



Western Australia

Minutes for the Audit Committee Meeting of the Murchison Shire Council,
Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On Thursday **23 March 2017**, commencing at 10:00am.

Purpose: Review Compliance Audit Return 2016

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The President declared the meeting open at 10:05 am

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Attendance:

President M Halleen
 Deputy President R Foulkes-Taylor
 Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor
 Councillor A Whitmarsh
 Councillor M Williams

Staff:

Dianne Daniels – Chief Executive Officer
 Peter Dittrich – Deputy Chief Executive Officer
 Brian Wundenberg – Works Supervisor

Visitors: 2

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4.1 Standing Orders

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor M Williams

Seconded: Councillor E Foulkes-Taylor

That the following Local Law-Standing Orders 2001 be stood down:

- 8.2 Limitation on the number of speeches
- 8.3 Duration of speeches

Carried:

For: 5

Against: 0

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

5.1 Audit Committee Meeting – 16th December 2016

Background:

Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Audit Committee Members.

Recommendation:

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 16th December 2016 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings

Voting Requirements:

Simple majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor R Foulkes-Taylor

Seconded: Councillor A Whitmarsh

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 16th December 2016 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings

Carried

For: 5

Against: 0

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

7. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

8. REPORTS OF OFFICERS**8.1 Compliance Audit Return 2016**

File:	2.1
Author:	Dianne Daniels, Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	Nil.
Date:	18 March 2017
Attachments:	Compliance Audit Return 2016

Matter for Consideration:

The Audit Committee is to review the Compliance Audit Return 2016 and report to Council.

Background:

A Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January to 31 December in each year is to be carried out and presented to the Audit Committee for review. The Audit Committee is to report to the Council the results of that review. The Compliance Audit Return is to be then adopted by Council and the certified copy is to be sent to the Executive Director of the Department of Local Government & Communities by 31 March of the following year.

Comment:

The Compliance Audit Return is attached for the Audit Committee's Review

Statutory Environment:

14. Compliance audits by local governments

(1) A local government is to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1 January to 31 December in each year.

(2) After carrying out a compliance audit the local government is to prepare a compliance audit return in a form approved by the Minister.

(3A) The local government's audit committee is to review the compliance audit return and is to report to the council the results of that review.

(3) After the audit committee has reported to the council under subregulation (3A), the compliance audit return is to be —

- (a) presented to the council at a meeting of the council
- (b) adopted by the council; and
- (c) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is adopted.

15. Compliance audit return, certified copy of etc. to be given to Executive Director

(1) After the compliance audit return has been presented to the council in accordance with regulation 14(3) a certified copy of the return together with —

- (a) a copy of the relevant section of the minutes referred to in regulation 14(3)(c); and
- (b) any additional information explaining or qualifying the compliance audit, is to be submitted to the Executive Director by 31 March next following the period to which the return relates.

(2) In this regulation — certified in relation to a compliance audit return means signed by —

- (a) the mayor or president; and
- (b) the CEO.

Strategic Implications:

N/A

