



SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of Council was held in the Council Chambers, Welcome Road, Karratha, on Tuesday, 3 March 2026 at 5pm to consider the following items:

RFT0000051 Cleaning Services - Tender Award, and City of Karratha's Position on Electoral Reform.

**VIRGINIA MILTRUP
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



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Signed: _____
Virginia Miltrup - Chief Executive Officer

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (NOTES FOR YOUR GUIDANCE) (updated 13 March 2000)

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:

- (c) Preside at the part of the Meeting, relating to the matter or;
- (d) Participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision-making procedure relative to the matter, unless 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*.

NOTES ON FINANCIAL INTEREST (FOR YOUR GUIDANCE)

The following notes are a basic guide for Councillors when they are considering whether they have a **Financial Interest** in a matter. I intend to include these notes in each agenda for the time being so that Councillors may refresh their memory.

1. A Financial Interest 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 measure in money terms. There are exceptions 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 or 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 in (b) above, 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.
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) or the *Local Government Act*; or
 - 6.2 Where the Minister allows the Councillor to participate under s5.69 (3) of the *Local Government Act*, with or without conditions.

INTERESTS AFFECTING IMPARTIALITY

DEFINITION: *An interest 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 Officer before the Meeting; or
- (b) at the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed.

IMPACT OF AN IMPARTIALITY CLOSURE

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 new 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 existed.

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MINUTES

1 OFFICIAL OPENING

The Meeting opened at 5:01pm.

Mayor Scott acknowledged the traditions of the Ngarluma people, on whose land we are gathered here today.

Mayor Scott notified all attendees that this meeting is being live streamed and recorded.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Councillors:	Cr Daniel Scott [Mayor] Cr Jodie Swaffer [Deputy Mayor] Cr Gillian Furlong Cr Brenton Johannsen Cr Sarah Roots Cr Daiva Gillam Cr Martin Byrne	
Staff:	Virginia Miltrup Emma Landers Chloe Morris Lee Reddell Simon Kot Pieta Bloxsom	Chief Executive Officer Director Community Experience Director Corporate Services Director Development Services Director Projects & Infrastructure Minute Secretary
Apologies:	Cr Tony Simpson Cr Geoff Harris Henry Eaton	Manager Governance
Absent:		
Leave of Absence:		
Members of Public:	1	
Members of Media:		

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

Cr Byrne left the room at 5:01pm

Cr Byrne returned to the room 5:03pm

5 PROJECTS & INFRASTRUCTURE REPORTS

5.1 CLEANING SERVICES – TENDER OUTCOME

File No:	RFT0000051
Responsible Executive Officer:	Director Projects and Infrastructure
Reporting Author:	Manager Asset Maintenance
Date of Report:	21 January 2026
Applicant/Proponent:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Confidential – Tender Evaluation Report 2. Confidential – Evaluation Supplementary Information

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the tender for the Cleaning Services Tender, Number RFT0000051.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Res No: SCM260303-01
MOVED : Cr. Swaffer
SECONDED : Cr. Gillam

That Council go into camera and suspend Standing Orders at 5:05pm to allow for open discussion of Item 5.1 Cleaning services – Tender Outcome.

CARRIED 7/0

FOR	:	Cr Scott, Cr Gillam, Cr Furlong, Cr Johannsen, Cr Swaffer, Cr Bryne, Cr Roots
AGAINST	:	Nil

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Res No: SCM260303-02
MOVED : Cr. Swaffer
SECONDED : Cr. Gillam

That Council to come out of camera and resume Standing Orders at 5:18pm.

CARRIED 7/0

FOR	:	Cr Scott, Cr Gillam, Cr Furlong, Cr Johannsen, Cr Swaffer, Cr Bryne, Cr Roots
AGAINST	:	Nil

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION**Res No: SCM260303-03****MOVED : Cr. Swaffer****SECONDED : Cr. Gillam****That Council:****1. ACCEPT the tenders submitted by:**

- **Karratha Cleaning Pty Ltd ABN 42 143 587 482 for Service Package 2 - Karratha Leisureplex, Service Package 4 - The Quarter Headquarters and Service Package 6 Eastern Corridor Facilities;**
- **Biparn Enterprise Pty Ltd ABN 71 667 100 263 for Service Package 3 - Karratha Airport and Service Package 5 – Administration Facilities; and**
- **Blue Hat Group Pty Ltd T/A Damel Cleaning Services ABN 79 162 991 193 for Service Package 1**

as the most advantageous tenders to form contracts, based on the assessment of the compliance criteria, qualitative criteria and pricing structures offered under RFT0000051 – Cleaning Services; and

2. AUTHORISE the Chief Executive Officer to execute contracts with Karratha Cleaning Pty Ltd, Biparn Enterprise Pty Ltd and Blue Hat Group Pty Ltd T/A Damel Cleaning Services, SUBJECT to any variations of a minor nature.

