

MINUTES Ordinary Council Meeting

Held in Council Chambers Corner King & Barrack Street's Merredin Tuesday 18 August 2020 Commencing 4.30pm



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	Common Acronyms Used in this Document				
T/CEO	Temporary Chief Executive Officer				
CBP	Corporate Business Plan				
CEACA	Central East Aged Care Alliance				
CEO	Chief Executive Officer				
CSP	Community Strategic Plan				
CWVC	Central Wheatbelt Visitors Centre				
DCEO	Deputy CEO				
EA	Executive Assistant to CEO				
EMCS	Executive Manager of Corporate Services				
EMDS	Executive Manager of Development Services				
EMES	Executive Manager of Engineering Services				
GECZ	Great Eastern Country Zone				
LGIS	Local Government Insurance Services				
LPS	Local Planning Scheme				
МСО	Media & Communications Officer				
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding				
MRCLC	Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre				
SRP	Strategic Resource Plan				
WALGA	Western Australian Local Government Association				
WEROC	Wheatbelt East Regional Organisation of Councils				

Shire of Merredin

Ordinary Council Meeting



4.30pm Tuesday 18 August 2020

1. Official Opening

The President acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet today and paid her respects to the Elders past and present. The President welcomed those in attendance and declared the meeting open at 4.31pm.

2. Record of Attendance / Apologies and Leave of Absence

Councillors:

council	counciliors.				
	Cr JR Flockart	Shire President			
	Cr MD Willis	Deputy Shire President			
	Cr RA Billing				
	Cr LN Boehme				
	Cr AR Butler				
	Cr RM Manning				
	Cr MJ McKenzie				
	Cr PR Patroni				
	Cr PM Van Der Merwe				
Staff					
	M Dacombe	T/CEO			
	M Ivanetz	EA to CEO			
	A Prnich	DCEO			
	C Brown	EMCS			
	P Zenni	EMDS			
	C Shotter	EMES			
Members of the Public:		Anthony Ryan			
Apolog	ies:	Nil			
Approv	ed Leave of Absence:	Nil			

3. Public Question Time

Ms Linda Clapp of Merredin asked the following question.

Question: I was wondering when the hydrotherapy pool will be reopening. I am a senior and the only way I can exercise is in the water and not being able to go has affected my health greatly.

Answer: The Temporary Chief Executive Officer Mark Dacombe advised that the works would be commissioned shortly now that the budget had

		approved by the Council. Once the finish date is known this will be e public.			
4.	Disclosure of Interest				
	Councillor Billing declared a Proximity Interest in Item 12.1. Councillor Boehme declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 12.1. Councillor Patroni declared an Impartiality Interest in Item 12.3. EMCS C Brown declared a Financial Interest in Item 15.2. Councillor Billing declared a Financial Interest in Item 15.3.				
5.	Appli	cations for Leave of Absence			
	Nil				
6.	Petiti	ions and Presentations			
	Nil				
7.	Con	firmation of Minutes of the Previous Meetings			
7.1		inary Council Meeting held on 21 July 2020 achment 7.1A			
7.2	-	cial Council Meeting held on 28 July 2020 achment 7.2A			
		Voting Requirements			
	Simple	e Majority 📃 Absolute Majority			
Office	r's Rec	commendation / Resolution			
Move	d: Cr	Boehme Seconded: Cr Patroni			
82585		at the Minutes of the following Meetings be confirmed as a true and curate records of proceedings. • The Ordinary Council Meeting held on 21 July 2020. • The Special Council Meeting held on 28 July 2020 with the			

following amendment to Item 14.2 the resolution UV4 Special Zone Power to read UV4 Special Zone Wind Farm & Power Generation.

CARRIED 9/0

8. Announcements by the Person Presiding without discussion

Nil

9. Matters for which the Meeting may be closed to the public

Today is a day of reflection.

We have taken the opportunity today as councillors, staff and Merredin residents to acknowledge the heroism of our Australian soldiers - and specifically our Merredin soldiers - who bravely fought 54 years ago today at the Battle of Long Tan, the most recognised battle of the Vietnam War.

On Saturday August 15, I attended the service of the 75 year anniversary of Victory in the Pacific Day, held at the Merredin Military Museum,

The service acknowledged the heroism and battles fought by Australians during WW11, The final surrender of Imperial Japan on August 15, 1945 marked the official end of WW11

In a very small way the world is facing another battle - this time together. That battle being Covid 19.

As our Premier Mr Mark McGowan announced today, due to the latest health advice, Phase 4 will be extended for another 2 months.

The Merredin community over the last 5 months has demonstrated our amazing ability to come together, to support each other, through these unprecedented times and we will continue to do so in the times ahead.

Once again I thank our community, the staff of the Shire of Merredin and the councillors for your vigilance and leadership.

Let's not be complacent.

10.	Rece	Receipt of Minutes of Committee Meetings					
10.1	9 Ju	Wheatbelt Eastern District Health Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2020 Attachment 10.1A					
		Voting Requirements					
	Simple Majority			Absolute Majority			
Office	er's Re	commendation / Resolution					
Move	d: C	r Patroni	Secon	ded:	Cr Billing		
82586	T	That the Minutes of the following Committees be received:					
	 Wheatbelt Eastern District Health Advisory Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2020. 						

CARRIED 9/o

11. Recommendations from Committee Meetings for Council consideration

Nil

12.	Officers' Reports - Development Services				
	Councillor Boehme Impartiality Interest in this Item 12.1. Councillor Billing declared a Financial Interest in this Item 12.1.				
	Councillor Billing left the meeting at 4.41pm.				
12.1	Lot 7 (No 19) Pioneers Road Proposed Garage and Associated R-Codes				

Development	t Services	SHIRE OF MERREDIN INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT	
Responsible Officer:	Peter Zenni, EMDS		
Author:	Peter Zenni, EMDS		
Legislation:	Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6.		
File Reference:	A2701		
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil		
Attachments:	<u>Attachment 12.1A</u> – Application for Development Approval (R-Code Variation), associated plans and specifications		

	Purpose of Report	
Execut	tive Decision Le	gislative Requirement
	Background	

The Shire of Merredin has received an application for development (planning) approval relating to the construction of a proposed garage and associated R-Codes variation on Lot 7 (No 19) Pioneers Road, Merredin.

Comment

Wayne's Design & Drafting have submitted an application for development (planning) approval to allow the construction of a garage on Lot 7 (No 19) Pioneers Road, Merredin.

