

CITY OF ARMADALE

MINUTES

OF CITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM,
ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON MONDAY, 10
JANUARY 2005, AT 7.00 PM.

PRESENT: Cr D L Hopper JP (Chair)
Cr V L Clowes-Hollins
Cr A L Cominelli
Cr J Knezevich (Deputy for Cr J H Munn JP)
Cr L Reynolds JP
Cr R J Tizard (Deputy for Cr G M Hodges)
Cr H A Zelones JP

APOLOGIES: Cr G M Hodges (Leave of Absence)
Cr J H Munn JP CMC (Leave of Absence)

OBSERVERS: Cr G T Wallace
Cr P J Hart

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr R S Tame - Chief Executive Officer
Mr W A Bruce - Executive Director Technical Services
Mr I MacRae - Executive Director Development Services
Mr C Askew - Executive Director Community Services
Mr N Cain - Acting Executive Director Corporate Services
Mrs Y Ward - CEO's Executive Assistant (Acting)

Public - Nil

DISCLAIMER

The Disclaimer for protecting Councillors and staff from liability of information and advice given at Committee meetings was not read by the Chairman, given there were no members of the public in attendance.

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Nil

QUESTION TIME

Nil

DEPUTATION

Nil

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED

Minutes of the Special City Strategy Committee Meeting held on 30 November 2004, be confirmed.

ITEMS REFERRED FROM INFORMATION BULLETIN

INFORMATION BULLETIN – ISSUE NO.1/2005

The following items were included for information in the “City Strategy section”

- Progress Report on the Replacement of IT Core Systems Project
- Progress Report on Contingency, Operational and Strategic Projects
- Report on Outstanding Matters

Committee noted the information. No items were raised for further report.

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CITY STRATEGY COMMITTEE

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

CS1/1/05 RECOMMEND

- 1. Payments totalling \$8,995,526.13 on Vouchers 927-1070, Batch 65 – Batch 69, Batch 71 – Batch 78 and 100073 - 100079, drawn upon the Municipal Fund, be received.**
- 2. Cheque payments totalling \$29,868.85 on Voucher 10-11 and Batch70, drawn upon the Trust Fund, be received.**
- 3. Cheque payments totalling \$2,986,768.59 on Vouchers 300008-300011, drawn upon the Reserve Fund, be received.**

Moved Cr Cominelli
Motion Carried (7-0)

STATUTORY FINANCIAL REPORT

The Statutory Financial Report for the (6) months ended 31 December 2004 as required in accordance with Clause 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996 is presented. **(Refer to Attachment “A-1” – as circulated with the Agenda.)**

Commentary

(Refer to Attachment “A-2” – as circulated with the Agenda.)

Investments

Council's investment portfolio (Current closing balance \$15,008,698) reduced by \$967,000 during December 2004 but still retaining a solid platform to maintain excellent earning potential in comparison to last year, being \$12,840,035.

Investment Interest

Interest rates for Bank Accepted Bills during December 2004 remain constant at 5.34% and no push by the Reserve Bank is imminent. The total earnings for the six month period is \$308,590, currently over budget by \$111,030.

Grants

The total received to date for grant revenue is \$1,995,463. The grant for Rushton Park Redevelopment of \$50,000 was the only notable grant received during December 2004.

Sundry Debtors

The total debtors outstanding is \$433,020 as at the end of December 2004. This balance includes GST owed to Council of \$137,901(Current period). Long term outstanding debt over 120 days has increased slightly due to WA Police grant of \$27,500 unable to be paid due to their staff illness.

Rate Debtors

Total rates outstanding as at the end of December 2004 was \$5,915,709 with the good result of over 1 million being collected during this period. The third instalment for rates is due for payment on 24th January 2005.

Year to date net operating position

There was no particular significant movement of revenue during December 2004 as this month is traditionally quiet however expenditure had increased due to the holiday break/annual leave expenses plus capital works programs. Overall the trend indicates little or no variances in regard to Council's position for the past six month period.

CS2/1/05 RECOMMEND

That Council receives the Statutory Financial Report for the (6) months ended 31 December 2004.

Moved Cr Reynolds
Motion Carried (7-0)

SUNDRY DEBTORS AND WRITE-OFFS REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2004

WARD All
FILE REF: FIN/1
DATE 31 December 2004
REF NC
RESPONSIBLE Executive Manager
MANAGER Business Services

In Brief:

- The status report on outstanding debtors is presented for Committee / Council information.

Tabled Items

Nil

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil

Strategic Implications

The Corporate Services Directorate Vision states:

“We will provide a diverse range of support, advisory and information services together with control mechanisms to enable and ensure the sound operation and management of the corporate entity.”

Legislation Implications

Section 6.12 (1) (a) (Power to defer, grant discounts, waive or write off debts) of the Local Government Act 1995 permits Council to write off any amount of money that is owed to the local government.

Council Policy/Local Law Implications

Nil

Budget/Financial Implications

At 31 December 2004 the balance attributed to outstanding debt is \$433,020. This does not include rates debt.

Consultation

Each sundry debtor in the four months and over category has been advised of Council's intentions to recover this debt.

BACKGROUND

This report is one of a number of various reports relating to the financial well being of the City.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

The status of outstanding sundry debtors at 31 December 2004 is summarised in the following aging analysis table:

Total	Current	1 Month	2 Months	3 Months	4 Months and Over
This Month					
\$433,020 100%	\$168,275 39%	\$26,046 6%	\$34,323 8%	\$4,512 1%	\$199,864 46%
Last Month					
\$571,931 100%	\$317,153 55%	\$40,049 7%	\$10,447 2%	\$29,156 5%	\$175,126 31%

COMMENT

Analysis

The following table highlights the long-term outstanding sundry debtors at 31 December 2004 (those shown in the 4 Months and Over category).

Name	Amount	Comments
<i>Sundry Debtors (General)</i>		
Cougar Metals	\$16,000	This debt has been written off in January 2005 as per previous Council resolution.
Commercial Sweeping Services	\$583	Tip fees. Final demand notice sent in December 2004.
WA Police Service	\$27,500	Office of Road Safety Grant reliant on sign off from WA Police Service.
Other minor sundry debtors	(\$2,919)	Various accounting provisions to be applied and minor debt.
Sub total	\$41,164	<i>Previous month - \$13,363</i>
<i>Fines and Penalties</i>		
Ranger Services	\$49,645	Fines enforcement has been carried out by the court and those debts relating to Ranger issued fines / enforcements are currently with the Fines Enforcement Registry of WA.
Library Services	\$2,019	Unreturned Items – Readers have been notified twice by the libraries before being invoiced. Readers are unable to borrow further items until all overdue books are returned and fines are paid.
Sub total	\$51,664	<i>Previous month - \$52,121</i>

