

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE MEETING

25 JUNE 2024

I certify that the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on Tuesday, 25 June 2024 were confirmed on Tuesday, 27 August 2024.

Presiding Member



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AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ROOM, 7000 GREAT EASTERN HIGHWAY, MUNDARING – 4.00PM

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 4.01pm.

Acknowledgement of Country

Shire of Mundaring respectfully acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar Nation, who are the traditional custodians of this land. We acknowledge Elders past, present and emerging and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the region.

1.1 Announcement of Visitors

Nil

1.2 Attendance/Apologies

The Presiding Member confirmed that they have received Ms Zulsdorf's declaration to attend this meeting by electronic means with approval provided by the Shire President in accordance with section 14CA of the *Local Government (Administration) Regulations* 1996.

Members Mr Tony Wittcomb (Presiding Member) External Member

Cr Trish Cook (Deputy Presiding Member)

Pres Paige McNeil

Cr Prapti Mehta

Cr Doug Jeans

South Ward

President

Central Ward

Central Ward

Ms Shona Zulsdorf (via electronic means)

StaffGarry BirdDirector Corporate ServicesStan KocianManager Finance and Governance

Jeannine Bryant (Item 7.1)

Robert Campbell (Item 9.1)

Manager People and Culture

Manager Information Technology

Andrea Douglas Minute Secretary

Apologies Cr Karen Beale West Ward
Jason Whiteaker Chief Executive Officer

Elizabeth Nicholls Governance Coordinator

Guests Nil

2.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- The Presiding Member attended an OAG Forum for Audit and Risk Committee Chairs on May 30, with Ms. Caroline Spencer (Auditor General) presenting:-
 - Hardline process to continue
 - Will expect outstanding issues to be address in a timely manner
 - Recommendation that OAG Guidelines are used as checklist prior to any audits
 - New audit tool being developed OAG in learning process

External Member

- Recent survey of Committee Chairs → learnings
 - Improve timeliness
 - Better communications and engagement
 - OAG members to attend ARCs if invited
 - Provide clarity around independent roles
 - Clarity on fee structure
- Cyber fraud increasing area of focus → major areas of concern
- Treasury and Public Sector → Financial Management Capability CI Project
 - Reducing instructions from 63 10
 - Moving from Principles to Rules based from next financial year
 - Expecting capability lift, especially related to document judgements

3.0 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

3.1 Declaration of Financial Interest and Proximity Interests

Council Members must disclose the nature of their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting (Part 5 Division 6 of the Local Government Act 1995).

Employees must disclose the nature of their interest in reports or advice when giving the report or advice to the meeting (Sections 5.70 and 5.71 of the Local Government Act 1995).

Nil

3.2 Declaration of Interest Affecting Impartiality

A Council Member or an employee who has an interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting must disclose that interest (Shire of Mundaring Code of Conduct, Local Government (Admin) Reg. 34C).

Nil

4.0 RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Nil

5.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Procedures for asking and responding to questions are determined by the Presiding Member and in accordance with the Shire's Meeting Procedures Local Law 2015. Questions must relate to a function of the Committee.

Nil

6.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved by Pres McNeil Seconded by Cr Mehta Cr Mehta

That:

1. the Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 23 April 2024 be confirmed; and

2. the Minutes of the Special Audit and Risk Committee Meeting held 21 May 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Pres McNeil, Cr Cook, Cr Mehta, Mr Wittcomb, Ms Zulsdorf and Cr Jeans

Against: Nil

7.0 REPORTS OF EMPLOYEES

7.1 Work Health and Safety - Action Plan progress

File Code HR.WHS 4.4.1

Author Jeannie Marlow, WHS coordinator

Senior Employee Jeannine Bryant, Manager People & Culture

Disclosure of Any

Interest

Nil

Attachments

1. Shire of Mundaring WHS Action Plan J.

PURPOSE

This report outlines progress and actions following the audit undertaken by Delivering Outcomes Pty Ltd. Shire of Mundaring's WHS Action Plan (**Attachment 1**) is presented to the committee for noting.

BACKGROUND

A large component of the plan required a detailed review of all Work Health and Safety (WHS) policies and procedures. Further to activities reported in December 2023, the following projects have been completed as follows:

- Procurement and Implementation of WHS Software (SiteDocs)
 - Development of forms and templates
 - Education and training
- Asbestos Management Project
 - New policy and procedure
 - Asbestos Management Plans for 46 Shire Buidlings
 - Asbestos Register
 - Awareness Training
- Working in Isolation
 - New policy and procedure

Work has commenced on the following projects

- Volunteer Management and Contractor Management
 - New policy and procedure
 - Streamline process for Onboarding
 - Education and training
- Visitor Management
 - New policy and procedure

- Education and training
- Health and Well-being Project

STATUTORY / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Work Health and Safety Act 2020

Work Health and Safety (General) Regulations 2022

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Shire's "Work Health and Safety Policy" (2.1) has been reviewed and is current as at April 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The report by Delivering Outcomes Pty Ltd recommended investment in Work Health and Safety. The below provides an update of progress in this regard;

LGIS (consultant) engaged to deliver Incident Investigation, Hazard Awareness, Identification and Control training

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Mundaring Strategic Community Plan 2020 - 2030

Priority 4 - Governance

Objective 4.4 – High standard of governance and accountability

Strategy 4.4.3 – Risks are well managed

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Governance

- Commitment to providing a safe work environment
- Deliver outcomes that are consistent with strategic goals and objectives of the Shire
- Comply with relevant legislation and regulation
- Adequately manage risk

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

The Shire may seek to engage an external consultant to assist with WHS projects.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk: Delayed roll out of safety management system champions and other key staff not available within expected timeframes.

Likelihood	Consequence	Rating
Possible	Moderate	Moderate
Action / Strategy		

Provide sufficient notice and set meeting and roll-out dates as soon as possible to reduce the possibility of delay with staff not being available.

Risk: Availability of devices to access SiteDocs for field staff					
Likelihood	Consequence	Rating			
Possible	Moderate	Moderate			
Action / Strategy					
Sufficient support is provided by line manager to ensure all team members have access.					

CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Council Decision will be communicated in the following way/s.

Direct to stakeholder /s	Website article/ post	Social media post	Print article/ media release	E- newsletter/ Community update	Advertisem ent	Nil
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COMMENT

The WHS Action plan is progressing well and the Shire continues to work towards an improved safety culture. This has been demonstrated by increased WHS communication through safety noticeboards, and increased site visits from the WHS team.

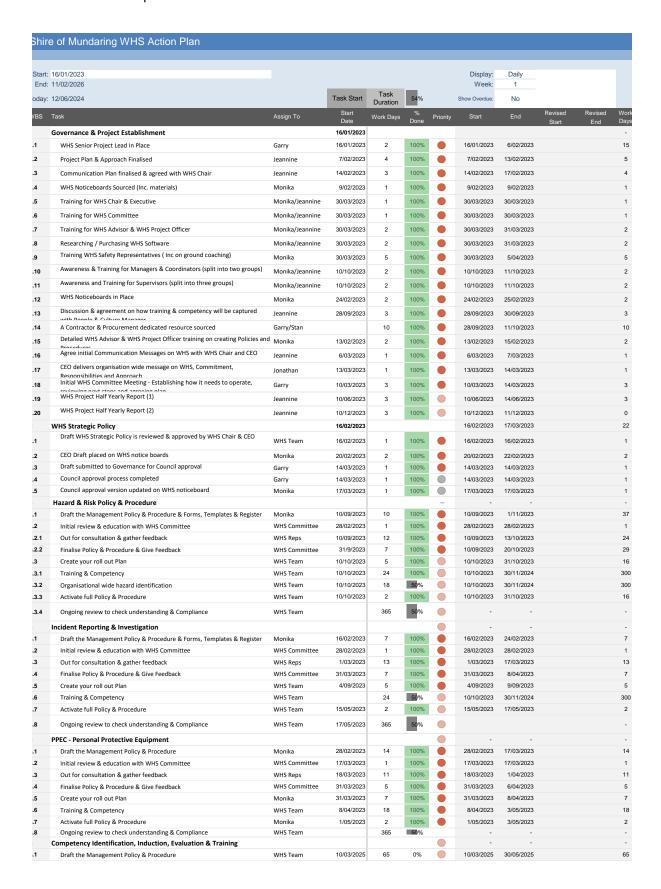
The implementation of the SiteDocs safety management system will continue to build a positive safety culture, with the project objectives detailed below:

- 1. To provide access to all workers to WHS documents, including training records licenses, certificates, and internal training records, policies, procedures, improvement plans, action plans, SDS records, SWMS, SWPs, AND JSAs
- 2. To automate all WHS procedures, processes, workflows and tools to an appropriate level.

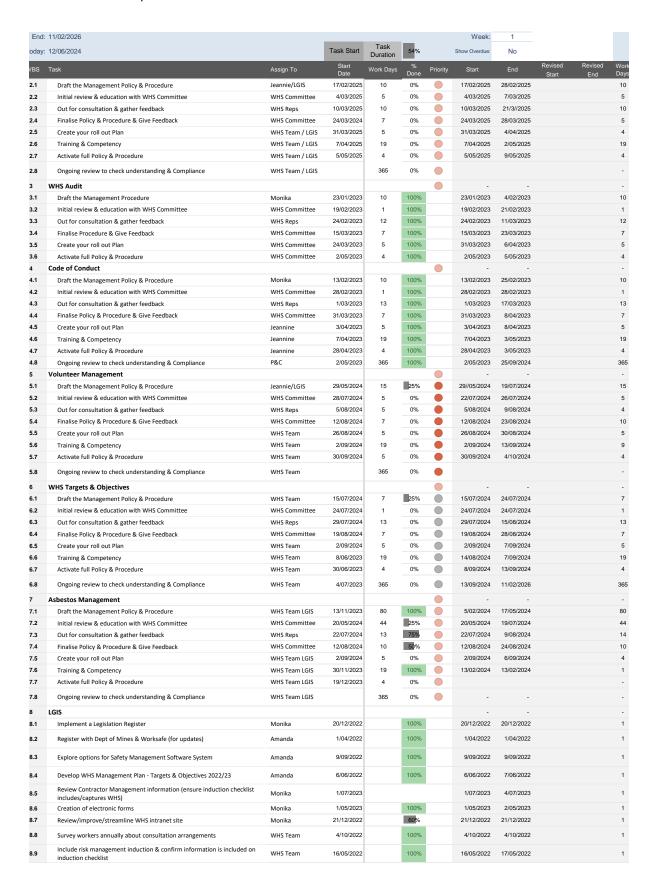
VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

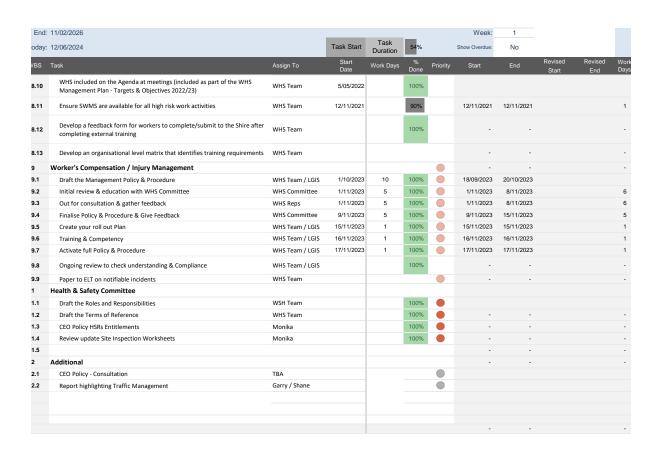
OFFICER	RECOMMENDATION /	COMMITTEE DECISION		ARC2.06.24
Moved by	Cr Cook	Seconded by	Cr Mehta	
That the (Committee note actions o	completed from the Work I	Health and Saf	ety Action Plan. CARRIED 6/0
For:	Pres McNeil, Cr Cook,	Cr Mehta, Mr Wittcomb, N	ls Zulsdorf and	d Cr Jeans
Against:	Nil			