Garages and other outbuildings associated with an existing dwelling are normally exempt from requiring development (planning) approval from the local authority, subject to compliance with the Residential Design Codes (R-Codes) setback requirements.

Clause 5.2.1 of the Residential Design Codes relates to setbacks for garages and carports and states as follows;

Deemed-to-comply

Development satisfies the following deemed-to-comply requirements- C1.1 Garages setback 4.5m from the primary street except that the setback may be reduced:

- i. In accordance with Figure 8b where the garage adjoins a dwelling provided the garage is at least 0.5m behind the dwelling alignment (excluding any porch, verandah or balcony); or.
- ii. To 3m where the garage allows vehicles to be parked parallel to the street. The wall parallel to the street must include openings.

The proposed development does not comply with the Deemed to Comply provisions of the R-Codes and as such it requires development approval from Council. Council can use its discretion and approve the development incorporating an R-Codes variation in accordance with the R-Codes Design Principles (performance-based criteria). Which stipulate the following;

Design Principles

Development demonstrates compliance with the following design principles (P) P1 The setting back of carports and garages to maintain clear sight lines along the street and not to detract from the streetscape or appearance of dwellings; or obstruct views of dwellings from the street and vice versa.

The applicant in support of the proposed R-Codes variation provides the following information;

"The proposed garage is for the last lot along the street, with the street being a cul-de-sac, no through road. There is therefore no pedestrian, or continuing vehicle traffic that would otherwise warrant a 4.5. setback to maintain clear sight lines along the street.

The proposed garage is to be attached to the existing house on the east side by way of a wall that continues the same cladding profile and colour, with two highlight windows in the wall. This provides visual appearance from the street that the garage is part of the house. The lot is 21.83m wide with the majority of the house being the primary focus point, not the garage.

The approval of this R-Codes variation will not set a precedent for other properties to have the same. The development on this lot is a unique circumstance with the house being the last house at the end of a cul-de-sac."

The EMDS has discussed this application in detail with representatives from the Western Australian Planning Commission and supports the granting of an R-Codes variation in this case, on the following basis;

The R-Codes Design Principles allow for an R-Codes variation to the Deemed to Comply provisions on the basis that the proposed outbuilding location will not detract from the streetscape or the visual amenity of residents or neighbouring properties.

The proposed garage have minimal impact on sight lines or the visual amenity of the surrounding area as it will be located on the last block forming part of a cul-

de-sac. There is no scope for the creation of additional residential lots that would be affected by the development as the lot in question adjoins Pioneer Cemetery. Owners of the adjacent properties have confirmed in writing that they have no objection to the construction of the proposed garage on Lot 7 (No 19) Pioneers Road, Merredin.

Road, Merredin.				
	Policy Implications			
Nil				
	Statutory Implications			
Compliance v	vith the Planning and Development Act 2005			
Compliance v	with the Building Act 2011			
	Strategic Implications			
> Strate	gic Community Plan			
Zone:	Communication & Leadership			
Zone Statem	ent: Merredin Council engages with its Community and leads by example			
Key Priority:	Ensuring all planning, reporting and resourcing is in accordance with best practice, compliance and statutory requirements			
> Corpor	ate Business Plan			
Key Action:	4.1.1 – Continue to update the Integrated Planning Framework, meet statutory requirements of the Local Government Act and Regulations and regulatory obligations required under other regulations.			
Directorate:	Development Services			
Timeline:	Ongoing			
	Sustainability Implications			
Strategic Resource Plan				
Nil				

Workforce Plan			
Directorate:	Nil		
Activity:	Nil		
Current Staff:	Nil		
Focus Area:	Nil		
Strategy Code:	Nil		
Strategy:	Nil		
Implications:	Nil		
R	isk Implications		
Nil			

y	0				
		Financial Implications	5		
Developm	nent	application fees have	been paid.		
		Voting Requirements	5		
Sim	ple	Majority		Absolu	ute Majority
Officers' I	Reco	ommendation / Resolu	tion		
Moved:	Cr	Boehme	Sec	onded:	Cr Van Der Merwe
82587	Tŀ	nat Council:			
	1)	Grants development (planning) approval for the construction of the proposed garage and associated R-Codes variation on Lot 7 (No 19) Pioneers Road, Merredin, as outlined in attachment 12.1A;			
	2)	2) Advises the applicant that the granting of development approval does not constitute a building permit, and that an application for a building permit must be submitted to the Shire of Merredin and be approved before any building work can commence on site;			
	3)	a building permit for Lot 7 (No 19) Pioneer	the constructs Road, Mean Netionce wit	uction o rredin, a th the r	lopment Services to issue f the proposed garage on is outlined in attachment elevant provisions of the struction Code (BCA).

CARRIED 8/o

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Councillor Billing re – entered the meeting at 4.44pm.

12.2	Lot 503 Gabo Avenue Merredin Request to Extend the Time to Determine Development Application Relating to CBH Grain Handling Facilities.			
	Development	t Services		
Respo	nsible Officer:	Peter Zenni, EMDS		
Author:		Peter Zenni, EMDS		
Legislation:		Planning and Development Act 2005 Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6.		
File Reference:		A9247		
Disclosure of Interest:		Nil		
Attach	nments:	<u>Attachment 12.2A</u> – Development Application and Related Correspondence		

	Purpose of Report	
Execut	ive Decision	Legislative Requirement
	Background	

The Shire of Merredin has received a formal request from Mr Tim Dolling, on behalf of CBH to extend the statutory timeframe to determine the development application and the associated deletion of a development condition as previously lodged by CBH relating to the CBH grain handling facility located at Lot 503 Gabo Avenue Merredin, to 30th September 2020.

Comment

In response to an application from Mr Tim Dolling lodged on behalf of Co-operative Bulk Handling (CBH) for an extension to an existing Temporary Development Approval for development at the CBH grain handling facility located at Lot 503 Gabo Avenue Merredin relating to the upgrade of the existing CBH receival and storage facilities, as well as an associated request for deletion of condition 2 forming part of the original Temporary Development Approval, The Shire of Merredin Council considered the matter as a confidential item at the Special Council meeting held on 28th July 2020, where it resolved as follows;

Cr Ref: 82583 That Council Resolves:

- 1. The information be received;
- 2. The application submitted by CBH for an extension as well as amendment to the current temporary Development Approval be brought back to Council for its consideration at the ordinary meeting of Council in August 2020, and
- 3. The Shire CEO in consultation with the Shire President, with appropriate technical support, be authorised to negotiate with CBH to develop a mutually acceptable agreement on a strict confidentiality basis to address road related infrastructure upgrades for consideration by Council.'

