

Minutes

LeadWest Joint Delegated Committee



Meeting Details

Title:	LeadWest Joint Delegated Committee	
Date:	8 December 2021	Time: 3.30pm – 5.00pm
Location:	https://brimbankcc.zoom.us/j/99622006240	
Chairperson:	Mayor – Cr Peter Maynard	
Invitees:	Brimbank City Council	Cr Ranka Rasic Interim CEO, Warren Roberts
	Hobsons Bay City Council	Cr Matt Tyler CEO, Aaron van Egmond
	Maribyrnong City Council	Cr Bernadette Thomas CEO, Celia Haddock
	Melton City Council	Cr Sophie Ramsey Acting CEO, Maurie Heaney
	Wyndham City Council	Mayor – Cr Peter Maynard CEO, Stephen Wall
Conflict of interest:	No conflicts of interest declared.	
Guests:	Adrian Gray	Co-Chair, Greening the West
	Emma Pryse	Co-Chair, Greening the West
	Steve Cusworth	Managing Director, FPL Advisory
	Ross Dennis	Policy Analyst, FPL Advisory
Other Attendees:	Natalie Walker	Head of Strategy Impact, Wyndham City Council
Apologies:	Stephen Wall	CEO, Wyndham City Council
Minute taker:	Marnie Giles	Administration Officer, LeadWest

Meeting Items

No.	Topic	Key discussion points
1.	Welcome, acknowledgement of traditional owners and apologies	The Chair welcomed all in attendance and opened the meeting at 3.30pm.
2.	Conflicts of interest to be declared in accordance with the 'Local Government Act 2020'	There were no conflicts of interest declared.
3.	Adoption of minutes from the meeting held 22 September 2021	<p>The minutes from the meeting on 22 September 2021 were adopted without amendment.</p> <p><i>Moved: Cr Sophie Ramsey</i> <i>Seconded: Cr Bernadette Thomas</i></p>
4.	Matters arising from the meeting held 22 September 2021	The Executive Officer (EO) advised the Committee that all recorded matters arising have been completed.
5.	Finance Summary Report	<p>Celia discussed the following information regarding the LeadWest Finance report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The forecast operational expenditure for 2021/2022 is \$317,121 which will be met by the income of member contributions of \$281,060 and \$36,061 from the reserve fund. • The 2021/2022 project budget includes \$91,047 on project expenditure and \$36,061 to cover the operational budget shortfall. • At the beginning of the 2022/2023 financial year, the reserve fund will have an approximate balance of \$38,362. If member contributions remain at the current \$50k + overheads, an additional \$17,187 will be transferred from the reserve fund to cover the operational shortfall. This will leave a balance of \$21,175 for project expenditure. • Until the contracted costs of the secretariat model have been determined, it is difficult to predict what funds will be required from the reserve fund to cover operational expenditure. The anticipated amount for the contract of the consultants is assumed to be the equivalent to the salary of the EO. • It is predicted that in order to cover operational costs and include a budget of \$100k per annum for project expenditure, LeadWest member contributions will need to be reviewed for 2022/23 with an expected increase from \$50k plus overheads up to \$80k plus overheads (ie. \$86k per annum per member council). • It was noted that the significant increase in member contributions is largely due to the withdrawal of Moonee Valley City Council and the project expenditure from the reserve fund. <p>The Committee noted the finance summary report and the predicted increase to member contributions with a need to review contributions for 2022/23 and beyond.</p> <p><i>Moved: Cr Sophie Ramsey</i> <i>Seconded: Cr Ranka Rasic</i></p>

