



Western Australia

Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee
held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
On **Friday 21 August 2015**, commencing at 10.00 am.

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Meeting declared open at 10:06 am

No visitors

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members

*President Mark Halleen
Deputy President Rossco Foulkes-Taylor
Councillor Simon Broad
Councillor Andrew Whitmarsh
Councillor Miles Williams*

Officers

*Dianne Daniels – Chief Executive Officer
Brian Wundenberg – Works Supervisor*

Others

Members of Public – 2

Apologies

Nil

Leave of Absence

Nil

3. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nil

4.1 Standing Orders

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Williams

Seconded: Councillor 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. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

6. NOTICE OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

7. ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Recommended Change of Auditor

File:	2.1
Author:	Dianne Daniels – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date:	18 August 2015
Attachments:	Resume – David Wall

Matter for Consideration:

The Audit Committee to consider recommending that Council appoints David Wall of RSM Bird Cameron as auditor.

Background:

At the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 17th July 2015, RSM Bird Cameron were re-appointed as auditors for the Shire of Murchison for a three year period. The RSM Bird Cameron Proposal nominated Simon Cubitt as the auditor.

Comment:

On the 24th July 2015, I received a letter from RSM Bird Cameron noting that Simon Cubitt had retired from RSM after almost 40 years of service and his registration as a registered company auditor is now cancelled. In these circumstances and in accordance with Part 7 of the Local Government Act 1995 (the Act), the Shire is required to appoint a replacement auditor.

Subsequent to Simon's retirement, David Wall has assumed responsibility for Simon's local government audit client base. He has worked alongside Simon for many years and often consulted with Simon on matters regarding local government. As shown in the attached resume, David is a registered company auditor (RCA number 16200) and meets the requirements of s 7.3 of the Act to be appointed as the Shire's auditor.

All other arrangements in relation to the audit engagement will remain the same as outlined in the original proposal.

Statutory Environment:

Local Government Act 1995 s 7.3

Strategic Implications:

Nil

Sustainability Implications

- **Environmental:**
There are no known significant environmental considerations
- **Economic:**
There are no known significant economic considerations
- **Social:**
There are no known significant social considerations

Policy Implications:

Nil

Financial Implications:

Nil

Consultation:

RSM Bird Cameron

Recommendation:

The Audit Committee, in accordance with s 7.3 of the Local Government Act 1995, recommends that Council appoint David Wall of RSM Bird Cameron as auditor.

Voting Requirements:

Absolute Majority

Council Decision:

Moved: Councillor Broad

Seconded: Councillor Whitmarsh

The Audit Committee, in accordance with 17.3 of the local government Act 1995, recommends that Council appoint David Wall of RSM Bird Cameron as auditor.

Carried

For: 5

Against: 0

8. MEETING CLOSURE

Meeting closed at 10:10 am