<i>Currently Unenforceable Development Debtors</i>		
Acacia Brook	\$24,029	These debts relate to planning and development approvals that cannot be enforced until subdivision is complete.
Brigade Road Syndicate	\$24,351	
Gazebo Management	\$6,759	
Sub total	\$55,139	<i>Previous month - \$55,139</i>
<i>Sporting Clubs</i>		
ARKS Rugby Union Club	\$1,535	At the May and June 2004 Council meetings a series of items were presented and accepted outlining that some sports clubs with long-term debts to Council are now subject to agreed payment plans. As part of these payment plans some debt write-off has occurred. The current figures show agreed amounts owing less any payments received. ARKS Rugby Union, Kelmscott Sportsmen's and Armadale Sporting Club have entered payment arrangements, which, bar one exception, are currently being honoured.
Armadale Rugby League Club	\$4,419	
Armadale Soccer Club	\$19,030	
Armadale Sporting Club	\$6,282	
Kelmscott Sportsmen's Club	\$19,772	
AK Strikers	\$309	Outstanding fees, amount initially disputed and a credit has been raised. Part Payment has been received and the balance is currently in dispute.
Roleystone Karragullen Sporting Association	\$550	Lease charges for March 2004 to March 2005. Final demand sent but no response made by sporting club.
Sub total	\$51,897	<i>Previous month - \$54,503</i>
Total	\$199,864	<i>Previous month - \$175,126</i>

Payments Received

The following payments in the long-term debtors' category have been received since last month:

- Armadale Soccer Club \$ 550
- Kelmscott Sportsmen's Club \$ 216
- Armadale Rugby League Club \$ 500
- South Suburban Badminton \$ 805

Payments Scheduled but not Received

- Arks Rugby Union Club \$500

CS3/1/05 RECOMMEND

That Council receive the outstanding sundry debtors report to 31 December 2004.

Moved Cr Tizard
Motion Carried (7-0)

STRATEGIC TRAIL NETWORK PLAN

WARD : ALL
FILE REF : PSC/27
DATE : 24 December 2004
REF : RVD
RESPONSIBLE : EDDS
MANAGER

In Brief:-

- A draft Strategic Trail Network Plan has been developed that would ultimately provide a linked network of trails across Armadale.
- The draft Plan is consistent with a number of Council strategy documents.
- Recommend that Council release the Strategic Trail Network Plan for public comment.

*Recommendation amended by Committee to read:
That further consultation occurs with community groups and Ward Members prior to finalisation of the Strategic Trail Network Plan.*

Tabled Items

Strategic Trail Routes (Current and Future) Map (1:20,000 scale)

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Development – to maintain the City of Armadale as a place where the average family can enjoy a good lifestyle.

Legislation Implications

Nil.

Council Policy / Local Law Implications

Nil.

Budget / Financial Implications

The Strategic Trail Network is a long-term plan. Implementation will depend on grants, federal and state government strategies, ongoing implementation of the City's footpath and cycle plans, and subdivision approvals. Advertising of the plan will be funded from the "Town Planning and Amendment Advertising" budget.

Consultation

- ♦ Technical Services and Community Services Directorates

BACKGROUND

Walking has been identified as the most popular non-passive recreational activity. Walking is likely to become even more popular as the population ages.

The City of Armadale Planning Department was approached in September 2003 by the South Metropolitan Public Health Unit of the Health Department with a view to partnering the development of a walking trail along the Wungong River. The Health Department was advised

that there was no formal long term plan identifying the Wungong River as part of a walking trail network and that there were no capital works funds for recreational paths in the 2003-04 budget.

Coincidentally the Liberal National Coalition released in December 2004 a Position Statement entitled Redefining Sport and Recreation in WA: Building Sustainable Tracks and Trails. This policy commits a Coalition Government to develop a sustainable tracks and trails network throughout the state for the benefit of multiple users. Funding will be available for signage, mapping, promotion and to support community groups in the development and management of tracks and trails. This report will ensure that the City is well placed in the event of funding sources being made available for tracks and trails.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

The draft Strategic Trail Network Plan consists of a brief report and a map showing current and future trail routes prepared at a 1:20,000 scale. The draft Strategic Network Plan report is attached and includes an explanation of the plan objectives, the relationship of the plan to other City of Armadale and government strategies, the criteria used to determine trail locations and plan implementation mechanisms. **(Refer to Attachment “A-3” – as circulated with the Agenda.)**

It is proposed to advertise the draft Strategic Trail Network Plan for a six week period to enable comments to be received prior to finalisation of the plan. Advertising would comprise newspaper advertising, information and a feedback mechanism on the City’s website, and letters to relevant state agencies.

COMMENT

Analysis

Linkage to City of Armadale Strategies and other government strategies

The draft Strategic Trail Network Plan progresses implementation of actions identified in a number of City of Armadale strategies including:

- Economic Development Strategy for Armadale;
- City of Armadale Recreation Strategic Plan; and
- Draft Town Planning Scheme No. 4 Local Planning Strategy.

The City of Armadale Recreation Strategic Plan includes a complimentary action, namely development of a common pathway signage system, which is incorporated by reference into the draft Strategic Trail Network Plan. Although the complimentary action is unfunded at this stage, it is currently considered to be a medium term priority. However, the priority of this action will increase as the network develops.

The draft Strategic Trail Network Plan has been linked to other government strategies and identifies how the plan compliments those strategies. This information may assist in future endeavours to seek state or federal government funding.

Criteria used to develop the Strategic Trail Routes (Current and Future) Map

The criteria used to develop the Strategic Trail Routes (Current and Future) Map are considered to be the main crux of the plan and are reproduced from the draft Strategic Trail Network Plan below.

- Routes should be within 10 minute walk of most houses in urban areas (i.e. within 800m of most houses in urban areas), and walkers should be able to complete circuits of about 7-10km in length after reaching a route;
- Routes should link existing visitor attractions from visitor accommodation with more than six beds and the tourist centre, to the greatest extent possible. (These have been mapped on the Trails Network Plan);
- Routes should follow multiple use drainage corridors identified in the Southern River/ Forrestdale/ Brookdale/ Wungong District Structure Plan other Outline Development Plans/ Structure Plans (e.g. A14 Outline Development Plan, Armadale Redevelopment Authority Concept Plan 2004);
- Routes should be located along the Canning River and Wungong River, with trails both sides of the river only where existing and future urban areas are close to the river;
- Existing trails identified in the Heritage Country Trails booklet published by the City of Armadale in 1999 are linked together;
- Trails proposed in Management Plans or in the City's Natural Area Capital Works Program are utilised when practicable;
- Routes are linked to trail networks (if any) in the Gosnells, Serpentine-Jarrahdale and Cockburn local government areas;
- Maximum integration of the existing and proposed path network.

