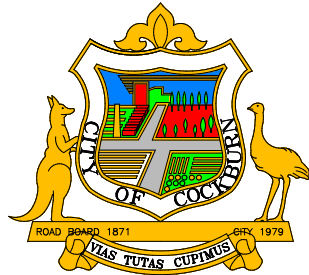


CITY OF COCKBURN



SPECIAL COUNCIL

AGENDA PAPER

**FOR
WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2000**

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2. APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING MEMBER (IF REQUIRED)

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 (by Presiding Member)

5. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cmr J. Smithson Apology

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

7. PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the meeting is to:-

- (1) formally declare the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the elections to be conducted in the City of Cockburn on the 6th December 2000; and
- (2) resolve to conduct these elections as postal elections.

8. COUNCIL MATTERS

8.1 (SCM1_9_2000) - CITY OF COCKBURN ELECTIONS - 6 DECEMBER 2000 (1700) (DMG)

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- (1) pursuant to Section 4.20(4) of the Local Government Act 1995, declare the Electoral Commissioner to be responsible for the following elections to be conducted in the City of Cockburn on the 6th December 2000 :-
 1. Election of the Mayor by the electors of the District for a period expiring May 2005.
 2. Election of three(3) Councillors each for the West, Central and East Wards, for such periods expiring in accordance with Schedule 4.2 of the Act.
- (2) pursuant to Section 4.61 (2) of the Act, conduct these elections as postal elections.

TO BE CARRIED BY A SPECIAL MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

COUNCIL DECISION

Background

Council previously carried this resolution at its meeting of 18th July 2000. However, the Local Government Advisory Board and the

Minister for Local Government's Office has responded to Council requesting that this decision be re-affirmed once the Order for the re-distribution of Ward Boundaries and Councillor numbers for the District, has been published.

Submission

N/A

Report

By Gazettal Notice dated 8th September 2000, the Order detailing the newly created Wards within the District and the number of Councillors to be elected to represent those Wards at the 6th December 2000 elections, was published.

As the Act specifies that the agreement and appointment of the Electoral Commissioner must be formalised within a timeframe not less than 80 days prior to the elections, it is necessary for Council to re-affirm its previous decisions relating to the appointment of the Commissioner to conduct the elections, as well as have the election conducted as postal elections.

As this timeframe expires on the 17th September 2000, it is not possible for this issue to be determined at the next Ordinary Council Meeting to be held on the 19th September 2000.

By letter dated and received by Council on the 8th September 2000, the Electoral Commissioner agreed to be responsible for the conduct of these elections specifically.

Strategic Plan/Policy Implications

Key Result Area "Managing Your City" and Council Policy C2.7 - "Review of Electoral Matters" refer.

Budget/Financial Implications

Cost of postal elections estimated at \$100,000, is available within the "Governance" function of Council's budget.

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

Nil

9. RESOLUTION OF COMPLIANCE (Section 3.18(3), Local Government Act 1995)

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

- (a) integrated and co-ordinated, so far as practicable, with any provided by the Commonwealth, the State or any public body;
- (b) 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
- (c) managed efficiently and effectively.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING