



Shire of Cunderdin

Notice of a Special Council Meeting

Dear Council Member,

A Special Meeting of the Cunderdin Shire Council will be held on **Thursday 2nd February 2023** in the Council Chambers, Lundy Avenue Cunderdin commencing **at 3.30pm**, for the purpose of:

1. Review of Councillor Representation

Cr Alison Harris

President

27th January 2023

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AGENDA

1. Declaration of opening

The President declared the meeting open at ____pm

The Shire of Cunderdin disclaimer will be read aloud.

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 Cr AE (Alison) Harris	Shire President
Cr A (Anthony) Smith	Deputy President
Cr TE (Todd) Harris	
Cr NW (Norm) Jenzen	
Cr B (Bernie) Daly	
Cr W (William) Stewart	

In Attendance

Stuart Hoble	Chief Executive Officer
Samantha Pimlott	Governance and Administration Officer

Guests of Council

Members of the Public

Apologies

Cr N (Natalie) Snooke

Leave of Absence Previously Granted

3. Public Question Time

Declaration of public question time opened at:

Declaration of public question time closed at:

4. Petitions, Deputations & Presentations

5. Finance & Administration

5.1 Review of Councillor Representation

Location:	Cunderdin
Applicant:	Governance & Administration Officer
Date:	27 th January 2023
Author:	Samantha Pimlott
Item Approved By:	Stuart Hobley - Chief Executive Officer
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Attachment/s:	Attachment 5.1 -Discussion Paper Attachment 5.2 – Officers Report

Proposal / Summary

Council is asked to consider any public submissions, assess relevant information and determine a recommendation to the Local Government Advisory Board following the Councillor Representation Review for the Shire of Cunderdin.

Background

The Shire of Cunderdin is legislated to have up to eight (8) Councillors. At the 2021 ordinary election three councillor nominations were received for four vacancies. Approval was sought from the Western Australian Electoral Commission to defer filling the vacancy until the October 2023 ordinary elections. Approval for this request was granted and the council has therefore been operating with seven councillors since the October 2021 election.

The last review of representation in the Shire of Cunderdin was undertaken in 2002 when Wards were removed.

A discussion paper was made public on the Shire's website and was available at the administration office on request. The discussion paper is attached. Advertising of the review commenced on 9th December 2022 and the submission consultation period ended on 20th January 2023

Comment

A required six week public consultation period was advertised inviting submissions from the public on the Review of Councillor representation within the Shire of Cunderdin. During this period no public submissions were received.

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995 – s.2.18(3)

Policy Implication

Nil.

Consultation

Stuart Hobley – CEO
Public Consultation
Local Government Advisory Board

Financial Implications

Dependant on number of elected members. Refer to discussion paper.

Strategic Implications

Nil

Recommendation 5.1

Council recommends to the Local Government Advisory Board that:

1. An order be made under s2.18 (3) of the Local Government Act 1995 to reduce the number of Councillors from eight (8) to seven (7)
2. Council retains all Councillors elected to 2025 as part of transition to the new Council arrangements effective for the local government election in October 2023.

Moved: Cr _____

Seconded: Cr _____

Vote – Absolute majority

Carried/Lost: _____

6. Closure of Meeting

There being no further business Councillor _____ declared the meeting closed at pm