- hardwired PA and sound system installation for improved player and spectator experience, and
- installation of comfortable spectator and player seating spaces.

The project planning, design, implementation and construction is planned to be completed over the span of two financial years, being 2024/2025 and 2025/2026. The schedule of project works can be found in

Attachment 9.6.3 – GANTT Chart – WeatherGuard Project. Planning for the project is proposed to begin in October 2024. Majority of courts surface works will be scheduled to occur during 2025/2026, the netball season will incur the most playing disruption. The Netball Club are in agreeance with this disruption as per discussions that have been held with the club.

The Shire is required to demonstrate their support of the project financially prior to the expression of interest lodgement.

Consultation

Community Consultation
Rebekah Burges, 150 Square
Liezl DeBeer, Community Development Officer
Cunderdin Netball Club
Cunderdin Basketball Club
Cunderdin Nippers Association (Junior Netball)

Statutory Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Budget Inclusions in 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 financial years:

2024/2025 - \$100,000

2025/2025 - \$150,000

Attachment 9.6.2 - – Play Our Own Way Program – Stream 1 EOI Budget gives a detailed demonstration of the financial commitment required.

Strategic Implications

Shire of Cunderdin Strategic Community Plan.

1. COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL

Inclusive access to Shire facilities and services

The Shire supports positive leisure, learning and recreation outcomes

1.2 A healthy and safe community is planned for

Sport and recreation facilities are upgraded in a planned, cohesive and timely manner

Promotion and advocacy of community health and wellbeing

3.3 Enhance public spaces and townscapes

5.2 Forward planning and implementation of plans

Financial sustainability in achieving community aspirations

Recommendation 9.6

That Council:

1. Endorse lodgement of Expression of Interest in the Play Our Way Program grant opportunity for the provision of WeatherGuard: Sheltering Female Sports Participation in Cunderdin Project
2. Endorse provision of \$100,000 in the 2024/2025 Annual Budget as funding contribution towards the WeatherGuard: Sheltering Female Sports Participation in Cunderdin Project, and
3. Endorse provision of \$150,000 in the 2025/2026 Annual Budget as funding contribution to completion of the WeatherGuard: Sheltering Female Sports Participation in Cunderdin Project.

Moved: Cr _____

Seconded: Cr _____

Vote – Simple majority

Carried/Lost: _____

9.7. Chief Executive Officers Report

Location:	Shire of Cunderdin
Applicant:	Chief Executive Officer
Date:	19 th April 2024
Author:	Stuart Hobley
Item Approved by:	Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
File Reference:	Nil
Attachments:	Attachment 9.7.1 - LG Sustainability Inquiry -Shire of Cunderdin Attachment 9.7.2 - Shire of Cunderdin - Post Tender Notification Attachment 9.7.3 - Cunderdin DA Application

Proposal/Summary

To provide an update on the matters the Chief Executive Officer has been addressing over the past month.

Background

Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Phase 3 Projects

The following have been completed under Stage 3 of the LRCIP

O'Connor Park

Cunderdin Golf Club – Shed

Tennis Club – Installation of the Soft Fall.

Cunderdin Sport and Recreation Club - Blinds

The projects below are still to be completed:

Meckering Earthquake Memorial Garden

Oasis have completed their contract works at the Garden and we are awaiting the installation of the sign to complete the project. There has been a delay with respect to the installation of the signage and they will be installed as soon as possible.

Cunderdin Industrial Lot Development

Development WA have completed the final plans for the industrial development and prepared a Contract of Sale. The sale of land has now been completed and the land is now being transferred to Development WA.

Development WA has advised that the project is being held up due to two issues with the first being the issuing of titles from Landgate. This matter is being dealt with by the surveyors and should be resolved in the near future.

The second matter is with Western Power and obtaining engineering drawings. This is a concern with many projects throughout the state and Western Power are several months behind in design works.

Once engineering drawings are received it has been advised that the project should be complete within 4 months.

Watts Street Subdivision and Cubbine Street Subdivision

Contractors have completed the subdivision concept design, contour and feature surveys, soil and site investigations and civil engineering services.

