

Minutes

LeadWest Joint Delegated Committee Meeting

11 December 2024

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Attendees

Chair - Cr Dr Phillip Zada

Committee Members

Fiona Blair, Brimbank City Council

Cr Katharine Nikolic, Brimbank City Council

Cr Diana Grima, Hobsons Bay City Council

Aaron Van Egmond, Hobsons Bay City Council

Ms Celia Haddock, Maribyrnong City Council

Cr Susan Yengi, Maribyrnong City Council

Roslyn Wai, Melton City Council

Cr Dr Phillip Zada, Melton City Council

Cr Peter Maynard, Wyndham City Council

Mr Adem Saben, Proxy for Stephen Wall, Wyndham City Council

Hillary Hastings, Executive Officer LeadWest

Guests

Elie Khalil, Brimbank City Council

Apologies

Stephen Wall, Wyndham City Council

Minutes

Hillary Hastings, Executive Officer LeadWest

1. Welcome and Acknowledgement Introductions

Item 1 Welcome, Acknowledgement and Apologies

The Acting Chair, Executive Officer Hillary Hastings opened the meeting at 3:05pm.

The Acting Chair explained her role in facilitating a special meeting to elect the new Lead West Chair and Deputy Chair and that the newly elected Chair will chair the Lead West general business meeting from Item 5 on the agenda.

The Acting 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 Acting Chair welcomed LeadWest committee members and guests to the meeting. She welcomed new committee members: Brimbank Cr Katharine Nikolic, Maribyrnong Cr Susan Yengi and Melton Cr Dr Phillip Zada. The Acting chair also welcomed returning committee members from Hobsons Bay Cr Diana Grima and Wyndham Cr Peter Maynard.

Apologies

The Chair noted an apology received from:

Mr Stephen Wall, Wyndham City Council. His proxy was Adem Saben, Manager Office of the CEO Wyndham City Council

The Acting Chair invited all members to introduce themselves.

<p>2. Election of Chair</p>	<p>Item 2. Election of Chair</p> <p>The Acting Chair outlined the voting process which was held in accordance with the Terms of Reference and Governance Guidelines. The purpose of this part of the meeting is for the Joint Delegated Committee to elect a Chair and Deputy Chair for 2025.</p> <p>The Motion That, on the declaration of the result of the Election of the LeadWest Chairperson, and the LeadWest Deputy Chairperson, the successful candidates are elected into these positions until the date of the next election to be held in accordance with the Terms of Reference. (carried)</p> <p>Cr Susan Yengi (Maribyrnong) suggested that as Melton and Wyndham have held the position of Chair in recent years the Chair should be appointed from one of the other three member councils (Brimbank, Hobsons Bay or Maribyrnong). Her comments were noted.</p> <p>Cr Dr Phillip Zada (Melton City Council) was elected Chair until the date of the next election to be held in accordance with the Terms of Reference.</p>
<p>3. Election of Deputy Chair</p>	<p>Item 3. Election of Deputy Chair</p> <p>Cr Katharine Nikolic (Brimbank City Council) was elected Deputy Chair until the date of the next election to be held in accordance with the Terms of Reference.</p>
<p>4. Close of Special Meeting Section and Handover to newly elected Chair</p>	<p>Item 4. Congratulations and Handover</p> <p>Congratulations were offered to the newly elected Chair and Deputy. The Acting Chair closed the special meeting and called a short 5 minute break to allow Cr Zada to prepare to take over chairing of the remainder of the meeting.</p>
<p>5. Conflicts of interest</p>	<p>Cr Dr Phillip Zada chaired the meeting from Item 5</p> <p>Item 5 Conflict of Interest (To be declared in accordance with the 'Local Government Act 2020)</p> <p>No conflicts of interest were declared.</p>
<p>6. Minutes from the meeting held 11 September 2024</p>	<p>Item 6 Previous Minutes</p> <p>The minutes from the meeting held 11 September 2024 were adopted without amendment.</p> <p>Moved: Cr Peter Maynard Seconded: Roslyn Wai Carried: Yes</p>
<p>7. Actions</p>	<p>Item 7 Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>The action items from the previous meeting were listed. All have been successfully actioned. There were no follow up questions.</p>

8. LeadWest Advocacy

Item 8 LeadWest Advocacy

8.1 Federal Election Advocacy and Brochure

The Federal election brochure was prepared with the input of the Advocacy Officers Group and was previously circulated to the CEOs

Cr Yengi would like to remove the *Greening* section, but as this was previously strongly advocated for inclusion by Hobsons Bay it was agreed to remain as an advocacy priority in the brochure.

There will be opportunity to develop tailored advocacy priorities for the State Election.

It was agreed that the Chair write to all Federal election candidates, attach the brochure and advise that LW will be in touch to seek a meeting.

