# 12.2 LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATUTORY COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN 2023

# Attachments: 1. Compliance Audit Return 2023

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council:

- 1. NOTES that the City of Vincent's Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 was reviewed by the Audit Committee at its 29 February 2024 meeting;
- 2. ADOPTS the Compliance Audit Return for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, at Attachment 1; and
- 3. AUTHORISES the Compliance Audit Return in Recommendation 1. above to be certified by the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government* (Audit) Regulations 1996.

# PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To adopt the City's Compliance Audit Return (CAR) for 2023.

# **DELEGATION:**

Section 7.13(1)(i) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (Act) requires local governments to undertake an audit of compliance "in the prescribed manner and in a form approved by the Minister". In accordance with section 7.13(1)(i) of the Act, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) requires that all local governments complete a CAR by 31 March 2024.

# BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Regulation 14(3a) of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996*, the Audit Committee reviewed the CAR at its meeting held on 29 February 2024 and resolved to recommend to Council that it adopts the CAR.

# DETAILS:

The 2023 CAR contains the following compliance categories:

- Commercial enterprises by Local Governments;
- Delegation of power/duty;
- Disclosure of interest;
- Disposal of property;
- Elections;
- Finance;
- Integrated planning and reporting;
- Local Government employees;
- Official conduct;
- Tenders for providing goods and services; and
- Optional Questions.

The attached responses have identified that the City had one area of non-compliance, as detailed below:

Disclosure of Interest – Question 4.

Section 5.75 of the Act requires Elected Members and designated employees to complete a disclosure of financial interest by way of a Primary Return within 3 months of their start date.

One of the City's designated employees failed to complete a Primary Return within three months of their powers commencing.

The employee was issued a Certificate of Delegation on 20 March 2023 and submitted a Primary Return on 27 June 2023 (being 7 days outside of the submission period).

An internal audit of all decisions made by the employee was undertaken and reviewed against the submitted return to confirm that there were no conflicts arising from a financial interest.

Reasonable measures have been implemented to ensure that future breaches do not occur and necessary training has been completed with staff and Managers to apprise them of their responsibilities in complying with the Act.

As required under the Act, notification of the breach was submitted to the Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC) and to the DLGSC on 27 July 2023.

The DLGCS have confirmed that they do not intend to take any further action and the file has been closed.

# CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

Not applicable.

# LEGAL/POLICY:

Regulation 14 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996* requires that the Audit Committee reviews the completed CAR and reports the results to Council. Following Council's adoption of the CAR, the CAR must be submitted to the Department by 31 March 2024. To achieve this timeframe, it is proposed to table the CAR at the Council Meeting on Tuesday 19 March 2024.

# **RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

Low: Review of the CAR by the Audit Committee satisfies the legislative requirements and assists the City in identifying areas for improvement in terms of internal controls and legislative compliance.

# STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

This is in keeping with the City's Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028:

#### Innovative and Accountable

Our decision-making process is consistent and transparent, and decisions are aligned to our strategic direction.

# SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

This does not contribute to any environmental sustainability outcomes.

# PUBLIC HEALTH IMPLICATIONS:

This does not contribute to any public health outcomes in the City's Public Health Plan 2020-2025.

# FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.



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| No | Reference                           | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Response | Comments                                                                                                                                                                  | Respondent                       |
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| 1  | s3.59(2)(a) F&G<br>Regs 7,9,10      | Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major trading undertaking that was not exempt in 2023?                                                                                                                                                                      | N/A      |                                                                                                                                                                           | Senior Land and<br>Legal Advisor |
| 2  | s3.59(2)(b) F&G<br>Regs 7,8A, 8, 10 | Has the local government prepared a<br>business plan for each major land<br>transaction that was not exempt in<br>2023?                                                                                                                                                                | N/A      |                                                                                                                                                                           | Senior Land and<br>Legal Advisor |
| 3  | s3.59(2)(c) F&G<br>Regs 7,8A, 8,10  | Has the local government prepared a<br>business plan before entering into each<br>land transaction that was preparatory<br>to entry into a major land transaction<br>in 2023?                                                                                                          | Yes      | Business plan was<br>published as part of<br>statewide public notice<br>on 26 July 2023                                                                                   | Senior Land and<br>Legal Advisor |
| 4  | s3.59(4)                            | Has the local government complied<br>with public notice and publishing<br>requirements for each proposal to<br>commence a major trading<br>undertaking or enter into a major land<br>transaction or a land transaction that<br>is preparatory to a major land<br>transaction for 2023? | Yes      | Statewide public notice<br>of Business Plan<br>occurred from 26 July<br>2023 to 11 Sept 2023                                                                              | Senior Land and<br>Legal Advisor |
| 5  | s3.59(5)                            | During 2023, did the council resolve to<br>proceed with each major land<br>transaction or trading undertaking by<br>absolute majority?                                                                                                                                                 | Yes      | Council Meeting on 21<br>Nov 2023 (item 9.8)<br>approved by absolute<br>majority to proceed<br>with Major Land<br>Transaction and to<br>execute transaction<br>documents. | Senior Land and<br>Legal Advisor |
|    |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |          | Transaction documents<br>executed on 24<br>January 2024.                                                                                                                  |                                  |

