

# **AGENDA**

**Ordinary Council Meeting** 

26 November 2024

4:30pm

Kambalda Recreation Centre, Barnes Drive, Kambalda

## SHIRE OF COOLGARDIE

## NOTICE OF ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Dear Elected Member

The next Ordinary Meeting of the Shire of Coolgardie will be held on Tuesday 26 November 2024 commencing at 4:30pm.

AARON COOK

**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER** 

## **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

## 26 November 2024

Welcome to the Ordinary Council Meeting of the Shire of Coolgardie.

The dates, times and locations of the Ordinary Council Meetings for 2024 are listed hereunder.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>
Tuesday	23 January 2024	4:30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	27 February 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	26 March 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	23 April 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	28 May 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	25 June 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	23 July 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	27 August 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	24 September 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	22 October 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie
Tuesday	26 November 2024	4.30pm	Kambalda
Tuesday	17 December 2024	4.30pm	Coolgardie

Aaron Cook

**Acting Chief Executive Officer** 

## **COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION NOTES**

- 1. Your Council generally handles all business at Ordinary or Special Council Meetings.
- 2. From time to time Council may form a Committee to examine subjects and then report to Council.
- Generally all meetings are open to the public; however, from time to time Council will be required to deal
  with personal, legal and other sensitive matters. On those occasions Council will generally close that part
  of the meeting to the public. Every endeavour will be made to do this as the last item of business of the
  meeting.
- 4. Public Question Time. It is a requirement of the Local Government Act 1995 to allow at least fifteen (15) minutes for public question time following the opening and announcements at the beginning of the meeting. Should there be a series of questions the period can be extended at the discretion of the Chairman.

Written notice of each question should be given to the Chief Executive Officer prior to 12:30pm on the day of the meeting. A summary of each question and response is included in the Minutes.

When a question is not able to be answered at the Council Meeting a written answer will be provided after the necessary research has been carried out. Council staff will endeavour to provide the answers prior to the next meeting of Council.

- 5. Councillors may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter before Council. Councillors must declare an interest and the extent of the interest in the matter on the Agenda. However, the Councillor can request the meeting to declare the matter trivial, insignificant or in common with a significant number of electors or ratepayers. The Councillor must leave the meeting whilst the matter is discussed and cannot vote unless those present agree as above.
  - **Members of staff,** who have delegated authority from Council to act on certain matters, may from time to time have a financial interest in a matter on the Agenda. The member of staff must declare that interest and generally the Chairman of the meeting will advise the Officer if he/she is to leave the meeting.
- 6. Agendas including an Information Bulletin are delivered to Councillors within the requirements of the Local Government Act 1995, i.e. seventy-two (72) hours prior to the advertised commencement of the meeting. Whilst late items are generally not considered there is provision on the Agenda for items of an urgent nature to be considered.

Should an elector wish to have a matter placed on the Agenda the relevant information should be forwarded to the Chief Executive Officer in time to allow the matter to be fully researched by staff. An Agenda item including a recommendation will then be submitted to Council for consideration.

The Agenda closes the Monday week prior to the Council Meeting (i.e. ten (10) days prior to the meeting).

The Information Bulletin produced as part of the Agenda includes items of interest and information, which does not require a decision of Council.

- 7. Agendas for Ordinary Meetings are available in the Coolgardie and Kambalda Offices/Libraries seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting and the public are invited to secure a copy.
- 8. Agenda items submitted to Council will include a recommendation for Council consideration. Electors should not interpret and/or act on the recommendations until after they have been considered by Council. Please note the Disclaimer in the Agenda (page 3).
- 9. Public Question Time Statutory Provisions Local Government Act 1995

Time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to at:

- (a) Every ordinary meeting of a council; and
- (b) Such other meetings of councils or committees as may be prescribed

Procedures and the minimum time to be allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at council or committee meetings are to be in accordance with regulations.

9A. Question Time for the Public at Certain Meetings – s5.24 (1) (b)

## Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

- Reg 5 For the purpose of section 5.24(1)(b), the meetings at which time is to be allocated for questions to be raised by members of the public and responded to are:
  - (a) every special meeting of a council; and
  - (b) every meeting of a committee to which the local government has delegated a power or duty.

## Minimum Question Time for the Public - s5.24 (2)

- Reg 6 (1) The minimum time to be allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at ordinary meetings of councils and meetings referred to in regulation 5 is fifteen (15) minutes.
  - Once all the questions raised by members of the public have been asked and responded to at a meeting referred to in sub regulation (1), nothing in these regulations prevents the unused part of the minimum question time period from being used for other matters.

