

AGENDA

D2025/13495

Special Meeting of Council 30 June 2025

Notice of Meeting

Dear Councillors

I wish to advise that a Special Meeting of Council will be held on 30 June 2025 at the EMRC Administration Centre, 1st Floor, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Ascot WA 6104 commencing at 7:30pm.

This Special Meeting of Council meeting will be held to appoint Committee presiding members and deputy presiding members in accordance with s.5.23(2)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.



Matthew MacPherson | Chief Executive Officer

27 June 2025

Please Note

If any Councillor has a query regarding a report item or requires additional information in relation to a report item, please contact the responsible officer (SOURCE OF REPORT) prior to the meeting.

The meeting will be livestreamed in accordance with s.5.23A of the *Local Government Act 1995*. Images and voices may be captured and streamed on the EMRC's website at www.emrc.org.au. If you have any issues or concerns regarding the livestreaming and recording of meetings, please contact the EMRC Business Support Team.

Public question time will continue as usual and questions may be submitted electronically prior to the meeting, no later than 4.00pm on the day of the meeting to CouncilEnquiry@emrc.org.au.



EMRC Council Members

Cr Filomena Piffaretti	Chairperson	City of Bayswater
Cr Paul Poliwka	Deputy Chairperson	Town of Bassendean
Cr Tallan Ames	EMRC Member	Town of Bassendean
Cr Michelle Sutherland	EMRC Member	City of Bayswater
Cr Luke Ellery	EMRC Member	Shire of Mundaring
Cr Doug Jeans	EMRC Member	Shire of Mundaring
Cr Jennifer Catalano	EMRC Member	City of Swan
Cr Charlie Zannino	EMRC Member	City of Swan

EMRC Council Deputies

Cr Kathryn Hamilton	EMRC Deputy Member	Town of Bassendean
Cr Giorgia Johnson	EMRC Deputy Member	City of Bayswater
Cr John Daw	EMRC Deputy Member	Shire of Mundaring
Cr Ian Johnson	EMRC Deputy Member	City of Swan



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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation and to pay our respects to elders past, present and emerging.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRPERSON OR PRESIDING MEMBER

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6 EMPLOYEE REPORTS

6.1 APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDING MEMBERS AND DEPUTY PRESIDING MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES (D2025/13496)



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D2025/13496

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to appoint presiding members and deputy presiding members to the Audit Committee (AC), Chief Executive Performance Review Committee (CEOPRC) and Legal Committee (LC).

KEY POINT(S)

- Amendments to section 5.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995* require councils to appoint new committee presiding members and deputy presiding members by 1 July 2025.
- These appointments must be made by an absolute majority decision of the Council from this point forward.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council:

1. By absolute majority in accordance with s.5.12(1) appoint Cr to be the Chairperson (Presiding Member) of the Audit Committee.
2. By absolute majority in accordance with s.5.12(1) appoint Cr to be the Chairperson (Presiding Member) of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Committee.
3. By absolute majority in accordance with s.5.12(1) appoint Cr to be the Chairperson (Presiding Member) of the Legal Committee.
4. By absolute majority in accordance with s.5.12(2) appoint Cr to be the Deputy Chairperson (Deputy Presiding Member) of the Audit Committee.
5. By absolute majority in accordance with s.5.12(2) appoint Cr to be the Deputy Chairperson (Deputy Presiding Member) of the Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Committee.
6. By absolute majority in accordance with s.5.12(2) appoint Cr to be the Deputy Chairperson (Deputy Presiding Member) of the Legal Committee.

SOURCE OF REPORT

Employee Disclosure under s.5.70 of the *Local Government Act 1995*:

Author(s)	Chief Financial Officer	Nil
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer	Nil



BACKGROUND

- 1 Previously, the members of a committee are to elect a presiding member and deputy presiding member from amongst themselves in accordance with s.5.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act).
- 2 Similarly it is a requirement of the Act that members of a committee may elect a deputy presiding member from amongst themselves.

REPORT

- 3 Reforms proclaimed late last year under Schedule 9.3 cl.67 of the Local Government Act Transitional provisions require Local Governments to appoint Committee Presiding Members and Deputy Presiding Members by absolute majority Council decision by no later than **1 July 2025**.
- 4 This applies to all current Committees established under section 5.8 of the Act.
- 5 The changes are intended to allow for greater transparency and clarity on how council committees operate.
- 6 The appointment process for the presiding member and deputy presiding member has also been simplified with the appointment of these roles by Council, instead of the committee(s) electing those roles by secret ballot in the changes to s.5.12 of the Act.
- 7 Currently the EMRC has three committees:
 - a Audit Committee;
 - b Chief Executive Officer Performance Review Committee; and
 - c Legal Committee
- 8 Of the three, the AC and LC have elected their respective Presiding and Deputy Presiding Members.
- 9 The CEOPRC was established at the Special Meeting of Council on 10 April 2025 and has not appointed a Presiding and Deputy Presiding Member.

STRATEGIC/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 10 Reporting on EMRC Strategic Policy implications align with the revised Strategic Plan 2017-2027 and the Sustainability Strategy:

Target - Sustainability integrated into management processes.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11 Nil

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 12 Nil



RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk – Non Compliance with the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> if Committee Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons are not appointed by Council no later than 1 July 2025.		
Consequence	Likelihood	Rating
Moderate	Unlikely	Moderate
Action/Strategy		
Council to appoint Chairpersons and Deputy Chairpersons to the Committee in accordance with s.5.12 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .		

MEMBER COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Member Council	Implication Details
Town of Bassendean	} Nil
City of Bayswater	
Shire of Mundaring	
City of Swan	

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED CR

SECONDED CR



7 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

The next meeting of Council will be held on Thursday 24 July 2025 (if required) at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Ascot WA 6104 commencing at 6.00pm.

Future Meetings 2025

Thursday	24 July	(if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	28 August	(if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	25 September	(if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	6 November	(Special at 5:00pm)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	27 November		at	EMRC Administration Office

8 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING