SHIRE OF ASHBURTON
AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

CONFIRMED AND AMENDED MINUTES (Public Document)

COUNCIL CHAMBERS, ONSLOW SHIRE COMPLEX, SECOND AVENUE, ONSLOW

17 DECEMBER 2019
10.00 am

AMENDED PUBLIC MINUTES - AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING 17 DECEMBER 2019

SHIRE OF ASHBURTON

ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

The Acting Chief Executive Officer recommends the endorsement of these minutes at the next Ordinary Meeting of Council.

Mr Steven Deckert
ACTING CEO

Date: 17.12.2019

These minutes were confirmed by Council as a true and correct record of proceedings of the Ordinary Meeting of Council on the 17/12//2019.

Presiding Member: _____ Date: 17/12/2019

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1. DECLARATION OF OPENING

Being the first meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee following a biennial election day, the Director assumed the role of Presiding Member until such time as a Presiding Member is elected.

The Director Corporate Services, Mr J Bingham declared the meeting open at 10.01 am.

Mr Bingham advised that a written nomination has been received from Cr P Foster. Mr Bingham then called for any further nominations from the floor, no further nominations were received.

Mr Bingham declared Cr P Foster elected as the Presiding Member for the Audit and Risk Management Committee for the term of 2 years ending in October 2021.

Cr P Foster completed his Declaration by Elected Member of Council for the Chairman of the Shire of Ashburton Audit and Risk Management Committee.

Cr P Foster assumed the Chair at 10.04 am.

1.1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As representatives of the Shire of Ashburton Council, we respectfully acknowledge the local Indigenous people, the traditional custodians of this land where we are meeting upon today and pay our respects to them and all their elders both past, present and emerging.

2. ATTENDANCE

2.1 PRESENT

Members:	Cr P Foster	Tom Price Ward (Presiding Member)
	Cr K White	Onslow Ward
	Cr M Lynch	Tom Price Ward
	Cr D Diver	Tom Price Ward
	Cr L Rumble	Paraburdoo Ward
	Cr M Gallanagh	Pannawonica Ward
	Cr R de Pledge	Ashburton Ward
	Cr J Richardson	Tablelands Ward
Staff:	Mr S Deckert	Acting Chief Executive Officer
	Mr. J Bingham	Director Corporate Services
	Mr B Cameron	Director Property and Development Services
	Mr A McColl	Director Infrastructure
	Mr G Garside	Manager Finance and Administration
	Mrs. M Lewis	Council Liaison Officer
	Mrs K Cameron	Governance Officer
	Ms J Smith	Executive Coordinator

Guests:	Nil
Members of Public:	There were no members of the public in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.
Members of Media:	There were no members of the media in attendance at the commencement of the meeting.

2.2 APOLOGIES

Mrs S Johnston Acting Director Property and Development Services
Mrs J Fell Manager Land and Asset Compliance

2.3 APPROVED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr D Dias Paraburdoo Ward

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

Mr Travis Bate – Principal RSM Australia Geraldton,
Mr David Wall – Partner RSM Australia
Ms Efthalia Samaras – Director Financial Audit Office of Auditor General Perth
Phone call to the Audit and Risk Management Committee for Agenda Item 7.1.

4. DECLARATION BY MEMBERS

4.1 DUE CONSIDERATION BY COUNCILLORS TO THE AGENDA

All Councillors noted that they had given due consideration to all matters contained in the Agenda presently before the meeting.

4.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors to Note

A member who has an Impartiality, Proximity or Financial Interest in any matter to be discussed at a Council or Committee Meeting that will be attended by the member must disclose the nature of the interest:

(a) In a written notice given to the Chief Executive Officer before the Meeting Or;
(b) At the Meeting, immediately before the matter is discussed.