CARRIED 7/0

FOR : Cr Scott, Cr Gillam, Cr Furlong, Cr Johannsen, Cr Swaffer, Cr Bryne, Cr Roots

AGAINST : Nil

BACKGROUND

This report was presented to Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 23 February 2026, at which time the motion to accept the Officer's Recommendation was lost. Accordingly, the matter is being resubmitted for consideration at a Special Council Meeting. An additional confidential attachment has been prepared to provide supplementary information to support Council's deliberations and should be read in conjunction with the confidential Tender Evaluation Report.

The City of Karratha (the City) is responsible for the provision of cleaning services across a range of Council facilities. The scope of work includes routine, ad-hoc and periodic cleaning services, together with the supply of consumables. To ensure services are aligned with operational requirements and to encourage market participation, the services were structured into six (6) separable service packages:

- Service Package 1: Red Earth Arts Precinct
- Service Package 2: Karratha Leisureplex
- Service Package 3: Karratha Airport
- Service Package 4: The Quarter Headquarters
- Service Package 5: Administration Facilities
- Service Package 6: Eastern Corridor Facilities

In March 2025, Council called for tenders for the provision of cleaning services; however, that process did not result in an award due to probity considerations that affected the fairness of the evaluation process. Administration subsequently reviewed and revised the scope of works to address the identified issues, improve clarity and consistency for tenderers, and

better align service delivery with current operational needs. As part of this revision, the Eastern Corridor facilities were incorporated as Service Package 6 to enable a single, coordinated procurement across all facilities. At its Ordinary Meeting of 27 October 2025, Council resolved to invite tenders for a three (3) year term with two (2) one-year extension options, in accordance with the revised scope of works inclusive of the six (6) service packages.

Tenders were advertised on 19 November 2025 and closed 17 December 2025.

Thirteen (13) tenders were received by the closing date from:

- Biparn Enterprise Pty Ltd
- Blue Hat Group Pty Ltd T/A Damel Cleaning Services
- BSCAA Ltd T/A Maano Traders Pty Ltd
- Comanco Services
- Heneker Holdings T/A Mara Cleaning Services
- HT Cleaning Services Pty Ltd
- JMD FM Pty Ltd
- Karratha Cleaning Pty Ltd
- Karratha Spot On Cleaning
- Naanda Australia
- NOZAS Pty Ltd
- Pilbara Cleaning Services Pty Ltd
- Stadiacorp Pty Ltd

The tenders were evaluated by a five (5)-person panel comprising of:

- Manager Asset Maintenance
- Building Maintenance Coordinator
- Manager Community Programs
- Manager Community Facilities
- Sanitation Supervisor

A Governance Officer – Procurement & Contracts attended the evaluation to ensure appropriate procurement governance and probity oversight was maintained throughout the tender evaluation process.

The tenders were first assessed for compliance with the tender documents. The tenders were then assessed against the qualitative criteria that were weighted. The criteria and associated weightings were:

Criteria	Weighting
Relevant Experience	20%
Methodology	15%
Capacity to Deliver	15%
Sustainability	5%
Price	45%

The Regional Price Preference Policy was applied to eight (8) local tenderers and was assessed on a service package basis in accordance with Council policy. -package basis in accordance with Council policy.

A copy of the Evaluation Report is contained within the confidential section of the agenda.

The Director Projects & Infrastructure and the Chief Executive Officer have endorsed the recommendation.

DISCUSSION

The updated structure and scope of works for the tender, approved by Council at the October 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting, was designed to deliver tailored contracts that meet the specific requirements of each facility, minimise underperformance risk, and ensure consistent, high-quality service. It also broadens supplier participation, driving competitive pricing and improved service outcomes for the City.

This approach proved highly effective, resulting in a substantial increase in submissions from suitably qualified and experienced providers. The revised structure also enabled clearer, more meaningful comparisons between bids, particularly in key assessment areas such as operational readiness, demonstrated capability, and cost-effectiveness.

Following a comprehensive evaluation against the weighted criteria, the recommendation is to award the six (6) Service Packages across three (3) tenderers to maintain service continuity, deliver value for money, and mitigate risk.