.IIu.	11/02/2026						Week:	1		
day:	12/06/2024		Task Start	Task Duration	54%		Show Overdue:	No		
ss	Task	Assign To	Start Date	Work Days	% Done	Priority	Start	End	Revised	Revised P
_	Initial review & education with WHS Committee	WHS Committee	2/06/2025	1	0%		2/06/2025	6/06/2025	Start	End
	Out for consultation & gather feedback	WHS Reps	9/06/2025	10	0%		9/06/2025	20/06/2025		
	Finalise Policy & Procedure & Give Feedback	WHS Committee	23/06/2024	14	0%		23/06/2025	11/07/2025		
	Create your roll out Plan	WHS Team	14/07/2025	7	0%		16/07/2025	20/07/2025		
	Training & Competency	WHS Team	22/07/2025	20	0%		22/07/2025	16/08/2025		
	Activate full Policy & Procedure	WHS Team	19/08/2025	1	0%					
	Ongoing review to check understanding & Compliance	WHS Team		365	0%		-	-		
	Asset Safety						-	-		
	Draft the Management Policy & Procedure	WHS Team	1/07/2025	10	0%					
	Initial review & education with WHS Committee	WHS Committee		1	0%					
	Out for consultation & gather feedback	WHS Reps		12	0%					
	Finalise Policy & Procedure & Give Feedback	WHS Committee WHS Team		7 5	0%					
	Create your roll out Plan Training & Competency	WHS Team		19	0%					
	Activate full Policy & Procedure	WHS Team		2	0%					
				365						
	Ongoing review to check understanding & Compliance	WHS Team		365	0%					
	Chemicals & Hazardous Substances						-	-		
	Draft the Management Policy & Procedure Initial review & education with WHS Committee	WHS Team / LGIS	3/02/2025 3/03/2025	10	0%		3/02/2025 3/03/2025	3/03/2025		
		WHS Committee WHS Reps			0%			14/03/2025 29/03/2025		
	Out for consultation & gather feedback Finalise Policy & Procedure & Give Feedback	WHS Committee	17/03/2025 31/03/2025	12 7	0%		17/03/2025 31/03/2025	11/04/2025		
	Create your roll out Plan	WHS Team / LGIS	14/04/2025	5	0%		14/04/2025	18/04/2025		
	Training & Competency	WHS Team / LGIS		19	0%					
	Activate full Policy & Procedure	WHS Team / LGIS	1/05/2025	2	0%		1/05/2025	10/05/2025		
	Ongoing review to check understanding & Compliance	WHS Team / LGIS		365	0%					
	Contractors - WHS Procurement, Contracts, Compliance & Monitoring	vviis reality cols								
		WHS Team / LGIS	1/05/2024	120	25%		1/05/2024	30/08/2024		
	Draft the Management Policy & Procedure Initial review & education with WHS Committee	WHS Committee	30/08/2024	10	0%		30/08/2024	13/09/2024		
	Out for consultation & gather feedback	WHS Reps	16/09/2024	10	0%		16/09/2024	27/09/2024		
	Finalise Policy & Procedure & Give Feedback	WHS Committee	30/09/2024	10	0%		30/09/2024	11/10/2024		
	Create your roll out Plan	WHS Team / LGIS	14/10/2024	5	0%		14/10/2024	18/10/2024		
	Training & Competency	WHS Team / LGIS	21/10/2024	20	0%		21/10/2024	16/11/2024		