A member, who makes a disclosure in respect to an interest, must not:

(a) Preside at the part of the Meeting, relating to the matter or;
(b) Participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision-making procedure relative to the matter, unless to the extent that the disclosing member is allowed to do so under Section 5.68 or Section 5.69 of the *Local Government Act 1995.*

NOTES ON DECLARING INTERESTS (FOR YOUR GUIDANCE)

The following notes are a basic guide for Councillors when they are considering whether they have an interest in a matter.

These notes are included in each agenda for the time being so that Councillors may refresh their memory.

1. A Financial Interest requiring disclosure occurs when a Council decision might advantageously or detrimentally affect the Councillor or a person closely associated with the Councillor and is capable of being measure in money terms. There are exceptions in the *Local Government Act 1995* but they should not be relied on without advice, unless the situation is very clear.

2. If a Councillor is a member of an Association (which is a Body Corporate) with not less than 10 members i.e. sporting, social, religious etc.), and the Councillor is not a holder of office of profit or a guarantor, and has not leased land to or from the club, i.e., if the Councillor is an ordinary member of the Association, the Councillor has a common and not a financial interest in any matter to that Association.

3. If an interest is shared in common with a significant number of electors or ratepayers, then the obligation to disclose that interest does not arise. Each case needs to be considered.

4. If in doubt declare.

5. As stated in (b) above, if written notice disclosing the interest has not been given to the Chief Executive Officer before the meeting, then it **MUST** be given when the matter arises in the Agenda, and immediately before the matter is discussed.

6. Ordinarily the disclosing Councillor must leave the meeting room before discussion commences. The **only** exceptions are:

6.1 Where the Councillor discloses the **extent** of the interest, and Council carries a motion under s.5.68(1)(b)(ii) or the *Local Government Act*; or

6.2 Where the Minister allows the Councillor to participate under s.5.69 (3) of the *Local Government Act*, with or without conditions.

Declarations of Interest provided:

Item Number/ Name	Type of Interest	Nature/Extent of Interest
There are no Declarations of Interest for this meeting.		

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 18 SEPTEMBER 2019

Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr K White **SECONDED: Cr M Lynch**

That the Unconfirmed Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held on 18 September 2019 (ATTACHMENT 5.1) be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 8/0
Councillors White, Diver, Rumble, Foster, Lynch, Gallanagh, de Pledge and Richardson voted for the motion

6. TERMS OF REFERENCE

Audit and Risk Management Committee

Purpose
The Audit Committee's role in accordance with Regulation 15 of the *Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1995* is to provide assistance and guidance to Council on the discharge of its duties under Part 6 and 7 of the *Local Government Act 1995 (the Act).* The Audit Committee assists Council to monitor the integrity of the Shire's financial statements, risk management, internal controls and compliance with legislative requirements.

Responsibilities

The Audit Committee is responsible for:

1.1 Guiding and assisting Council in carrying out its functions under:
  (a) Part 6 of the Act and its functions relating to other audits and other matters related to financial management; and
  (b) Part 7 of the Act in relating to auditing the Shire's financial accounts.
1.2 Reviewing the CEO's report required under regulation 17(3).
1.3 Monitoring and advising the CEO when the CEO is carrying out functions in relation to a review under:
  (a) regulation 17 (1); and
  (b) the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*, regulation 5(2)(c).
1.4 Support the Auditor conducting an audit and carrying out the Auditor's other duties under the Act.
1.5 Oversee the implementation of any action that Council
  (a) is required to take, has stated it has taken or intends to take in respect to matters raised by the audit report;
  (b) has accepted should be taken on receipt of the CEO's report of a review under regulation 17(1); and

(c) has accepted should be taken on receipt of the CEO's report under regulation 5(2)(c) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*.

1.6 The Audit Committee's duties include;

(a) considering the Auditor's interim audit of the Shire's accounting and internal control procedures for the financial year;
(b) reviewing the audited financial report for the previous financial year;
(c) reviewing the interim and final audit reports for the financial year;
(d) reviewing the annual Compliance Audit Return;
(e) reviewing the CEO's triennial report on the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Shire's systems and procedures regarding risk management, internal controls and legislative compliance;
(f) reviewing the CEO's triennial report on the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Shire's financial management systems and procedures; and
(g) considering the proposed timeline for Council to adopt the budget and the ten-year financial plan for the following financial year; and providing a report to council on those matters

7. AGENDA ITEMS

Mr Travis Bate – Principal RSM Australia Geraldton,
Mr David Wall – Partner RSM Australia
Ms Efthalia Samaras – Director Financial Audit Office of Auditor General Perth

Called into the meeting by telephone at 10.11 am to discuss the Audit Closing Report in relation to agenda item 7.1.
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7.1 REVIEW OF 2018-19 INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT AND MANAGEMENT REPORTS

MINUTE: ~~687/2019~~ 717/2019

FILE REFERENCE:	FM09
AUTHOR'S NAME AND POSITION:	John Bingham Director Corporate Services
AUTHORISING OFFICER AND POSITION:	Steve Deckert Acting Chief Executive Officer
NAME OF APPLICANT/ RESPONDENT:	Not Applicable
DATE REPORT WRITTEN:	20 November 2019
DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST:	The author and the authorising officer have no financial, proximity or impartiality interests in the proposal.
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCE:	Not Applicable

Summary
The Auditors conducted the Annual Financial Audit for 2018/19 during October and November 2019. This report discusses the outcomes of the Audit including the Independent Auditors Report and Management letter.

Background
This year the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) was appointed as Councils auditor in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Amendment (Auditing) Act 2017*. Further to this appointment in February 2019 the OAG went to tender and advised RSM Australia would be the Shires external auditors for 2018/19.

RSM completed their fieldwork during a visit to Tom Price in late September. At a de-brief meeting prior to departure the Auditors confirmed there were no compliance issues nor detected any occurrences of fraud in relation to the *Local Government Act 1995* ("*the Act*") and the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 2011* ("*the Financial Regulations*").

A list of outstanding information required by the Auditors plus completion of work papers by Finance Officers was finalised in December resulting in the Financial Report for the year ended 30 June 2019 being completed in the week ending 13 December 2019.

Comment
This year the audit process has been more extensive than prior years and as a result extra time and resources have been put to the task to meet audit requirements. The Finance team are to be acknowledged for their extra efforts and commitment.

As of date of writing please note the following:
On Friday 6 December, Mr. Travis Bate (Principal at RSM Auditors) confirmed the Shire's audit file was scheduled for review with Mr. David Wall (Partner at RSM) on Wednesday 11 December. After this the file is to be sent to the Office of Auditor General on Thursday 12 December for another review.

The Shire will then be issued with the following documents for our Audit Exit Meeting on Friday 13 December:

1. Exit Meeting Report
2. Audit Closing Report
3. Annexure A – Final Audit Management Letter points.

Please note it is these documents will be provided under separate cover and will form the basis of discussion at the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting on Tuesday 17 December in Onslow.

ATTACHMENT 7.1A (as tabled at this meeting)
ATTACHMENT 7.1B (as tabled at this meeting)

The Annual Financial Report includes a Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2019, a Statement of Comprehensive Income, a Statement of Changes in Equity, a Statement of Cash-flows and a Statement of Rate Setting Statement for the year ended 30 June 2019 inclusive of accounting policies and other explanatory notes and statements.

The 2018/19 Annual Financial Statements are presented in **ATTACHMENT 7.1C (as tabled at this meeting).**

The Audit and Risk Committee will be provided the opportunity to meet and discuss the Audit Report and Management Reports with the Auditor at the meeting.

Consultation
Executive Management Team
Finance Team and Manager
RSM Australia (Auditor)

Statutory Environment
The Shire is required to prepare an Annual Report for each financial year in accordance with Part 5 Division 5 of *the Act*. The Report is to be accepted no later than 31 December by an absolute majority in accordance with section 5.54 of *the Act*. Section 7.12 of the *Act* also applies:

7.12A. Duties of local government with respect to audits
(1) A local government is to do everything in its power to —

(a) assist the auditor of the local government to conduct an audit and carry out his or her other duties under this Act in respect of the local government; and
(b) ensure that audits are conducted successfully and expeditiously.