| No | Reference | Question                                                                              | Response | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Respondent                           |
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| 1  | s5.16 (1) | Were all delegations to committees resolved by absolute majority?                     | Yes      | Delegation to the<br>Behaviour Complaints<br>Committee was<br>resolved by AMV at the<br>Ordinary Council<br>Meeting 14/12/2021 -<br>Item 9.15 and last<br>reviewed and adopted<br>by AMV 20/06/2023<br>OMC – Item 12.1. | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 2  | s5.16 (2) | Were all delegations to committees in writing?                                        | Yes      | See <u>Register of</u><br><u>Delegations</u> ,<br><u>Authorisations &amp;</u><br><u>Appointments</u> and<br>Council Minutes<br>available on the City's<br>website                                                       | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 3  | s5.17     | Were all delegations to committees<br>within the limits specified in section<br>5.17? | Yes      | See <u>Register of</u><br><u>Delegations,</u><br><u>Authorisations &amp;</u><br><u>Appointments</u> and<br>Council Minutes<br>available on the City's<br>website                                                        | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |



| 4  | s5.18                             | Were all delegations to committees recorded in a register of delegations?                                                                             | Yes | See comment above                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
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| 5  | s5.18                             | Has council reviewed delegations to its committees in the 2022/2023 financial year?                                                                   | Yes | Annual review<br>undertaken by Council<br>see minutes of OMC<br>20/06/2023 – Item<br>12.1                                                                                                                              | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 6  | s5.42(1) & s5.43<br>Admin Reg 18G | Did the powers and duties delegated to<br>the CEO exclude those listed in section<br>5.43 of the Act?                                                 | Yes | See <u>Register of</u><br><u>Delegations</u> ,<br><u>Authorisations &amp;</u><br><u>Appointments</u> .                                                                                                                 | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 7  | s5.42(1)                          | Were all delegations to the CEO resolved by an absolute majority?                                                                                     | Yes | see minutes of OMC<br>20/06/2023 – Item<br>12.1                                                                                                                                                                        | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 8  | s5.42(2)                          | Were all delegations to the CEO in writing?                                                                                                           | Yes | Provided in the<br>Register of<br>Delegations,<br>Authorisations and<br>Appointments available<br>as a public document<br>on the City's website.                                                                       | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 9  | s5.44(2)                          | Were all delegations by the CEO to any employee in writing?                                                                                           | Yes | Individual Certificates<br>are provided and<br>saved in SC279 Also<br>provided in the<br>Register of<br>Delegations,<br>Authorisations and<br>Appointments available<br>as a public document<br>on the City's website. | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 10 | s5.16(3)(b) &<br>s5.45(1)(b)      | Were all decisions by the council to<br>amend or revoke a delegation made by<br>absolute majority?                                                    | Yes | All amendments are<br>noted in Revisions at<br>the end of the Register<br>of Delegations,<br>Authorisations and<br>Appointments                                                                                        | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 11 | s5.46(1)                          | Has the CEO kept a register of all delegations made under Division 4 of the Act to the CEO and to employees?                                          | Yes | See Register of<br>Delegations,<br>Authorisations &<br>Appointments available<br>as a public<br>document on the City's<br>website.                                                                                     | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 12 | s5.46(2)                          | Were all delegations made under<br>Division 4 of the Act reviewed by the<br>delegator at least once during the<br>2021/2022 financial year?           | Yes | Annual review<br>undertaken by<br>administration<br>16/03/2023<br>D23/34733 & at by<br>Council at OMC<br>20/06/2023 – Item<br>12.1.                                                                                    | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 13 | s5.46(3) Admin<br>Reg 19          | Did all persons exercising a delegated<br>power or duty under the Act keep, on<br>all occasions, a written record in<br>accordance with Admin Reg 19? | Yes | Saved to the City's<br>central record keeping<br>system (Content<br>Manager).                                                                                                                                          | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |



# Disclosure of Interest

| No | Reference                                  | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Response | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Respondent                           |
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| 1  | s5.67                                      | Where a council member disclosed an interest<br>in a matter and did not have participation<br>approval under sections 5.68 or 5.69, did the<br>council member ensure that they did not remain<br>present to participate in discussion or decision<br>making relating to the matter? | Yes      | https://www.vincent.wa.gov<br>.au/our-city/council-and-<br>committees/council-<br>meetings/about-council-<br>meetings.aspx                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Council Liaison<br>Officer           |
| 2  | s5.68(2) &<br>s5.69(5)<br>Admin Reg<br>21A | Were all decisions regarding participation<br>approval, including the extent of participation<br>allowed and, where relevant, the information<br>required by Admin Reg 21A, recorded in the<br>minutes of the relevant council or committee<br>meeting?                             | Yes      | https://www.vincent.wa.gov<br>.au/our-city/council-and-<br>committees/council-<br>meetings/about-council-<br>meetings.aspx                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Council Liaison<br>Officer           |
| 3  | s5.73                                      | Were disclosures under section sections 5.65, 5.70 or 5.71A(3) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the disclosures were made?                                                                                                                                           | Yes      | https://www.vincent.wa.gov<br>.au/our-city/council-and-<br>committees/council-<br>meetings/about-council-<br>meetings.aspx                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Council Liaison<br>Officer           |
| 4  | s5.75<br>Admin Reg<br>22, Form 2           | Was a primary return in the prescribed form lodged by all relevant persons within three months of their start day?                                                                                                                                                                  | No       | One of the City's designated<br>employees failed to<br>complete a Primary Return<br>within three months of their<br>powers commencing.                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Senior Governance<br>Project Office  |
|    |                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |          | The employee was issued a<br>Certificate of Delegation on<br>20 March 2023 and<br>submitted a Primary Return<br>on 27 June 2023 (being 7<br>days outside of the<br>submission period)                                                                                                                                                      |                                      |
|    |                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |          | A notification of the breach was submitted to the CCC and DLGSC on 27 July 2023.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                      |
| 5  | s5.76<br>Admin Reg<br>23, Form 3           | Was an annual return in the prescribed form<br>lodged by all relevant persons by 31 August<br>2023?                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes      | Document reference<br>numbers for all returns are<br>available in the Register of<br>Financial Interest - Primary<br>and Annual Returns<br>D20/130156                                                                                                                                                                                      | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 6  | s5.77                                      | On receipt of a primary or annual return, did<br>the CEO, or the mayor/president, give written<br>acknowledgment of having received the return?                                                                                                                                     | Yes      | Document reference<br>numbers for all<br>acknowledgements are<br>available in the Register of<br>Financial Interest - Primary<br>and Annual Returns<br>D20/130156                                                                                                                                                                          | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 7  | s5.88(1) &<br>(2)(a)                       | Did the CEO keep a register of financial<br>interests which contained the returns lodged<br>under sections 5.75 and 5.76?                                                                                                                                                           | Yes      | See Register of Financial<br>Interest - Primary and<br>Annual Returns -<br>D20/130156. The City also<br>publishes a list of Council<br>Members and Employees<br>(by position) that lodged a<br>primary return and annual<br>return for each financial<br>year. This is available on the<br>Council registers page on<br>the City's website | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |



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| 8  | s5.88(1) &<br>(2)(b)<br>Admin Reg<br>28     | Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained a record of disclosures made under sections 5.65, 5.70, 5.71 and 5.71A, in the form prescribed in Admin Reg 28?                                                                                                                                        | Yes | https://www.vincent.wa.gov<br>.au/Profiles/vincent/Assets/<br>ClientData/Council_Register<br>s/Register_of_Interests_disc<br>losed_at_Ordinary_and_Spe<br>cial_Council_Meetings.pdf                            |                                      |
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| 9  | s5.88(3)                                    | When a person ceased to be a person required<br>to lodge a return under sections 5.75 and 5.76,<br>did the CEO remove from the register all<br>returns relating to that person?                                                                                                                                           | Yes | See Register of Financial<br>Interest - Primary and<br>Annual Returns -<br>D20/130156.                                                                                                                         | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 10 | s5.88(4)                                    | Have all returns removed from the register in accordance with section 5.88(3) been kept for a period of at least five years after the person who lodged the return(s) ceased to be a person required to lodge a return?                                                                                                   | Yes | These are saved in SC2692                                                                                                                                                                                      | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 11 | s5.89A(1),<br>(2) & (3)<br>Admin Reg<br>28A | Did the CEO keep a register of gifts which<br>contained a record of disclosures made under<br>sections 5.87A and 5.87B, in the form<br>prescribed in Admin Reg 28A?                                                                                                                                                       | Yes | <u>Gift Register</u>                                                                                                                                                                                           | Council Liaison<br>Officer           |
| 12 | s5.89A(5)<br>& (5A)                         | Did the CEO publish an up-to-date version of the gift register on the local government's website?                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes | <u>Gift Register</u>                                                                                                                                                                                           | Council Liaison<br>Officer           |
| 13 | s5.89A(6)                                   | When a person ceases to be a person who is required to make a disclosure under section 5.87A or 5.87B, did the CEO remove from the register all records relating to that person?                                                                                                                                          | Yes | <u>Gift Register</u>                                                                                                                                                                                           | Council Liaison<br>Officer           |
| 14 | s5.89A(7)                                   | Have copies of all records removed from the register under section 5.89A(6) been kept for a period of at least five years after the person ceases to be a person required to make a disclosure?                                                                                                                           | Yes | Ref SC279                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Council Liaison<br>Officer           |
| 15 | s5.70(2) &<br>(3)                           | Where an employee had an interest in any<br>matter in respect of which the employee<br>provided advice or a report directly to council or<br>a committee, did that person disclose the<br>nature and extent of that interest when giving<br>the advice or report?                                                         | Yes | D18/197286                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Council Liaison<br>Officer           |
| 16 | s5.71A &<br>s5.71B(5)                       | Where council applied to the Minister to allow<br>the CEO to provide advice or a report to which a<br>disclosure under s5.71A(1) relates, did the<br>application include details of the nature of the<br>interest disclosed and any other information<br>required by the Minister for the purposes of the<br>application? | N/A |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Council Liaison<br>Officer           |
| 17 | s5.71B(6)<br>&<br>s5.71B(7)                 | Was any decision made by the Minister under<br>subsection 5.71B(6) recorded in the minutes of<br>the council meeting at which the decision was<br>considered?                                                                                                                                                             | N/A |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Council Liaison<br>Officer           |
| 18 | s5.104(1)                                   | Did the local government prepare and adopt, by<br>absolute majority, a code of conduct to be<br>observed by council members, committee<br>members and candidates that incorporates the<br>model code of conduct.                                                                                                          | Yes | At the 23 March 2021<br>Ordinary Meeting of Council,<br>a new Code of Conduct to<br>be observed by Council<br>Members, Committee<br>Members and Candidates<br>that incorporates the Model<br>Code was adopted. | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |



| Dis | Disclosure of Interest |                                                                                                                                                                                           |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                      |  |  |
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| 19  | s5.104(3)<br>& (4)     | Did the local government adopt additional requirements in addition to the model code of conduct? If yes, does it comply with section 5.104(3) and (4)?                                    | Yes | Administration proposed<br>some minor amendments to<br>the Model Code Division 3<br>(Behaviours) to incorporate<br>behaviours referred to in the<br>2017 Code. All amendments<br>comply with section<br>5.104(3) and (4) | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |  |  |
| 20  | s5.104(7)              | Has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the adopted code of conduct on the local government's website?                                                                             | Yes | Located under 'Code of<br>conduct and CEO standards'                                                                                                                                                                     | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |  |  |
| 21  | s5.51A(1)<br>& (3)     | Has the CEO prepared and implemented a code<br>of conduct to be observed by employees of the<br>local government in accordance with section<br>5.51A(1) of the Local Government Act 1995? | Yes | The <u>Code of Conduct for</u><br><u>City of Vincent Employees</u><br><u>and Contractors</u> has been<br>developed and implemented<br>by the CEO.<br>Available on the City's<br>website                                  | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |  |  |

| Disposal of Property |           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |          |                                                  |            |  |
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| No                   | Reference | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Response | Comments                                         | Respondent |  |
| 1                    | s3.58(3)  | Where the local government disposed<br>of property other than by public<br>auction or tender, did it dispose of the<br>property in accordance with section<br>3.58(3) (unless section 3.58(5)<br>applies)?         | Yes      | Council meeting dated<br>4 April 2023 (Item 9.5) |            |  |
| 2                    | s3.58(4)  | Where the local government disposed<br>of property under section 3.58(3), did<br>it provide details, as prescribed by<br>section 3.58(4), in the required local<br>public notice for each disposal of<br>property? | Yes      | Council meeting dated<br>4 April 2023 (Item 9.5) |            |  |

# Elections

| No | Reference                  | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Response | Comments                                 | Respondent                 |
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| 1  | Elect Regs 30G(1)<br>& (2) | Did the CEO establish and maintain an<br>electoral gift register and ensure that<br>all disclosure of gifts forms completed<br>by candidates and donors and received<br>by the CEO were placed on the<br>electoral gift register at the time of<br>receipt by the CEO and in a manner<br>that clearly identifies and distinguishes<br>the forms relating to each candidate? | Yes      | D23/160848                               | Council Liaison<br>Officer |
| 2  | Elect Regs 30G(3)<br>& (4) | Did the CEO remove any disclosure of<br>gifts forms relating to an unsuccessful<br>candidate, or a successful candidate<br>that completed their term of office,<br>from the electoral gift register, and<br>retain those forms separately for a<br>period of at least two years?                                                                                            | N/A      |                                          | Council Liaison<br>Officer |
| 3  | Elect Regs 30G(5)<br>& (6) | Did the CEO publish an up-to-date<br>version of the electoral gift register on<br>the local government's official website<br>in accordance with Elect Reg 30G(6)?                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes      | Was available during the election period | Council Liaison<br>Officer |