In line with the above Council resolution the Shire CEO has made initial contact with senior representatives from CBH.

The application for an extension to the existing Temporary Development Approval was formally lodged on the 26^{th} June 2020. The Shire of Merredin has a statutory timeframe of 60 days to consider the application, unless this timeframe is extended by agreement in writing by both the parties the application is automatically deemed to be refused with potential subsequent appeals to SAT.

On the 2nd July 2020, the Shire also received a written request to delete condition 2 forming part of the temporary Development Approval.

Clause 75 of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015, states the following;

Time for deciding application for development approval

- (1) The local government must determine an application for development approval
 - (a) If the application is advertised under clause 64 or a copy of the application is provided to a statutory, public or planning authority under clause 66 within 90 days of the receipt of the application; or
 - (b) Otherwise within 60 days of the receipt of the application and the material that is required to accompany the application referred to in clause 63; or
 - (c) In either case within a longer time agreed in writing between the applicant and the local government.
- (2) If the local government has not made the determination in the time referred to in subclause (1) the local government is to be taken to have refused to grant the development approval.

Given the commencement of the negotiation process between Shire of Merredin and CBH representatives, it is beneficial to extend the statutory timeframe to determine the development application and the associated deletion of a development condition as previously lodged by CBH relating to the CBH grain handling facility located at Lot 503 Gabo Avenue Merredin, to 30th September 2020.

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Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Compliance with the Shire of Merredin Town Planning Scheme No.6

Compliance with the Planning and Development Act 2005

Strategic Implications				
> Strategic Co	Strategic Community Plan			
Zone:	Communication & Leadership			
Zone Statement:	Merredin Council engages with its Community and leads by example			
Key Priority:	Ensuring all planning, reporting and resourcing is in accordance with best practice, compliance and statutory requirements			
> Corporate B	Business Plan			
Key Action:	4.1.1 – Continue to update the Integrated Planning Framework, meet statutory requirements of the Local Government Act and Regulations and regulatory obligations required under other regulations.			
Directorate:	Development Services			
Timeline:	Ongoing			
Sustainability Implications				
Strategic Resource Plan				
Nil				

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Plan				
Nil				
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Risk Implications

Nil

Financial Implications

The relevant application fees have been paid.

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	Voting Requirements		
Sin	nple Majority	Absolute Majority	
Officer's	Recommendation / Resolution		
Moved:	Cr Boehme	Seconded: Cr Butler	

82588 That Council;

- Agree to the CBH request to extend the statutory timeframe to determine the development application and the associated deletion of a development condition as previously lodged by CBH relating to the CBH grain handling facility located at Lot 503 Gabo Avenue Merredin, to 30th September 2020.
- 2. Notify CBH in writing of Councils resolution to extend the above timeframe.

CARRIED 9/0

Councillor Patroni declared an Impartiality Interest in this Item 12.3.

12.3 Proposed Light Industrial Scheme Amendment Ptn Lot 301 Adamson Road, Merredin

Development Services			
Peter Zenni, EMDS			
Paul Bashall, Planwest (WA) Pty Ltd			
Local Planning Scheme No 6 – Amendment No 7			
A5001			
Nil			
Attachment 12.3A – Associated Documentation			
	Peter Zenni, EMDS Paul Bashall, Planwest (Local Planning Scheme A5001 Nil		

	Purpose of Report	
Execut	ive Decision	Legislative Requirement
	Background	

INTRODUCTION

The Shire of Merredin seeks the WA Planning Commission's support and the Hon. Minister's approval to a Scheme Amendment that seeks to rezone portion of Lot 301 Adamson Rd, Merredin from 'General Farming' to 'Light Industry'; and Re-classifying the portion of Adamson Rd, Merredin fronting Lots 301 & 525 from Local Scheme Reserve 'Parks and Recreation', 'Light Industry' zone and 'General Farming' zone to 'No Zone'.

BACKGROUND

This Amendment has been requested by McIntosh & Son, a major machinery sales and service provider and employer for the town and the region. The Company established a branch in Merredin in 2016, and now considers that the lot on which the business operates is insufficient for its long-term needs.

The applicant confirms that Merredin is an important regional centre with a demonstrated need for a full range of agricultural machinery, equipment, parts and servicing. The purpose of this proposal is to secure the long-term future of McIntosh & Son. Securing and supporting the growth of such businesses is consistent with Council's Local Planning Strategy and its Strategic Community Plan.

The location of this site is ideal as it adjoins an existing light industrial estate and will have only one neighbour on both the northern and eastern sides. It will also

have good and close access to the main road system without requiring direct access to it.

The second part of this Amendment is to remove the reservation and zonings from Adamson Road reserve. This is a corrective procedure as the reservation and zonings should not extend into the road reserve.

The overall size of Lot 301 is 99.9ha, with the portion proposed to be excised and rezoned is approximately 13.27ha in area. Lot 301 is owned by Mr Arthur Adamson with a contract of sale to McIntosh Holdings Pty Ltd for the portion proposed to be rezoned.

LOCATION

Lot 301 is located at the eastern end of the Merredin townsite, adjoining an existing light industrial area that separates it from the residential and commercial parts of the townsite. **Figure 1** provides a location plan of the proposed site in relation to the Merredin Townsite area.

FIGURE 1 – LOCATION PLAN



Source: Landgate, Planwest

The subject land has frontage to Adamson Rd on its southern side. Adamson Rd is constructed to an unsealed standard along the property frontage. It is also proposed to have a 2m frontage to a 10m wide reserve (R48082 or Lot 1333) which contains power lines leading from McKenzie Crescent to the farmhouse on Lot 301.

Figure 2 shows an aerial photograph of the whole property with Scheme 6 classifications overlaid. **Figure 3** shows a closer view of the land to be rezoned.

