

# CITY OF COCKBURN

## SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 3 JULY 2008 AT 6:30 PM

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**PRESENT:****ELECTED MEMBERS**

Mr S Lee	-	Mayor
Mr K Allen	-	Deputy Mayor
Ms H Attrill	-	Councillor
Mr I Whitfield	-	Councillor
Mrs C Reeve-Fowkes	-	Councillor
Mr J Baker	-	Councillor
Mrs S Limbert	-	Councillor
Mrs V Oliver	-	Councillor

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mr S. Cain	-	Chief Executive Officer
Mr D. Green	-	Director, Administration & Community Services
Ms V. Viljoen	-	Personal Assistant to CEO

**1. DECLARATION OF MEETING**

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 6.50pm.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING MEMBER (If required)**

N/A

**3. DISCLAIMER (To be read aloud by Presiding Member)**

Members of the public, who attend Council Meetings, should not act immediately on anything they hear at the Meetings, without first seeking clarification of Council's position. Persons are advised to wait for written advice from the Council prior to taking action on any matter that they may have before Council.



**4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF WRITTEN DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST (by Presiding Member)**

Nil

**5 (SCM 03/07/2008) - APOLOGIES & LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Clr Richard Graham	-	Apology
Clr Tony Romano	-	Apology

**6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Nil

**7. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS WHO HAVE NOT GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE BUSINESS**

Nil

**8 (SCM 03/07/2008) - PURPOSE OF MEETING**

The purpose of the meeting is to allow Deputy Mayor Allen to participate in the meeting via conference call.

**9. COUNCIL MATTERS**

**9.1 (MINUTE NO 3748) (SCM 03/07/2008) - APPROVAL TO ATTEND JULY 2008 COUNCIL MEETING BY INSTANTANEOUS COMMUNICATION (1070) (D GREEN)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approves of the arrangement for Deputy Mayor Allen to participate in the Council Meeting of 10 July 2008, via telephone link from the Shangri La Hotel, the Marina, Cairns, between the hours of 7.00 pm (Western Australian Standard Time) until the completion of the meeting.

**TO BE CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL**



**COUNCIL DECISION**

MOVED Clr S Limbert SECONDED Clr I Whitfield that the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL 8/0**

**Background**

Regulation 14A of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations now enables Elected Members to participate in Council meetings under certain conditions via “instantaneous communication” channels, if they are unable to attend the meeting in person. Deputy Mayor Allen has advised that he will be attending a conference in Shangri La Hotel, the Marina, Cairns, on the date of the July 2008 Council Meeting and would like to participate in the Council Meeting via telephone link.

**Submission**

For Council to approve of the arrangements for Deputy Mayor Allen to participate in the Council Meeting to be held on 10 July 2008 by telephone link-up from Shangri La Hotel, the Marina, Cairns.

**Report**

Deputy Mayor Allen has advised that he will be staying in a private room at Shangri La Hotel, the Marina, Cairns, on the evening of 10 July 2008 Council Meeting and will be unaccompanied. It is intended to use the room as the place from which to participate in the meeting proceedings, either by way of a hotel provided telephone or personal mobile telephone, should the room telephone not have a hands free and speaker function.

As there will be no other persons present for the duration of the connecting call and all related meeting information will be provided to Deputy Mayor Allen in advance, it is considered the hotel room is a suitable place for the purposes of the legislation. An appropriate telephone communication system is available within the Council Chamber to accommodate Council’s requirements.

In all other respects, the meeting processes are expected to comply with legislative requirements and it is therefore recommended that Council approves of the arrangements and place proposed to conduct the meeting.



## Strategic Plan/Policy Implications

### **Governance Excellence**

- *To conduct Council business in open public forums and to manage Council affairs by employing publicly accountable practices.*
- *To maximise use of technology that contributes to the efficient delivery of Council's services.*

## Budget/Financial Implications

Funds are available in the Governance – Elected Members Expenditure Account 110-6246 – Councillor Communication Expenses for the cost of the telephone call.

## Legal Implications

Regulation 14A of the Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2005 refers.

## Community Consultation

N/A

## Attachment(s)

N/A

## Advice to Proponent(s)/Submissioners

N/A

## Implications of Section 3.18(3) Local Government Act, 1995

N/A

## 10 **(MINUTE NO 3749) (SCM 03/07/2008) - RESOLUTION OF COMPLIANCE (SECTION 3.18(3), LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995)**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council is satisfied that resolutions carried at this Meeting and applicable to items concerning Council provided services and facilities, are:-

- (1) integrated and co-ordinated, so far as practicable, with any provided by the Commonwealth, the State or any public body;



- (2) not duplicated, to an extent Council considers inappropriate, services or facilities as provided by the Commonwealth, the State or any other body or person, whether public or private; and
- (3) managed efficiently and effectively.

**COUNCIL DECISION**  
 MOVED Cllr V OLIVER SECONDED Deputy Mayor K ALLEN that the recommendation be adopted.

**CARRIED 8/0**

**11 (SCM 03/07/2008) - CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Presiding Member declared the Meeting closed at 6.55pm.

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

I, ..... (Presiding Member) declare that these minutes have been confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Signed: ..... Date: ...../...../.....

