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Minutes for the Meeting of the

Murchison Shire Audit Committee

Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
on Thursday **24 February 2022**, commencing at 10:45am

Purpose To receive and consider a report on the Murchison Shire Compliance Audit Return for the calendar year of 2021.

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ATTACHMENTS

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Shire President Cr R Foulkes-Taylor declared meeting open at 10.48am.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors

Cr R Foulkes-Taylor – President
Cr A Whitmarsh
Cr Q Fowler

Staff

Bill Boehm – CEO
Steven Cosgrove -- Community Manager DCEO

Observers

Cr Shelley Fowler
Cr Greydon Mead

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Audit Committee Meeting – 31 August 2021

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 31 August 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Committee Decision

Moved: Cr A Whitmarsh

Seconded: Cr Q Fowler

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 31 August 2021 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings

Carried

For 3

Against 0

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

5 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Attachment 5.1 being the current Terms of Reference is attached for information.

6 REPORTS

6.1 Compliance Audit Return 2021

File:	4.18
Author:	Steven Cosgrove - Community Manager / DCEO
Interest Declared:	No interest to disclose
Date	18 February 2022
Attachments:	6.1.1 Murchison Compliance Audit Return 2021

Matter for Consideration

The Audit Committee is to review the Murchison Compliance Audit Return 2021 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 Council the results of that review. The Compliance Audit Return is to then be adopted by Council, and the certified copy be sent to the Director General of the Department of Local Government & Communities by 31 March 2022.

Comment

The Compliance Audit Return has been completed in consultation with the CEO and is attached for the Audit Committee's Review.

Statutory Environment

Local Government Audit Regulations 1996

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 sub regulation (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

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Consultation

CEO

Recommendation

That the Audit Committee

- 1 reports to the 24 February 2022 Ordinary Meeting of Council that the Compliance Audit Return 2021 has been completed and;
- 2 recommends that Council adopt the Compliance Audit Return 2021 as presented.

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Committee Decision

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Carried

For 3

Against 0

7 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

8 MEETING CLOSURE

The Shire President closed the meeting at. 10.53am