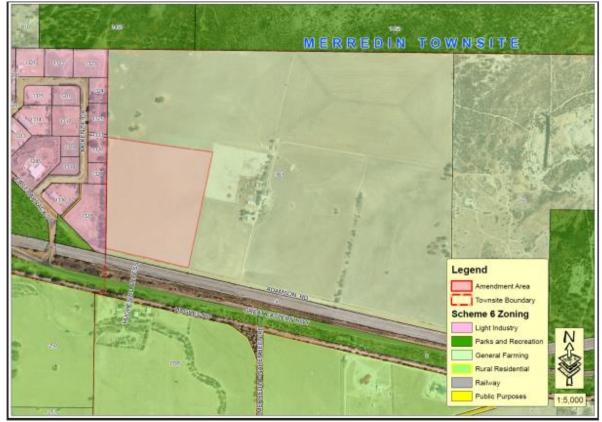


FIGURE 2 – PROPERTY PLAN

Source: Nearmap, Landgate, Planwest

FIGURE 3 – SUBJECT LAND



Source: Nearmap, Landgate, Planwest

EXISTING DEVELOPMENT

As can be seen in **Figure 3**, Lot 301 is a cleared site used for agricultural purposes (cropping). It contains a dwelling and supporting outbuildings. The portion proposed to be excised and rezoned contains none of the existing infrastructure. The existing house will be approximately 160m east of the eastern edge of the area proposed to be rezoned.

To the north of the proposed rezoning area is an existing cropping area that will remain as part of the balance 86ha (approx.) farm. To the west is the existing industrial estate. To the south, on the other side of Adamson Rd, is a railway and then Great Eastern Hwy reserves.

EXISTING LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME

The subject land is currently zoned General Farming and abuts an existing Light Industry area. The land on the south side of Great Eastern Highway is zoned Rural Residential and is likely to be developed with a few houses in the future. As the uses within the light industrial area must not have any undue impact on sensitive uses, the proposal is not likely to affect any of the surrounding uses.

As can be seen in **Figure 2** the land abutting the north side of Lot 301 is reserved for Parks and Recreation.

The amendment is considered to be a Standard Amendment as suggested by the applicant.

EXISTING LOCAL PLANNING STRATEGY

The existing Strategy does not earmark this area for any change of use however the proposal appears to have some merit. Although the proposal is outside the townsite boundary, this has little impact on the practical use of the land in the future.

It is recommended that - if the Council adopts this amendment, and the amendment reached final approval - that the Local Planning Strategy be adjusted to reflect this change.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

The applicant states that the land can be serviced with water, power and communications. The applicant has recently submitted a subdivision application to amalgamate the subject land with Lot 525 (see separate report). Indications from the WA Planning Commission officers are that both the subdivision and rezoning will be supported.

Although the applicant has also indicated that the property will be amalgamated with an adjoining lot (Lot 525) to provide constructed road frontage to the newly zoned area, there is no guarantee that this will occur. It is important that the Council is not obligated to construct Adamson Road to service the newly zoned area if the subdivision does not eventuate, as this for the benefit of a single owner at the cost of the ratepayers.

There is no obligation for the owner to subdivide the newly zoned area before it can be used for light industrial uses.

The Scheme amendment process is completely separate from the subdivision of land. The provision of a constructed road frontage is normally imposed as a condition of subdivision, as a scheme amendment cannot impose conditions for servicing.

In the outside event that the subdivision does not eventuate, but the rezoning does, the Council could impose a condition on the development approval (DA) of the newly zoned area that requires Adamson Road to be constructed. Although not preferable, this is an option.

EPA REFERRAL

On 24th April 2020 the Amendment was referred to the EPA in accordance with section 81 of the Planning and Development Act 2005. On 13th May the EPA determined that the Amendment need not be assessed (and is clear to proceed). **Attachment A** provides a copy of this advice.

ADVERTISING

On 5th June 2020 the Amendment was advertised in the Phoenix paper that is circulated in the area inviting submissions until 20th July 2020 (about 46 days)

Attachment B provides a copy of this advertisement. Advice of the Amendment was forwarded to the following;

- AR Adamson
- BP & MN Bartlett
- D & H Adamson
- Department of Health
- DFES
- DMV Jelinek
- DPLH
- Main roads WA
- Mcintosh Holdings Pty Ltd
- PK & SM Bartlett
- PTAWA
- Quantum Super Investments Pty Ltd
- Rainday Pty Ltd
- Telstra
- WA Land Authority
- Water Corporation
- Western Power

SUBMISSIONS

During the advertising period the Council received seven submissions. None of the submissions opposed the Amendment. A copy of these submissions is included in **Attachment C**.

A schedule of these submissions, including a summary and recommendations, is contained in **Attachment D**.

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Compliance with the Planning and Development Act 2005

Compliance with the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No.6

Strategic Implications			
Strategic Community Plan			
Zone:	Economy & Growth		
Zone Statement:	Merredin Seeks new opportunities for growth and strives to develop rich and multifaceted economy.		
Key Priority:	2.3 Supporting initiatives from local businesses for growth		
> Corporate B	usiness Plan		
Key Action:	4.1.1 – Continue to update the Integrated Planning Framework, meet statutory requirements of the Local Government Act and Regulations and regulatory obligations required under other regulations.		
Directorate:	Development Services		
Timeline:	Ongoing		
Sustainability Implications			
Strategic Resource Plan			

Nil

> Workforce Plan

Directorate:	Nil
Activity:	Nil
Current Staff:	Nil
Focus Area:	Nil
Strategy Code:	Nil
Strategy:	Nil
Implications:	Nil

		Risk Implications
Nil		
		Financial Implications
Nil		
		Voting Requirements
Sir	nple	Majority Absolute Majority
Officer's	Rec	ommendation / Resolution
Moved:	Cr	McKenzie Seconded: Cr Van Der Merwe
82589	Th	 at Council; 1. Notes all seven submissions received during the advertising period for the Shire of Merredin Local Planning Scheme No 6 – Amendment No 7. 2. Supports the Scheme Amendment No 7 without modification in accordance with regulation 50 (3) (a) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes)Regulations 2015. 3. Authorises the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign the Scheme Amendment No7 documentation and attach the Shire of Merredin Common Seal on behalf of Council. 4. Requests the WA Planning Commission; consider the attached documents; convey its support for the Amendment by submitting the documents and recommendations to the Minister in accordance with section 87(1) of the Act.
		CARRIED 9/o

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13. Officers' Reports - Engineering Services

Nil

14. Officers' Reports – Corporate and Community Services

14.1 List of Accounts Paid

Corporate Services		
Responsible Officer:	Charlie Brown, EMCS	
Author:	Charlie Brown, EMCS	
Legislation:	Local Government Act 1995; Local Government (Financial Management)Regulations 1996	
File Reference:	Nil	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments: <u>Attachment 14.1A</u> - List of Accounts Paid		

	Purpose of Report	
Executive Decision		Legislative Requirement
	Background	

The attached List of Accounts Paid during the month of July under Delegated Authority is provided for Council's information.