Procedures for Question Time for the Public – s5.24 (2)

## Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

- Reg 7 (1) Procedures for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6 (1) are to be determined:
  - (a) by the person presiding at the meeting; or
  - (b) in the case where the majority of members of the council or committee present at the meeting disagree with the person presiding, by the majority of members,

having regard to the requirements of sub regulations (2) and (3).

- (2) The time allocated to the asking and responding to questions raised by members of the public at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to precede the discussion of any matter that requires a decision to be made by the council or the committee, as the case may be.
- (3) Each member of the public who wishes to ask a question at a meeting referred to in regulation 6(1) is to be given an equal and fair opportunity to ask the question and receive a response.
- (4) Nothing in sub regulation (3) requires:
  - (a) A council to answer a question that does not relate to a matter affecting the local government;
  - (b) A council at a special meeting to answer a question that does not relate to the purpose of the meeting; or
  - (c) A committee to answer a question that does not relate to a function of the committee.

## 2. Public Inspection of Unconfirmed Minutes (Reg 13)

A copy of the unconfirmed Minutes of Ordinary and Special Meetings will be available for public inspection in the Coolgardie and Kambalda Offices/Libraries within ten (10) working days after the Meeting.

## NOTE:

## 10.3 Unopposed Business

- (1) Upon a motion being moved and seconded, the person presiding may ask the meeting if any member opposes it.
- (2) If no member signifies opposition to the motion the person presiding may declare the motion in sub clause (1) carried without debate and without taking a vote on it,
- (3) A motion carried under sub clause (2) is to be recorded in the minutes as a unanimous decision of the Council or committee.
- (4) If a member signifies opposition to a motion the motion is to be dealt with according to this Part.
- (5) This clause does not apply to any motion or decision to revoke or change a decision which has been made at a Council or committee meeting.

## **Recording of Council Meetings**

Please note that Council Meetings are currently being recorded for minute taking purposes only.

## **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Notes for Guidance

## **IMPACT OF A FINANCIAL INTEREST** (s. 5.65 & s.67. Local Government Act 1995)

A member who has a **Financial Interest** In any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting, which will be attended by the member, must disclose the nature of the interest:

- a. In a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting or;
- b. At the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.

A member, who makes a disclosure in respect to an interest, must not:

- a. Preside at the part of the Meeting relating to the matter or;
- b. Participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision making procedure relative to the matter, unless and to the extent that, the disclosing member is allowed to do so under *Section 5.69 of the Local Government Act 1995*.

## INTERESTS AFFECTING FINANCIAL INTEREST

The following notes are a basic guide for Councillors when they are considering whether they have a **Financial Interest in a matter.** 

- 1. A Financial Interest, pursuant to s.5.60A or 5.61 of the Local Government Act 1995, requiring disclosure occurs when a Council decision might advantageously or detrimentally affect the Councillor or a person closely associated with the Councillor and is capable of being measured in money terms. There are expectations in the Local Government Act 1995 but they should not be relied on without advice, unless the situation is very clear.
- 2. If a Councillor is a member of an Association (which is a Body Corporate) with not less than 10 members i.e sporting, social, religious etc, and the Councillor is not a holder of office of profit or a guarantor, and has not leased land to or from the club, i.e, if the Councillor is an ordinary member of the Association, the Councillor has a common and not a financial interest in any matter to that Association.
- 3. If an interest is shared in common with a significant number of electors and ratepayers, then the obligation to disclose that interest does not arise. Each case needs to be considered.
- 4. If in doubt declare.
- 5. As stated if written notice disclosing the interest has not been given to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting, then it **must** be given when the matter arises in the Agenda, and immediately before the matter is discussed. *Under s.5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995* failure to notify carries a penalty of \$10,000 or imprisonment for 2 years.
- 6. Ordinarily the disclosing Councillor must leave the meeting room before discussion commences. The only exceptions are:
  - 6.1 Where the Councillor discloses the **extent** of the interest, and Council carries a motion under s.5.68(1)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1995; or
  - 6.2 Where the Minister allows the Councillor to participate under s.5.69(3) of the Local Government Act 1995, with or without conditions.

