

AGENDA

South Australian Local Government Financial Management Group Executive Committee

23 November 2018 at 9:30am

City of Port Adelaide Enfield Town Hall – 34 Nile Street, Port Adelaide

1. Present

Executive Committee:

- Kate George (President), City of Salisbury
- Elizabeth Williams (Vice President), Alexandrina Council
- Alexander Oulianoff (Treasurer), Mount Barker District Council
- Angela Papatheodorakis, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- Annette Martin, City of Charles Sturt
- Clive Hempel (Secretary), Mid Murray Council
- Chris Birch, City of Prospect
- Craig Mudge, District Council of Mount Remarkable
- David Harman, City of Marion
- Katy Bone, Town of Walkerville
- Mark Lague, The Barossa Council
- Mike Carey, Adelaide Hills Council
- Pep Piscioneri, City of Adelaide
- Rajith Udugampola, Adelaide Plains Council
- Sarah Taylor, City of Unley
- Simon Zbierski, City of Campbelltown
- Sonia Sghendo, City of Onkaparinga

Proxies:

Nil

Observers/Guests:

- Rebecca Muller, LGA
- Grace Pelle, City of Playford (for Samantha Grieve)
- Marc Sodomka, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- Suman Setty, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- Tina Lambert, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- Steve Uva, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- Mark Stueve, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- Joanna Chen, City of Port Adelaide Enfield

It is important to note that on occasion it may be necessary for the Executive Committee to discuss an item in confidence and in those circumstances, observers and guests will be asked to leave the room for that item.

2. Apologies

- Anthony Amato, Town of Gawler
- Leta Northcott, City of Mitcham
- Norm Biggs, City of West Torrens

3. Presentations

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 October 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Nil

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Purchase and setup XERO and Arlo.	27/04/18	Treasurer	In progress.
Commence legal action to recover unpaid sponsorship for 2017/18	21/09/18	President/ Treasurer	

7. Projects/Work Groups – Update/Status

7.1 Asset Management – Pep Piscioneri (Chairperson)

7.1.1 Updated Local Government Financial Sustainability Guidance Paper – AASB13 Fair Value Measurement and Revaluation Considerations

7.1.2 Challenges with the Asset Sustainability Ratio – Upgrades vs Renewal

7.2 Costing Principles – Alex Oulianoff (Chairperson)

7.3 Events – Kate George (Chairperson)

7.3.1 Workshop and Conference to be held on 29 and 30 November 2018 at Adelaide Oval

7.3.2 Registration Fees for Sponsors – Free Ticket Benefit and Additional Tickets

Events			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Information Sharing Platform - LinkedIn, Facebook or a website forum (to be investigated with the help of Irene Scales).	31/03/17	Seminar Workgroup	Facebook group created – yet to complete active testing.

7.4 Fees and Charges – Elizabeth Williams (Chairperson)

7.5 Financial Management Framework – Mark Lague (Chairperson)

Financial Management Framework			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Discuss ideas from Councils for best practice in relation to AASB124 Related Party Disclosures.	22/09/17	Financial Management Framework Workgroup	Mark has received information from John Wright, Tim Muhlhausler and David Maxwell. It is still confusing so it is recommended that a paper, guide or a table ideally needs to be prepared.
Discuss what the restrictions are relative to note 10 and also if practical examples should be developed to cover what the restrictions are.	26/10/18	Financial Management Framework Workgroup	

7.6 Local Government Price Index – Chris Birch (Chairperson)

Local Government Price Index			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Speak with the SA Centre for Economics regarding forecasting and commentary for the LGPI and provide feedback to the Executive Committee.	18/03/16 & 29/04/16	Chris Birch / LGPI Workgroup	Awaiting result of the Rate Capping Bill to determine whether a forecasting indicator is required.
Work on a set of definitions for data that feeds into the LGPI and supply it to the Grants Commission for their consideration.	21/09/18	LGPI Workgroup	

7.7 Long Term Financial Plan – Kate George (Chairperson)

Long Term Financial Plan			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
When the LTFP LG Solutions Lite Model is released, Councils to be notified.	21/09/18	LTFP Workgroup	

7.8 Membership & Communication – Craig Mudge (Chairperson)

Membership & Communication			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Draft an application form for the engagement of distant FMG Members. The form will act as an 'expression of interest' for those members to request to attend FMG Executive Committee meetings free of travel expenses.	23/03/18	Clive Hempel	

7.9 Rating and Valuation – Simon Zbierski (Chairperson)

7.10 DACO Update – Simon Zbierski and Clive Hempel

7.10.1 Agenda Items for the User Group Meeting to be held on 29-11-2018

Rating and Valuation			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Rate rebate policy – a possible LGR&D Scheme application to be prepared for funding to update the 2008 policy. Workgroup to seek a quote from Michael Kelledy (original author of the policy) to see how much it would cost to have the policy updated.	24/02/17	Rating & Valuation Workgroup	Revenue Professionals SA have applied for LG R&D funding for the rewrite of the Rebate Information paper.
Speak with the LGA regarding “Charge’s against the land”, such as Outstanding Block Clearing Fees and charges under the SA Health Act. Can these be placed on the assessment (rate notice) and charged fines/interest?	23/03/18	Rating & Valuation Workgroup	
Provide FMG submission to ESCOSA regarding the South Australian Local Government Rate Oversight Scheme Guidelines	21/09/18	President	

8. Correspondence

Nil

9. Confidential Discussion Items

10. Other Business

10.1 LGR&DS Submission – Asset Management – IPWEA SA (Kate George)

Other Business			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Prepare a letter of thanks for Anna-Lucia Draper who has resigned from the Executive Committee.	22/06/18	Secretariat	In progress for all outgoing Executive Committee Members.

11. Next Meeting

18 January 2019 – City of Onkaparinga

Standing and Future Items	Meeting	Frequency
Sponsorship Proposal for the next financial year	March	Annually
AGM Matters and Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution Draft • Membership Guidelines Draft • Membership Fees Recommendation to AGM • Honorary & Life Member Nominations • Auditor Appointment Recommendation to AGM • Executive Committee Nominations 	June	Annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davin Lambert – LGFA update • Constitution Recommendation to AGM • Membership Guidelines adoption 	July	Annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Committee Members • Workgroup allocations • Proxy/Deputy Chairperson for each of the Workgroups and Executive Committee meetings • Meeting dates for next 12 months • Event registration fees for the financial year 	September	Annually
DACO Update	Every Meeting	Every Meeting

12. Close

For further information regarding topics raised at the FMG Executive Committee meetings, please see contact details below:

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