 Comment

 Nil

 Policy Implications

 Nil

 Statutory Implications

As outlined in the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Strategic Implications

Strategic Community Plan		
Zone:	Zone 4 – Communication & Leadership	
Zone Statement:	Merredin Council engages with its Community and leads by example.	
Key Priority:	4.1 – Ensuring all planning, reporting and resourcing is in accordance with best practice, compliance and statutory requirements.	
Corporate Business Plan		
Key Action:	4.1.1 – Continue to update the Integrated Planning Framework, meet statutory requirements of the Local Government Act and Regulations and regulatory obligations required under other regulations.	
Directorate:	Corporate Services	
Timeline:	Ongoing	
Sust	tainability Implications	
Strategic Resource Plan		

Compliance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* and to also give Council some direction regarding its management of finance over an extended period of time.

> Workfo	orce Plan	
Directorate:	Nil	
Activity:	Nil	
Current Staff:	Nil	
Focus Area:	Nil	
Strategy Code	e: Nil	
Strategy:	Nil	
Implications:	Nil	
	Risk Implications	

Council would be contravening the *Local Government Act 1995* and *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996* should this item not be presented to Council.

Financial Implications

All liabilities settled have been in accordance with the Annual Budget provisions.

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Voting Requirements		
Simple Majority	Absolute Majority	
Officer's Recommendation / Resolution		
Moved: Cr Patroni	Seconded: Cr McKenzie	

82590 That the schedule of accounts paid as listed, covering cheques, EFT's, bank charges, directly debited payments and wages, as numbered and totalling \$767,142.45 from Council's Municipal Fund Bank Account and \$1,108.01, from Council's Trust Account be endorsed by Council.

CARRIED 9/0

14.2Statement of Financial Activity

Corporate S	Services	
Responsible Officer:	Charlie Brown, EMCS	
Author:	Charlie Brown, ECMS	
Legislation:	Local Government Act 1995; Local Government (Financial Management)Regulations 1996	
File Reference:	Nil	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 14.2A - Statement of Financial Activity	
	Attachment 14.2B – Detailed Statements	
	Attachment 14.2C – Monthly Investment Report	
Attachment 14.2D – Capital Works		

	Purpose of Report		
Executive Decision Legislative Requirement			
	Background		
The Statement of Financial Activity, which includes the Detailed Schedules,			
Statement of Financial Activity, Current Ratios, Capital Expenditure Report, and			
Investment Register, are attached for Council's information.			

Comment

The statements are in a slightly different format this year, with a more detailed summary sheet on page 3. Attachment 14.2 (D) is the breakdown of all capital expenditure and how those works are funded for your information.

Capital Expenditure

A detailed look at capital expenditure can be found in note 8.

Policy Implications

Nil

As outlined in the Local Government Act 1995 and Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Strategic Implications			
Strategic Co	Strategic Community Plan		
Zone:	Zone 4 – Communication & Leadership		
Zone Statement:	Merredin Council engages with its Community and leads by example.		
Key Priority:	4.1 – Ensuring all planning, reporting, and resourcing is in		
	accordance with best practice, compliance and statutory requirements.		
Corporate B	Corporate Business Plan		
Key Action:	4.1.1 – Continue to update the Integrated Planning Framework, meet statutory requirements of the Local Government Act and Regulations and regulatory obligations required under other regulations.		
Directorate:	Corporate Services		
Timeline:	Ongoing		
Sust	Sustainability Implications		
Strategic Resource Plan			

Compliance with the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996* and to give Council some direction in regard to its management of finance over an extended period of time.

> Workforce Plan

Directorate:	Nil
Activity:	Nil
Current Staff:	Nil
Focus Area:	Nil
Strategy Code:	Nil
Strategy:	Nil
Implications:	Nil

Risk Implications

The Financial Activity report is presented monthly and provides a retrospective picture of the activities at the Shire. Contained within the report is information pertaining to the financial cost and delivery of strategic initiatives and key projects.

To mitigate the risk of budget over-runs or non-delivery of projects, the Chief Executive Officer has implemented internal control measures such as regular Council and management reporting and a quarterly process to monitor financial performance against budget estimates. Materiality reporting thresholds have been established at half the adopted Council levels, which equate to \$10,000 for operating budget line items and \$10,000 for capital items, to alert management prior to there being irreversible impacts.

It should also be noted that there is an inherent level of risk of misrepresentation of the financials through either human error or potential fraud. The establishment of control measures through a series of efficient systems, policies and procedures, which fall under the responsibility of the CEO as laid out in the *Local Government (Financial Management Regulations) 1996* regulation 5, seek to mitigate the possibility of this occurring. These controls are set in place to provide daily, weekly, and monthly checks to ensure that the integrity of the data provided is reasonably assured.

Financial Implications

be received.

The adoption on the Monthly Financial Report is retrospective. Accordingly, the financial implications associated with adopting the Monthly Financial Report are nil.

Voting Requirements				
Simple Majority Absolute Majority				
Officer's Recommendation / Resolution				
Moved:	Cr Flockart Seconded: Cr Patroni			
82591	That in accordance with Regulation 34 of the <i>Local Government</i> <i>(Financial Management) Regulations 1996</i> , the Statement of Financial Activity and the Investment Report for the period ending 31 July 2020			

CARRIED 9/o

14.3 Appointment of Bush Fire Control Officer

Corporate S	Services	SHIRE OF MERREDIN INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT
Responsible Officer:	Andrina Prnich, DCEO	
Author:	Stacey Jaskiewicz, Ranger	
Legislation:	Bush Fires Act 1954	
File Reference:	Es1/1	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Attachment 14.3A – Fire Control Officer Certificate	

	Purpose of Report		
Executive Decision Legislative Requirement		Legislative Requirement	
	Background		

Appointment of Fire Control Officer

Pursuant to Section 38 of the Bush Fires Act 1954,

Local government may appoint bush fire control officer

(1) A local government may from time to time appoint such persons as it thinks necessary to be its bush fire control officers under and for the purposes of this Act, and of those officers shall subject to section 38A(2) appoint 2 as the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer who shall be first and second in seniority of those officers, and subject thereto may determine the respective seniority of the other bush fire control officers appointed by it.