# Finance

| No | Reference                | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Response | Comments                                                                                                                                                         | Respondent                           |
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| 1  | s7.1A                    | Has the local government established<br>an audit committee and appointed<br>members by absolute majority in<br>accordance with section 7.1A of the<br>Act?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Yes      | Appointment of Council<br>Members and<br>Community<br>Representatives by<br>Absolute Majority at<br>Ordinary Council<br>meeting 21 November<br>2023 – Item 12.2. | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 2  | s7.1B                    | Where the council delegated to its<br>audit committee any powers or duties<br>under Part 7 of the Act, did it do so by<br>absolute majority?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | N/A      | No powers have been delegated to Audit Committee.                                                                                                                | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 3  | s7.9(1)                  | Was the auditor's report for the<br>financial year ended 30 June 2023<br>received by the local government by<br>31 December 2023?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Yes      | Received on 8<br>December 2023.                                                                                                                                  | Chief Financial<br>Officer           |
| 4  | s7.12A(3)                | Where the local government<br>determined that matters raised in the<br>auditor's report prepared under<br>s7.9(1) of the Act required action to be<br>taken, did the local government ensure<br>that appropriate action was<br>undertaken in respect of those<br>matters?                                                                                                                            | Yes      | All audit matters raised<br>have appropriate<br>action items and are<br>monitored and tracked<br>by the Audit<br>Committee.                                      | Chief Financial<br>Officer           |
| 5  | s7.12A(4)(a) &<br>(4)(b) | Where matters identified as significant<br>were reported in the auditor's report,<br>did the local government prepare a<br>report that stated what action the local<br>government had taken or intended to<br>take with respect to each of those<br>matters? Was a copy of the report<br>given to the Minister within three<br>months of the audit report being<br>received by the local government? | N/A      | A report to the Minister<br>was not required as no<br>significant matters<br>were raised in the<br>auditor's report.                                             |                                      |
| 6  | s7.12A(5)                | Within 14 days after the local<br>government gave a report to the<br>Minister under s7.12A(4)(b), did the<br>CEO publish a copy of the report on<br>the local government's official website?                                                                                                                                                                                                         | N/A      | A report to the Minister<br>was not required as no<br>significant matters<br>were raised in the<br>auditor's report.                                             |                                      |
| 7  | Audit Reg 10(1)          | Was the auditor's report for the<br>financial year ending 30 June received<br>by the local government within 30<br>days of completion of the audit?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes      | Received on 8<br>December 2023.                                                                                                                                  | Chief Financial<br>Officer           |



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# Integrated Planning and Reporting

| No | Reference                  | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Response | Comments                                                                                                                                                                       | Respondent                           |
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| 1  | Admin Reg 19C              | Has the local government adopted by<br>absolute majority a strategic<br>community plan?<br>If Yes, please provide the adoption<br>date or the date of the most recent<br>review in the Comments section? | Yes      | The Strategic<br>Community Plan 2022<br>- 2032 (SCP) was<br>adopted by AMV at the<br>9 May 2023 OMC -<br>Item 9.11                                                             | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 2  | Admin Reg<br>19DA(1) & (4) | Has the local government adopted by<br>absolute majority a corporate business<br>plan?<br>If Yes, please provide the adoption<br>date or the date of the most recent<br>review in the Comments section?  | Yes      | The Corporate<br>Business Plan 2023/24<br>-2026/27 and Four<br>Year Capital Works<br>Program 2023/24 -<br>2026/27 was adopted<br>by AMV at the 20 June<br>2023 OMC - Item 12.3 | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 3  | Admin Reg<br>19DA(2) & (3) | Does the corporate business plan<br>comply with the requirements of<br>Admin Reg 19DA(2) & (3)?                                                                                                          | Yes      | The Corporate<br>Business Plan 2023/24<br>-2026/27aligns with<br>the legislative<br>requirements                                                                               | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |

| Local | Local Government Employees              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |          |                                                                                 |                                      |  |  |
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| No    | Reference                               | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Response | Comments                                                                        | Respondent                           |  |  |
| 1     | s5.36(4) &<br>s5.37(3) Admin<br>Reg 18A | Were all CEO and/or senior employee vacancies advertised in accordance with Admin Reg 18A?                                                                                                                                | N/A      | There were no CEO<br>and/or senior<br>employee vacancies<br>advertised in 2023. | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |  |  |
| 2     | Admin Reg 18E                           | Was all information provided in applications for the position of CEO true and accurate?                                                                                                                                   | N/A      | There were no CEO<br>and/or senior<br>employee vacancies<br>advertised in 2023. | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |  |  |
| 3     | Admin Reg 18F                           | Was the remuneration and other<br>benefits paid to a CEO on appointment<br>the same remuneration and benefits<br>advertised for the position under<br>section 5.36(4) of the <i>Local</i><br><i>Government Act 1995</i> ? | N/A      | There were no CEO<br>and/or senior<br>employee vacancies<br>advertised in 2023. | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |  |  |
| 4     | s5.37(2)                                | Did the CEO inform council of each<br>proposal to employ or dismiss senior<br>employee?                                                                                                                                   | N/A      | There were no CEO<br>and/or senior<br>employee vacancies<br>advertised in 2023. | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |  |  |
| 5     | s5.37(2)                                | Where council rejected a CEO's<br>recommendation to employ or dismiss<br>a senior employee, did it inform the<br>CEO of the reasons for doing so?                                                                         | N/A      | There were no CEO<br>and/or senior<br>employee vacancies<br>advertised in 2023. | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |  |  |



Official Conduct

| No | Reference       | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Response | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Respondent                                                |
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| 1  | s5.120          | Has the local government designated<br>an employee as defined by section<br>5.37 to be its complaints officer?                                                                                                                                                                     | Yes      | Council appointed the<br>CEO as its complaints<br>officer at the 16<br>February 2021 OMC -<br>Item 12.4. At the 14<br>December 2021 OMC<br>Council delegated by<br>AMV to the CEO the<br>authority to appoint an<br>external Complaints<br>Officer to receive<br>complaints and<br>withdrawal of<br>complaints - Item 9.15<br>Also see <u>Register of</u><br><u>Delegations</u> ,<br><u>Authorisations &amp;</u><br><u>Appointments</u> 2.2.31. | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer                      |
| 2  | s5.121(1) & (2) | Has the complaints officer for the local<br>government maintained a register of<br>complaints which records all<br>complaints that resulted in a finding<br>under section 5.110(2)(a)? Does the<br>complaints register include all<br>information required by section<br>5.121(2)? | Yes      | No complaints<br>received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Executive Manager<br>Corporate Strategy<br>and Governance |
| 3  | S5.121(2)       | Does the complaints register include all information required by section 5.121(2) of the <i>Local Government Act 1995?</i>                                                                                                                                                         | Yes      | Template D16/107330<br>Refer <u>Publicly available</u><br><u>Council registers</u> on<br>the City's website                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                           |
| 4  | s5.121(3)       | Has the CEO published an up-to-date<br>version of the register of the<br>complaints on the local government's<br>official website?                                                                                                                                                 | Yes      | Available on ` <u>Make a</u><br><u>Complaint'</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Executive Manager<br>Corporate Strategy<br>and Governance |



| No | Reference                              | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Response | Comments                                                                                                                                                     | Respondent                           |
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| 1  | Financial<br>Management Reg<br>5(2)(c) | Did the CEO review the<br>appropriateness and effectiveness of<br>the local government's financial<br>management systems and procedures<br>in accordance with Financial<br>Management Reg 5(2)(c) within the<br>three years prior to 31 December<br>2023?<br>If yes, please provide the date of<br>council's resolution to accept the<br>report.                                          | Yes      | Audit Committee<br>1/12/2020<br>Council 15/12/2020                                                                                                           | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 2  | Audit Reg 17                           | Did the CEO review the<br>appropriateness and effectiveness of<br>the local government's systems and<br>procedures in relation to risk<br>management, internal control and<br>legislative compliance in accordance<br>with Audit Reg 17 within the three<br>financial years prior to 31 December<br>2023?<br>If yes, please provide date of council's<br>resolution to accept the report. | Yes      | Audit Committee<br>1/12/2020<br>Council 15/12/2020                                                                                                           | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 3  | s5.87C                                 | Where a disclosure was made under<br>sections 5.87A or 5.87B, was the<br>disclosure made within 10 days after<br>receipt of the gift? Did the disclosure<br>include the information required by<br>section 5.87C?                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes      | D19/183319<br>Gift Register                                                                                                                                  | Council Liaison<br>Officer           |
| 4  | s5.90A(2) & (5)                        | Did the local government prepare,<br>adopt by absolute majority and publish<br>an up-to-date version on the local<br>government's website, a policy dealing<br>with the attendance of council<br>members and the CEO at events?                                                                                                                                                           | Yes      | The Attendance at<br>Events policy was<br>adopted by Council at<br>the 23 March 2021<br>OMC - Item 12.1                                                      | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 5  | s5.96A(1), (2), (3)<br>& (4)           | Did the CEO publish information on the local government's website in accordance with sections 5.96A(1), (2), (3), and (4)?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Yes      | This information is<br>available on the City's<br>website                                                                                                    | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 6  | s5.128(1)                              | Did the local government prepare and<br>adopt (by absolute majority) a policy<br>in relation to the continuing<br>professional development of council<br>members?                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes      | The Council Members<br>Continuing Professional<br>Development Policy<br>was adopted by<br>Council at the 17 May<br>2020 OMC - Item 12.6                      | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 7  | s5.127                                 | Did the local government prepare a<br>report on the training completed by<br>council members in the 2022/2023<br>financial year and publish it on the<br>local government's official website by<br>31 July 2023?                                                                                                                                                                          | Yes      | Council Members<br>Professional<br>Development<br>Reporting is included<br>in <u>Publicly available</u><br><u>Council registers</u> on<br>the City's website | Senior Governance<br>Project Officer |
| 8  | s6.4(3)                                | By 30 September 2022, did the local government submit to its auditor the balanced accounts and annual financial report for the year ending 30 June 2022?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes      | The balanced accounts<br>and the annual<br>financial report were<br>submitted to the OAG<br>on 29 September<br>2023.                                         | Chief Financial<br>Officer           |



