# **TOWN OF COTTESLOE**



# **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

# **AGENDA**

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TO BE HELD IN THE
Council Chambers, Cottesloe Civic Centre
109 Broome Street, Cottesloe
5:00 PM Friday, 14 March 2025

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# SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the next Special Council Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Cottesloe Civic Centre 109 Broome Street, Cottesloe on **14 March 2025** commencing at **5:00 PM**.

The business to be transacted is shown on the Agenda hereunder.

Yours faithfully,

William Matthew Scott Chief Executive Officer

13 March 2025

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# **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Agenda Forum $ \Box $	Ordinary Cou	ncil Meeting $ \Box $	Special Council Meeting $\Box$	
Name of Person Declar	ing an interest			
Position	Date of Meeting			
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INTEREST DISCLOSED				
Item No	Item Title			
Nature of Interest				
Type of Interest	Financial $\Box$	Proximity $\Box$	Impartiality $\Box$	
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# **DECLARATION**

I understand that the above information will be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting and recorded by the Chief Executive Officer in an appropriate Register.

## **Notes for Your Guidance**

#### IMPACT OF A FINANCIAL INTEREST (s. 5.65. & s. 67. Local Government Act 1995)

A member who has a **Financial Interest** in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting, which will be attended by the member, must disclose the nature of the interest:

- a. In a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting or;
- b. At the Meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.

A member, who makes a disclosure in respect to an interest, must not:

- a. Preside at the part of the Meeting relating to the matter or;
- b. Participate in, or be present during, any discussion or decision making procedure relative to the matter, unless and to the extent that, the disclosing member is allowed to do so under *Section 5.68* or *Section 5.69* of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

#### **INTERESTS AFFECTING FINANCIAL INTEREST**

The following notes are a basic guide for Councillors when they are considering whether they have a Financial Interest in a matter.

- 1. A Financial Interest, pursuant to s. 5.60A or 5.61 of the Local Government Act 1995, requiring disclosure occurs when a Council decision might advantageously or detrimentally affect the Councillor or a person closely associated with the Councillor and is capable of being measured in money terms. There are expectations in the Local Government Act 1995 but they should not be relied on without advice, unless the situation is very clear.
- 2. If a Councillor is a member of an Association (which is a Body Corporate) with not less than 10 members i.e sporting, social, religious etc, and the Councillor is not a holder of office of profit or a guarantor, and has not leased land to or from the club, i.e, if the Councillor is an ordinary member of the Association, the Councillor has a common and not a financial interest in any matter to that Association.
- 3. If an interest is shared in common with a significant number of electors and ratepayers, then the obligation to disclose that interest does not arise. Each case needs to be considered.
- 4. If in doubt declare.
- 5. As stated if written notice disclosing the interest has not been given to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting, then it must be given when the matter arises in the Agenda, and immediately before the matter is discussed. Under s. 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995 failure to notify carries a penalty of \$10 000 or imprisonment for 2 years.
- 6. Ordinarily the disclosing Councillor must leave the meeting room before discussion commences. The only exceptions are:
  - 6.1 Where the Councillor discloses the **extent** of the interest, and Council carries a motion under s.5.68(1)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Act 1995; or
  - 6.2 Where the Minister allows the Councillor to participate under *s.5.69(3)* of the *Local Government Act 1955*, with or without conditions.

### INTERESTS AFFECTING PROXIMITY (s. 5.60b Local Government Act 1995)

- 1. For the purposes of this subdivision, a person has a proximity interest, pursuant to s.5.60B of the Local Government Act 1995, in a matter if the matter concerns;
  - a. a proposed change to a planning scheme affecting land that adjoins the person's land; or
  - b. a proposed change to the zoning or use of land that adjoins the person's land; or
  - c. a proposed development (as defined in section 5.63(5)) of land that adjoins the person's land.
- 2. In this section, land (the proposal land) adjoins a person's land if;
  - a. The proposal land, not being a thoroughfare, has a common boundary with the person's land; or
  - b. The proposal land, or any part of it, is directly across a thoroughfare from, the person's land; or
  - c. The proposal land is that part of a thoroughfare that has a common boundary with the person's land.
- 3. In this section a reference to a person's land is a reference to any land owned by the person or in which the person has any estate or interest.

#### **INTERESTS AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY**

Definition: An interest, pursuant to Regulation 11 of the Local Government (Rules of Conduct) Regulations 2007, that would give rise to a reasonable belief that the impartiality of the person having the interest would be adversely affected, but does not include an interest as referred to in Section 5.60 of the 'Act'.

A member who has an Interest Affecting Impartiality in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting, which will be attended by the member, must disclose the nature of the interest;

- a. In a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officers before the Meeting or;
- b. At the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed.

#### **IMPACT OF AN IMPARTIALITY DISCLOSURE**

There are very different outcomes resulting from disclosing an interest affecting impartiality compared to that of a financial interest. With the declaration of a financial interest, an elected member leaves the room and does not vote.

With the declaration of this type of interest, the elected member stays in the room, participates in the debate and votes. In effect then, following disclosure of an interest affecting impartiality, the member's involvement in the Meeting continues as if no interest exist.

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### 1 DECLARATION OF MEETING OPENING/ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

I would like to begin by acknowledging the Whadjuk Nyoongar people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we meet today, and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples here today.

### 2 DISCLAIMER

#### 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

### 4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

# 4.1 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

### 4.2 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

#### PUBLIC STATEMENT TIME

#### 6 ATTENDANCE

5

#### **Elected Members**

Mayor Lorraine Young

Cr Helen Sadler

Cr Melissa Harkins

Cr Chilla Bulbeck

Cr Michael Thomas

Cr Katy Mason

Cr Jeffrey Irvine

Cr Sonja Heath

Declaration of any Elected Members attending the meeting by electronic means.

#### Officers

Mr William Matthew Scott Chief Executive Officer

Ms Jacquelyne Pilkington Governance & Executive Office Coordinator

Ms Magdalena Domanska Executive Services Officer

#### 6.1 APOLOGIES

#### 6.2 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr Brad Wylynko

- 6.3 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE
- 7 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
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- 10 ELECTED MEMBERS MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

- 11 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE INTRODUCED BY DECISION OF MEETING BY:
  - 11.1 ELECTED MEMBERS
  - 11.2 OFFICERS
- 12 MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC
- 12.1 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

#### MOTION FOR BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

That, in accordance with Section 5.23(2) (a), Council discuss the confidential reports behind closed doors.

The Presiding Member requested the recording equipment to be deactivated when going behind closed doors.

#### 12.1.1 CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE MATTER

This item is considered confidential in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* section 5.23(2) (a) as it contains information relating to a matter affecting an employee or employees.

#### MOTION FOR RETURN FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

In accordance with Section 5.23 that the meeting be re-opened to members of the public

and media, and motions passed behind closed doors be read out if there are any public present.

The Presiding Member requested the recording equipment to be reactivated after coming out of closed doors.

# 12.2 PUBLIC READING OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAY BE MADE PUBLIC

# 13 MEETING CLOSURE