The Strategic Trail Network is confined to the portion of the City west of Canning Dam/ Karragullen. Most walk trails east of the settled portion of Armadale are located several kilometres to the east in Department of Conservation and Land Management managed State Forest.

The trail network criteria does not include linking trip attractors such as shopping centres and schools because this is a primary function of the City's footpath and cycle plan.

All shared use paths in the City are also shown, but won't necessarily form part of the strategic trail network. Some of these paths may have a significantly reduced amenity from noise and vehicle fumes because of high traffic volumes and paths being located adjacent to the road.

Options

1. Council could advertise the draft Strategic Trail Network Plan as included with this Agenda.
2. Council could choose to alter the criteria used to develop the draft Strategic Trail Network Plan or alter information in the draft Strategic Trail Network Plan and recommit the item.

3. Council could choose not to adopt the draft Strategic Trail Network Plan on the basis that although a long-term plan, unrealistic expectations may be raised that the Council would complete the plan in the short to medium term.

CONCLUSION

The draft Strategic Trail Network Plan represents a long-term plan that if used properly will be able to be implemented through seeking grants, identifying opportunities for funding or partnerships, and through the planning process. The criteria developed for the plan are considered appropriate and are generally reflected in the Strategic Trail Routes (Current and Future) Map.

Officer Recommendation

That Council release the draft Strategic Trail Network Plan for public comment for an eight week period.

Committee Discussion

Committee considered the draft Strategic Trail Network Plan at length with consideration being given to matters such as the inclusion of B&B accommodation, the detail of mapping of footpaths & trails, and the scale of the maps. Also whether it would be more relevant to make the Plan available to appropriate community groups for comment rather than simply advertising for comment. Committee was of the view that the Plan did not need to be formally adopted at this stage and that further input should be sought and added to Committee's suggestions, hence the amendment to the officer recommendation.

CS4/1/05

RECOMMEND

That further consultation occurs with community groups and Ward Members prior to finalisation of the Strategic Trail Network Plan.

Moved Cr Clowes-Hollins

Motion Carried (7-0)

SOUTH EAST REGIONAL ENERGY GROUP – TERMS OF REFERENCE

WARD : ALL
FILE REF : PSC/031
DATE : 8 December 2004
REF : RVD
RESPONSIBLE : EDDS
MANAGER

In Brief:-

- The South East Regional Energy Group has developed Terms of Reference for which Council endorsement is sought.
- The Terms of Reference are considered appropriate for the nature of the group and level of control needed.
- Recommend that Council endorse the Terms of Reference for the South East Regional Energy Group.

Committee amended the Recommendation by the addition of a part (b):

- b. That Council request the South East Regional Energy Group to review the target expressed in its Terms of Reference.*

Tabled Items

Nil.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

The City's vision is to be "*Clean, green and prosperous*"

Legislation Implications

Local Government Act 1995

Council Policy / Local Law Implications

Nil.

Budget / Financial Implications

Nil.

Consultation

Nil.

BACKGROUND

Council at its June 1999 meeting resolved that (CS 23/99):

- “(b) The City of Armadale supports the establishment of a South-East Region CCP Coordinating Group to achieve the Cities for Climate Protection milestones.*
- “(c) The City of Armadale supports the proposed South-East Region Coordinating Group structure consisting of a Councillor from each participating Council, the Environmental Officers of each local government and an officer from the Heritage Country Development Agency.”*

The participating Councils are the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells and the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale.

Council has received a number of reports outlining the work and successes of the South-East Region CCP Coordinating Group through the Information Bulletin and through referral of matters such as the Group's Business Plan that was endorsed by Council in December 2002.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

At its meeting of 2 December 2004, the South-East Region CCP Coordinating Group adopted draft Terms of Reference and requested that the Terms of Reference be considered for endorsement by each member Council.

A copy of the draft Terms of Reference is provided as **Attachment “A-4” – as circulated with the Agenda**. Adoption of the Terms of Reference also provides a new, simpler name for the Group, namely the South East Regional Energy Group (hereinafter called the Group).

The key elements of the Terms of Reference are summarised below:

- (a) Clauses one (1) to three (3) identify the purpose and objectives of the group, which are to focus on reducing greenhouse gas emissions through implementing the Corporate and Community Greenhouse Action Plans and subsidiary documents and programs;
- (b) Clause 4.1 identifies that each Council will be represented by a Councillor who has a deputy;
- (b) Clause 4.4 provides the Group with the ability to invite other members to the group from time to time as ex-officio (i.e. non-voting) members;
- (c) Clauses 5.1 to 5.4 cover chairmanship of the meeting;
- (d) Clause 5.5 states that the Group will meet at least six (6) times per year;
- (e) Clauses 6.1 and 6.2 identify that at least two (2) Councillors, each from a different Council, is required to make decisions on operational matters and budgets;
- (f) Clause 7 clarifies that only Councillors have a vote; and
- (g) Clauses 5.6 and Clause 8 address administrative matters relating to meeting notice and the keeping and distribution of Minutes.

ANALYSIS

Adoption of a Terms of Reference is not a requirement of the Local Government Act 1995, but reflects good practice.

The following analysis of the Terms of Reference identifies key clauses and either explains the basis for the clause or how the clauses fit with Council's previously expressed views.

Council has previously agreed that any Committees established should have a clear purpose and objectives. This view was supported when Council at its April 2003 meeting endorsed Standard Terms of Reference for all of its advisory committees. Clauses one (1) to three (3) clearly identify the purpose, scope and outcomes sought by the Group.

Although each Council only has one member and a deputy, current practice is that both the member and deputy are invited to meetings and both often attend. This practice is unlikely to change as a result of the proposed Terms of Reference because high levels of Councillor support are sought for the Group's activities.

Clause 4.4 provides the opportunity to invite key government or corporate representatives to sit on the group. For example, it may be appropriate in the future to invite the Armadale Redevelopment Authority to join the group on a regular basis, given the proportion of the City that falls within the Authority's planning control.

The need to have two Councillors each from a different Council endorse the proposed budget is considered essential. Currently, the Cities of Armadale and Gosnells and the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale pool funds at the City of Gosnells, where corporate contributions which comprise a large part of the available funds are also directed. Officers then draw up an annual budget that reflects approved Council documents such as the Group's Business Plan. Funds are then managed by the City of Gosnells in accordance with the recommendations of the South East Regional Energy Group. All Meeting Minutes of the Group are reported to Council (Clause 8.3), usually through the Information Bulletin.

The Terms of Reference are considered to address all those elements of the Standard Terms of Reference necessary for a Group comprised only of Councillors and staff.

OPTIONS

1. Council could endorse the Terms of Reference as recommended to Council by the Group.
2. Council could recommend an amendment to the Terms of Reference. Any proposed amendment would need to go back to the Group for consideration, and then back to each member Council for endorsement.