(2A) The local government shall cause notice of an appointment made under the provisions of subsection (1) to be published at least once in a newspaper circulating in its district.

At the 19 May 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, an item was presented to Council recommending:

2. That, in accordance with Sections 38(1) and 38(2A) of the Bush Fire Act 1954, appoint Ms Stacey Jaskiewicz as a fire control officer for the Shire of Merredin and give notice of the appointment by publishing it in a newspaper circulated in the district

At the meeting, the TCEO advised that he wished to withdraw Recommendation 2 in order to give further consideration to necessary training.

Comment

Appointment of Fire Control Officer

Ms Stacey Jaskiewicz was appointed as the Shire of Merredin Ranger in March 2020. The Ranger position requires active involvement in fire control and other emergency service duties.

It is proposed that Council authorise Ms Jaskiewicz as a Fire Control Officer (FCO) for the Shire of Merredin. Following discussion with the officer regarding prior training, the Temporary Chief Executive Officer is satisfied that the appropriate training has been completed. In addition, other optional training recommended by DFES includes the Bush Fire Fighting Course and Introduction to Bush Fires course which are yet to be scheduled. These will be booked in as soon as available.

The restricted burning permit periods will occur between 16 September to 31 October 2020 and, 18 February to 16 March 2021. In anticipation, the appointment of Ms Jaskiewicz as an FCO will ensure the employment of a paid FCO within the Shire's workforce.

Appointment of the Ranger as a FCO will also enable the officer to exercise various special powers under Section 39 of the Bush Fire Act 1954 including to enter land, buildings or private property, issue permits to burn and take the necessary actions to ensure that fire breaks are maintained. This is key to ensuring successful and timely completion of fire break inspections and issuing of permits in the upcoming peak season.

	olicy Implications		
Nil			
	Statutory Implications		
Nil			
	Strategic Implications		
> Strate	gic Community Plan		
	Zone 1 - Merredin is rich in cultural diversity, performing and fine arts and a variety of sports available for both residents and visitors		
Key Priority:	1.5 - Building resilience and the capacity to manage natural and man-made emergency events		
> Corpor	ate Business Plan		
Key Action: Directorate: Timeline:	1.5.2 - Support local emergency services Community Services Ongoing		

Sustainability Implications

Strategic Resource Plan

The Strategic Resource Plan includes consideration of resourcing for Fire Prevention and Other Law, Order and Public Safety.

Workforce Plan

Directorate:	Community Services	
Activity:	Ranger Services	
Current Staff:	1 FTE	
Focus Area:	3.0 – Enhance the workplace safety culture	
Strategy Code:	3.6	
Strategy: Ensuring that all staff are adequately trained in wo		
	safety	
Implications:	No further implications to existing Ranger resourcing	
Ris	k Implications	

Appointment of Fire Control Officer

The appointment of the Fire Control Officer, will ensure a paid member of staff is responsible for issuing various permits to burn, undergoing firebreak inspections, thus minimising the likelihood of any major or catastrophic fire events within the local government area.

Financial Implications

If a fire incident were to occur outside of normal business hours, and the Ranger, in their FCO position was required to attend the event, the time spent by the Ranger would paid as 'over-time' or added to their 'time-in-lieu'.

Vot	ing Requirements			
Simple Majority		Absolute Majority		
Officer's Recomm	endation / Resolution			
Moved: Cr McKe	enzie	Secon	ded:	Cr Willis

82592 That Council, in accordance with Sections 38(1) and 38(2A) of the Bush Fire Act 1954, appoint Ms Stacey Jaskiewicz as a fire control officer for the Shire of Merredin and give notice of the appointment by publishing it in a newspaper circulated in the district.

CARRIED 9/0

15. Officers' Reports – Administration

15.1 Voting Delegates to the 2020 WALGA Annual General Meeting

Administi	ration	SHIRE OF MERREDIN INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT
Responsible Officer:	Mark Dacombe, T/CEO	
Author:	Melissa Ivanetz, EA to CEO	
Legislation:	Nil	
File Reference:	Nil	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	

Purpose of Report	
Executive Decision	Legislative Requirement

Background

All Member Councils are entitled to be represented by 2 voting delegates at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of WALGA. The AGM is generally held during the Local Government Conference in the first week September 2020.

WALGA has called for registrations for the voting delegates and proxy voting delegates. Only registered delegates or proxy registered delegates are permitted to exercise voting entitlements on behalf of Member Councils.

Comment

Traditionally the voting delegates for the Shire of Merredin have been the representatives on the WALGA Great Eastern Country Zone, in this case Councillor Flockart and Councillor Willis.

The program for the Annual General Meeting has recently been released, and as registrations for the Meeting as a whole are yet to be submitted Council may wish to nominate other Councillors as its voting delegates and proxy voting delegates.

Policy Implications

	Statutory Implications
Nil	
	Strategic Implications
> Strateg	gic Community Plan
Zone:	Nil
Zone Statem	ent: Nil
Key Priority:	Nil
Corpor	ate Business Plan
Strategy:	Nil
Action#:	Nil
Action:	Nil
Directorate:	Nil
Timeline:	Nil
	Sustainability Implications
> Strateg	gic Resource Plan
Nil	

> Workfo	orce Plan	
Directorate:	Nil	
Activity:	Nil	
Current Staff	: Nil	
Focus Area:	Nil	
Strategy Cod	e: Nil	
Strategy:	Nil	
Implications:	Nil	
	Risk Implications	
Nil		

		Financial Implications	
Nil			
		Voting Requirements	
	Simple	Majority	Absolute Majority

Officer's Recommendation / Resolution

Moved: Cr Patroni Seconded: Cr Boehme

82593 That Councillor Flockart and Councillor Willis be appointed as voting delegates and Temporary Chief Executive Officer Mark Dacombe as proxy voting delegate, at the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the WA Local Government Association and those registrations be submitted accordingly.

CARRIED 9/0

EMCS, C Brown declared a Financial Interest in this Item 15.2.

EMCS, C Brown left the meeting at 4.54pm.

