CITY OF ARMADALE

AGENDA

OF **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE** TO BE HELD IN THE **COMMITTEE ROOM**, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON **TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2015 AT 7.00PM.**

A meal will be served at 6:15 p.m.

PRESENT:

APOLOGIES:

OBSERVERS:

IN ATTENDANCE:

PUBLIC:

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DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

QUESTION TIME

DEPUTATION

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RECOMMEND

Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 3 March 2015 be confirmed.

ITEMS REFERRED FROM INFORMATION BULLETIN

- **Outstanding Matters & Information Items**

Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee
Monthly / Quarterly Departmental Reports
Community Development Report –Community Development Report March 2015
Leisure Services Report –February 2015
Manager Library & Heritage Services Monthly Report – February 2015
Manager Ranger & Emergency Services Monthly Report – February 2015
Tourism/Events & Visitor Centre February 2015

Minutes/Notes of Occasional/Advisory Committee
NIL

If any of the items listed above require clarification or a report for a decision of Council, this item to be raised for discussion at this juncture.

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1.1 - INDIGENOUS ADVANCEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE

WARD	:	ALL
FILE No.	:	M/242/15
DATE	:	16 March 2015
REF	:	RM
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER	:	Executive Director Community Services

In Brief:

- This report provides information on the outcome of the Federal Government's Indigenous Advancement Strategy funding and options for the City's Indigenous Development area including the Champion Centre
- Recommend that Council note the termination of Federal funding for the Champion Centre and receives a further report in May 2015 outlining options for the Centre's future.

Tabled Items

Officer Interest Declaration

Strategic Implications

1.2 Optimum quality of life for all citizens
  1.2.1 Work with key partners to address the needs of our Indigenous community.
1.3 Access to a wide range of cultural, arts and learning opportunities.
1.4 Accessible health and other support services that meet the needs of our community.
1.6 A community that feels safe.

Legislation Implications

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Budget/Financial Implications

Council's 2014/15 budget for Indigenous support provides for:

Operational Expenditure $398,530

Revenue

$153,410	Indigenous Parenting Support (IPS) Funding
$26,590	Additional External Grants
$218,530	Municipal Funds
$398,530	Total Funding (original budget)

The IPS funding represents 38.5% of total funding for the City's Indigenous Development program in 2014/15.

Consultation

1. Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

BACKGROUND

A report providing an update on the future direction for the City's Indigenous Development area was considered by Council at its meeting on 10 November 2014 (C46/11/14). The report noted that the federally funded Indigenous Parenting Service, operating at the Champion Centre since 2008, would be replaced by a new Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS). The new IAS comprises five streams of programs and replaced more than 150 programs including the program through which the City's Indigenous Parenting Service was funded. The five streams are:

1. Children & Schooling
2. Jobs, Land & Economy
3. Safety and Wellbeing
4. Culture and Capability
5. Remote Australia Strategies

The City submitted an application to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet which proposed to address four of the five IAS outcomes. The table below indicates the IAS grant funds requested over a three and a half year period:

IAS Program Area	**Jan – June 2015**	**2015-16**	**2016-17**	**2017-18**
Children & Schooling	158,542	317,083	326,595	336,393
Jobs, Land & Economy	140,821	281,643	290,092	298,795
Safety and Wellbeing	101,458	202,918	209,005	215,275
Culture and Capability	127,321	254,643	262,282	270,150
Total Funds Requested	**$528,142**	**$1,056,287**	**$1,087,974**	**$1,120,613**

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

On Thursday 5 March, the City received notification that federal funding for the Champion Centre would cease as the City was unsuccessful in receiving funds through the IAS. This was an unexpected outcome as the application was informed by regular communication between the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the City. This communication, which included three meetings held in Armadale, comprised dialogue about specific information the Department was seeking in the application and how to ensure the proposed key activities aligned with the IAS program outcomes.