CONCLUSION

It is considered that the Terms of Reference are appropriate to ensure the smooth operation of the South East Regional Energy Group, clearly identify the Groups goal and address key issues of accountability. Therefore Option 1 is recommended.

Officer Recommendation

That Council endorse the Terms of Reference for the South East Regional Energy Group.

Committee Discussion

Committee was of the view that the target expressed in the South East Regional Energy Group's Terms of Reference, i.e.

3.0 Outcomes – the Group will inspire and build capacity for energy conservation and greenhouse gas emissions reduction in the community, both directly and through the leadership of member Councils and project partners. The Group will work in partnership with all sectors of the community to achieve a reduction in regional community greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by 2010, based on 1998/99 levels were unrealistic. Whilst it was acknowledged Council had supported the principle of environmental targets in the past, it was felt that the target should be reviewed, hence the addition of a part (b) to the officer recommendation.

CS5/1/05 RECOMMEND

That Council:

- a. endorse the Terms of Reference for the South East Regional Energy Group;**
- b. request the South East Regional Energy Group to review the target expressed in its Terms of Reference.**

Moved Cr Reynolds
Motion Carried (7-0)

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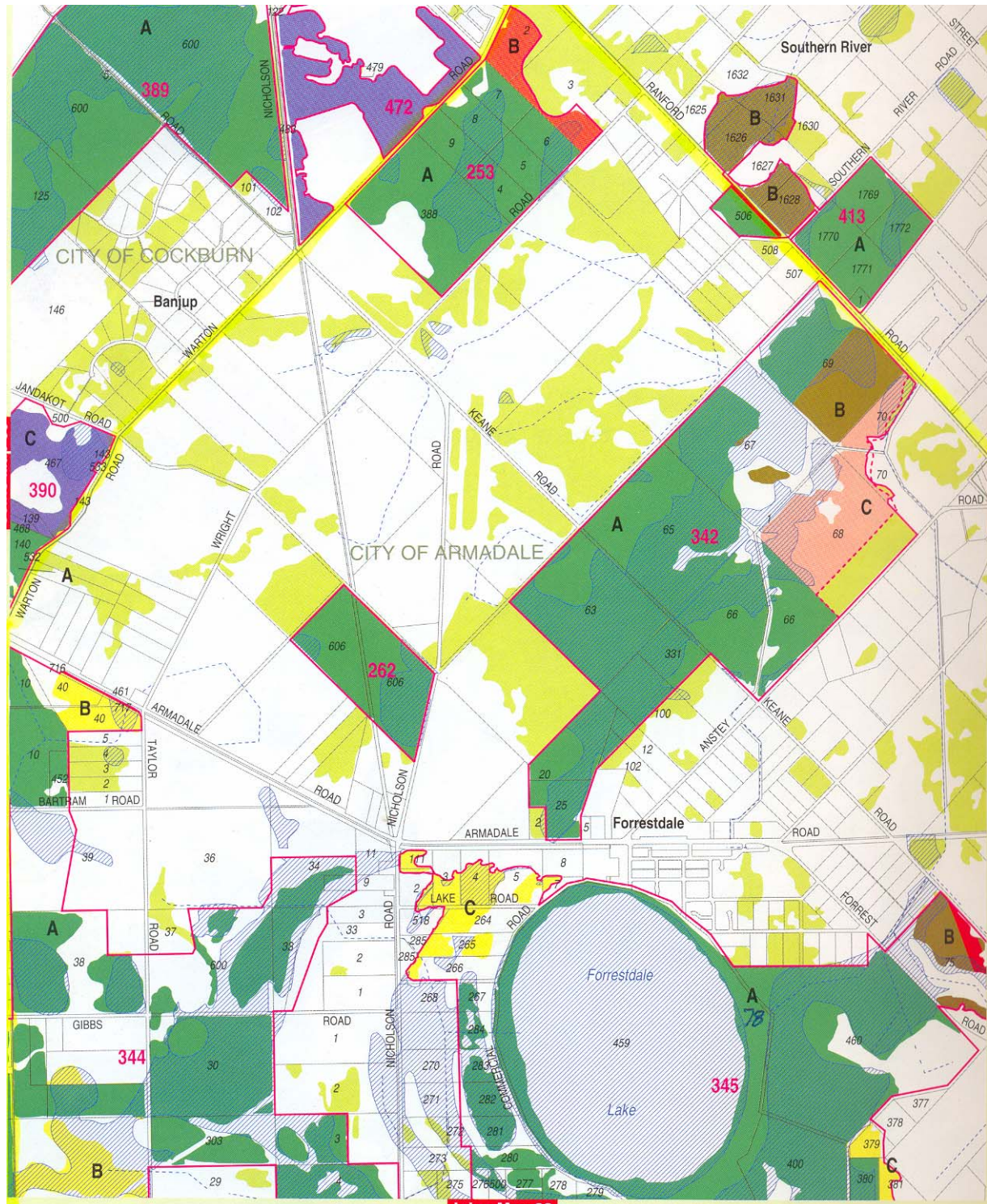


Figure 1: Map (extract from Bush Forever) showing Bush Forever Site 344, Bush Forever Site 342, Conservation Category Wetlands and the unmade portions of Keane, Bartram and Gibbs Roads.

JANDAKOT REGIONAL PARK DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

WARD : FORREST
FILE REF : PSC/014
DATE : 24 December 2004
REF : CRG
RESPONSIBLE : EDDS
MANAGER

Plan In Brief:-

- The Conservation Commission Western Australia has released the draft Jandakot Regional Park Management Plan for public comment.
- Recommended that Council support and endorse the Jandakot Regional Park Draft Management.

Committee amended the recommendation to read as follows:

1. *That Council endorse the draft Jandakot Regional Park Management Plan 2004-2013, advising the Department of Conservation and Land Management that:*
 - a. *the City supports the transfer of vesting of Reserve 32635 to the Conservation Commission of Western Australia;*
 - b. *the City intends to close that section of Bartram Road that falls within the Jandakot Regional Park.*
 - c. *The City does not support the closure of Keane Road and Gibbs Road and requests a full analysis be undertaken (taking into account social, economic and environmental issues and the future pattern of urban development) before any decisions are made on these closures.*
2. *That Council initiate road closure procedures for that section of Bartram Road that is contained within the Jandakot Regional Park.*
3. *That the City advise the City of Cockburn of its intent to close the section of Bartram Road that is contained within the Jandakot Regional Park.*

Tabled Items

Jandakot Regional Park Draft Management Plan. A copy of the plan is available from the City's Environmental Officer, upon request, or can be downloaded from the Department of Conservation and Land Management site at <http://www.calm.wa.gov.au/cgi-bin/participate/plancomment>.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

The City's aim under Long Term Strategic Planning is to enhance the qualities and benefits of our natural and built environment.

Legislation Implications

Nil.