	Activate full Policy & Procedure	WHS Team / LGIS	18/11/2024	1	0%		18/11/2024	18/11/2024		
	Ongoing review to check understanding & Compliance	WHS Team / LGIS		365	0%					
	Review online contractor induction	WHS Team/LGIS	22/07/2024	10	0%		22/07/2024	2/08/2024		
	Visitor Management	Wild Tealify Edia	22/01/2021		0,0			2700/2021		
.1	Draft the Management Policy & Procedure	WHS Team (Monika	1/07/2024	20	0%		1/07/2024	27/07/2024		
0	Initial review & education with WHS Committee	WHS Committee	29/07/2024	10	0%		29/07/2024	10/08/2024		
1	Out for consultation & gather feedback	WHS Reps	13/08/2024	13	0%		13/08/2024	29/08/2024		
2	Finalise Policy & Procedure & Give Feedback	WHS Committee	2/09/2024	7	0%		2/09/2024	11/09/2024		
3	Create your roll out Plan	WHS Team	14/09/2024	5	0%		14/09/2024	20/09/2024		
4	Training & Competency	WHS Team	17/09/2024	19	0%		17/09/2024	11/10/2024		
5	Activate full Policy & Procedure	WHS Team	14/10/2024	4	0%		14/10/2024	18/10/2024		
6	Ongoing review to check understanding & Compliance	WHS Team	21/10/2024	365	0%					
	Health & Well-Being						-	-		
1	Draft the Management Policy & Procedure	WHS Team	21/10/2024	10	34%		21/10/2024	8/11/2024		
2	Initial review & education with WHS Committee	WHS Committee	11/11/2024	10	0%		11/11/2024	23/11/2024		
3	Out for consultation & gather feedback	WHS Reps	25/11/2024	5	0%	0	25/11/2024	30/11/2024		
4	Finalise Policy & Procedure & Give Feedback	WHS Committee	2/12/2024	7	0%		2/12/2024	11/12/2024		
5	Create your roll out Plan	WHS Team	9/12/2024	5	0%		9/12/2024	14/12/2024		
6 7	Training & Competency Activate full Policy & Procedure	WHS Team WHS Team	16/12/2024 3/02/2025	19 5	0%		16/12/2024 3/02/2025	30/01/2025 8/02/2025		
			3/02/2023				3/02/2023	6/02/2025		
8	Ongoing review to check understanding & Compliance	WHS Team		365	0%		•			
	Working in Isolation	t					-	-		
1	Draft the Management Policy & Procedure	Jeannie MUS Committee	22/10/2023	116	75%		22/10/2023	30/04/2024		
2	Initial review & education with WHS Committee	WHS Committee	30/04/2024 13/05/2024	10	75%		30/04/2024	10/05/2024 24/05/2024		
3 4	Out for consultation & gather feedback Finalise Policy & Procedure & Give Feedback	WHS Reps WHS Committee	13/05/2024 27/05/2024	12 7	75% 75%		13/05/2024 27/05/2024	21/06/2024		
4 5	Create your roll out Plan	WHS Committee WHS Team	22/07/2024	5	0%		22/07/2024	26/07/2024		
6	Training & Competency	WHS Team	5/08/2024	1	0%		5/08/2024	5/08/2024		
7	Activate full Policy & Procedure	WHS Team	12/08/2024	4	0%		12/08/2024	12/08/2024		
8	Ongoing review to check understanding & Compliance	WHS Team		365	0%					
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Attachment 1 to Report 7.1



