

Agenda Briefing Forum – 19 January 2021 Summary

Meeting	Agenda Briefing Forum – for OCM 27 January 2021		
Location	Council Chambers		
Date Time	19 January 2021	Start Time	6:30pm
		Finish Time	7:11pm

1. ATTENDANCE

Members

West Ward

Cr Giorgia Johnson

Central Ward

Cr Steven Ostaszewskyj

Cr Sally Palmer

North Ward

Cr Stephanie Gray

Cr Filomena Piffaretti, Deputy Mayor (Acting Chairperson)

Cr Michelle Sutherland

South Ward

Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

Cr Elli Petersen-Pik (via electronic means)

Officers

Mr Andrew Brien	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Doug Pearson	Director Major Projects
Mr Des Abel	Director Community and Development
Ms Lorraine Driscoll	Director Corporate and Strategy
Mr George Rimpas	A/Director Works and Infrastructure
Ms Cassandra Flanigan	Executive Support/Research Officer
Mr Matt Turner	Planning Manager, Major Projects
Mr Darren Beltman	Manager Governance and Organisational Strategy
Mr Dan West	Acting Manager Sustainability and Environment
Mr Dan Barber	Manager Recreation
Ms Julia Hendley	Assistant Manager Recreation

Apologies

Cr Dan Bull, Mayor (Chairperson) (on approved leave of absence)

Cr Lorna Clarke

Cr Barry McKenna

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST SUMMARY

A member who has an interest in any matter to be discussed at an Agenda Briefing Forum, Council or Committee meeting that will be attended by the member must disclose the nature of the interest -

- (a) in a written notice given to the CEO before the meeting; or
- (b) at the meeting immediately before the matter is discussed.

The following disclosures of interest were made at the Agenda Briefing Forum and will also apply at the Ordinary Council Meeting when the matter is considered:

Name	Item No.	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
Mr George Rimpas, Acting Director Works and Infrastructure	10.4.2	Impartial	My wife is related to the property owner.

3. DEPUTATIONS

1. Exclusion of Robert Thompson Reserve from Skate Park and BMX Strategy

In relation to Item 11.1, Mr Harry Bouzidis was in attendance, speaking on behalf of residents surrounding Robert Thompson Reserve, in support of the Notice of Motion (refer page 328).

4. QUESTIONS FROM ELECTED MEMBERS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following questions were taken on notice at the briefing and responses are provided below to assist Councillors in their deliberations on the matter.

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TAKEN ON NOTICE

1.	Item 10.4.3 - Draft State Planning Policy 4.2: Activity Centres and Implementation Guidelines	
Question(s)		Response / Action
Cr Catherine Ehrhardt		Director Community and Development
Why is the City putting on a submission on this policy but not others out for submissions? Specifically, is the City planning to bring a report to Council with a submission on the draft Dark Sky and Astrotourism Policy which could have implications on street light renewal program?		<p>Generally the City reviews and provide a submission on proposed State planning - policies, position statements, discussion papers, legislative changes and the like, that directly affects/relevant to the City. The draft Activity Centres and Implementation Guidelines affects the City given their impact on the Morley, Maylands, Bayswater and Noranda activity centres.</p> <p>The draft Position Statement – ‘Dark Sky and Astrotourism’ evolved from a project in the Shire of Gingin, which related to</p>

	<p>maintaining a dark sky to ensure the ongoing preservation of astrotourism in the area associated with the Gingin Observatory.</p> <p>The position statement relates primarily to regional areas where, due to their low levels of development and activity, it could be effective to reduce light and dust pollution levels low enough to allow for astronomical observation.</p> <p>The position statement is considered to less relevant to inner urban areas, where it is much more difficult to reach light and dust pollution levels low enough to allow for high quality astronomical observation. City officers enquired with 10 other metropolitan local governments all of who advised that they would not be providing a submission on the position statement as they did not feel it was directly relevant to the metropolitan area.</p> <p>The position statement does however refer to dark sky principles, which can be relevant to the metropolitan area, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principle 1 – Eliminate light spill • Principle 2 – Avoid over lighting • Principle 3 – Use energy efficient bulbs • Principle 4 – Ensure lights are not directed towards reflective surfaces • Principle 5 – Use warm white colours <p>The benefits to the metropolitan area include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An economic benefit from reduced lighting costs; • An environmental benefit from reduced energy consumption; • Reduced lifestyle impacts associated with blue light; • Protecting nocturnal flora and fauna; and • Improving safety by removing shadows and glare. <p>The dark sky principles could be used to improve development on public and private land. In terms of the City's street light renewal program, the principles are considered consistent with matters the City already considers as part of street lighting upgrades, balanced with other considerations such as cost, ongoing maintenance, public safety and environmental impact.</p> <p>It is considered that the dark sky principles are well thought-out and appropriate in the position statement, and accordingly it is not considered necessary for the City to provide a submission in relation to the position statement.</p>
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