6. Greening the West Presentation	<p>Adrian Gray and Emma Pryse presented an updated on advocacy work being conducted by Greening the West (GtW). An overview of the following projects was provided to inform the direction GtW is working towards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$5m for 500,000 trees A commitment by the State Government where \$5m will be allocated to Melbourne's west to improve urban greening and canopy shading to decrease heatwaves and rising temperatures across the region. • Upper Stoney Creek Wetlands Rejuvenating the Retarding Basin into a natural, revegetated wetland system adjoining Stony Creek with connected community spaces and a walking trail, providing liveability outcomes. • 1 Million Trees In 2015 more than one million trees were planted across parks, reserves, open spaces and private land, covering an area of 1,755 hectares across Melbourne's west. • Greening the Pipeline Project Transforming 27 km of the decommissioned and heritage listed Main Outfall Sewer reserve into a linear park and bike track.
7. Delegation to Governments Presentation	<p>A presentation was held by Steve Cusworth and Ross Dennis from FPL Advisory. The presentation outlined the strategic advocacy work and the next steps for LeadWest's Delegation to Governments in early 2022.</p> <p>The Delegation to Governments will focus on the following priority projects which are outlined in the <i>LeadWest Strategic Plan 2020 – 2030</i>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North & West Melbourne City Deal (NWMCD) Proposal • Western Intermodal Freight Terminal (WIFT) and the Outer Metro Ring Road and Rail Corridor • Sunshine Super Hub • Major Rail Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Melbourne Airport Rail Link ○ Suburban Rail Loop ○ Western Rail Plan • Regional Business Precincts – East Werribee Employment Precinct • Maribyrnong NeXT Project • Increased Liveability and Sustainability in the West <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Development and Expansion of Scienceworks ○ Hobsons Bay Wetlands and Biodiversity Centre
<p>The Committee noted the progress on the Delegation to Governments.</p>	
8. North & West Melbourne City Deal – Update	<p>The EO provided a progress update on the NWMCD Proposal, the following information was discussed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent meetings with the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communities and the Victorian Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions have proved positive. • State Government are currently working on priority projects from the list of 66 projects within the City Deal proposal.

- LeadWest, West of Melbourne Economic Development Alliance (WoMEDA) and Victoria University recently met with Labour MP's from the Western Region to look at how the City Deal can be progressed.

The Committee noted the progress on the NWMCD.

9. Western Intermodal Freight Terminal – Update

The EO provided an update on the Western Intermodal Freight Terminal (WIFT). The following discussion was held.

- LeadWest is continuing to work with the WIFT alliance which comprises of Industry Representatives, Victoria University, WoMEDA and the Cities of Wyndham and Melton.
- A meeting was recently held with the Minister for Freight and Ports, The Hon Melissa Horn with another being arranged with the Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Development, Katherine King.
- Pacific National have agreed to provide secretariat support to manage and organise meetings.
- LeadWest have budgeted \$10k for this piece of advocacy work. \$5k has been already been committed for the advocacy work and another \$5k may be required in future.

The Committee noted the progress on the WIFT.

10. Progress against the Implementation Plan

The EO outlined the following progress on the Implementation Plan.

- Significant progress has been made on the NWMCD.
- LeadWest is represented on the Community Reference Group of the Sunshine Super Hub to support regional business precincts.
- Advocacy for rail projects has continued – MARL, Western Rail Plan and Suburban Rail Loop
- Campaigning for specific financial allocations for local council continues through the advocacy work with the Sunshine Super Hub
- Supporting rapid progress of the construction on the Melton Hospital
- The Hobsons Bay Wetlands and Biodiversity Centre has been included in the NWMCD
- Continuing to work with GtW to increase tree canopy for the region.
- The development of a Communications Strategy has been completed.
- The delegation to Governments is currently being planned and is expected to commence early 2022.

The Committee noted the progress of the Implementation Plan.

11. Western Metro Land Use Framework Plan – Summary of Submissions

The EO provided a summary of each submission to the Western Metro Land Use Framework Plan by each council.

This information was provided for reference only.

12. Other Business

Leave of Council

Aaron advised that he will be taking six months leave as the CEO of Hobsons Bay City Council. An acting CEO is yet to be appointed and this information will be shared once available.

LeadWest Committee Meeting 2022

Cr Peter Maynard advised that the first Committee meeting for 2022 has been scheduled for Wednesday 30th March. This is to support the commencement of the new consultants who are expected to start in early March 2022.

LeadWest Finance Subcommittee Chairperson and Additional Member

Cr Peter Maynard advised that due to Mayoral commitments and being Chair of the LeadWest Committee, he has decided to step down as Chairperson of the Finance Subcommittee.

Whilst seeking nominations for a new Chairperson and additional member/s, nominations were received to appoint Cr Bernadette Thomas as Chairperson and Cr Ranka Rasic as an additional member.

Moved: Cr Peter Maynard

Seconded: Cr Sophie Ramsey

Message of Gratitude to the Executive Officer

On behalf of current and previous members of LeadWest, Cr Bernadette Thomas thanked Sue for her work over the previous two years as the Executive Officer.

The years of effort and have resulted in leaving LeadWest in a really positive place.

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| 13. Closure of Meeting | The chair thanked all in attendance and closed the meeting at 5.00pm. |
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Next meeting:	Wednesday, 30 th March 2022 3.30pm – 5.30pm Venue: Brimbank City Council
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