

AGENDA

South Australian Local Government Financial Management Group Executive Committee

20 November 2020 at 9:30am
Via Zoom Virtual Conferencing

1. Present

Executive Committee:

Office Bearers:

- Elizabeth Williams (President), Alexandrina Council
- Alexander Oulianoff (Vice President), Mount Barker District Council
- Clive Hempel (Secretary), Mid Murray Council
- David Harman (Treasurer), City of Marion

Members:

- Annette Martin, City of Charles Sturt
- Chris Birch, City of Prospect
- Grant Jennings, Whyalla City Council
- Karishma Reynolds, City of Burnside
- Kate George, City of Salisbury
- Kellie-Knight Stacey, City of Victor Harbor
- Kevin Carter, City of Onkaparinga
- Luke Harris, City of Mitcham
- Mark Lague, The Barossa Council
- Mike Carey, Adelaide Hills Council
- Rajith Udugampola, Adelaide Plains
- Rebecca Baines, City of Tea Tree Gully
- Samantha Grieve, City of Playford
- Simon Zbierski, City of Campbelltown

Proxies:

Nil

Observers/Guests:

- Andrew Lamb, LGA
- Nathan Petrus, LGA
- Rebecca Muller, LGA

Secretariat:

- Patricia Coonan, TPS

It is important to note that on occasion it may be necessary for the Executive Committee to discuss an item in confidence and in those circumstances, observers and guests will be asked to leave the room for that item.

2. Apologies

Nil

3. Presentations

- 3.1 **Productivity Commission’s Recommendations for Local Government and Performance Measurement Framework for Local Government – Nathan Petrus, Executive Director Member Services, Local Government Association of SA**

4. Confirmation of Minutes

Recommendation: That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2020 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

5. Projects/Work Groups – Update/Status

- 5.1 **Asset Management – Annette Martin (Chairperson), David Harman (Deputy Chairperson)**

- 5.2 **Costing Principles – Alex Oulianoff (Chairperson), Mark Lague (Deputy Chairperson)**

- 5.3 **Events & Membership – Elizabeth Williams (Chairperson), Alex Oulianoff (Deputy Chairperson)**

- 5.3.1 **November Workshop & Conference – 26 and 27 November 2020**

Events and Membership			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Prepare an email for review of the President to be emailed to all on the Buddy List outlining the Buddy Program and any upcoming events.	28/02/20	Secretariat	

- 5.4 **Fees and Charges – Elizabeth Williams (Chairperson), Clive Hempel (Deputy Chairperson)**

- 5.5 **Financial Management Framework – Mark Lague (Chairperson), Clive Hempel (Deputy Chairperson)**

- 5.5.1 **Draft Model Financial Statements 2021 – comments, issues and feedback**

- 5.5.2 **LGA Information Papers from 2015 – reviews to be reactivated**

- 5.6 **Fines Enforcement Recovery Unit – Annette Martin (Primary Contact)**

- 5.7 **Local Government Price Index – Chris Birch (Chairperson), Michael Carey (Deputy Chairperson)**

Local Government Price Index			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Work on a set of definitions for data that feeds into the LGPI and supply it to the Grants Commission for their consideration.	21/09/18	LGPI Workgroup	Chris has met with Peter Ilee, the workgroup will now discuss the six issues put forward.
Contact the Grants Commission to see if there is a guide for the return for how the administration allocations are being entered (operating expenses section). It would be valuable to have a consistent approach to provide to the Grants Commission.	25/10/19	LGPI Workgroup	Chris will discuss this with Peter Ilee.

5.8 Local Government Reform – Kate George (Chairperson)

5.9 Long Term Financial Plan – Kate George (Chairperson), Samantha Grieve (Deputy Chairperson)

Long Term Financial Plan			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Speak with LG Solutions regarding updates to the instructions for the model per the latest updates made.	29/05/20	Kate George	

5.10 Marketing & Communications – David Harman (Chairperson), Kevin Carter (Deputy Chairperson)

5.11 Planning Portal – Clive Hempel and Samantha Grieve (Primary Contacts)

5.12 Rating and Valuation – Simon Zbierski (Chairperson), Luke Harris (Deputy Chairperson)

Rating and Valuation			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Flat fee rate per rateable property – the cost of this service should be reviewed in terms of cost recovery.	24/04/20	R&V Workgroup	Discussed with Andrew Lamb
Adopting rate growth throughout the year rather than waiting until the end of the year.	24/04/20	Simon Zbierski	Discussed with RPSA
Explore options to prepare a submission on reforms of rating valuations of the rating system.	29/05/20	R&V Workgroup	

6. Treasurer’s Report

A profit and loss statement from 1 July to 31 October is provided.

Recommendation: That the SALGFMG Executive Committee notes the report.

Finance			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
Organise for the Executive Committee Office Bearers to be signatories on the NAB account.	25/09/20	Treasurer	Forms to be signed.

7. Correspondence

Nil

8. Other Business

Nil

9. Confidential Discussion Items

Nil

Other Business			
Action Items	Meeting	Responsible	Status
LGA Circular regarding the benefits of membership.	25/10/19	Secretariat	
Email proxy details to the Secretariat	25/09/20	All Committee Members	

10. Next Meeting

29 January 2021 – Mid Murray Council

11. Close

Standing and Future Items	Meeting	Frequency
Presentation from the Local Government Grants Commission	March	Annually
Sponsorship Proposal for the next financial year	April/May	Annually
AGM Matters and Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution Draft • Membership Guidelines Draft for adoption • Membership Fees Recommendation to AGM • Honorary & Life Member Nominations • Auditor Approach Recommendation • Executive Committee Nominations 	June	Annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Davin Lambert – LGFA update • Constitution Recommendation to AGM • Auditor Appointment Recommendation to AGM • Honorary & Life Member Recommendation 	July	Annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Committee Members • Workgroup allocations • Proxy/Deputy Chairperson for each of the Workgroups and Executive Committee meetings • Meeting dates for next 12 months • Event registration fees for the financial year 	September	Annually
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buddy List 	October	Annually

For further information regarding topics raised at the FMG Executive Committee meetings, please see contact details below:

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