

MINUTES

LeadWest Joint Delegated Committee

11 September 2024

	Meeting Details
Date	Wednesday 11 September 2024
Time	3:00pm – 5:00pm
Location	Via ZOOM
Chair	Cr Sophie Ramsey (Melton)
Conflict of Interest	None
Minutes	Ms Hillary Hastings, Executive Officer, LeadWest
File ref	24/384659

Item No.	Summary Agenda Items
1.	Welcome , Acknowledgement & Apologies
2.	Conflict of Interest
3.	Previous Minutes from meeting held 19 June 2024
4.	Actions arising from previous meeting.
5.	Presentation: Commissioned Research Data Findings Ms Lucy Kozlowski CPR Consultants, Partner (The Civic Partnership) Mr James Schiphorst, Senior Adviser, CPR Mr Chris Kibell, Advisor, CPR
6.	Strategic Plan 2024/2026 for endorsement
7.	LeadWest Advocacy 7.1 MP Roundtable event 7.2 Using the CPR data 7.3 Federal Election Advocacy 7.4 Campaigns going forward: Community Facing 7.5 Media 7.6 Active transport: Cycle Connectivity Regional working group update
8	Position Statements Review of position statements as a standing agenda item.
9	Presentation: Dr Nerina Di Lorenzo, Melbourne Water

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10 **Finance Report**

11 **Highlights**

12 **Other Business**

Election period,
Council Elections
New LW Committee members

Closed at 4:46pm

Next Meeting date: 11 December 2024

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Attendees

Committee Members

Ms Celia Haddock, Maribyrnong City Council
Ros Wai, Melton City Council
Cr Sophie Ramsey, Melton City Council
Cr Peter Maynard, Wyndham City Council
Ms Georgie Hill, Proxy for Fiona Blair Brimbank
Cr Jai Papalia, Brimbank City Council
Hillary Hastings, Executive Officer LeadWest

Guests

Josh Chivers, Maribyrnong City Council
Pauline Hobbs, Melton City Council
Elie Khalil, Brimbank City Council
Dr Nerina Di Lorenzo, Melbourne Water
Lucy Kozlowski CPR Consultants
James Schiphorst, CPR Consultants
Chris Kibell, CPR Consultants

Chair

Cr Sophie Ramsey

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Hillary Hastings, Executive Officer LeadWest

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Welcome and Acknowledgement

Item 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement and Apologies

The Chair opened the meeting at 3:09pm.

The Chair acknowledged and recognised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first peoples and Traditional Owners and custodians of the land and waterways on which we live and paid respects to Elders past, present and future.

The Chair welcomed LeadWest committee members and guests to the meeting.

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Apologies	<p>The Chair noted apologies were received from:</p> <p>Fiona Blair Brimbank City Council Mr Aaron van Egmond, Hobsons Bay City Council Mr Stephen Wall, Wyndham City Council Cr Diana Grima, Hobsons Bay City Council Cr Bernadette Thomas, Maribyrnong City Council</p>
2. Conflicts of interest	<p>Item 2 Conflict of Interest (To be declared in accordance with the 'Local Government Act 2020)</p> <p>No conflicts of interest were declared.</p>
3. Minutes from the meeting held 19 June 2024	<p>Item 3 Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held 19 June 2024 were adopted without amendment.</p> <p>Moved: Cr Peter Maynard Seconded: Celia Haddock Carried: Yes</p>
4. Actions	<p>Item 4 Actions</p> <p>The action items from the previous meeting were listed.</p> <p>All have been successfully actioned. There were no follow up questions.</p>
5. Presentation by CPR	<p>Item 5 Research Project finding on Government Spending on West Vs other regions.</p> <p>At the previous meeting LeadWest decided to commission research on government investments in Melbourne's west versus other parts of Melbourne. The rationale was to provide the evidence to advocate that the west receives its fair share.</p> <p>The Consultants CPR presented their findings and recommendations and there was an opportunity for questions.</p> <p>The data can be used for media purposes and advocacy ahead of the next Federal election as well as in our conversations with political decision makers.</p> <p>The findings and recommendations remain confidential and not for external use until advocacy strategy is set.</p> <p>Celia Haddock would like to know of data on health spend in the west compared to rest of Melbourne. What can we access from Western Health?</p>

