

NOTICE OF MOTION TO RESCIND COUNCIL DECISION – STAFF HOUSING

TO: Craig Watts, Chief Executive Officer

FROM: Cr Phil Van Der Merwe, Deputy Shire President

DATE: 23 June 2026

SUBJECT: Request that the resolution of Council relating to the sale of Shire residential properties be rescinded.

MOTION:

I, Cr Van Der Merwe, move that the Shire of Merredin Council consider rescinding motion CMR82698 from the 16 March 2021 meeting, and request a report to be provided to Council to consider retaining all current housing stock.

BACKGROUND:

Councillors undertook an inspection of properties at 4 Cohn Street, and 51 French Avenue in March 2026. Based on these inspections the Chief Executive Officer was directed to seek valuations for these properties for both sale and lease on the private market. These have been received and were subject of a confidential briefing of Council on 9 June 2026. Comments from Councillors during the briefing indicated a preference to retain these properties within the Shire's residential portfolio and lease these on the private market if excess to current need.

Current allocations of housing does not indicate a need in the short to medium term to construct an additional executive house, noting that there are sufficient houses of this nature within the existing portfolio. The Shire should focus on providing units or similar which can provide greater overall benefit.

REQUEST:

That Chief Executive Officer provide a report to the next Ordinary Council Meeting for Council to consider:-

1. Rescinding the current motion which shows intent to sell the properties;
2. Retaining ownership of the 2 properties, and putting these out to the private market if surplus to Shire need; and
3. Cease all action in relation to constructing a new executive residence at No. 14 Caridi Close.

Moved: _____

Seconded: _____

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Note: As per the provisions of the Local Government Act 1995, a request to rescind or substantially amend a decision of Council requires the signatures of the mover and 2 seconders (total of three Councillors to support).