

**12.1 APPOINTMENT OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) - CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE - COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

**Attachments:** Nil

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council **APPOINTS** the following Elected Member to represent the City of Vincent on the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) – Central Metropolitan Zone and as voting delegates/proxy delegates for WALGA Annual General Meetings for the term 26 July 2023 to the next ordinary local government election, being 21 October 2023:

**Members/Voting Delegate:**

1. Cr Jonathan Hallett

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To appoint an alternative representative for the City on the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) – Central Metropolitan Zone (Zone) and as voting delegate and proxy delegates for the WALGA Annual General Meetings, due to the resignation of one of the current representatives, Cr Ross Ioppolo.

**BACKGROUND:**

At the Special Council Meeting on 19 October 2021 Cr Ross Ioppolo and Cr Ashley Wallace were appointed as the City's representatives for the Zone. On 3 June 2022 Cr Ross Ioppolo tendered his resignation from this position. A previous report to council 21 June 2022 seeking nominations was unsuccessful. Cr Ashley Wallace is the City's sole representative and is also the Tamala Park Regional Council representative, these meetings have increasingly fallen on the same date and mean that one meeting does not have any representative to attend.

Part of the Council's role is to represent the City on the Zone. The role of the City's delegates is to ensure the City's strategic position and policies are reflected at the Zone meetings, and report back to Council on decisions made by the Zone.

Zones have an integral role in shaping the political and strategic direction of WALGA. Not only are Zones responsible for bringing relevant local and regional issues to the State decision making table, they are a key player in developing policy and legislative initiatives for Local Government. WALGA's Constitution outlines that the functions of Zones are to:

- Elect one or more State Councillors;
- Consider the State Council agenda;
- Provide direction and feedback to their State Councillor; and
- Any other function deemed appropriate by the Zone.

Additional activities undertaken by Zones include:

- Developing and advocating on positions on regional issues affecting Local Government;
- Progressing regional Local Government initiatives;
- Identifying relevant issues for action by WALGA;
- Networking and information sharing; and
- Contributing to policy development through policy forums and other channels.

Zones provide input into the State Council's advocacy agenda by passing resolutions on items contained in the State Council agenda and by generating new agenda items for consideration by State Council.

To represent the City at WALGA's Annual General Meeting in September each year the City of Vincent is to nominate two voting delegates. It is recommended that the Zone delegates be appointed as the voting delegates accordingly.

**DETAILS:**

The Central Metropolitan WALGA Zone comprises Perth, Vincent, Subiaco, Nedlands, Cambridge, Claremont, Cottesloe, Peppermint Grove and Mosman Park.

Key details are listed below.

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| Location of Meetings:                        | Local Governments in the Central Metropolitan Zone on a rotation basis                                   |
| Time of Meetings:                            | 6:00pm   |
| Meeting Occurrence:                          | Bi-monthly (or six weekly)   |
| Day of Meetings:                             | Thursday   |
| No. of Meetings still to be held in in 2022: | 5 meetings   |
| Responsible Liaison Officer:                 | Chief Executive Officer  |
| Purpose of Appointment:                      | To represent the City on the Western Australian Local Government Association – Central Metropolitan Zone |
| Other Membership:                            | Representatives from Central Metropolitan Zone Councils<br>Chief Executive Officer (non-voting)          |
| Previous Council Members                     | Members: Cr Ioppolo and Cr Wallace   |
| Member Sitting Fees:                         | Nil.   |

**CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:**

Nil.

**LEGAL/POLICY:**

WALGA's constitution outlines the role of the Zones and state Council.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

Low: Appointing delegates to the Zone allows the City of Vincent to participate in decision making at the regional and state level.