15.2 Designated Senior Employees

Administ	ration	SHIRE OF MERREDIN INNOVATING THE WHEATBELT
Responsible Officer:	Mark Dacombe, T/CEO	
Author:	Mark Dacombe, TCEO	
Legislation:	Local Government Act	1995
File Reference:	Nil	
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil	
Attachments:	Nil	

	Purpose of Report	
Execut	tive Decision	Legislative Requirement
	Background	

Council Policy 1.2 Senior Employees currently designates the following positions as Senior Employees:

Chief Executive Officer

Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Executive Manager Engineering Services

Executive Manager Development Services.

Comment

The position of Executive Manager Corporate Services is also a member of the Senior Management Group reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer. There is no recorded reason why this position is not currently a "Designated Senior Employee". It appears to be an oversight that should be corrected for the sake of consistency.

Policy Implications

It is proposed to amend Policy 1.2 Senior Employees to include the position of Executive Manager Corporate Services.

Statutory Implications

Section 5.37 of the Local Government Act 1995 provides:

(1) A local government may designate employees or persons belonging to a class of employee to be senior employees.

(2) The CEO is to inform the council of each proposal to employ or dismiss a senior employee, other than a senior employee referred to in section 5.39(1a), and the council may accept or reject the CEO's recommendation but if the council rejects a recommendation, it is to inform the CEO of the reasons for its doing so.

(3) Unless subsection (4A) applies, if the position of a senior employee of a local government becomes vacant, it is to be advertised by the local government in the manner prescribed, and the advertisement is to contain such information with respect to the position as is prescribed.

(4A) Subsection (3) does not require a position to be advertised if it is proposed that the position be filled by a person in a prescribed class.

(4) For the avoidance of doubt, subsection (3) does not impose a requirement to advertise a position where a contract referred to in section 5.39 is renewed.

	Strategic Implications	
> Strateg	Strategic Community Plan	
Zone:	Nil	
Zone Statem	ent: Nil	
Key Priority:	Nil	
> Corpor	ate Business Plan	
Strategy:	Nil	
Action#:	Nil	
Action:	Nil	
Directorate:	Nil	
Timeline:	Nil	
	Sustainability Implications	
Strateg	gic Resource Plan	
Nil		
> Workfo	orce Plan	
Directorate:	Nil	
Activity:	Nil	
Current Staff	: Nil	
Focus Area:	Nil	
Strategy Cod	e: Nil	
Strategy:	Nil	
Implications:	Nil	
	Risk Implications	

Nil					
		Financial Implications			
Nil					
		Voting Requirements			
	Simple	e Majority		Absol	ute Majority
Office	er's Rec	commendation / Resolution			
Move	d: Cr	Boehme	Secor	nded:	Cr McKenzie
82594	Th	at the Council:			
	Pu				ernment Act 1995 designate prate Services as a "Senior

Employee" and amend Policy 1.2 Senior Employees accordingly. CARRIED 9/0

EMCS, C Brown re – entered the meeting at 4.55pm. Justin Friend entered the meeting at 4.55pm.

Councillor Billing declared a Financial Interest in this Item 15.3. Councillor Billing left the meeting at 4.56pm.

15.3 Delegation to Chief Executive Officer – Council Facility Hire Charges

Administ	ration SHIRE OF MERREDIN
Responsible Officer:	Mark Dacombe, T/CEO
Author:	Mark Dacombe T/CEO
Legislation:	Nil
File Reference:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	<u>Attachment 15.3A</u> – Extract from Delegations Manual

Purpose of Report

Executive Decision

Legislative Requirement

Background

The Chief Executive Officer currently has delegated authority to waive or discount hire fees for the Cummins Theatre and the Merredin Regional Community and Leisure Centre. These circumstances are limited to events that generally benefit the community and the applicant is a not for profit organisation.

Comment

During the recent strategic community engagement there has been strong support expressed for the Shire to take an active role in supporting and assisting the establishment and growth of businesses in Merredin. While the Council is yet to take decisions on its response to the community sentiment it is apparent that one area where the Council might take a role is in making available currently under utilised assets such as the commercial kitchen at the Cummins Theatre to genuine start up business at a concessional rate in limited circumstances.

It is proposed that the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to waive or discount fees where:

- 1. the request is from a genuine start-up business as evidenced by a completed business plan;
- 2. the proponent is Merredin based and intends the business to be registered in and operate from Merredin;

- 3. the proponent will, in future marketing, acknowledge the support of the Shire of Merredin;
- 4. the premises are left after use in the same clean and tidy condition as at the commencement of the use;
- 5. the proposed use can be scheduled in a manner that does not compromise any existing bookings at the venue;
- 6. the maximum concession under this delegation to any start-up business proponent is \$1,500 in total.

In the event that a proponent wishes to extend the use beyond the scope of this delegation the Council will consider an application on its merits.

Policy Implications

Nil

Statutory Implications

Local Government Act 1995 Section 5.42 & Section 6.12(1)(c)

Stra	ategic Implications
Strategic Co	ommunity Plan
Zone:	2 Economy and Growth
Zone Statement:	Merredin seeks new opportunities for growth and strives to develop a rich and multifaceted economy.
Key Priority:	2.3 Supporting initiatives from local businesses for growth.
Corporate Business Plan	
Strategy:	Supporting initiatives from local businesses for growth
Action#:	2.3.1
Action:	Support the business community to revitalise the CBD to support all business development in Merredin
Directorate:	Chief Executive Officer
Timeline:	On-going
Sustainability Implications	
Strategic Resource Plan	

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Nil
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Workforce Plan

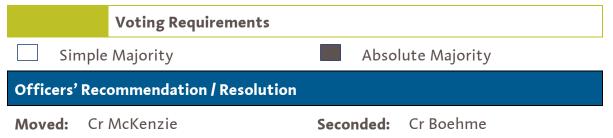
Directorate:	Nil
Activity:	Nil
Current Staff:	Nil
Focus Area:	Nil
Strategy Code:	Nil
Strategy:	Nil
Implications:	Nil

Risk Implications

The key risk is that the initiative will be perceived as providing an unfair competitive advantage to existing businesses. This risk is mitigated by the very limited nature of the concession provided under the delegation. It is targeted at genuine start-up businesses that need facilities to test their business idea and is not intended to provide premises for on-going use.

Financial Implications

As proponents are unlikely to pay the full commercial rate for the hire of the facilities it is expected that this initiative will provide some income that is not currently being received.



