The Council of the City of Cockburn

Code of Conduct Complaints Committee Meeting

Minutes

For Wednesday, 22 April 2026

These Minutes are subject to confirmation

Presiding Member's signature

P. Corke .

Date:

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Attendance

Elected Members
Deputy Mayor P Corke (Presiding Member)
Cr K Allen
Cr P Eva
C T Dewan
Cr C Reeve-Fowkes
Cr H Srhoy
Cr C Zhang

Guests

Mr C Fahey	PSL Legal

Staff

Mr D Arndt	Acting Chief Executive Officer
Ms C Bywater	Director Corporate and System Services
Mr J Blanchard	General Counsel
Ms T Hardmeier	Service Lead Governance and Council Support
Ms C Lindgren	Courts and Legal Process Coordinator
Ms A Schutz	Assistant Governance Officer

1. Declaration of Meeting

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6:01.

Acknowledgement of Country
The Presiding Member acknowledged the Nyungar people of Beeliar Boodjar. Long ago, now and in the future, they care for Country. The Presiding Member acknowledged their continuing connection to Land, Waters and Culture and pay paid respect to Elders, past and present.

2. Appointment of Presiding Member

Nil

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3. Acknowledgement of Receipt of Written Declarations of Financial Interests and Conflict of Interest (by Presiding Member)

Item	Name	Type/Nature of Interest
8.1 Confidential Matter	Cr Philip Eva	**Impartiality Interest** I am mentioned several times in the report.
8.1 Confidential Matter	Cr Kevin Allen	**Impartiality Interest** I am mentioned several times in the report.

4. Apologies & Leave of Absence

Apologies
Mayor L Howlett
Cr C Stone
Cr T Widenbar
Mr D Simms, Chief Executive Officer

5. Confirmation of Minutes

5.1 (2026/MINUTE NO 0001) Minutes of the Code of Conduct Complaints Committee – 1 June 2022.

Council Decision
MOVED Cr K Allen SECONDED Cr T Dewan

That Council confirms the Minutes of the Code of Conduct Complaints Committee held on 1 June 2022 as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 7/0

6. Business Left Over From Previous Meeting (if adjourned)

N/A

7. Declaration by Members who have Not Given Due Consideration to Matters Contained in the Business Paper Presented before the Meeting

Nil

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8. Confidential Business

(2026 MINUTE NO 002) Meeting to Proceed Behind Closed Doors

Committee Decision
MOVED Cr C Zhang SECONDED Cr P Eva

6:04pm: That, pursuant to regulation 4A(b) of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Committee meeting proceeds behind closed doors to consider confidential items 8.1 and 8.2, as the reports and their attachments contain information about a complaint that alleges a behavioural breach under the City of Cockburn Elected Members Code of Conduct.

CARRIED 7/0

(2026 MINUTE NO. 0002) Suspension of Standing Orders

Committee Decision
MOVED Deputy Mayor P Corke SECONDED Cr P Eva

6:05pm: That, pursuant to clause 22.1 of the *Standing Orders Local Law 2016*, that standing orders be suspended.

CARRIED 7/0

6:06pm Cr Carol Reeve-Fowkes departed the meeting.

(2022/MINUTE NO. 0003) Resumption of Standing Orders

Committee Decision
MOVED Cr P Eva SECONDED Cr H Srhoy

6:25pm: That, pursuant to clause 22.1 of the *Standing Orders Local Law 2016*, that standing orders be resumed.

CARRIED 5/1

For: Deputy Mayor P Corke, Cr P Eva, Cr T Dewan, Cr C Zhang, Cr H Srhoy
Against: Cr K Allen

8.1 (2026 MINUTE NO 0004) Confidential Report

This report and its attachments are **CONFIDENTIAL** in accordance with Regulation 4A(b) of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996*, which permits the meeting to be closed to the public for business relating to the following:

(b) a complaint that alleges a behavioural breach under the Code of Conduct, and any information relating to the complaint.

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Council Decision
MOVED Cr P Eva SECONDED Cr H Srhoy

That Council ADOPTS the Confidential Officer Recommendation.

CARRIED 5/1

For: Deputy Mayor P Corke, Cr P Eva, Cr T Dewan, Cr C Zhang, Cr H Srhoy
Against: Cr K Allen

6:27pm Cr Carol Reeve-Fowkes returned to the meeting.

8.2 (2026) MINUTE NO 0005) Confidential Report

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(b) a complaint that alleges a behavioural breach under the Code of Conduct, and any information relating to the complaint.

Council Decision
MOVED Cr T Dewan SECONDED Cr C Zhang

That Council ADOPTS the Confidential Officer Recommendation.

CARRIED 6/1

For: Deputy Mayor P Corke, Cr K Allen, Cr T Dewan, Cr C Reeve-Fowkes, Cr C Zhang, Cr H Srhoy
Against: Cr P Eva

(2026 MINUTE NO 006) Reopen Meeting to the Public

Committee Decision
MOVED Cr C Reeve-Fowkes SECONDED Cr P Eva

6:30pm: That Committee reopen the meeting to the public.

CARRIED 7/0

9. Closure of Meeting

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 6:30pm.

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