Officers were confident they had presented a very robust application, especially as it was co-designed with the Department. It identified the strengths of the Champion Centre as a recognized 'One Stop Shop' - a highly respected, culturally appropriate setting in which to provide programs and activities for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community. The application also provided statistical data and research indicating the need for the continuation of services at the Champions Centre for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) community. The application emphasised the City's approach to community and Indigenous Development, which is based on building partnerships and community capacity to address local issues.

Upon receiving the notification of the unsuccessful outcome of the grant application, the City immediately sought feedback from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet regarding the application. Despite repeated requests, a response has not been forthcoming as there has

reportedly been an overwhelming amount of organisations also requiring feedback. Officers will continue to attempt to make contact with the Department.

The City is also liaising with key stakeholders, including federal and state members of Parliament, to effect reinstatement of the funding if possible.

Impact on the ATSI Community and Indigenous Development area

The lack of federal funds has a significant impact on the Champion Centre and the delivery of programs to the ATSI community. Primarily this is due to the fact that two officer positions and the suite of IPS programs they deliver are contingent on Federal funding.

Like each of the four staff members at the Champion Centre, both the positions are held by Noongar women who have been employed in recognition of their local knowledge and skills in working with the ATSI community. The loss of these Noongar women and the programs they deliver will have a profound negative impact as the need for skilled and experienced staff, the Centre itself and the programs is clearly evident when considering the statistical data for Armadale relating to the ATSI population and the high levels of vulnerability in this community. This includes:

- **Higher ATSI population reside in Armadale**: 2.8% of people reside in Armadale compared to 1.6% in the Greater Perth Area (2011 census data – profile.id.com.au)
- **Higher numbers of ATSI children and young people reside in Armadale**: 44.7% of the ATSI population in the City of Armadale was aged between 0 and 17, compared with 41.7% for the ATSI population in WA, with a *larger* percentage of people aged 0 to 4 years (14.2% compared to 11.8%) (2011 census data - profile.id.com.au)
- **Armadale rates third on the SEIFA index of all metropolitan areas** (2011 census data - profile.id.com.au).
- According to the Australian Early Development Census, **Indigenous children were more likely to be developmentally vulnerable than non-Indigenous children'** and **'31.7 per cent of children living in the most socio-economically disadvantaged Australian communities were developmentally vulnerable on one or more of the domain/s,** compared with 15.2 per cent of children in the least disadvantaged communities' (www.aedc.gov.au).
- **ATSI people in Armadale are less likely to complete Year 12 or equivalent:** 21.5% compared to 40.4% for non ATSI people
- **A lower proportion of ATSI people hold formal qualifications**: 20.4% compared to 38.8% for non ATSI people
- **Higher numbers of ATSI people are unemployed:** 18.3% compared with 5.4% for non ATSI people

The programs operating with the IPS finding include:

- Waabiny Mia: supported playgroups, parent knowledge seminars, intergenerational activities and a suite of child, family and community focussed events.
- Local Champions project: improved parental awareness of the importance of early brain development and provided parents with knowledge and resources to support their child's development and preparedness for school.
- The 'We are Champion Children' project, a partnership with the State Library of WA
- Family History Project through the Storylines program: a partnership with the State Library of WA
- The Boy's Program: a partnership between the Department of Indigenous Affairs, WA Police, Department of Education, Marman Mia Mia (an Aboriginal men's group) and facilitated by Waabiny Mia

COMMENT

ANALYSIS

Officers are currently investigating the implication resulting from the loss of Federal funding for the City's Indigenous Development program including the work of the Champion Centre. It is envisaged that a further report is presented to the May Community Services Committee meeting with the results of that investigation.

Receiving notification of the unsuccessful outcome of the IAS funding has been a catalyst for determining what the key element of strength is within the Indigenous Development area and reviewing the focus of the Champion Centre. The robust array of partnerships built between the Champion Centre staff, state government agencies, not-for-profit organisations and community groups is the foundation for the welcoming and vibrant hub the Champion Centre has proved to be for the local ATSI community. These partnerships comprise the sharing of resources, knowledge and skilled staff to engage with local ATSI people and develop initiatives that meet their needs and build on existing community strengths.

