

# Minutes

## LeadWest Joint Delegated Committee



### Meeting Details

Title:	LeadWest Joint Delegated Committee	
Date:	14 December 2022	Time: 3:30pm – 4:20pm
Location:	Brimbank Community and Civic Centre – 301 Hampshire Road, Sunshine	
Chairperson:	Mayor – Cr Peter Maynard, until elections Cr Sophie Ramsey, after elections	
Attendees:	<p>Brimbank City Council</p> <p>Hobsons Bay City Council</p> <p>Maribyrnong City Council</p> <p>Melton City Council</p> <p>Wyndham City Council Premier Strategy</p>	<p>Cr Virginia Tachos (proxy) CEO, Fiona Blair</p> <p>CEO, Aaron van Egmond</p> <p>Cr Anthony Tran (proxy) CEO, Celia Haddock</p> <p>Cr Sophie Ramsey CEO, Roslyn Wai</p> <p>Mayor, Cr Peter Maynard Taryn Schultz, Team Leader - Advocacy &amp; Communications Dina Jones, Secretariat Lead</p>
Conflict of interest:	No conflicts of interest declared.	
Guests:	N/A	
Apologies:	<p>Deputy Mayor, Cr Thuy Dang</p> <p>Cr Bernadette Thomas</p> <p>Cr Matt Tyler</p> <p>Stephen Wall</p>	<p>Brimbank City Council</p> <p>Maribyrnong City Council</p> <p>Hobsons Bay City Council</p> <p>Wyndham City Council</p>
Minute taker:	Dina Jones	Secretariat Lead

## Meeting Items

No.	Topic	Key discussion points
1.	Welcome & Apologies	The Chair welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 3:35pm.
2.	Conflicts of interest to be declared in accordance with the 'Local Government Act 2020'	No conflicts of interest were declared.
3.	Election of LeadWest Committee Chair and Deputy Chair and Finance Subcommittee Chair and Deputy Chair	<p>Cr Peter Maynard stood down from the Chair role and handed the election proceedings to Dina Jones as Secretariat.</p> <p>Cr Sophie Ramsey moved a motion to thank Cr Maynard as Chair and Cr Thomas as Deputy Chair for their leadership over the last 18 months. She praised their exceptional work.</p> <p><i>Seconded: Cr Virginia Tachos</i></p> <p>Dina Jones requested nominees for the LeadWest Chair role, Cr Sophie Ramsey nominated herself. There were no other nominations, so Cr Sophie Ramsey was elected unopposed.</p> <p>Cr Sophie Ramsey nominated Cr Peter Maynard as Deputy Chair. No other nominations were received, so Cr Peter Maynard was elected unopposed. Cr Anthony Tran expressed his interest to nominate, however Cr Anthony Tran attended as a proxy and was unable to nominate for a position.</p> <p>Cr Sophie Ramsey nominated Cr Peter Maynard as Chair of the Finance Subcommittee, no other nominations were received, so Cr Peter Maynard was elected unopposed.</p> <p>Cr Sophie Ramsey nominated Cr Matt Tyler as Deputy Chair of the Finance Subcommittee in his absence. No other nominations were received, so Cr Matt Tyler was elected unopposed, subject to his acceptance.</p>
4.	Minutes from the meeting held 21 September 2022	<p>The minutes from the meeting held 21 September 2022 were adopted without amendment.</p> <p><i>Moved: Cr Sophie Ramsey</i> <i>Seconded: Cr Peter Maynard</i></p>
5.	Matters arising from the meeting held 21 September 2022	<p>The LeadWest Committee noted the completed matters arising.</p> <p><i>Moved: Cr Peter Maynard</i> <i>Seconded: Aaron van Egmond</i></p>
6.	Minutes from the Finance Subcommittee meeting held 2 December 2022	<p>Cr Sophie Ramsey read out the prepared update on the LeadWest operational and project budgets. The following discussions were held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cr Peter Maynard questioned whether the Reserve Funds were held in a bank account until spent, which was confirmed.</li> </ul> <p><i>The LeadWest Committee resolved to note the LeadWest Finance Subcommittee update without amendment.</i></p>
7.	LeadWest update	<p>Dina Jones stated the election results were surprising, in that all Lower House MPs are ALP.</p> <p>The following discussion was held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The election results were discussed, noting that Brimbank Cr Trung Luu was elected for the Western Metropolitan Region. Cr Bernadette Thomas</li> </ul>

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and Cr Virginia Tachos also ran for election for the Western Metropolitan Region, however neither Councillor was elected.

- Aaron van Egmond noted that Katie Hall in the electorate of Footscray had a big swing against her, the Greens candidate had over 46% of the primary votes, making Footscray a marginal seat.
- Cr Peter Maynard noted that the Liberal party had made over \$1.2 billion worth of election commitments in the west, which was unprecedented.
- Cr Virginia Tachos noted the ALP had to rely on preferences for the first time, which puts pressure on them.
- Cr Peter Maynard mentioned a news article which claimed the Legalise Cannabis Victoria Party may have the balance of power in the Legislative Council (Upper House).
- It was noted that Melissa Horne, Member for Williamstown, is also the Local Government Minister.
- Dina provided an update on the MP meet & greet event, it was discussed and confirmed that it would be appropriate to serve alcohol at the event.
- Cr Sophie Ramsey asked Fiona Blair to confirm with Brimbank Mayor Sarah Carter whether she would like to do the Acknowledgement of Country.
- Cr Sophie Ramsey was keen to share the speaking and presenting at the event, and it was discussed to what degree the LW representatives and Mayors could be involved. Aaron van Egmond noted that the presentation shouldn't take too long and suggested to keep it short.

*The LeadWest Committee resolved the following:*

1. *Alcohol would be served at the event.*
2. *The Advocacy Officers would review and provide input into the LW presentation.*
3. *Cr Sophie Ramsey and Cr Peter Maynard would both present.*
4. *To note the Premier Strategy Update.*

*Moved: Cr Anthony Tran*

*Seconded: Cr Peter Maynard*

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8. Commonwealth Games involvement

Dina presented a suggestion by the Advocacy Officers group to engage with the Commonwealth Games (CG) Committee to discuss to what degree the western councils can be involved by offering training facilities and accommodation options for spectators or the media.

The following discussion was held:

- Celia Haddock noted each council would have provided a submission and was declined.
  - Cr Peter Maynard noted Wyndham council is hosting the Moroccan Women's soccer team for the World Cup next year.
  - Cr Virginia Tachos noted there was a new hotel being built in Watergardens.
  - Cr Sophie Ramsey supported the notion of offering training facilities to the CG Committee.
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- Cr Peter Maynard noted there was also the tourism benefit to the region, if spectators stayed within the west and that each council would have facilities that could be used.

*The LeadWest Committee resolved the following:*

1. *LeadWest to approach the CG Committee to discuss involvement opportunities.*

*Moved: Cr Peter Maynard*

*Seconded: Cr Anthony Tran*

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9. Other Business

Celia Haddock noted the impact of the rate cap on councils. Currently the rate cap is at 1.75%,

The following discussion was held:

- Cr Sophie Ramsey pointed out that the MAV have been lobbying unsuccessfully to remove the rate cap for years.
- Fiona Blair stated that during the election campaign it was clear that state government has no intention to remove the rate cap.
- The potential level of the rate cap was discussed.

Cr Sophie Ramsey requested Premier Strategy provide the contacts for all LW representatives.

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10. Closure of meeting

The Chair thanked all in attendance and closed the meeting at 4:20pm.

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Next meeting:

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
3:30pm – 5:30pm  
Hobsons Bay City Council

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