(2) Without limiting the generality of subsection (1), a local government is to meet with the auditor of the local government at least once in every year.

(3) A local government is to examine the report of the auditor prepared under section 7.9(1), and any report prepared under section 7.9(3) forwarded to it, and is to —
(a) determine if any matters raised by the report, or reports, require action to be taken by the local government; and
(b) ensure that appropriate action is taken in respect of those matters.

(4) A local government is to —
(a) prepare a report on any actions under subsection (3) in respect of an audit conducted in respect of a financial year; and
(b) forward a copy of that report to the Minister, by the end of the next financial year, or 6 months after the last report prepared under section 7.9 is received by the local government, whichever is the latest in time

Financial Implications
Outcomes of the Report will influence the current Budget as well as the Long Term Financial Plan.

Strategic Implications
Shire of Ashburton 10 Year Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027 (Desktop Review 2019)

Goal 5 Inspiring Governance
Objective 3 Council leadership

Risk Management
Adoption of this item has been evaluated against the Shire of Ashburton's Risk Management Policy CORP5 Risk Matrix. The perceived level of risk is considered to be "Low" and can be managed by routine procedures, and is unlikely to need specific application of resources.

Policy Implications
There are no known policy implications for this matter.

Voting Requirement
Simple Majority Required

Phone call with Auditors was briefly interrupted at 10.25 am. Back online at 10.28 am and completed call at 10.32 am.

Officers Recommendation and Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr D Diver **SECONDED: Cr M Lynch**

That with respect to the 2018-19 Audit:

1. Note the presentation by the Auditor to the Committee; and

2. Acknowledge and receive the Audit Closing Report for 2019.

Councillors White, Diver, Rumble, Foster, Lynch, Gallanagh, de Pledge and Richardson voted for the motion **CARRIED 8/0**

7.2 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CONTROL PLAN

MINUTE: ~~688/2019~~ 718/2019

FILE REFERENCE:	FM09
AUTHOR'S NAME AND POSITION:	John Bingham Director Corporate Services
AUTHORISING OFFICER AND POSITION:	Steve Deckert Acting Chief Executive Officer
NAME OF APPLICANT/ RESPONDENT:	Not Applicable
DATE REPORT WRITTEN:	3 December 2019
DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST:	The author and the authorising officer have no financial, proximity or impartiality interests in the proposal.
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCE:	Not Applicable

Summary
The Shire of Ashburton is required to have a Fraud and Corruption Control Plan according to *section 7.12A of the Local Government Act 1995*. This report recommends Committee acknowledge the Office of Auditor General's findings in relation to controlling the Shires fraud risks and adopts the Fraud and Corruption Control Plan to help further control those risks.

Background
As a result of a high profile investigation into fraud in the public sector by the Western Australian Corruption and Crime Commission (CCC), in particular local government entities, the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) has recommended that in line with better practice, all entities should ensure they implement a coordinated approach to manage their fraud risks.

Comment
In August 2019 the OAG conducted an audit to review the systems that entities had in place to manage fraud risks. The result of the sector wide questionnaire was local governments can do more to prevent fraud.

ATTACHMENT 7.2A

Specifically organisations should:

a. assess fraud risks across their business;
b. develop a Fraud and Corruption Control Plan and review it at least once every two years;
c. develop and implement a periodic fraud awareness training program for all staff;
d. ensure that all conflicts of interest are recorded, assessed and appropriate management plans are in place;
e. have policies and procedures in place to verify the identity and integrity of employees and suppliers;
f. document clear internal processes and systems to report any potential fraud, that include anonymous reporting; and
g. collect and analyse information received about potential fraud to identify any trends or emerging issues.