Distributing packages among three (3) providers ensures stability in critical areas, introduces innovation where beneficial, and reduces reliance on a single contractor - supporting service quality and resilience across all facilities.

The evaluation and recommended award outcomes are consistent with the objectives and intent of Council's resolution of 27 October 2025, which approved the revised scope of works and tender structure for the cleaning services.

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

In accordance with Council policy CG-8 Significant Decision Making policy, this matter is considered to be of low significance in terms of economic issues, environmental issues and Council's ability to perform its role.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Tenders were called in accordance with Section 3.57 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and associated regulations.

COUNCILLOR/OFFICER CONSULTATION

No Councillor or Officer consultation is required.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

No community consultation is required.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Council Policies CG12 – Purchasing and CG11 – Regional Price Preference are applicable to this matter.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated value of the proposed contracts is slightly above the original budget, reflecting the application of CPI price adjustment mechanisms provided for within the tender documents and proposed contract terms. These mechanisms were included to account for inflationary impacts over the contract term and are consistent with standard industry practice.

The proposed contracts remain affordable within the City's financial framework, and funding for the cleaning services, inclusive of CPI adjustments, was considered and supported by

Council at the time of calling tenders. Detailed contract values and financial analysis are contained within the confidential Tender Evaluation Report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

This item is relevant to the Council's approved Council Plan 2025 - 2035.

- Goal: 4 Our places and spaces are functional, attractive and reflect our unique identity
- Objectives: 4.1 Provide high amenity, well-maintained foreshores, parks, playgrounds, toilet amenities and streetscapes

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The level of risk to the City is considered to be as follows:

Category	Risk level	Comments
Health	Low	High levels of sanitation specified in service standards and performance monitored for compliance.
Financial	Low	Financial impact is considered low as costs are within budget forecasts.
Service Interruption	Moderate	Awarding six service packages across three suppliers increases coordination and transition complexity, creating a moderate risk of service interruption, particularly at contract commencement, despite three packages remaining with incumbent providers. While detailed mobilisation, resourcing, and contingency plans were provided for the remaining packages, the multi-party interfaces and concurrent onboarding activities present a residual risk until mobilisation milestones are successfully achieved.
Environment	Low	Non-hazardous cleaning products specified in contract cleaning services.
Reputation	Low	Maintaining consistent cleaning standards across premium facilities supports the City's public image and community confidence in service delivery.
Compliance	Low	Cleaning contractors to comply with all relevant WHS legislation and standards.

IMPACT ON CAPACITY

There is no impact on capacity or resourcing to carry out the Officer's recommendation.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS

Council has previously awarded contracts for cleaning services under RFT32-20/21 Karratha and Dampier Cleaning Services, RFT13-20/21 Eastern Corridor Cleaning Services and RFT0000014 The Quarter HQ Sanitation Services.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

CONCLUSION

The evaluation panel believes that the recommended tenderers provide the most advantageous overall outcome for the City when the six Service Packages are allocated across three providers, consistent with the evaluation against the published criteria and the tender structure endorsed by Council in October 2025. This distribution maintains service

continuity in key facilities, introduces targeted innovation where beneficial, and reduces reliance on any single contractor, supporting service quality, value for money and resilient delivery across all sites.

6 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

6.1 CITY OF KARRATHA'S POSITION ON ELECTORAL REFORMS

File No:	GV.4
Responsible Executive Officer:	Chief Executive Officer
Reporting Author:	Manager Governance
Date of Report:	24 February 2026
Applicant/Proponent:	Nil
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Attachment(s):	Sector Consultation Electoral Reform Discussion Paper

PURPOSE

For Council to consider its advocacy position on proposed amendments to the Local Government elections provisions, as foreshadowed by the Minister for Local Government.

The CEO remains neutral, and the Officer's Recommendation reflects Councillors' Feedback received at the February Ordinary Council Meeting.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION / COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Res No: SCM260303-04
MOVED : Cr Furlong
SECONDED : Cr Johannsen

That Council, in light of the lost motion at the Ordinary Council Meeting of 23 February 2026:

- SUPPORT the continuation of voluntary voting for local government elections; and**
- SUPPORT the continuation of spilling half of Council every two years.**

CARRIED 5/2

FOR	:	Cr Scott, Cr Johannsen, Cr Swaffer, Cr Bryne, Cr Roots
AGAINST	:	Cr Gillam, Cr Furlong

BACKGROUND

In June 2025, Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government (**the Minister**), stated her support for a four-year election cycle

These messages were repeated in the Minister's address to WALGA's 2025 Local Government Convention, where she also raised the possibility of compulsory voting.

