

6.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: Mayor John Carey – Western Australian Local Government Annual General Meeting

That Council **AUTHORISES** the Mayor to submit the following motion to the Western Australian Local Government Association's Annual General Meeting on 5 August 2015:

"That the Western Australian Local Government Association:

1. *Advocates for reforms to the Local Government Act 1995 and related Regulations to enhance governance, transparency, accountability and consistency in Local Government, particularly in relation to:*
 - a) *Recording of Council Member contact with Developers;*
 - b) *Prohibition of donations from developers to local government election candidates;*
 - c) *Reporting and publicising of gifts and hospitality to Council Members and local government employees;*
 - d) *Reporting and publicising of travel undertaken by Council Members and local government employees;*
 - e) *Appointment and review of performance of the Chief Executive Officer and prescribed contract renewal procedures;*
 - f) *Any other areas which lead to improved governance and transparency.*
2. *Develops the suite of reforms referred to in 1. above in consultation with members by no later than 3 months before the February 2017 State Election for consideration by all political parties in Western Australia."*

REASON:

The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) is holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 5 August 2015. At that meeting, member councils have the opportunity to put forward motions to the AGM to consider. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor will be attending the AGM as the City of Vincent's voting delegates.

It is recommended that Council authorises the Mayor to put forward the above motion for consideration at WALGA's AGM. As with local government, WALGA is not bound by motions adopted at its AGM but those motions would, at least, require consideration and response by WALGA in respect of any action the Association agrees to take.

The proposed motion is considered to be in keeping with the leadership shown by Council in its recent adoption of Policy No. 4.2.15 – Council Member Contact with Developers; is reflective of Cr Harley's proposed Motion on Notice to the 30 June 2015 Council Meeting; and is intended to stimulate discussion in the local government sector about ways to introduce improved transparency and innovation in Western Australian local government.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT:

The Chief Executive Officer has no objection to the proposed motion.