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	<p>The Chair thanked the consultants for their work on this project.</p> <p>Action: The LeadWest Advocacy Officers Group (AOG) will discuss the findings and develop a strategy for best using the research in LeadWest Advocacy. The Chair requested the AOG to also work with their respective CEOs to develop next steps.</p> <p>Action: Source data from Western Health re health stats</p>
<p>6. Strategic Plan</p>	<p>Item 6 Strategic Plan 2024/2026</p> <p>The Plan is for 2024/2026. The Advocacy Officers and committee members have spent considerable time reviewing and updating the LeadWest Strategic Plan, with each revision circulated for feedback.</p> <p>The final document in a print ready version was included in the agenda papers. The revised plan reflects external changes that have occurred in our fast-moving environment. Additionally, this revised plan has been scaled down to be achievable and relevant.</p> <p>Motion That the committee endorses and adopts the revised LeadWest Strategic Plan 2024-2026</p> <p>Mover: Cr Peter Maynard Seconded: Cr Jai Papalia Carried: Yes</p>
<p>7. Advocacy</p>	<p>Item 7 LeadWest Advocacy</p> <p>7.1 MP Roundtable event</p> <p>The feedback from the roundtable with Treasurer Tim Pallas MP was positive. The Treasurer was generous with his time. Providing the questions in advance ensured strong and detailed answers. The Chair thanked all those involved in organising the event.</p> <p>Items 7.2,7.3 and 7.4 are closely connected and therefore discussed as a lot.</p> <p>1.1 Using the CPR data</p> <p>The research data provides strong advocacy support as evidence-based statements. The data is also beneficial for use in media releases. CPR suggested that none of this information is new to the State Government, as the information was gained from their sources, but puts a clear spotlight on inequitable spending and infrastructure delivery.</p> <p>1.2 Federal Election Advocacy & 7.4 Campaigns going forward: Community Facing</p> <p>Action: The LW AOG will develop recommendations for the above and work with their CEOs on agreement of strategy. This will be brought back to the next committee meeting for discussion and agreement on campaigns going forward.</p>

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	<p>7.5 Media</p> <p>The Chair said it was pleasing that we have significantly more of our advocacy issues in the media. There was a considerable increase in media hits from last year. There have been 37 media articles related to our advocacy this year. The better buses issue is still hot in the media and seems to be gaining momentum. Additionally, it was noted that LeadWest received three mentions in Parliament, most notably Minister Natalie Hutchins mentioned the positive work of LeadWest in Parliament on 15 August. The Chair read the Hansard excerpt which highlighted the need for strong advocacy for addressing the growing needs of the west, particularly improving transport connectivity.</p> <p>7.6 Active transport: Cycle Connectivity Regional working group update</p> <p>West Trails Regional Group (internal) has been established as a reference group to LW. The purpose for the project is to achieve a network of regional trails and Cycling infrastructure within Western Metropolitan Melbourne that provides a quality experience for all users and a range of social, health, environment, tourism, and economic benefits.</p> <p>The Executive Officer gave a progress update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The group has established a Terms of Reference. ▪ As of 10 July, 13 Projects completed or on track. ▪ EO will circulate the updated action plan which details each project and status.
<p>8. Position Statements</p>	<p>Item 8 Suite of Position Statements for Review</p> <p>The review of position statements is now a standing agenda item. They are updated in collaboration with the Advocacy Advisers and CEOs from each of the member councils.</p> <p>Refreshed statements were included in the agenda papers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overarching (About LeadWest) 2. A Regional Youth Mental Health Program 3. Active and Public Transport Networks 4. Funding the Outer Metropolitan Ring (OMR Road and Rail) 5. Sunshine Precinct (and Airport Rail) 6. East Werribee Precinct (new) 7. Funding a Wetlands Centre in Hobsons Bay 8. Creative West 9. WIFT 10. Housing Targets (new) <p>A draft background on the position statement for Housing Targets was included in the agenda papers. The Executive Officer advised the committee that this statement would be further worked on with the AOG on 3 October and a further draft will be circulated to the CEOs before discussion and approval for inclusion in the suite of LeadWest Position Statements.</p> <p>Action: Advocacy Advisers Group to prepare an agreed position statement on Housing Targets for endorsement at next meeting.</p>