In December 2025 the State Council for WALGA (**Western Australian Local Government Association**) requested further investigations by WALGA into the implications of compulsory and voluntary voting in local government elections.

WALGA is requesting input from the City of Karratha regarding its advocacy stance.

Council, at its February 2026 Ordinary Council Meeting, considered proposed recommendations put forward by Officers however the motion was lost. The motion read:

That Council:

- 1. ENDORSES the introduction of compulsory voting for local government elections;**
- 2. ENDORSES the implementation of 4-yearly elections through an “All-in, All-out” method, and**
- 3. RECOGNISES that adopting recommendations 1 and 2 will result in additional electoral costs to the City.**

LOST 4-5

(Mayor used Casting Vote)

An alternate recommendation was not put forward by Council so no decision was moved.

Councils are requested to submit their responses by Friday, 27 March 2026, so that WALGA can compile a report to present to the State Council for review.

DISCUSSION

What is the Minister Proposing and Why?

The Minister has foreshadowed the following changes to election processes for Western Australian Local Governments:

- Compulsory voting of electors, instead of voluntary voting,
- Four-year term, in an all-in/all-out election cycle, compared to the existing approach of spilling half of Council every two years.

The Minister has cited concerns about voter fatigue and the rising costs of conducting biennial elections.

Local Government Industry Views

WALGA sought industry views in 2024, with 92 Local Governments participating in a survey.

Local Government responses at that time indicated strong (98%) support for half spills every two years.

WALGA advise that while voluntary voting was supported by an overall majority of responses (74%), compulsory voting was supported by a majority (64%) of metropolitan respondents and a majority (61%) of Class 1 and 2 respondents (ie larger Councils).

State by State Comparison

Voting in Local Government elections is mandatory across all Australian states, except for Western Australia and South Australia, where participation remains voluntary.

All Australian states and territories, except Western Australia, conduct Local Government elections on a four-year cycle using an "all-in, all-out" approach.

WALGA's Advocacy Position

WALGA has a long-standing advocacy position in support of voluntary voting and elections of half the Council every two years.

Advantages and Disadvantages of the Proposed Electoral Reforms

WALGA's Sector Consultation Electoral Reform Discussion Paper (**Discussion Paper**) is at Attachment 1 and has the following insights.

Council stability in an All-in, All-out model

Analysis of data from the past two elections across Australia indicates that, on average, returning Council Members constitute between 47% and 57% of the Council following full spill elections.

There have been nine instances where the composition of Council after an ordinary election was entirely different (100%) from the previous term.

Notably, four of these local governments conducted mid-term extraordinary elections.

Cost impact of a four-year cycle in an All-in, All-out model

Change to a four-year cycle may reduce costs by reducing election frequency.

For mandatory voting the City *may* incur additional costs in fines enforcement for voters who don't participate as legislated. In NSW, the Australian Electoral Commission chase electors who did not vote. It is unclear as to whether there are costs applied to local governments for this service as the WAEC have a full cost recovery approach to their electoral services.

However, the cost of each election may increase. The Western Australian Electoral Commission quote considers both the number of vacancies and the estimated participation rate. It is predicted that the cost per elector will double from \$5.17 to ~\$10.

Training costs in an All-in, All-out model

Conducting elections every four years will reduce the need to re-educate councillors every two years and may provide cost savings.

Increased representation in compulsory voting

Advocates for compulsory voting argue that increased voter participation increases engagement, awareness and democratic legitimacy.

Conversely, existing voter turnout rates are statistically representative of community sentiment with a 95% confidence level and at an approximate +/-3% margin of error.

Further considerations are described at **Table 1: Advantages and Disadvantages of Electoral Reform**.