Council Policy / Local Law Implications

Nil.

Budget / Financial Implications

Reduced costs in the management of Reserve 32635 (known as Gibbs Reserve).

Consultation

- ♦ Manager Parks

BACKGROUND

The Jandakot Regional Park (hereafter referred to as 'the park') includes a mosaic of land stretching from the south of Jandakot airport to the south of Casuarina prison, encompassing approximately 3,800 hectares. It generally encompasses the Jandakot Botanic Park as identified by the (then) Ministry for Planning in 1992.

Land within the park consists of reserves administered under the *Land Administration Act* 1997 and vested in a number of state and local government agencies, as well as freehold land owned by state government, private organisations or individuals. The park is located across the municipal boundaries of the City of Armadale, City of Canning, City of Cockburn, Town of Kwinana and Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale. The City of Armadale manages only one reserve within the Jandakot Regional Park. This reserve (Reserve 32635 known as Gibbs Reserve) is a bushland/ wetlands reserve in the Forrest Ward. **(Refer to Attachment "A-5" – as circulated with the Agenda.)**

The purpose of the plan is to provide a broad direction for the protection and enhancement of conservation, recreation and landscape values of the park through the development of strategies.

The park consists of a network of environmentally significant lands, comprising of wetland and bushland systems. The park has been recognised for its natural, recreational, cultural heritage, landscape, and educational and scientific values.

DETAILS OF PROPOSAL

Of particular interest to Council would be proposal to transfer of management of Reserve 32635 (known as Gibbs Reserve and currently vested in the City of Armadale) to the Conservation Commission, and the proposal to close a number of unmade roads that fall within the Jandakot Regional Park.

Transfer of Reserve 32635 to the Conservation Commission

Reserve 32635 known as Gibbs Reserve is vested in the City of Armadale for the purpose of recreation. The reserve is approximately 12 hectares in size and contains remnant Banksia woodland communities in good condition. Gibbs Reserve forms a continuous bushland/ system with adjacent areas managed by the Department of Conservation and Land Management (on behalf of the Western Australian Planning Commission) and the City of Cockburn (Denis de Young Reserve).

The implementation of strategies to secure tenure as described in the Jandakot Regional Park Draft Management Plan (transfer of land vested in the City of Armadale and Western Australian Planning Commission to the Conservation Commission) would result in a continuous network of the Jandakot Regional Park under the management of the Department of Conservation and Land Management. Following the vesting of this reserve in the Conservation Commission of Western Australia, the City of Armadale would have no management responsibilities within the Jandakot Regional Park

Closure of unmade road reserves and transfer to the Conservation Commission

The draft Jandakot Regional Park Management Plan identifies that a number of unmade road reserves occur within the park that may no longer be necessary. In order to achieve the objective 'to ensure the values of the Park are protected by security of tenure and reserve purpose' the plan proposes that the Department of Conservation and Land Management and Local Government authorities liaise with the Department for Planning and Infrastructure to close road reserves in the Jandakot Regional Park considered unnecessary by the planning and management agencies. Unmade portions of Keane Road, Gibbs Road, and Bartram Rd intersect the Jandakot Regional Park.

COMMENT

Transfer of Reserve 32635 to the Conservation Commission

The transfer of Reserve 32635 to the Conservation Commission would reduce the City's management costs. The area would still be available for public recreation. The City would no longer be responsible for the management of lands within the Jandakot Regional Park therefore it is recommended that this proposal be supported.

Closure of the unmade portion of Keane Road reserve and transfer to the Conservation Commission

The proposed closure of Keane Road does not deny road access to any properties that are not included in the Jandakot Regional Park. However, the unmade road reserve has been identified as a potential link between the future North Forrestdale urban area and Armadale as the key regional centre, in the draft North Forrestdale Structure Plan.

The closure of the unmade portion of Keane Road reserve would result in increased travel time for those North Forrestdale residents residing north of the Piara Nature Reserve. It is estimated that residents would have to travel an additional 1.7 km to reach Armadale if Keane Road was not available for access (see Table 1).

Table 1: Differences in travel options between North Forrestdale and Armadale.

Origin	Route	Destination	Distance to Travel
Leaving from Nicholson Rd at intersection of Keane Rd.	Travelling along Keane Road once made.	Armadale Road at intersection of Keane.	3.8km
Leaving from Nicholson Rd corner of Keane Rd.	Travelling along Nicholson Road to Armadale Rd and then along Armadale Rd.	Armadale Road at intersection of Keane.	5.5km

The unmade portion of Keane Road stretches from Anstey Road to Nicholson Road, intersecting the unmade road reserve of Skeet Road. The construction of Keane Road between Nicholson and Anstey would dissect approximately 265 ha of continuous bushland and wetland communities into two separate parcels of 100 ha and 165 ha. This could have the following negative impacts on the Jandakot Regional Park through the fragmentation of vegetation;

- Inhibited fauna movement affecting genetic diversity;
- Increased incidence of fauna death on roads; and
- Increased incidence of pollution and run-off from roads into the park and its Conservation Category wetlands.

This unmade portion of Keane Rd is identified as part of Bush Forever Site 342, a Conservation Category wetland, and is proposed to be an EPP Wetland gazetted under the Environmental Protection (Swan Coastal Plain Wetlands) Policy 2004. The portion of the unmade road reserve that intersects the Jandakot Regional Park is zoned Regional Parks and Recreation under the Metropolitan Regional Scheme. Figure 1 illustrates the location of the unmade portion of Keane Road reserve in relation to Bush Forever Site 342 and Conservation Category Wetlands.

Communications with the Bush Forever Officer at the Department for Planning and Infrastructure indicate that the unmade road reserve is part of Bush Forever Site 342 and is assumed to be protected under the Bush Forever Strategy.

A proposal to construct Keane Road would almost certainly require formal environmental impact assessment or may not be supported at all by the Environmental Protection Authority, may require an amendment to the Metropolitan Regional Scheme, and is unlikely to be supported by the Department of Conservation and Land Management or the Department for Planning and Infrastructure's Bush Forever Office.

Closure of the unmade portion of Bartram Road reserve and transfer to the Conservation Commission

The closure of Bartram Road reserve on the western boundary of the City would have positive environmental implications for the Jandakot Regional Park, through the avoidance of habitat fragmentation. The construction of Bartram Road between Taylor Road and Boronia Road would dissect approximately 77 ha of the park into two parcels approximately 47 ha and 30 ha in size. The negative impacts of habitat fragmentation have been previously described in this report.

Land parcels that may be affected by the closure of the unmade Bartram Road Reserve all fall within the boundaries of the Jandakot Regional Park, and are proposed to be vested in the Conservation Commission of Western Australia. A portion of Bartram Road continues into the City of Cockburn.

Figure 1 illustrates the location of the unmade portion of Bartram Road reserve in relation to Bush Forever Site 344 and Conservation Category Wetlands.