The City's Noongar staff members are integral to these arrangements as they are the links to many hard-to-reach community members and have the knowledge and skills to sustain their engagement with partner organisations at the Centre.

To develop a plan for the future of the Champion Centre with the continuation of the community hub model as the primary consideration, officers will need to determine a clear focus for the Centre and how its work can be funded. A future report will detail further investigation by officers relating to the following options:

- To continue operation at the Champion Centre with existing level of municipal funds
- To close the Champion Centre (considered a very undesirable option)
- To seek additional external funds
- To request additional municipal funds

OPTIONS

1. Council may note the status of the IAS funding and the proposed options for the future of the Champion Centre, for further investigation and related report

2. Council may request further information about the status of the IAS funding and the proposed options for the future of the Champion Centre

CONCLUSION

The recent Close the Gap Report highlighted the need for effective programs to address the disparity between ATSI and non-ATSI communities. The success of the Champion Centre since it commenced operating over seven years ago clearly demonstrates the City's capacity and commitment to addressing this disparity and to reduce levels of vulnerability in the local ATSI community. The decision by the Commonwealth Government to terminate funding likely will have a significantly negative impact given the scope of the work still required in this community. The City will continue to investigate options for the Indigenous Development area and the Champion Centre to ensure an optimum way forward for our ATSI community.

RECOMMEND

That Council:

1. **Note the termination of Federal funding for the Champion Centre**
2. **Advocate for the reinstatement of Federal Funding for the City's Indigenous Development Program**
3. **Receive a further report in May 2015 outlining future options for the Champion Centre**

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

2.1 - CROSS PARK MULTI-PURPOSE COURT RESURFACING

WARD	:	JARRAH
FILE No.	:	M/288/15
DATE	:	23 March 2015
REF	:	FG
RESPONSIBLE MANAGER	:	Executive Director Community Services

In Brief:

1. This report recommends that Council note the successful grant funding through DSR CSRFF small grant funding of $16,635 and increase in spend of City funds to $51,875 for the upgrade of two courts at Cross Park.

Tabled Items

1. Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

1.1 Service and support community growth and development
1.1.2 Support and strengthen community groups, organisations and volunteer services.

1.2 Optimum quality of life for all citizens
1.2.5 Ensure Council's services and facilities are accessible.

2.6 Council buildings and facilities that meet community needs
2.6.2 Implement improvements to buildings, amenities and facilities as required to enhance the service to the community.

2.7 Asset and infrastructure managed over the long term to meet current and future needs.
2.7.2 Address the infrastructure requirements of the various community plans.

Legislation Implications

Any works associated with the upgrade of the Cross Park courts will be required to comply with the building code of Australia and meet Australian Standards.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

ENG13 Asset Management Vision
RECN3 Club / Community Group Application(s) for Council Support of Capital Works Projects.

Budget/Financial Implications

The City of Armadale was successful in receiving $16,625 from the Department of Sport and Recreation for the upgrade of multi-purpose courts at Cross Park. Final quotes were $21,275

higher than the original project cost, due to final inspection of the courts and additional work required to replace existing court surface.

Although the project cost has increased no additional budget is required as funding of $67,500 is allocated in a reserve account, for City contribution toward successful Department of Sport and Recreation Small CSRFF projects. No further grants will be applied for this year therefore the full amount of $51, 875 will not exceed the annual budget allocation.

Funding model following final quotes and DSR funding received:

Contributor	**Amount**
City of Armadale	$51,875
DSR CSRFF Small Grant	$16.625
Roleystone Netball Club	$10,000
Total Project	**$78,500**

Original funding model proposed for the project:

Contributor	**Amount**
City of Armadale	$28,150
DSR CSRFF Small Grant	$19,075
Roleystone Netball Club and Roleystone Tennis Club	$10,000
Total Project	**$57,225**

Consultation

Technical Services
Corporate Services
Roleystone Netball Club
Roleystone Tennis Club

BACKGROUND

In August 2014 endorsed the DSR CSRFF Small Funding grant application to upgrade the two (2) Netball/Basketball courts at Cross Park, Roleystone, and in the event that the application is successful, the Council contribution of $28,150 be funded from the 2014-2015 budget allocation for CSRFF small projects.