# **Optional Questions**

| 9 | s.6.2(3) | When adopting the annual budget, did<br>the local government take into account<br>all it's expenditure, revenue and<br>income? | Yes |
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| No | Reference                                              | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Response | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                            | Respondent                                  |
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| 1  | F&G Reg 11A(1) &<br>(3)                                | Did the local government comply with<br>its current purchasing policy [adopted<br>under F&G Reg 11A(1) & (3)] in<br>relation to the supply of goods or<br>services where the consideration under<br>the contract was, or was expected to<br>be, \$250,000 or less or worth<br>\$250,000 or less? | Yes      | The City complied with<br>its Purchasing Policy<br>for all procurements<br>valued at \$250,000 or<br>less.                                                                                          | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 2  | s3.57 F&G Reg 11                                       | Subject to F&G Reg 11(2), did the local<br>government invite tenders for all<br>contracts for the supply of goods or<br>services where the consideration under<br>the contract was, or was expected to<br>be, worth more than the consideration<br>stated in F&G Reg 11(1)?                      | Yes      | All procurements worth above \$250,000 were publicly invited as per Regulation 11(1).                                                                                                               |                                             |
| 3  | F&G Regs 11(1),<br>12(2), 13, & 14(1),<br>(3), and (4) | When regulations 11(1), 12(2) or 13<br>required tenders to be publicly invited,<br>did the local government invite tenders<br>via Statewide public notice in<br>accordance with F&G Reg 14(3) and<br>(4)?                                                                                        | Yes      | All tenders were<br>advertised in the West<br>Australian newspaper,<br>VendorPanel and on<br>the City of Vincent<br>website.                                                                        | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 4  | F&G Reg 12                                             | Did the local government comply with F&G Reg 12 when deciding to enter into multiple contracts rather than a single contract?                                                                                                                                                                    | Yes      | The City did not split<br>any contracts into 2 or<br>more contracts to<br>avoid the requirements<br>of regulation 11(1).                                                                            | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 5  | F&G Reg 14(5)                                          | If the local government sought to vary<br>the information supplied to tenderers,<br>was every reasonable step taken to<br>give each person who sought copies of<br>the tender documents or each<br>acceptable tenderer notice of the<br>variation?                                               | Yes      | Any variation of<br>information was<br>distributed as addenda<br>notice to all Tenderers<br>via VendorPanel or<br>emailed directly to<br>tenderers.                                                 | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 6  | F&G Regs 15 & 16                                       | Did the local government's procedure<br>for receiving and opening tenders<br>comply with the requirements of F&G<br>Regs 15 and 16?                                                                                                                                                              | Yes      | All tenders were<br>advertised for a<br>minimum of 14 days or<br>more as required<br>under Regulation 15.<br>Two City officers were<br>always present when<br>tenders were opened.                  | Coordinator<br>Procurement an<br>Contracts  |
| 7  | F&G Reg 17                                             | Did the information recorded in the<br>local government's tender register<br>comply with the requirements of F&G<br>Reg 17 and did the CEO make the<br>tenders register available for public<br>inspection and publish it on the local<br>government's official website?                         | Yes      | All information<br>recorded in the tender<br>register complied with<br>Regulation 17. The<br>City's tender register is<br>published on the City's<br>official website and is<br>publicly available. | Coordinator<br>Procurement an<br>Contracts  |