Closure of the unmade portion of Gibbs Road reserve and transfer to the Conservation Commission

The unmade portion of Gibbs Road reserve is a part of Bush Forever site 344, is a Conservation Category Wetland, and is proposed to be an EPP Wetland gazetted under the Environmental Protection (Swan Coastal Plain Wetlands) Policy 2004. The unmade portion of Gibbs Road (between Nicholson Rd and Taylor Rd Forrestdale) was used frequently by off road vehicles to access the park, and to dump rubbish. The Department of Conservation and Land Management have approached the City of Armadale on separate occasions requesting the City temporarily close this portion of the road reserve and implement access control measures (through the provision of a gate). This road has been closed for more than a year.

The permanent closure of the unmade portion of the Gibbs Road reserve would have positive environmental implications for the Jandakot Regional Park, through the avoidance of habitat fragmentation. The construction of Gibbs Road between Nicholson and Taylor Road would dissect approximately 178 ha into two 89 ha parcels. The environmental impacts of habitat fragmentation have been previously described in this report.

Access to freehold land would not be affected by the closure of the unmade portion of Gibbs Road reserve.

Figure 1 illustrates the location of the unmade portion of Gibbs Road reserve in relation to Bush Forever Site 344 and Conservation Category Wetlands.

OPTIONS

Option 1

Advise the Department of Conservation and Land Management of the City's support for the Jandakot Regional Park Draft Management Plan.

Option 2

Advise the Department of Conservation and Land Management of the City's support for the Jandakot Regional Park Draft Management Plan, excluding the recommendation to close unmade road reserves that fall within the Jandakot Regional Park.

CONCLUSION

The Jandakot Regional Park consists of a network of environmentally significant lands, comprising of wetland and bushland systems. The park has been recognised for its natural, recreational, cultural heritage, landscape, educational and scientific values.

The transfer of management responsibility for Reserve 32635 will result in a continuous network of bushland in the Jandakot Regional Park managed by the Department of Conservation and Land Management. The Transfer of vesting of this reserve to the Conservation Commission will eliminate the City's responsibility for lands within the Jandakot Regional Park as a whole.

The closure of unmade portions of the road reserves would provide a number of benefits to the City of Armadale including the following.

- Decreased management area and responsibility within a CALM managed estate;
- Progression towards the strategic goal of 'enhancing the qualities and benefits of the natural and built environment' (Strategic Planning aim).
- Promotion of nature conservation in the City of Armadale.
- Minimisation of management costs.
- Reduced responsibility to upgrade the road reserves for general public access.

The closure of Keane Road Reserve is likely to result in increased travel distances of 1.7 km for residents of the future North Forrestdale urban area, north of Piara Nature Reserve when travelling towards Armadale as a regional centre. This could have the undesirable results of reducing the extent to which future residents of North Forrestdale will relate to the commercial and social facilities within the Armadale strategic regional centre.

On the other hand, the closure of these road reserves and their inclusion into the conservation estate is likely to result in increased 'sense of place' and nature experience for visitors of the Jandakot Regional Park, whilst minimising access by unauthorised vehicles.

Whilst there are strategic advantages in securing the Keane Road link, it is unlikely that the City would be successful in achieving such a development in view of the environmental considerations. Accordingly, it is recommended that the City of Armadale support the Jandakot Regional Park Draft Management Plan released for public comment by the Conservation Commission of Western Australia.

Officer Recommendation

1. That Council endorse the draft Jandakot Regional Park Management Plan 2004-2013, advising the Department of Conservation and Land Management of;
 - a) The City's support for the transfer of vesting of Reserve 32635 to the Conservation Commission of Western Australia; and
 - b) the City's intent to close the unmade portions of Keane Road (between Anstey Road and the unmade portion of Skeet Road) and Gibbs Road (between Nicholson Road and Taylor Road), and Bartram Road (between Taylor Road and Boronia Road) to the Conservation Commission of Western Australia.
2. That Council initiate road closure procedures for the unmade roads identified below;

- a) Keane Road between Anstey Road and the unmade portion of Skeet Road;
 - b) Gibbs Road between Nicholson Road and Taylor Road;
 - c) Bartram Road between Taylor Road and Boronia Road.
3. That the City advise the City of Cockburn of their intent to close the unmade portion of Bartram Road.

Committee Discussion

Committee entered into considerable discussion on the Plan's recommendation to permanently close Keane Road and whether due consideration had been given to matters other than the environmental objectives of the Plan. Reference was also made to how closely the impact of closing Gibbs Road had been examined.

Committee noted that many residents living in the vicinity of Keane Road have been anticipating its construction for a very long time. Developers involved in the North Forrestdale area are under the impression the road is to be constructed. Whilst it is acknowledged this was a Plan prepared by one Government agency and there were good reasons why the Jandakot Regional Park should be consolidated, if this Plan is adopted without strong representation on the broader perspective, it will prevail over any other viewpoint into the future.

Committee was reminded of the time and effort spent in promoting the "new" North Forrestdale as part of Armadale. If residents of this development are forced to use Ranford and Nicholson Roads as access to Armadale, they will quickly look to other areas north and west in preference to Armadale for goods, services and community facilities. It is important to consider this and whether the construction of Keane Road, engineered in a way to allow fauna movement, with appropriate buffer zones, would still allow the Park to develop to its full potential. The areas either side of Keane Road are still significant areas offering considerable environmental benefit. A more balanced approach is required, considering the social and economic aspects of this proposal.

The view was put that Council should also be careful not to overlook the impact of permanently closing Gibbs Road. Whilst not as immediately significant to Armadale in that it mainly serves as a link to future residential development in Cockburn, the report has not examined any potential disbenefit of its removal from the surveyed road layout. A balanced argument, similar to that required for Keane Road, is required before any permanent closure is recommended.

It was pointed out that the realignment of Ranford Road around Lake Balannup had been recommended on environmental grounds, without any consideration of funding or other ramifications. The City has been strongly supportive of environmental objectives provided they are realistic and form part of a balanced view. The City's support of the Jandakot Regional Park Management Plan is contingent on this approach.