7.2 Audit and Risk Committee Action Items - Status Report

File Code GV.MTG 6.1

Author Stan Kocian, Manager Finance and Governance

Senior Employee Garry Bird, Director Corporate Services

Disclosure of Any

Interest

Nil

Attachments Nil

PURPOSE

To provide an update on the status of outstanding Audit and Risk Committee action items for the information of committee members.

BACKGROUND

A number of matters have previously been considered by the Audit and Risk Committee which required follow up actions by staff.

STATUTORY / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are statutory or legal implications for some of the action items listed. Please refer to the minutes of the meeting at which the matter was considered for further information.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are policy implications for some of the action items listed. Please refer to the minutes of the meeting at which the matter was considered for further information.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There may be financial implications for some of the action items listed. Please refer to the minutes of the meeting at which the matter was considered for further information.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Mundaring Strategic Community Plan 2020 - 2030

Priority 4 - Governance

Objective 4.4 – High standard of governance and accountability

Strategy 4.4.3 – Risks are well managed

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are sustainability implications for some of the action items listed. Please refer to the minutes of the meeting at which the matter was considered for further information.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

Risk: That action items from the Committee are not completed and expose Council to the risks being addressed by the item.

Likelihood	Consequence	Rating

Possible	Moderate	Moderate				
Action / Strategy						
That staff update the Committee regularly on progress towards completing the required						

actions.

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

Nil

COMMENT

The following matters have previously been considered by the Audit and Risk Committee, with follow up actions required.

25.10.2022 Item 8.1 ; and	Director Corporate	Provide regular updates to the	Due date: June 2024
7.03.2023 Item 7.1	Services	Committee on progress of these	
WHS Management Plan and Action Plan.		plans	

Comment

Six monthly update have been requested by the Committee as follows;

- September 2023 (completed December 2023)
- June 2024
- December 2024
- June 2025
- December 2025

28.02.2023 Item 9.1 General Computer Controls – Capability Maturity Framework	Director Corporate Services	Provide an update to the Committee by June 2023 (six monthly update).	Due date: June 2024
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Comment

Six monthly updates have been requested by the Committee as follows;

- June 2023 (completed)
- January 2024 (completed December 2023)
- June 2024
- December 2024
- June 2025

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION ARC3.06.24

Moved by Cr Mehta Seconded by Cr Jeans

That the Committee notes the Action Items Status Report as at 11 June 2024.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Pres McNeil, Cr Cook, Cr Mehta, Mr Wittcomb, Ms Zulsdorf and Cr Jeans

Against: Nil

8.0 URGENT BUSINESS (LATE REPORTS)

Nil

9.0 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Meeting Closed to Public at 4.37pm

The Local Government Act 1995, Part 5, Section 5.23 states in part:

- (2) If a meeting is being held by a council or by a committee referred to in subsection (1)(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; and
 - (b) the personal affairs of any person; and
 - (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; and
 - (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; and
 - (e) a matter that if disclosed, would reveal
 - (i) a trade secret; or
 - (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; and
 - (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; or
 - (ii) endanger the security of the local government's property; or
 - (iii) prejudice the maintenance or enforcement of a lawful measure for protecting public safety; and
 - (g) information which is the subject of a direction given under section 23(1a) of the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1971; and
 - (h) such other matters as may be prescribed.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION

ARC4.06.24

Moved by Pres McNeil Seconded by Cr Mehta

That the committee closes the meeting to members of the public, in accordance with s5.23(2) of the Local Government Act 1995, in order to consider the confidential reports as detailed below:

9.1 General Computer Controls - Capability Maturity Framework Self-Assessment

Item 9.1 is considered confidential in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* section 5.23(2) (f(ii)) as it contains information relating to a matter that if disclosed, could be reasonably expected to endanger the security of the local government's property.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Pres McNeil, Cr Cook, Cr Mehta, Mr Wittcomb, Ms Zulsdorf and Cr Jeans

Against: Nil

Meeting Opened to Public at 4.52pm

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION / COMMITTEE DECISION AF	RC5.06.24
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Moved by Pres McNeil Seconded by Cr Cook

That the meeting again be opened to the public.

CARRIED 6/0

For: Pres McNeil, Cr Cook, Cr Mehta, Mr Wittcomb, Ms Zulsdorf and Cr Jeans

Against: Nil

10.0 CLOSING PROCEDURES

10.1 Date, Time and Place of the Next Meeting

The next Audit and Risk Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, 27 August 2024 in the Committee Room, 7000 Great Eastern Highway, Mundaring.

10.2 Closure of the Meeting

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 4.56pm.