We are still awaiting the final cost estimates for the project. Councils Planner has advised that the cost estimates are being held up by Western Power and the completion of the electrical engineering drawings for the subdivisions.

When these are available a report will be put to Council detailing the next stages of the project.

Housing Tenders

Tenders have been developed for the construction of one four-bedroom, two-bathroom executive dwelling on Yilgarn Street and two three-bedroom two-bathroom dwellings on Mithcell street.

It is anticipated that these tenders will be presented to Council for consideration at the May 2024 Council Meeting.

New Hangar at Airfield

Council has received an application for a new hangar at the Cunderdin Airfield. The size of the proposed hangar is 28m x 20m and it is to be located to the south of the Belman Hangar (see Attachment 9.7.3 for location plans). The hanger will be able to accommodate up to four gliders.

Council's planning Officer has advised that the proposal meets the planning requirements as does not need to go to Council for approval and the Chief Executive Officer has the delegated authority to approve it. As the proposed hangar is going to be constructed on Council land, Council comment is being sought before a final decision is made.

Federal Government Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport has launched a new inquiry to examine local government sustainability.

The Committee has stated that 'it has prioritised a deeper understanding of local government financial sustainability and funding frameworks, alongside the changing infrastructure requirements and service delivery obligations for local governments. Local government sustainability is essential to supporting our Australian communities through the provision of vital infrastructure and related services. The Committee is seeking to understand the challenges faced by local governments in servicing infrastructure requirements across Australia's regional, rural, and remote locations.'

It has been emphasised that the Committee is aware of significant public infrastructure workforce shortages, particularly in local government areas, and the importance of promoting skills development and job security for Australians. The Committee will examine labour hire and retention trends, including the impacts of labour hire practices, to identify barriers and opportunities to support our local workforce and local government sustainability and service delivery obligations.

The Term of Reference for the inquiry are as follows:

- The financial sustainability and funding of local government
- The changing infrastructure and service delivery obligations of local government
- Any structural impediments to security for local government workers and infrastructure and service delivery
- Trends in the attraction and retention of a skilled workforce in the local government sector, including impacts of labour hire practices
- The role of the Australian Government in addressing issues raised in relation to the above
- Other relevant issues.

If Council wishes to propose a submission to the inquiry based on the terms of reference it will need to be completed by the 31st of May 2024.

State Government Inquiry into Regional Telecommunications

Council has been advised that the Legislative Council Standing Committee on Public Administration has resolved to undertake an Inquiry into regional telecommunications in Western Australia.

The terms of reference are to inquire into and report on issues impacting regional telecommunications in Western Australia. If Council wishes to propose a submission highlighting the issues specific to the Shire of Cunderdin to the inquiry based on the terms of reference it will need to be completed by the 26 April 2024.

WALGA will be providing a submission from a sector-wide perspective that will address issues that occur over significant parts of regional WA, such as resilience and capacity.

Auditors

The Auditor General has advised Council that Moore Australia Audit has been appointed to conduct the external audit of the Shire of Cunderdin for a three-year period commencing with the audit for the year ending 30 June 2024. The Auditor General maintains the right to extend the contracted audit firm for a further two years (two, one-year options).

The Audit Entrance Meeting will be held on the 22nd of May 2024 at 2pm.

Comment

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

Statutory Implications

Nil.

Policy Implications

Nil.

Financial Implications

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Nil.

Recommendation 9.7

That the Chief Executives Officers Report be received.

Moved: Cr _____

Seconded: Cr _____

Vote – Simple majority

Carried/Lost: _____

10. Environmental Health and Building

Nil.

11. Planning & Development

Nil.

12. Works & Services

Nil.

13. Urgent Items

Nil.

14. Scheduling of Meeting

14.1. May 2024 Ordinary Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of council is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 22nd May 2024 commencing at 5:00pm at the Cunderdin Shire Council Chambers, Cunderdin, WA 6407.

15. Closure of meeting

There being no further business the Shire President will declare the meeting closed at __: __pm.

16. Certification

DECLARATION

I, Alison Harris, certify that the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 24th April 2024, as shown, were confirmed at the ordinary meeting of Council held on 22nd May 2024.

Signed: _____

Date: _____