CS6/1/05

RECOMMEND

- ~~1. That Council endorse the draft Jandakot Regional Park Management Plan 2004-2013, advising the Department of Conservation and Land Management that:~~
 - ~~a. the City supports the transfer of vesting of Reserve 32635 to the Conservation Commission of Western Australia;~~

~~b. the City intends to close that section of Bartram Road that falls within the Jandakot Regional Park.~~

~~e. The City does not support the closure of Keane Road and Gibbs Road and requests a full analysis be undertaken (taking into account social, economic and environmental issues and the future pattern of urban development) before any decisions are made on these closures.~~

~~3. That Council initiate road closure procedures for that section of Bartram Road that is contained within the Jandakot Regional Park.~~

~~4. That the City advise the City of Cockburn of its intent to close the section of Bartram Road that is contained within the Jandakot Regional Park.~~

Moved Cr Reynolds
Motion Carried (7-0)

Council resolved not to adopt Recommendation CS6/1/05 and replace it with the following

Amended
Full Council
17 January 2005

1. **That Council advise the Department of Conservation and Land Management:**
 - (i) **That it does not endorse the draft Jandakot Regional Park Management Plan, while the Plan contains a recommendation to close Keane Road and Gibbs Road in Forrestdale.**
 - (ii) **That a full analysis be undertaken (taking into account social, economic and environmental issues and the future pattern of urban development) on the need to retain these roads.**
 - (iii) **That Council intends to close the section of Bartram Road that is contained within the Jandakot Regional Park.**
2. **That Council initiate road closure procedures for the section of Bartram Road that is contained within the Jandakot Regional Park.**
3. **That the City advise the City of Cockburn of its intent to close the section of Bartram Road that is contained within the Jandakot Regional Park.**

TSUNAMI DISASTER

The Executive Director Development Services advised that he was aware that Councillors and staff had expressed concern and interest in making some form of contribution from the City of Armadale to those affected by the Tsunami disaster which occurred in the Indian Ocean on Boxing Day 2004.

One of Council's officers, Mrs Erin Perera, is a Town Planner of long experience of over a dozen years with the City and had worked previously in Sri Lanka for the Urban Development Authority and was caught up in Colombo when the Tsunami occurred.

The Executive Director Development Services advised that Mrs Erin Perera had been approached to ascertain her interest in remaining in Sri Lanka and volunteering her services to the Sri Lankan Government as a genuine offer of aid from the City to her native country in their time of need.

This enables the City to make a direct contribution to the relief and re-establishment of some of the communities worst hit by the Tsunami disaster.

Mrs Perera has indicated her willingness to stay and contribute for a period to be determined, and expressed her gratitude to the City should the gesture be supported.

It is suggested that the proposition be negotiated (all parties being agreeable along with appropriate employment arrangements safeguarding Mrs Perera's well being) for a period of up to six months.

Further, the Minister for Planning & Infrastructure and Member for Armadale, the Hon. Alannah MacTiernan, was approached and without hesitation pledged State Government support for this initiative on a 50:50 basis, up to \$20,000. (This will allow an arrangement of approximately 6 months.)

A letter of introduction outlining this proposition will be forwarded to the Director of the Urban Development Authority in Colombo, Mr H Jayasundera.

The Chief Executive Officer advised that he whole-heartedly supported this proposal as a generous offer of support from the community of Armadale to one of the countries severely hit by the disaster. Appropriate arrangements would be made to guarantee that the work involved is a genuine assistance to the communities affected. This would be monitored on a monthly basis.

The City would also need to make temporary arrangements to cover Mrs Perera's role in the Development Services Directorate.

The State Government's generous offer of support makes these arrangements practical and possible for a realistic period.

Committee was of the view that the proposition should be supported in principle, subject to the negotiation of appropriate employment arrangements to the Chief Executive Officer's satisfaction.

On an associated matter, discussion ensued regarding the project of raising funds for the victims of this disaster at the City's forthcoming Australia Day celebrations.

It was agreed that key collection agencies be approached with a view to authorising the collection of funds at this event, normally attended by crowds of up to 40,000.

CS7/1/05 RECOMMEND

1. **That Council endorse negotiations under way to enable Senior Planning Officer, Mrs Erin Perera, to remain in Sri Lanka for a period of up to 6 months, working with the Sri Lankan Government in re-establishing communities devastated by the Boxing Day Tsunami. Costs of this arrangement to be shared equally between the City and the State of Western Australia.**
2. **That appropriate arrangements to facilitate Mrs Perera's secondment be negotiated to the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer.**
3. **That a further report be provided on the nett Budget impact of the proposal outlined in (1) and (2) above.**
4. ~~**That key collection agencies be approached with a view to the Chief Executive Officer authorising appropriate arrangements for collections to be made for the Tsunami victims, at the forthcoming Australia Day Celebrations.**~~
4. **That the Chief Executive Officer make appropriate arrangements to enable collection of funds for the Sri Lankan Tsunami Appeal at the forthcoming Australia Day Celebrations in Minnowarra Park with those funds to be directed to the Arthacharya Foundation.**
5. **The City examine other ways in which it might facilitate or provide assistance to the Tsunami victims of the southern region of Sri Lanka.**

Amended Full
Council
17 January 2005

Moved Cr Reynolds
Motion Carried (7-0)

STATE ELECTION STRATEGY

WARD : All
FILE REF : ELT/4

DATE : 6 January 2005
REF : IM
RESPONSIBLE : CEO
MANAGER

In Brief:-

- Council has previously identified priorities to pursue prior to the next election.
- The State Election is likely to be called during February or March.
- Recommend that Council enter discussions with the State Government and Opposition regarding the identified City priorities, including the need to emphasize the value of the continuing functioning of the ARA.

Tabled Items

Nil.

Officer Interest Declaration

Nil.

Strategic Implications

Long Term Strategic Planning – to achieve a better quality for the people of our City.

- Seek the advocacy of State and Federal Government representatives to promote employment and residential growth for the City.

Communication – create stronger communication links with Government agencies, industry and commercial groups

- Conduct suitable political briefing sessions at the Federal and State Government level.

Legislation Implications

Nil.

Council Policy / Local Law Implications

Nil.

Budget / Financial Implications

Nil.

Consultation

N/A

BACKGROUND

At its meeting in May 2004 (CS22/5/04) Council resolved to approach the Federal and State Governments in the lead-up to the respective elections to engender Government support on the following key priorities:

Federal Priorities

- Centre of Learning
- Aboriginal Interpretive Centre
- Rowing Course Infrastructure/White-water Project
- Feasibility Study to develop a major strategy to deal with the ageing population
- High quality broadband access in the Hills area

State Priorities

- Rowing Course Infrastructure/White-water Project
- Kelmscott Station
- Aerial bundling and the Western Power infrastructure
- Infill Sewerage Program
- Road funding
- State Health Service Model
- Heated Indoor Swimming Centre

The Federal Election was held on 9 October 2004, and it is likely that the State Election will be held in February or March 2005. It is therefore timely to review the State Priorities and consider the issues that appear likely to affect the City.

COMMENT

Some progress has been made recently in respect of Kelmscott – in particular the purchase of land by the ARA to facilitate the railway underpass. However, it remains a priority to continue to lobby for initiatives that will provide improved infrastructure and economic development within the City. The ARA has come to encompass many of the objectives sought by the City and the securing of its funding should be an area for Council attention in designing its strategy.

