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Minutes for the Meeting of the

Murchison Shire Council Audit Committee

Held in the Council Chambers, Carnarvon Mullewa Road, Murchison,
on Thursday **26 March 2020**, commencing at 10:30am

Purpose To receive and consider the Annual Compliance Return.

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ATTACHMENTS

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Shire President declared the meeting open at 10.36am.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Councillors

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

Staff

Bill Boehm – CEO
Tatjana Erak – Acting DCEO
William Herold – Works Supervisor

Observers

Cr E Foulkes-Taylor

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Background

Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of Council have previously been circulated to all Audit Committee Members

Recommendation

That the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 27 February 2020 be confirmed as an accurate record of proceedings.

Voting Requirements

Simple Majority

Committee Decision

Moved: Cr A Whitmarsh

Seconded: Cr Q Fowler

Carried/Lost

For 3

Against 0

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

5 COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN 2019

File: 4.18
Author: Bill Boehm – Chief Executive Officer
Interest Declared: No interest to disclose
Date: 18 March 2020
Attachments: 5.1 Murchison Compliance Audit Return 2019

Matter for Consideration

The Audit Committee is to review the Compliance Audit Return 2019 and report to Council.

Background

A Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January to 31 December in each year is to be carried out and presented to the Audit Committee for review. The Audit Committee is to report to the Council the results of that review. The Compliance Audit Return is to be then adopted by Council and the certified copy is to be sent to the Director General of the Department of Local Government & Communities by 31 March of the following year.

Comment

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

Statutory Environment

Local Government Audit Regulations 1996

14 *Compliance audits by local governments*

- (1) *A local government is to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1 January to 31 December in each year.*
- (2) *After carrying out a compliance audit the local government is to prepare a compliance audit return in a form approved by the Minister.*
- (3A) *The local government's audit committee is to review the compliance audit return and is to report to the council the results of that review.*
- (3) *After the audit committee has reported to the council under sub regulation (3A), the compliance audit return is to be —*
 - (a) *presented to the council at a meeting of the council*
 - (b) *adopted by the council; and*
 - (c) *recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is adopted.*

15 *Compliance audit return, certified copy of etc. to be given to Executive Director*

- (1) *After the compliance audit return has been presented to the council in accordance with regulation 14(3) a certified copy of the return together with —*
 - (a) *a copy of the relevant section of the minutes referred to in regulation 14(3)(c); and*
 - (b) *any additional information explaining or qualifying the compliance audit,**is to be submitted to the Executive Director by 31 March next following the period to which the return relates.*
- (2) *In this regulation — certified in relation to a compliance audit return means signed by —*
 - (a) *the mayor or president; and*
 - (b) *the CEO.*

Strategic Implications

Nil

Policy Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

Nil

Consultation

Acting DCEO

Recommendation

That the Audit Committee

- 1 reports to the 26 March 2020 Ordinary Meeting of Council that the Compliance Audit Return 2019 has been prepared by the CEO as required and
- 2 recommends that Council adopt the Compliance Audit Return 2019 as presented.

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6 URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

7 MEETING CLOSURE

The Shire President closed the meeting at 10.41am.