The Shire currently controls fraud risks in accordance with the requirements of its legislated responsibilities:

Legislation	Fraud related requirements
Local Government Act 1995	• Disqualifies individuals from becoming elected members due to insolvency, criminal convictions, or misapplication of funds • Councillor must believe that a person is suitably qualified for the position of CEO, and CEO's must believe that staff are suitably qualified for their positions • All employees must be selected in accordance with the principles of merit and equity • Mandates a general need for good government and the creation of Code of Conduct. • Council members, the CEO and designated staff members must disclose financial interests • Employees must disclose any interests when they are advising or reporting to council • An audit committee must be form Sets out penalties for improper use of information • Sets out penalties for improper use of information
Local Government(Rules of conduct) Regulations 2007	• Requires council to act ethically, be open and accountable • Forbids council members from influencing employees or using their office for personal advantage • Council members must declare any interests in matters being discussed at council or audit committee meetings • Sets out restrictions von gifts and travel contributions to councillors and requirements for records to be kept
Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996	• CEO's are to establish efficient systems and procedures for collection and custody of money owing to the entity
Local Government(Audit) Regulations 1996	• Describes the function of the audit committee • Regulations 17 requires a CEO to review appropriateness and effectiveness of systems and procedures relating to risk management, internal control and legislative compliance. This is then reported top the audit committee
Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996	• Sets out information on disclosure of financial interests • Provides detailed information on what value of gifts must be reported and which are prohibited • Requires a register of gifts to be publicly accessible • Requires Codes of Conduct to contain information on gifts, travel contributions and disclosure interests

The Shire also conducts external audits which '*provide reasonable assurance about whether the annual financial report as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.'*

A Fraud and Corruption Control Plan will further assist the Shire commit to the prevention, deterrence, monitoring and investigation of all forms of fraud and corruption.

The Plan is attached for review and recommendation by the Committee to Council.

ATTACHMENT 7.2B

Consultation
Executive Management Team
Office of Auditor General

Statutory Environment
Under section 7.12A of the *Local Government Act 1995*, all audited entities are required to prepare an action plan addressing significant matters relevant to their entity for submission to the Minister for Local Government within three months of the OAG August 2019 report **(ATTACHMENT 7.2A)** being tabled in Parliament and for publication on the entity's website. This action plan should address the points above in a) to g), to the extent that they are relevant to their entity.

Financial Implications
There are no direct financial implications related to this matter.

Strategic Implications
Shire of Ashburton 10 Year Strategic Community Plan 2017-2027 (Desktop Review 2019)

Goal 5 Inspiring Governance
Objective 1 Effective planning for the future

Risk Management
Adoption of this item has been evaluated against the Shire of Ashburton's Risk Management Policy CORP5 Risk Matrix. The perceived level of risk is considered to be "Low" and can be managed by routine procedures, and is unlikely to need specific application of resources.

Policy Implications
The *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2003* (PID Act) requires Council to establish a written policy and procedure for handling of any protected disclosures.

Voting Requirement
Simple Majority Required

Officers Recommendation and Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr K White **SECONDED: Cr M Lynch**

That with respect to the Draft Fraud and Corruption Control Plan, the Audit and Risk Committee recommend Council adopt the plan. As appended attachment 7.2B.

CARRIED 8/0 **Councillors White, Diver, Rumble, Foster, Lynch, Gallanagh, de Pledge and Richardson voted for the motion**

8. CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

Under the Local Government Act 1995, Part 5, and Section 5.23, states in part:

2. If a meeting is being held by a Council or by a committee referred to in subsection (2)(b), the Council or committee may close to members of the public the meeting, or part of the meeting, if the meeting or the part of the meeting deals with any of the following:

(a) a matter affecting an employee or employees;

(b) the personal affairs of any person;

(c) a contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting;

(d) legal advice obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting;

(e) a matter that if disclosed, would reveal:

(I) a trade secret;
(II) information that has a commercial value to a person; or
(III) information about the business, professional, commercial or financial affairs of a person.

Where the trade secret or information is held by, or is about, a person other than the local government.