There is some concern that a future Liberal National Coalition Government would not fully appreciate the specific needs of the City. In particular the recently released Position Statement on *Urban Renewal: a Permanent Redevelopment Authority for Metropolitan Perth*, could result in a diffusion of effort with the loss of the local focus which has been achieved through the ARA. The Position Statement commits a future Coalition Government to the establishment of a permanent Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority to undertake or assist in the redevelopment of land in specified areas. Such a permanent authority “would not linger in a local area or pursue further roles to justify their existence once their intended projects are complete” but would move on to new developments in other locations.

This comment raises the question as to whether a new “permanent” redevelopment authority will be less “interventionist” than current ones which have an inbuilt sunset clause. It could also be seen as a centralised State Government planning/development authority to the detriment of local authority and autonomy.

It is also not clear whether the proposed new authority would in fact lead to the relocation of the ARA to a central location where Armadale issues would have to compete with all other development issues throughout the region – this is a matter upon which clarification could be sought.

Of the State Priorities previously identified:

- **Rowing Course Infrastructure/White-water Project** – it remains an important priority to secure funding for recreational infrastructure and its long-term management, and a reasonable contribution from the Water Corporation towards the White-water facility. While the City has been unsuccessful with its Registration of Interest for the White-water Park, the successful applicant is well aware of the priority of the Champion Lakes Site, and its advanced state of approval ahead of other potential sites..
- **Kelmscott Station** – the extension of the ARA area over the Station Precinct and purchase of land for the underpass are important initiatives. However it remains a priority to complete the land purchases, build the underpass and achieve the improvement/redevelopment of the station precinct. Council’s support of Kelmscott’s inclusion in the ARA area was contingent on these initiatives being achieved.
- **Infill Sewerage Program** – investigations have indicated that there is little that can be achieved within the small remaining unsewered areas in Clifton Hills and therefore the placement of this issue on the priority list could be reviewed.
- **Road Funding** - The Australian Labour Party (ALP) has announced that it is returning the level of funding to Local Government to the level of funding established for the current agreement between the State Government and WALGA.
The ALP has also agreed to negotiate a new 4 year Agreement that will provide 25% of the road user component of vehicle licence fees. This provides a revenue growth stream, estimated by the Hon Minister for Planning and Infrastructure at \$5.5M pa.
The Transport and Roads Programmes unit of WALGA advises that the Liberal Party/ National Party Coalition has indicated in principle support for the Agreement. It would be of value for the City to lobby the Coalition to commit to at least the same level of support as the ALP for the Agreement.
- **Aerial Bundled Cabling** – Aerial Bundled Cabling (ABC) will currently be provided by Western Power at customer’s cost, or, where a business case can be established, by Western Power. (A business case will normally be established to show that reduced maintenance cost or other benefits outweigh the cost of installation.)
As the cost of underground power is prohibitive in rocky areas with large lots – eg. Roleystone – ABC is the best means to get:-
 - improved power reliability
 - reduced fire risk
 - improved amenity through reduction of savage tree pruning.The City would seek both major political parties to allocate some of the anticipated dividend to Government from Western Power towards the establishment of ABC in areas considered to be a high fire and maintenance risk.
An alternative could be to reduce the return required from the business case in justifying an ABC programme.
It is suggested that any Government programme on ABC needs to be implemented over a minimum of 5 years.
- **State Health Service Model** – Prior to the last State Election the City lent its full support to the campaign to retain and redevelop the Armadale Kelmscott Memorial Hospital as a regional health service campus. The final plans included a private wing

to be leased to the private sector and complement the full range of public hospital facilities available. It was envisaged this concept would attract specialists and surgeons, placing Armadale in the top echelon of hospital services available. This, in turn, complemented Armadale's development as a Strategic Regional Centre.

The new Health Service Model was initially raised as a potential matter for discussion prior to the next election, in relation to possible State Government changes to the structure of hospital services within the metropolitan area. This included the possible closure/amalgamation of some hospitals and the extension and growth of others (including Armadale). The initial proposal would have created an additional 200 to 300 beds.

More recently, the State Government has negotiated the purchase of the private wing of the Armadale Kelmscott Memorial Hospital for operation as a "private" health service under Government oversight. However, questions have been raised as to whether the new model will attract the specialists and surgeons needed to provide the range of services originally envisaged for Armadale.

It would be appropriate for Council to seek both the Government and Opposition's view on the provision of facilities for private health patients in the Armadale district, and the provision of a full range of specialist and surgical services on the Armadale campus.

- **Heated Indoor Aquatic Centre** – the Needs Analysis and Feasibility Study commissioned by the City is nearing completion with revised concept plans (short term and longer term) recently prepared by the Architect, Howard and Associates. Cost estimates from the Quantity Surveyor indicate that the revised concept plans have been limited to something more in keeping with the City's financial constraints, however additional verification and assessment is currently being carried out. The plans and estimates will be discussed with the Consultant during January 2005 prior to submission to the Community Services Committee and Council. Should Council support the concept, these documents can form the basis for an application to the Department of Sport and Recreation for a CSRFF Grant of approximately \$1 million, for which State Government and local member support will be essential.

CONCLUSION

The City campaigned previously to achieve the establishment of the ARA and any reduction in its resourcing or effectiveness would be of concern. Accordingly it would be appropriate to include the need for the ARA to continue with its strong local presence within Council's Election Strategy.

The Priority list previously adopted by Council should be reconfirmed with the exception of the deletion of Infill Sewerage Program, which may not have sufficient priority.

CS8/1/05 RECOMMEND

That Council approach the State Government and Opposition in the lead-up to the election to engender support/seek their position on the following key priorities:

- **Rowing Course Infrastructure/White-water Project;**
- **Kelmscott Station Precinct;**
- **Aerial Bundling Cable and Western Power infrastructure;**

- **Road funding;**
- **State Health Service Model and Armadale Health Service;**
- **Heated Indoor Aquatic Centre;**
- **The continuation of support for the Armadale Redevelopment Authority.**

Moved Cr Zelones
Motion Carried (7-0)

COUNCILLORS' ITEMS

Cr Hopper

Cr Hopper, on behalf of Cr Hart, advised of a Tsunami fund raising concert to be held at Cross Park on 27 February 2005 from 4.30 pm to 8.30 pm.

Cr Reynolds

Cr Reynolds advised that the Roleystone Theatre would be putting on a production of "Education Rita" on Wednesday, 19 January 2005, with proceeds going to fund raise for Tsunami victims.

CS9/1/05 RECOMMEND

That Councillors' items as listed as follows:

- **Tsunami Funding Raising Concert – Cross Park – 27 February 2005**
 - **Roleystone Theatre – "Educating Rita" – 19 January 2005**
- be noted for information purposes.**

Moved Cr Hopper
Motion Carried (7-0)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Nil

MEETING DECLARED CLOSED AT 8.40 PM