**Tenders for Providing Goods and Services** 

| Ten |                          | Jous and Services                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                             |
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| 8   | 5 F&G Reg 18(1)          | Did the local government reject any<br>tenders that were not submitted at the<br>place, and within the time, specified in<br>the invitation to tender?                                                                                     | Yes | The City used<br>VendorPanel for all<br>tenders. Any tender<br>not submitted through<br>VendorPanel or within<br>the time and date<br>specified in the tender<br>were rejected. The City<br>does not accept<br>hardcopy tenders and<br>VendorPanel does not<br>allow tender responses<br>to be submitted after<br>the closing time and<br>date. | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 9   | F&G Reg 18(4)            | Were all tenders that were not rejected<br>assessed by the local government via a<br>written evaluation of the extent to<br>which each tender satisfies the criteria<br>for deciding which tender to accept?                               | Yes | All compliant tenders<br>were evaluated by an<br>evaluation panel and<br>evaluation reports<br>were generated and<br>approved as per the<br>City's Purchasing<br>Policy.                                                                                                                                                                        | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 10  | 0 F&G Reg 19             | Did the CEO give each tenderer written<br>notice containing particulars of the<br>successful tender or advising that no<br>tender was accepted?                                                                                            | Yes | All tender respondents<br>were notified of the<br>evaluation outcome via<br>a letter sent by email<br>or via the VendorPanel<br>platform.                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Procurement and                             |
| 1:  | 1 F&G Regs 21 & 22       | Did the local government's advertising<br>and expression of interest processes<br>comply with the requirements of F&G<br>Regs 21 and 22?                                                                                                   | Yes | All EOI's were<br>advertised above the<br>minimum time allowed<br>under Reg 22 and was<br>advertised in the West<br>Australian newspaper,<br>VendorPanel and on<br>the City of Vincent<br>website.                                                                                                                                              | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 12  | 2 F&G Reg 23(1) &<br>(2) | Did the local government reject any<br>expressions of interest that were not<br>submitted at the place, and within the<br>time, specified in the notice or that<br>failed to comply with any other<br>requirement specified in the notice? | Yes | All EOI responses that<br>did not comply with<br>the EOI requirements<br>were rejected.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 13  | 3 F&G Reg 23(3) &<br>(4) | Were all expressions of interest that<br>were not rejected under F&G Reg<br>23(1) & (2) assessed by the local<br>government? Did the CEO list each<br>person as an acceptable tenderer?                                                    | Yes | All compliant EOI<br>submissions were<br>evaluated by an<br>approved evaluation<br>panel and shortlisted<br>respondents were<br>advertised and<br>approved as per the<br>City's Purchasing<br>Policy.                                                                                                                                           | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 14  | 4 F&G Reg 24             | Did the CEO give each person who<br>submitted an expression of interest a<br>notice in writing of the outcome in                                                                                                                           | Yes | All EOI respondents<br>were notified of the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Coordinator<br>Procurement and              |



| 16 | F&G Reg 24AD(6)       | If the local government sought to vary<br>the information supplied to the panel,<br>was every reasonable step taken to<br>give each person who sought detailed<br>information about the proposed panel<br>or each person who submitted an<br>application notice of the variation?                          | N/A | The City did not<br>establish any panel of<br>prequalified suppliers.                        | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
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| 17 | F&G Reg 24AF          | Did the local government's procedure<br>for receiving and opening applications<br>to join a panel of pre-qualified<br>suppliers comply with the<br>requirements of F&G Reg 16, as if the<br>reference in that regulation to a tender<br>were a reference to a pre-qualified<br>supplier panel application? | N/A | The City did not<br>establish any panel of<br>prequalified suppliers.                        | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 18 | F&G Reg 24AG          | Did the information recorded in the<br>local government's tender register<br>about panels of pre-qualified suppliers<br>comply with the requirements of F&G<br>Reg 24AG?                                                                                                                                   | N/A | The City did not<br>establish any panel of<br>prequalified suppliers.                        | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 19 | F&G Reg 24AH(1)       | Did the local government reject any<br>applications to join a panel of pre-<br>qualified suppliers that were not<br>submitted at the place, and within the<br>time, specified in the invitation for<br>applications?                                                                                       | N/A | The City did not<br>establish any panel of<br>prequalified suppliers.                        | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 20 | F&G Reg 24AH(3)       | Were all applications that were not<br>rejected assessed by the local<br>government via a written evaluation of<br>the extent to which each application<br>satisfies the criteria for deciding which<br>application to accept?                                                                             | N/A | The City did not<br>establish any panel of<br>prequalified suppliers.                        | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 21 | F&G Reg 24AI          | Did the CEO send each applicant<br>written notice advising them of the<br>outcome of their application?                                                                                                                                                                                                    | N/A | The City did not<br>establish any panel of<br>prequalified suppliers.                        | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |
| 22 | F&G Regs 24E &<br>24F | Where the local government gave<br>regional price preference, did the local<br>government comply with the<br>requirements of F&G Regs 24E and<br>24F?                                                                                                                                                      | N/A | No regional price<br>preference was<br>required or used for<br>the assessment of<br>tenders. | Coordinator<br>Procurement and<br>Contracts |