## **INTERESTS AFFECTING PROXIMITY** (s. 5.60b Local Government Act 1995)

- 1. For the purpose of this subdivision, a person has a proximity interest, pursuant to *s.5.60B* of the Local Government Act 1995, in a matter if the matter concerns;
  - a. a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; or
  - b. a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or
  - c. a proposed development (as defined in Section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.
- 2. In this section, land (the proposal land) adjoins a person's land if;
  - a. The proposal land, not being a throughfare, has a common boundary with the person's land; or
  - b. The proposal land, or any part of it, is directly across a throughfare from, the person's land; or
  - c. The proposal land is that part of a thoroughfare that has a common boundary with the person's land.
- 3. In this section a reference to a person's land is a reference to any land owned by the person or in which the person has any estate or interest.

## INTERESTS AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

Definition: an interest, pursuant to *Regulation 19AA of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, means an interest that could, or could reasonably be perceived to adversely affect the impartiality of the person having the interest; and includes an interest arising from kinship, friendship or membership of an association. It is also important to be considered in relation to the Shire of Coolgardie Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members, and Candidates.

A member who has an **Interest Affecting Impartiality** in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting, which will be attended by the member, must disclose the nature of the interest;

- a. In a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting or;
- b. At the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed.

## IMPACT OF AN IMPARTIALITY DISCLOSURE

There are very different outcomes resulting from disclosing an interest affecting impartiality compared to that of a financial interest. With the declaration of a financial interest, an elected member leaves the room and does not vote.

With the declaration of this type of interest, the elected member stays in the room, participates in the debate and votes. In effect then, following disclosure of an interest affecting impartiality, the member's involvement in the Meeting continues as if no interest existed.

## **QUESTION TIME FOR THE PUBLIC**

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PLEASE PASS TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR REFERRAL TO THE PRESIDENT BY 12.30PM ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING AT THE KAMBALDA OFFICE, IRISH MULGA DRIVE, KAMBALDA OR AT THE COOLGARDIE OFFICE, BAYLEY STREET, COOLGARDIE.

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

## 1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

"The Shire of Coolgardie acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land, on which we meet and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging"

## 2 DECLARATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Shire President to invite Council Members to declare that they have read the agenda and supporting documents and able to make informed decision on all matters accordingly.

- 3 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE
- 4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- 4.1 Declarations of Financial Interests Local Government Act Section 5.60A
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- 4.3 Declarations of Impartiality Interests –Shire of Coolgardie Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates for Election, Code of Conduct for Employees
- 5 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

- 6 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME
- 7 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

## 8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

## 8.1 MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 22 OCTOBER 2024

Date: 26 November 2024

Author: Kasey Turner, Executive Assistant

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 22 October 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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8.2 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 NOVEMBER 2024

Date: 19 November 2024

Author: Kasey Turner, Executive Assistant

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

## **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on 14 November 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

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#### 9 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

#### 9.1 PRESIDENT'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2024

Date: 21 November 2024

Author: Malcolm Cullen, Shire President

The Shire hosted members of the WA Grants Commission in Coolgardie on 31 October, as part of a visit to all the Local Governments within the Goldfields-Esperance Region. This visit provided an ideal opportunity for Councillors and Staff to discuss the methodology and distribution of funding sources to local governments to enable the planning and allocation of such funding towards maintenance and upgrades of infrastructure and future projects in the Shire.

The WA State Government, through Energy Minister Reece Whitby held a Forum in Kalgoorlie on 1 November to announce new initiatives to reduce future power disruptions to the greater Kalgoorlie region from any future failure of the 220kva power supply from Collie. As part of this initiative, a deal has been struck between the State Government and Trans Alta which operates the Gas Turbine Power station at Parkeston, with a plan be able to restore power to Kalgoorlie within two hours of any future long term power outages.

During question time, I put the question to the Minister, would this initiative include the towns of Coolgardie and Kambalda, with the answer being that this would be considered within the plan.

This year's Annual Seniors Christmas Luncheon event was held at the Coolgardie Recreation Centre on 6 November with a large contingent of our senior citizens from Coolgardie, Kambalda and visitors from the neighbouring town of Norseman in attendance. A number of Coolgardie residents volunteered over two weeks of their time to decorate the sports hall with an absolutely breathtaking display of colours and decorations which drew much acknowledgement and praise from all those in attendance. For nearly three hours of fun filled entertainment, a wonderful meal prepared by the Shire's Bluebush Village contractors and an array of gifts provided by the valuable contributions made by our local mining companies and businesses a very enjoyable time was had by all those in attendance.

I would like to acknowledge and pay a special Thankyou to all the Shire Staff and our band of Volunteers who worked tirelessly in making this year's event a great success.

