

AGENDA

South Australian Local Government Financial Management Group Executive Committee

28 January 2022

At 9:30am – Via Zoom Virtual Conferencing

1. Present

Executive Committee

Office Bearers:

- Elizabeth Williams (President), Alexandrina Council
- Alexander Oulianoff (Vice President), Mount Barker District Council
- Clive Hempel (Secretary), Mid Murray Council
- Samantha Grieve (Treasurer), City of Playford

Members:

- Angela Papatheodorakis, City of Port Adelaide Enfield
- Annette Martin, City of Charles Sturt
- Chris Birch, City of Prospect
- Craig Mudge, District Council of Mount Remarkable
- Grant Jennings, Whyalla City Council
- Kellie-Knight Stacey, City of Victor Harbor
- Kevin Carter, City of Onkaparinga
- Lisa Gilmartin, City of West Torrens
- Mark Lague, The Barossa Council
- Mike Carey, Adelaide Hills Council
- Rajith Udugampola, Adelaide Plains Council
- Simon Zbierski, City of Campbelltown

Proxies:

Nil

Observers/Guests:

- Rebecca Muller, LGA
- Morgan Kris, City of Unley

Secretariat:

- Patricia Coonan, TPS

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

- Alexander Brown, City of Unley
- Julie Scoggins, City of Mount Gambier
- Kate George, City of Salisbury
- Luke Harris, City of Mitcham
- Rebecca Baines, City of Tea Tree Gully

3. Presentations

Nil

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2021 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

5. Projects/Work Groups – Update/Status

5.1 Asset Management – Grant Jennings (Chairperson), Luke Harris (Deputy Chairperson)

An update report has been included in the agenda papers.

5.2 Costing Principles – Alex Oulianoff (Chairperson), Mark Lague (Deputy Chairperson)

5.3 Events & Membership – Elizabeth Williams (Chairperson), Alex Oulianoff (Deputy Chairperson)

Events and Membership			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Prepare an email for review of the President to be emailed to all on the Buddy List outlining the Buddy Program and any upcoming events.	28/02/20	Secretariat	

5.4 Financial Management Framework – Mark Lague (Chairperson), Clive Hempel (Deputy Chairperson)

5.5 Local Government Price Index – Chris Birch (Chairperson), Michael Carey (Deputy Chairperson)

Local Government Price Index			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
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	The workgroup is discussing the six issues put forward. The Commission is doing a lot of work on data validation.
Contact the Grants Commission to see if there is a guide for the return for how the administration allocations are being entered (operating expenses section). It would be valuable to have a consistent approach to provide to the Grants Commission.	25/10/19	LGPI Workgroup	Chris will discuss this with Peter Ilee.
Further follow up around a review of the Purpose Function Codes.	25/06/21	LGPI Workgroup	

5.6 Local Government Reform – Elizabeth Williams (Chairperson), Kate George (Deputy Chairperson)

5.7 Long Term Financial Plan – Kate George (Chairperson), Samantha Grieve (Deputy Chairperson)

Long Term Financial Plan			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Speak with LG Solutions regarding updates to the instructions for the model per the latest updates made.	29/05/20	Kate George	In progress.
Review the funding sustainability ratios and the funding plan.	29/10/21	LTFP Workgroup	

5.8 Marketing & Communications – David Harman (Chairperson), Kevin Carter (Deputy Chairperson)

5.9 Rating and Valuation – Simon Zbierski (Chairperson), Luke Harris (Deputy Chairperson)

No meeting of the workgroup has been held since the last Executive Committee meeting.

5.10 Student Placement Program – Luke Harris (Chairperson), Annette Martin (Deputy Chairperson)

6. Treasurer's Report

A Treasurer's report will be provided once handover has taken place.

Finance			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Organise for the Executive Committee Office Bearers to be signatories on the NAB account.	25/09/20	Treasurer	Forms will need to be resubmitted with Samantha's details
President and Secretary to take ID's into NAB to get a NAB ID. Signatories can then be added to the account.	30/07/21	President & Secretary	

7. Other Business

7.1 Fees and Charges Workgroup Update (Elizabeth Williams)

An update report has been included in the agenda papers.

7.2 Fines Enforcement Recovery Unit FERU (Annette Martin)

Other Business			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
LGA Circular regarding the benefits of membership.	30/07/21	Secretariat	Add to newsletter also.
Email proxy details to the Secretariat	30/07/21	All Committee Members	

Other Business			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Outstanding issue with PlanSA regarding to the Planning Portal: 1. Required enhancement present reconciliation process of the PlanSA EFT Remittance payments received by Councils. 2. Only method of on-line payment being Credit Card (BPay, Direct Debit – as per other Government payments eg ESL), requiring Council to by default be the only other method of payment.	25/06/21	Workgroup	

8. Confidential Discussion Items

Nil

9. Next Meeting

25 February 2022 – City of Charles Sturt

10. Close

Standing and Future Items	Meeting	Frequency
Presentation from the Local Government Grants Commission	April	Annually
Sponsorship Proposal for the next financial year	April/May	Annually
AGM Matters and Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitution Draft Membership Guidelines Draft for adoption Membership Fees Recommendation to AGM Honorary & Life Member Nominations Auditor Approach Recommendation Executive Committee Nominations 	June	Annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Davin Lambert – LGFA update Constitution Recommendation to AGM Auditor Appointment Recommendation to AGM Honorary & Life Member Recommendation 	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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddy List 	October	Annually

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