82595 That the Council:

1. Adopt Delegation DL4.7A Concessions to Business Start-ups delegating to the Chief Executive Officer:

The authority to make concessions by way of waiver or discount of hire charges for Council facilities up to a maximum of \$1,500 to bona fide start-up businesses to enable them to test their business idea without incurring significant cost.

- 2. Require that the Chief Executive Officer in exercising this delegation to observe the following conditions:
 - a) the proponent must be a genuine start-up business as evidenced by a completed business plan;
 - b) the proponent is Merredin based and intends the business to be registered in and operate from Merredin;
 - c) the proponent will, in future marketing, acknowledge the support of the Shire of Merredin;
 - d) the premises are left after use in the same clean and tidy condition as at the commencement of the use;
 - e) the proposed use can be scheduled in a manner that does not compromise any existing bookings at the venue;
 - f) the maximum concession under this delegation to any start-up business proponent is \$1,500 in total.

3. Note that where a proponent has received the maximum concession under this delegation they are not precluded from submitting an application for further use of the facility to the Council and the request will be considered on its merits.

CARRIED 8/o

Councillor Billing re – entered the meeting at 4.58pm.

15.4 Governance Health Check Review

Administ	ration
Responsible Officer:	Mark Dacombe, T/CEO
Author:	Mark Dacombe, TCEO
Legislation:	Local Government Act 1995; Local Government (Audit)Regulations1996
File Reference:	GR/17/19
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachments:	<u>Attachment 15.4A</u> – Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting 17 March 2020, including Gary Martin's report

Purpose of Report	
Executive Decision	Legislative Requirement

Background

In November 2019 the Council resolved by way of Minute 82474:

That Council authorises the Acting Chief Executive Officer to engage Local Government Consultant Gary Martin to undertake a preliminary governance health assessment of general compliance of the organisation and the appropriateness and effectiveness of the procedures of the Shire.

The then Acting Chief Executive Officer engaged Mr Martin accordingly, including to independently conduct the review work for the 2019 Compliance Audit Return for the purpose of identifying whether any more structured governance review may be desirable.

Mr Martin submitted a single report entitled "Notes to the Review of the Compliance Audit Return Shire of Merredin 2019".

Mr Martin's report was submitted to the 17 March 2020 meeting of the Audit Committee which recommended:

That the Audit Committee recommends to the Council:

1. that it receives the 2019 Compliance Audit Return;

2. that it adopts the 2019 Audit Return for the period 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019 as contained in Attachment 6.1A;

3. that it authorises the Shire President and Chief Executive Officer to sign the joint certification and submit the completed 2019 Compliance Audit Return, and any additional information explaining or quantifying the compliance audit, to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries by 31 March 2020; and 4. that it notes the two areas of non-compliance and the actions being taken by the Chief Executive Officer to address these areas.

The Audit Committee recommendation was adopted by the Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 17 March 2020.

While the Audit Committee recommendation addressed the matter of the Compliance Audit Return it did not formally accept Mr Martin's conclusion that "...the requirement for a wider Governance Review seems unnecessary, unless the Council has any specific objective for such a review".

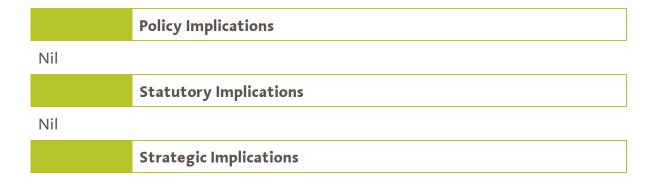
Comment

Mr Martin undertook his initial field work in December 2019. The Compliance Audit work was undertaken between 20th and 23rd January 2020. At that time several key staff with the knowledge to assist the review had either left the employment of the Shire or were on leave. This did cause some initial issues in obtaining the necessary explanations. These were however addressed and all explanations provided to Mr Martin.

Undertaking the Compliance Audit (CAR) work at the same time as the brief to consider the need for a Governance Health Check Review provided Mr Martin with a framework for addressing the assignment. He concluded that "The CAR process has also confirmed that the Shire is basically operating in a sound manner and that the issues identified do not reflect any systemic problem".

Since Mr Martin's report we have completed a review under Regulation 5(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations. This Regulation requires the CEO to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's financial management systems every three years. The report will be submitted to the next meeting of the Audit Committee. The interim annual audit has also been undertaken for the financial year 2019/20.

Given Mr Martin's findings and the subsequent review and audits of the Shire's systems it is recommended that the Council formally conclude the matter by resolving to accept Mr Martin's conclusion that a "wider Governance Review seems unnecessary".



Strategic Co	ommunity Plan
Zone:	Nil
Zone Statement:	Nil
Key Priority:	Nil
Corporate B	usiness Plan
Strategy:	Nil
Action#:	4.1.1
Action:	Continue to update the Integrated Planning Framework, meet statutory requirements of the Local Government Act and Regulations and regulatory obligations required under other regulations.
Directorate:	Corporate Services
Timeline:	Ongoing
Sust	tainability Implications
Strategic Re	esource Plan
Nil	
> Workforce I	Plan
Directorate:	Nil
Activity:	Nil
Current Staff:	Nil
Focus Area:	Nil
Strategy Code:	Nil
Strategy:	Nil
Implications:	Nil
Risk	Implications
The objective of	the CAR is about identifying risks to the organisation where

The objective of the CAR is about identifying risks to the organisation where noncompliant activities may have taken place enabling processes and procedures to be developed or reviewed and amended if required. Undertaking this process together with his own enquiries assisted Mr Martin undertake his preliminary assessment as to whether a wider Governance Health Check was required.

Financial Implications

Nil

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Voting Requirements		
Simple Majority	Absolute Majority	
Officer's Recommendation / Resolution		
Moved: Cr Willis	Seconded: Cr Butler	

82596 That the Council:

Resolves, having considered Mr Gary Martin's conclusions set out in the report entitled "Notes to the Review of the Compliance Audit Return Shire of Merredin 2019", and having noted the other available mandatory regulatory processes for obtaining assurance, that a wider Governance review is unnecessary at this time.

CARRIED 9/0

16.	Motions of which Previous Notice has been given
	Nil
17.	Questions by Members of which Due Notice has been given
	Nil
18.	Urgent Business Approved by the Person Presiding or by Decision
	Nil
19.	Matters Behind Closed Doors
	Nil
20.	Closure
	There being no further business the President then thanked those in

attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5.00pm.

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