Myself and Councillors Rathbone and Lindup attended the Official Opening of the Kambalda Community Garden at the West Oval on Sunday 10 November. With a large group of family, friends and sponsors of the Garden Committee in attendance to celebrate the work, time and effort by the group to establish what has developed into a successful community hub for the camaraderie and enjoyment of family groups from all sections of our community.

With the funding commitment from the Shire, sponsorship from local business and mining companies and a dedicated group of volunteers, a very worthwhile partnership has been forged for the future benefit of our community.

The Shire's emergency services and bush fire crews spent considerable time during the week leading up to 20 November dealing with a series of bushfires in the shire following a severe lighting storm the previous week. Fortunately, all the fires were extinguished by a huge deluge of rain on 20 November. Events such as this consume a large amount of shire resources and staff time and it provides a timely warning to all our residents, prospectors and other stakeholders to be prepared and bushfire ready for these events over the coming months of what could become quite a long summer.

At a Special meeting of Council on Thursday 14 November 2024, Council has resolved to suspend our Chief Executive Officer, Mr James Trail pending an investigation. During this time Mr Aaron Cook has been appointed as Acting Chief Executive Officer.

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Mr Cook will continue to manage the day to day operations of the Shire and ensure all current facilities and services are operating as normal.

Cr Malcolm Cullen Shire President.

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10 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS / SUBMISSIONS

Nil

11 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Nil

### 12 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

#### 12.1 Executive Services

#### 12.1.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2025

Location: Shire of Coolgardie

Applicant: Nil Disclosure of Interest: Nil

**Date:** 21 October 2023

Author: Rebecca Horan, Manager of Executive Services

## **SUMMARY**

That Council approve the timetable for the Ordinary Council Meetings and proposed schedule for Audit Committee Meetings for 2025.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 requires the Council to give local public notice of the date, time and location of its Ordinary Council meetings. In previous years Council has considered the timing of its ordinary meetings.

#### COMMENT

Ordinary meetings of Council are generally scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of each month with the exception of January and December. Council is convened in the Council Chambers of Coolgardie and Kambalda Community Recreation Facility.

Council meeting dates for the 2025 year will be advertised.

### **CONSULTATION**

Council

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Accountable and effective leaders

High quality corporate governance, accountability and compliance

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority

#### OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

## **That Council**

- 1. APPROVE for Ordinary Council Meetings to be scheduled to convene on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Coolgardie Council Chambers or Kambalda Community Recreation Facility (except for January and December) at 4.30pm on the following dates:
  - January 2025 No Meeting
  - 25 February 2025 Kambalda
  - 25 March 2025 Coolgardie
  - 22 April 2025 Kambalda
  - 27 May 2025 Coolgardie
  - 24 June 2025 Kambalda
  - 22 July 2025 Coolgardie
  - 26 August 2025 Kambalda
  - 23 September 2025 Coolgardie
  - 28 October 2025 Kambalda
  - 25 November 2025 Coolgardie
  - 16 December 2025 Kambalda
- 2. As per the Audit Committee Terms of Reference NOTE that the Audit Committee meetings to meet no less than two times per year. Additional meetings shall be convened at the discretion of the Chairperson or at the request of the Acting Chief Executive Officer.

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## 12.2 Operation Services

#### 12.2.1 LIST OF PAYMENTS - OCTOBER 2024

Location: Nil
Applicant: Nil
Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 19 November 2024

Author: Raj Subbiah, Finance Manager

#### SUMMARY

For Council to receive the list of accounts for October 2024.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Regulation 13(3)(b) requires that Council receive a list of accounts paid in the month, and that this be recorded in the minutes. Council has delegated to the Chief Executive Officer that authority to make these payments from Municipal and Trust Funds.

#### COMMENT

Presented in this item is a table of accounts (invoices) and includes that cheque (or EFT) identifier for the transaction, the entity, date, and amount paid, description of the goods, service, or other that relates to the payment. Extra details of invoices relating to payments are included for the information of Councillors.

The schedule of payment made under delegated authority as summarised below and recommended to be received by Council, has been checked and is supported by vouchers and invoices which have been duly certified as to the receipt of goods and provision of services, and verification of prices and costings.

Significant Payments for the month of October 2024 are: -

- 1. Sirrom Village Management of Bluebush Village
- 2. Plumbing Gas And Electrical Sewer Infrastructure Works
- 3. Modularis Pty Ltd Goodenia Court Works

#### CONSULTATION

Nil

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, Regulation 13 – Lists of Accounts

#### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

CS-PROCUREMENTS POLICY. Policy CS-11 sets the guidelines with regards to the purchase of goods or services provided.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

#### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

#### Accountable and effective leaders

Maintain integrated strategic and operational plans

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High quality corporate governance, accountability and compliance

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. List of Payments - October 2024

## **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council RECEIVE listing (attached) of accounts paid during the month of October 2024 by the Chief Executive Officer under delegated authority of Council.