Table 1: Advantages and Disadvantages of Electoral Reform

Issue	2 Year Elections		4 Yearly elections	
	Advantages	Disadvantages	Advantages	Disadvantages
Knowledge Management	Half spills each cycle ensures that there is consistency of knowledge within the Council in terms of strategic direction and project delivery.	<p>Risk in changes to Council culture every two years.</p> <p>Changes every two years may disrupt progress on key projects.</p> <p>Training required every two years to educate and inform councillors on legislative obligations and requirements.</p>	<p>Council will have a longer-term strategy that is less likely to be influenced by new councillors every second year.</p> <p>High turnover is not likely to occur resulting in a loss of knowledge based on national statistics which suggest that about 50% of sitting councillors are returned to office.</p> <p>The term of the Mayor will coincide with the same term of Councillors.</p>	<p>Staff knowledge of electoral processes may diminish due to the reduced frequency.</p> <p>Staff will be reliant on guidance provided by the WAEC.</p>
Voluntary voting	Costs are minimised based on voter participation and number of vacant seats.	<p>Approximately 23% of electors are carrying out their democratic right to vote.</p> <p>Voter fatigue due to election frequency.</p> <p>Would prefer that the election timeline does not coincide with State and Federal election cycles. State elections have been held in 2017, 2021 and 2025, Federal elections in 2019 and 2025.</p>	<p>Potential cost savings if maintaining voluntary voting over a four year cycle by reducing reliance on administering postal packs, Returning Officer costs and Count Staff time every two year period.</p> <p>No fines enforcement activity required.</p>	

Issue	2 Year Elections		4 Yearly elections	
	Advantages	Disadvantages	Advantages	Disadvantages
Compulsory voting	Election participation rates for other states with mandatory voting is approximately 84%. (City is only 23%.)	<p>Significantly greater cost likely if mandatory voting is implemented as this will be based on all electors participating, longer lead times to undertake the count and finalise results.</p> <p>Count is likely to take 2-3 days if a recount is required.</p> <p>Mandatory voting doesn't necessarily assure that a better or different result will be achieved.</p> <p>Voter fatigue due to election frequency.</p> <p>May result in higher proportion of donkey votes or invalid votes being cast.</p>	<p>Voting processes are complex and less elections will result in more reliance on the WAEC to conduct these elections.</p> <p>Over 13,192 electors will necessitate the need to rely on WAEC software for count purposes.</p> <p>Election participation rates for other states with mandatory voting is approximately 84%. (City is only 23%.)</p>	<p>Count is likely to take 2-3 days if a recount is required.</p> <p>Mandatory voting doesn't necessarily assure that a better or different result will be achieved.</p> <p>May result in higher proportion of donkey votes or invalid votes being cast.</p>
Costs	<p>Average cost to undertake voluntary elections in 2023 for:</p> <p>WA \$5.17/elector SA \$6.93/elector.</p>		<p>Average cost to undertake compulsory elections for:</p> <p>NSW \$10.61/elector NT \$13.07/elector Tas \$9.32/elector.</p> <p>This is somewhat comparable to the 2 yr cycle conducted in WA and SA if doubled.</p>	

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

In accordance with Council policy CG-8 Significant Decision Making policy, this matter is considered to be of moderate significance in terms of Council's ability to perform its role.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

The *Local Government Act 1995* requires elections to be carried out every two years representing 50% of Council and that voting by electors is voluntary. Any further reforms being discussed will result in these laws being amended.

COUNCILLOR/OFFICER CONSULTATION

Consultation has taken place between Councillors informally through email correspondence from the CEO on 14 January 2026 and at the most recent Councillor Workshop on 2 February 2026. Council also considered this matter at its Ordinary Council meeting on 23 February 2026.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

No community consultation is required.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

A budget provision of approximately \$80,000 every two years is set aside for the WAEC to run the postal election for the City's elections. An additional \$20,000 was allocated for additional promotional marketing and advertising and staff wages for the postal count.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance and Policy are an enabling service in the delivery of the Council Plan 2025-2035. It supports the delivery of the Plan's goals and ensures that we fulfill our statutory obligations.

RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no risk management considerations applicable.

IMPACT ON CAPACITY

Any outcomes from a review on electoral reforms being carried out by the local government sector with the State Council of WALGA that result in a change to the existing service levels will have either positive or additional impacts on the administration. Specific impacts on budget resourcing and service levels have yet to be determined.

RELEVANT PRECEDENTS

There are no relevant precedents related to this matter.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority.

CONCLUSION

The recommendations reflect national standards for Local Government and the opinions of the majority of large Local Governments in Western Australia. The request to consider an alternative to current methods of voting and councillor terms have only been suggested through a discussion paper so full impacts on any legislative reforms remain somewhat unclear.

7 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with Section 5.23 (4)(c) and (d) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, that Council moves in camera to discuss the following:

ATTACHMENTS 1 AND 2 TO ITEM 5.1

These matters if disclosed would reveal information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person.

8 CLOSURE & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting closed at 5:30pm

The next meeting is to be held on Monday, 23 March 2026 at 6pm at Council Chambers - Welcome Road, Karratha.