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<p>9. Presentation</p>	<p>Item 9 Presentation</p> <p>The Chair warmly welcomed Dr Nerina Di Lorenzo, Managing Director of Melbourne Water. Dr Di Lorenzo has over 20 years’ experience in Local Government including 5 years as CEO of Moreland City Council. Her experience gives her a good understanding of LeadWest’s role and the needs and issues in the west.</p> <p>The presentation focused on Melbourne Water’s responsibilities and work in the west including the housing road map, the recent severe flooding in our region, especially Maribyrnong, the concerns with the west being drier than other parts of Melbourne, exacerbated by the water flow from East to West and the western water treatment plant.</p> <p>Dr Di Lorenzo was keen to hear from LeadWest members about how Melbourne Water can help, what do they need to know from our region, how they can assist with LW advocacy and offered their support when seeking funding for projects.</p>
<p>10 Finance</p>	<p>Item 10 Operations & Finance Report</p> <p>The Executive Officer provided an update for the purpose of performance and financial position. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operational Account details YTD ▪ Tracking to Budget ▪ Trust Account transactions and balance. <p>The Executive Officer advised that at the end of the last financial year there was a rollover of unspent funds from the operational account to the Trust Account.</p> <p>Motion: That the committee accepts the Finance report as included in agenda papers.</p> <p>Mover: Cr Peter Maynard</p> <p>Seconded: Cr Jai Papalia</p> <p>Carried: Yes</p>
<p>Item 11</p>	<p>Item 11 Highlights</p> <p>As this may be the last meeting for some of our councillors (subject to the council elections in October) the Executive Officer presented the key highlights of the previous year.</p> <p>Action: The Chair asked for this list to be circulated to members.</p>
<p>Item 12</p>	<p>Item 12 Other Business</p> <p>Election period</p> <p>The September LeadWest Committee meeting was brought forward by one week to align with the new Council election dates. The Chair asked what has been put in place to cover the lection (caretaker) period. The EO reminded committee that it was agreed at the last meeting that the CEOs would act as LW spokespersons (relative to the issue being in their Council) if required.</p> <p>Council Elections</p> <p>The Chair thanked all Councillor Reps for their valued contribution to LeadWest this year. She also extended best wishes to any Councillors standing again for election.</p>

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	<p>New LW Committee members It is hoped that each member council appoints its LeadWest delegate by the December meeting. If so, the 2025 LW Chair and Deputy will be elected at this meeting. The EO will prepare an induction pack for any new Councillor delegates.</p>
<p>Close</p>	<p>The Chair again thanked all the members of LeadWest for their ongoing work and commitment. The Chair closed the Meeting at 4:46pm Next meeting: 11 December (note 2025 will be sent shortly)</p>

Actions Summary from meeting 11 September 2024

Item 5: Action 1: The LeadWest Advocacy Officers Group (AOG) will discuss the findings and develop a strategy for best using the research in LeadWest Advocacy. The Chair requested the AOG to also work with their respective CEOs to develop next steps. **Action 2:** Source data from Western Health re health stats

Item 7: Action: The LW AOG will develop recommendations for Federal Election Advocacy & campaigns going forward and work with their CEOs on agreement of strategy.

Item 8 Action: Advocacy Advisors Group to prepare an agreed position statement on Housing Targets for endorsement at next meeting.

Item 11: Action: The Chair asked for the list of highlights to be circulated to members.