- 1. Municipal accounts totalling \$2,030,268.99 on municipal vouchers EFT28041 EFT28176, Cheques 53595 53597 and Direct Debits
- 2. Fuel card payments totalling \$68,744.24
- 3. Woolworths cards totalling \$1,072.25

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### 12.2.2 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE MONTH ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

Location: Shire of Coolgardie
Applicant: Shire of Coolgardie

Disclosure of Interest: Nil

Date: 19 November 2024

Author: Raj Subbiah, Finance Manager

#### SUMMARY

This report recommends that the Monthly Statement of Financial Activity report for the period ending 31 October 2024 is presented to Council for adoption.

#### **BACKGROUND**

In accordance with regulation 34 of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations*, the Shire is to prepare a monthly Financial Statement for approval by Council.

The format for monthly reporting was introduced by the Department of Local Government from 1 July 2005; the change was implemented to provide elected members with a better idea of operating and capital revenues and expenditures. The requirement is for a Statement of Financial Activity with a report detailing material variances. The Financial Report presented includes this as well as other statements and supplementary information.

Section 6.4 of the Local Government Act 1995, requires that financial reports be prepared and presented in the manner and form prescribed in the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations*. Regulation 34 has been amended to require that Councils report on the sources and applications of funds on a monthly basis and that the report be noted by Council.

#### COMMENT

Attached for consideration is the completed Monthly Financial Report.

The document attached includes Statements of Financial Activity by Program, and Nature and Type, Notes to the financial statements, an explanation of material variance as well as a summary of bank account balances at 31 August 2024, loan repayments, and reserve account status.

In accordance with the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations*, a report must be compiled on variances greater than the percentage agreed by Council which is currently 10% or \$10,000. With the report prepared at program level, comments have been made regarding variances. A nil variance is equal to 100%, meaning that the year-to-date actual is identical to the year to date budget. Comments are therefore provided where variance values are <90% or >100% and the dollar variance exceeds \$10,000.

## **CONSULTATION**

Nil

#### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.4 Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Section 34

## 34. Financial activity statement required each month (Act s. 6.4)

(1A) In this regulation —

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**committed assets** means revenue unspent but set aside under the annual budget for a specific purpose.

- (1) A local government is to prepare each month a statement of financial activity reporting on the revenue and expenditure, as set out in the annual budget under regulation 22(1)(d), for that month in the following detail —
  - (a) annual budget estimates, taking into account any expenditure incurred for an additional purpose under section 6.8(1)(b) or (c); and
  - (b) budget estimates to the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
  - (c) actual amounts of expenditure, revenue and income to the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
  - (d) material variances between the comparable amounts referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c); and
  - (e) the net current assets at the end of the month to which the statement relates.
- (2) Each statement of financial activity is to be accompanied by documents containing
  - (a) an explanation of the composition of the net current assets of the month to which the statement relates, less committed assets and restricted assets; and
  - (b) an explanation of each of the material variances referred to in sub regulation (1)(d); and
  - (c) such other supporting information as is considered relevant by the local government.
- (3) The information in a statement of financial activity may be shown
  - (a) according to nature and type classification; or
  - (b) by program; or
  - (c) by business unit.
- (4) A statement of financial activity, and the accompanying documents referred to in sub regulation (2), are to be
  - (a) Presented at an ordinary meeting of the council within 2 months after the end of the month to which the statement relates; and
  - (b) Recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented.
- (5) Each financial year, a local government is to adopt a percentage or value, calculated in accordance with the AAS, to be used in statements of financial activity for reporting material variances.

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Financial Report is information only and there are no financial implications relating to this item.

## STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

## Accountable and effective leaders

Demonstrating sound financial management and plans for the Shire's long term financial sustainability High quality corporate governance, accountability and compliance

Ensuring the Shire of Coolgardie is well positioned to meet future needs

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. Monthly Financial Report October 2024
- 2. Management Report October 2024

## **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple majority

## OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Monthly Financial Activity Statement for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 October 2024 be RECEIVED.

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12.3 Commercial Services

Nil

13 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Nil

14 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

- 15 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING
- 15.1 Elected Members
- 15.2 Shire Officers
- 16 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil

17 CLOSURE OF MEETING