

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

10 April 2008

(REF: COMMITTEES-7707)

A meeting of the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee was held at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, 226 Great Eastern Highway, BELMONT WA 6104 on **Thursday, 10 April 2008**. The meeting commenced at **12.42pm**.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman opened the meeting at 12.42pm and welcomed members and both Ms Joy, Executive Assistant to the CEO and Mr Cole, Acting CEO City of Belmont to their first CEOAC meeting.

The Chairman also welcomed Mr Carosella and acknowledged the announcement of his retirement with a six month lead time to 30 September 2008. The CEO will recognise this event in due course.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Mr David Vaughan (Chairman)	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Kalamunda
Mr Gary Evershed (Deputy Chairman)	Chief Executive Officer	Town of Bassendean
Mr Mario Carosella	Chief Executive Officer	City of Bayswater
Mr Stuart Cole	Acting Chief Executive Officer	City of Belmont
Mr Jonathan Throssell	Chief Executive Officer	Shire of Mundaring
Mr Mike Foley	Chief Executive Officer	City of Swan
Mr Gavin Watters	Chief Executive Officer	EMRC

APOLOGIES

Nil

EMRC Officers

Mr Mick McCarthy	Executive Manager, Regional Services
Mr Peter Schneider	Executive Manager, Corporate Services
Ms Emma Joy	Executive Assistant to Chief Executive Officer (Minutes)

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Matters noted at Item 1.

5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

That the minutes of the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee meeting held on 7 February 2008, which have been distributed, be confirmed.

CEOAC RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR THROSSELL SECONDED MR FOLEY

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7 FEBRUARY 2008 WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



6 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 PRESENTATION ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS FOR NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BY MR MICK MCCARTHY, EXECUTIVE MANAGER REGIONAL SERVICES

The CEO noted this presentation prepared by the Executive Manager Regional Services, was requested by a member from this committee to gain an understanding of the current project funding status.

Executive Manager Regional Services tabled a copy of the Power Point presentation 'Changes to the Federal Government's Natural Resource Management Funding – Transition to "Caring for our Country" Program' (Ref:EMRC-77631) and Media Release 'Risk to local participation on environment' from 28 March 2008 (Ref:Comitees-7782)

Discussion ensued during the presentation.

The Chairman queried if WALGA would be competitors for available funding. The Executive Manager Regional Services responded that WALGA would be aiming to keep their current level of engagement and so wouldn't necessarily be competing through the same mechanisms, they may go direct to federal government.

The Chairman noted that there needs to be a position paper drafted for the region for all member Councils to agree upon so that when this matter is dealt with through the zone, an agreed pathway has already been determined. Members agreed to this united regional approach.

The Chairman noted that if the federal government has reduced or changed their priorities for a project, such as the Swan Catchment Council, then we should accept this and put our efforts towards new initiatives where the government's new priorities lie. The Chairman noted that there have been good results seen from this project already. Executive Manager Regional Services noted the future opportunities may be through biodiversity and community capacity projects.

Executive Manager Regional Services noted that the impact of the funding changes to the sub region groups is yet to be fully realised but a meeting of these groups has been convened to discuss the matter further.

Mr Evershed noted this as a golden opportunity for this region to lead the way. The Chairman noted that CEOAC wants to take an active role in the regional approach rather than the WALGA approach and asked that this be conveyed in the paper.

Mr Evershed thanked the Executive Manager Regional Services for putting this presentation together at short notice at his request. The Chairman also noted his appreciation to Executive Manager Regional Services on behalf of the CEOAC.

CEOAC RECOMMENDATION(S)

MOVED MR FOLEY

SECONDED MR THROSSELL

THAT:

1. A PAPER BE PREPARED FOR MEMBER COUNCILS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FUNDING
2. THE EMRC NOTES THE CHANGE IN DIRECTION OF FEDERAL FUNDING AND FOCUSES EFFORTS ON IDENTIFYING AND MAXIMISING NEW OPPORTUNITIES.
3. THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE OF WALGA BE APPROACHED TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION AT THE ZONE MEETING BY THE EMRC ON NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FUNDING.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



Item 6.1 Continued

COUNCIL RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED CR MAGRO

SECONDED CR ALBERT

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil

8 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil

9 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

9.1 FUTURE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

REFERENCE: COMMITTEES-7727

Discussion ensued

The CEOAC committee felt that the emphasis of the report should be reviewed and resolved to defer consideration to the next meeting of the CEOAC with a workshop to be held on 8 May 2008 as preliminary to rewriting the report.

CEOAC RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR CAROSELLA

SECONDED MR EVERSHERD

THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

1. DEFER THIS REPORT TO THE NEXT MEETING.
2. CONVENE A WORKSHOP ON 8 MAY 2008 FACILITATED BY MR BRUCE WITTBBER TO FURTHER DISCUSS THIS ITEM RESULTING IN A FORMAL REPORT AND RESOLUTION TO BE BROUGHT TO EMRC COUNCIL.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY



10 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 REGIONAL EVENTS

A listing of major scheduled events of member Councils and the EMRC:-

19 April 2008, Saturday	Swan	Mayoral Dinner
1-3 August 2008, Friday to Sunday	Mundaring	Mundaring Truffle Festival
3 August 2008 Sunday	Avon Descent	
22 August 2008, Friday	Bassendean	Mayoral Dinner
21 September 2008, Sunday	Mundaring	Trek the Trail
6 December 2008, Saturday	Belmont	Civic Dinner
6 & 7 December 2008, Saturday and Sunday	Bassendean	Bassendean Festival

12 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The CEO noted that Thursday was a difficult day for this meeting to be scheduled due to back to back meetings and also for administration to distribute all agendas. The CEO requested that the CEOAC meetings be moved back to Tuesdays of the same week.

CEOAC RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR CAROSELLA SECONDED MR FOLEY

THAT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE WORKSHOP SCHEDULED FOR 8 MAY, THE MEETINGS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING BE HELD ON THE TUESDAY RATHER THAN THURSDAY OF THE WEEK THEY ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED.

MOTION CARRIED 5/2

The next meeting of the Chief Executive Officers Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday **8 May 2008 (workshop)** at the City of Bayswater, 61 Broun Avenue Morley, commencing at 12.30pm with lunch at 12noon.

Chief Executive Officers' Advisory Committee (CEOAC) meetings commencing at 12.30pm with lunch at 12noon:

Thursday	8 May (Workshop)	at	City of Bayswater
Tuesday	3 June	at	EMRC Administration Office
Tuesday	8 July (informal)	at	City of Belmont
Tuesday	5 August	at	EMRC Administration Office
Tuesday	2 September (informal)	at	Shire of Kalamunda
Tuesday	7 October	at	EMRC Administration Office
Tuesday	18 November (informal)	at	Shire of Mundaring

13 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

Chairman thanked members for their quality of input to the discussions and noted that there have been matters of great importance raised here today.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 2.24pm.