(f) a matter that if disclosed, could be reasonably expected to:

(I) Impair the effectiveness of any lawful method or procedure for preventing, detecting, investigating or dealing with any contravention or possible contravention of the law;
(II) Endanger the security of the local government's property; or
(III) Prejudice the maintenance or enforcement of any lawful measure for protecting public safety.

(g) information which is the subject of a direction given under section 23(1a) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1981; and

(h) such other matters as may be prescribed.

Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr D Diver **SECONDED: Cr L Rumble**

That the Committee move behind closed doors at 10.40 am to consider the following Confidential Items.

18.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - UPDATE ON WITTENOOM LITIGATION, WITTENOOM STEERING COMMITTEE, SENIOR COUNSEL LEGAL ADVICE AND ROEBOURNE - WITTENOOM ROAD

pursuant to sub section 5.23 (2) (d) of the *Local Government Act 1995* which provides:

(d) legal advice obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

CARRIED 8/0
Councillor White, Diver, Rumble, Lynch, Foster, Gallanagh, de Pledge and Richardson voted for the motion

8.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - UPDATE ON WITTENOOM LITIGATION, WITTENOOM STEERING COMMITTEE, SENIOR COUNSEL LEGAL ADVICE AND ROEBOURNE - WITTENOOM ROAD

MINUTE: ~~689/2019~~ 719/2019

FILE REFERENCE:	LS34
AUTHOR'S NAME AND POSITION:	Keith Pearson Special Projects Advisor Janyce Smith Executive Officer
AUTHORISING OFFICER AND POSITION:	Steven Deckert Acting Chief Executive Officer
NAME OF APPLICANT/ RESPONDENT:	Not Applicable
DATE REPORT WRITTEN:	4 December 2019
DISCLOSURE OF FINANCIAL INTEREST:	The authors and the authorising officer have no financial proximity or impartiality interests in the proposal.
PREVIOUS MEETING REFERENCE:	Confidential Agenda Item 8.1 (Minute No 631/2019) – Audit and Risk Committee Meeting 18 September 2019 Confidential Agenda 18.2 (Minute No. 687/2019) Ordinary Meeting of Council 22 October 2019

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIALITY
The Acting Chief Executive Officer's Report is confidential in accordance with *s5.23 (2) the Local Government Act 1995* because it deals with matters affecting s5.23 (2):

(b) the personal affairs of any person;
(d) legal advice obtained, or which may be obtained, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.

Committee Decision 2 - Public

Moved Cr D Diver **Seconded: Cr K White**

That with respect to the Confidential Item – Update on Wittenoom Litigation, Wittenoom Steering Committee, Senior Counsel Legal Advice and Roebourne - Wittenoom Road, the Audit and Risk Committee recommend Council:

1. **Receive the Confidential Item – Update on Wittenoom Litigation, Senior Council Report Roebourne - Wittenoom Road and Wittenoom Steering Committee Report (CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENTS 8.1A, 8.1B and 8.1C) and remain confidential in accordance s5.23 (2)(b) & (d) of the *Local Government Act 1995*; and**

2. **Ensure that the Shire management continue to provide Wittenoom related reports to the Audit and Risk Management Committee; and**

3. **Adopt the recommendation contained in the officer's confidential memo dated 15 December 2019, tabled in this agenda item.**

CARRIED 8/0
Councillors White, Diver, Rumble, Foster, Lynch, Gallanagh, de Pledge and Richardson voted for the motion

Committee Decision

MOVED: Cr D Diver **SECONDED: Cr M Lynch**

That Council re-open the meeting to the public at 11.12 am.

CARRIED 8/0
Councillor White, Diver, Rumble, Foster, Gallanagh, Lynch, de Pledge and Richardson voted for the motion

On re-opening of the meeting, the Presiding Member noted that there were no members of the public present and did not read aloud the decisions made behind closed doors.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Audit and Risk Committee Meeting will be held on 10 March 2020 at the Council Chambers, Onslow Shire Complex, Onslow at a time to be advised.

10. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member closed the meeting at 11.12 am.