Roleystone Netball Club approached the City of Armadale in 2012 requesting resurfacing of the additional two netball courts at Cross Park that currently do not serve a functional purpose due to uneven surfaces and no goal posts. Currently club training is overcrowded due to increase in numbers and not enough surface space for training.

Although it’s been many years since these courts have been used Roleystone Tennis Club have a long term lease on these two courts. Tennis and netball have worked together with the City to ensure access multi-purpose use of the courts.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

The two (2) Netball/Basketball courts are currently not used due to inadequate surfaces. Since receiving final quotes and close inspection of the courts contractors have advised that a resurface would not be a long term solution, and the concrete slam must be replaced first.

The project now includes replacing the concrete slab along with resurfacing, new goal posts, drainage at the rear of the courts and replacement of the cyclone fencing. Overall this proposal will return a longer life for the asset. The new funding model is an additional $21,725 from the City's reserve account for DSR CSRFF small projects.

Contributor	**Amount**
City of Armadale	$51,875
DSR CSRFF Small Grant	$16.625
Roleystone Netball Club	$10,000
Total Project	**$78,500**

COMMENT

ANALYSIS

This project is of benefit to the community and will improve the overall life of the asset. The opportunity to increase participation has been noted by netball, tennis and basketball clubs who will all have additional space to train and expand the clubs.

OPTIONS

1. Note the successful grant funding through DSR CSRFF small grant funding of $16,635 and increase in spend of City funds to $51,875 for the upgrade of two courts at Cross Park.

CONCLUSION

There is a demonstrated need for an upgrade to courts at Cross Park and this upgrade will provide further opportunity for the community to participate in netball, basketball and tennis.

RECOMMEND

That Council:

1. Note the successful grant funding through DSR CSRFF small grant funding of $16,635 and increase in spend of City funds to $51,875 for the upgrade of two courts at Cross Park.

ATTACHMENTS

There are no attachments for this report.

3.1 - TWILIGHT MARKETS - COUNCILLORS ITEM

At the Council meeting held on 9 March 2015, Cr Munn referred the following matter to Community Services.

> That the matter of further funding to continue the successful Twilight Markets be referred to the Community Services Committee.

Comment from Cr J Munn

I believe funding for the Jull Street Markets has just run out. The Markets are so successful it would be sad to lose the impetus which has been created after so many years of unsuccessful attempts to make the Jull Street Mall a lively area for all the community. Surely we can funds to run it for a few more months, if only on the agenda for next Monday for the funds available to continue.

Officer Comment

The City is currently undertaking a program of works to revitalise the Armadale City Centre. As part of these works, two (2) trial Twilight Markets were held on 6 February 2015 and 6 March 2016 in the Jull Street Mall.

The trial has proven to be extremely successful with the local community. This has included Jull St businesses reporting increased sales and enquiry during this period, increased levels of community interaction in the mall and extensive positive feedback upon the City's facebook site.

The next steps in the Armadale City Centre Activation Plan will be to hold the first Armadale Hawkers Market on Friday 17 April 2015 and school holiday activities in the Jull Street Mall. These activities will add greater vitality and increase pedestrian activity in the City Centre.
In addition to this, the City will be holding the Minnawarra Art Awards and Minnawarra Festival in May 2015. Due to these activities, the City is not intending to run any further Twilight Markets this financial year.

The City will be proposing to extend the number of Twilight Market held next financial year, to include a season of events from November 2015 to March 2016. This will be considered by Council during the 2015/2016 budget deliberations.

RECOMMEND

That Council:

1. **To be determined**

ATTACHMENTS
There are no attachments for this report.

COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

Nil

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT

Nil

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED AT _____