State local MPs will receive a separate letter with the brochure as an FYI.

A delegation to visit Parliament House Canberra was discussed.

Cr Maynard and Cr Grima strongly supported the idea. The Chair suggested that each delegate meets with their respective MPs

The committee agreed with this advocacy action. The EO should work with the Chair and circulate information as we don't meet again as a group until March.

Action: EO to circulate brochure for any additional changes with immediate return

8.2 MP Roundtables

The Committee agreed with recommendation from the Advocacy Advisors group: LW to host three separate roundtables with Federal Election candidates from the ALP, Liberal Party, Australian Greens and any others. Details to be determined by Chair, CEOs and Advocacy Officers Group. We will aim to include Ministers / Shadows based in Victoria, i.e. Minister King.

8.3 Using the CPR research data

LeadWest commissioned research on government investments in Melbourne's west versus other parts of Melbourne. The committee agreed with the recommendation from CPR:

- Report not to be disseminated outside of LW and to remain confidential.
- Data to only be used for State level advocacy given the limitations of the Federal level data.
- The data on transport investment can be made public as this is where under-investment is clearly demonstrated

The Chair found the report to be of great interest and a worthwhile project.

8.4 Active Transport: Cycle Connectivity Regional working group update

The EO has spoken with the working group lead, and there are no new updates to report.

<p>9. Position Statements</p>	<p>Item 9 Suite of Position Statements for Review</p> <p>The review of position statements is 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 7. Funding a Wetlands Centre in Hobsons Bay 8. Creative West 9. WIFT 10. Housing / Targets (new) 11. Homelessness (new draft) <p>For consideration – Cost of Living</p> <p>A draft background on the position statement for Housing Targets was included in the agenda papers. The Executive Officer advised the committee that a Homelessness statement will be provided which will further worked on with the AOG for approval before inclusion in the suite of LeadWest Position Statements.</p> <p>Action: EO to circulate suite of position statements master document to Councillor delegates.</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 each financial year there is a rollover of unspent funds from the Operational Account to the Trust Account.</p> <p>The Trust Account balance remains the same as last quarter.</p> <p>Invoices for membership were sent and have been paid.</p> <p>Motion: That the committee accepts the Finance report as included in agenda papers.</p> <p>Mover: Cr Susan Yengi</p> <p>Seconded: Cr Katharine Nikolic</p> <p>Carried: Yes</p>

<p>Item 11 Media Update</p>	<p>Item 11 Media Update</p> <p>The EO reported that there was a significant increase in LW related advocacy media hits compared to last year with 46 articles or releases. A media log with copies of all articles relating to LW is kept. The response to Better Buses for Melbourne’s West Advocacy is still strong. This week there was an announcement of additional school buses in Melton and Point Cook.</p> <p>The EO noted that she has provided background from our position statements to The Age for a 2000-word piece on the Challenges and Positives of Living in the West. The article is due for publication in mid-December.</p> <p>Action: Chair to release a media statement welcoming the State Government announcement for new and improved school bus routes in Melton and Wyndham</p>
<p>Item 12 Other business</p>	<p>Item 12 Other Business</p> <p>The Chair will be forwarding a letter of thanks to all outgoing members. The Chair acknowledged the work and commitment of the previous Chair Cr Sophie Ramsey (Melton) and Deputy Chair Cr Peter Maynard (Wyndham).</p> <p>LeadWest provided Letters of Support to Council members in their applications to the Thriving Suburbs Fund. The Chair congratulated Melton City Council for their success in receiving \$15m in funding towards the Plumpton Aquatic and Leisure Centre and an additional \$15m for the Cobblebank Community Hub.</p> <p>Cr Nikolic requested the Chair and Deputy have an informal catch up with Councillor delegates as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Chair outlined the set meeting dates for 2025 and asked if the group wanted to meet virtually or in person. It was agreed for a combination of both.</p> <p>The next meeting on 5 March 2025 will be held in person at Maribyrnong City Council Offices.</p> <p>Action: Chair to send letters of thanks to previous LeadWest Councillor delegates and LeadWest Chair Cr Sophie Ramsey</p>
<p>Item 13</p>	<p>Item 13 Meeting Dates</p> <p>The 2025 meeting dates are 5 March, 4 June, 3 September and 3 December. The dates should be in committee members calendar diaries as they were sent out recently.</p> <p>The group agreed to alternate between in person and online meetings.</p> <p>The March 5 meeting will be in person held at Maribyrnong.</p> <p>Action: EO to resend the meeting dates</p>
<p>Close</p>	<p>The Chair again thanked all the members of LeadWest for their contribution and commitment.</p> <p>The Chair closed the Meeting at 4:21pm</p>

	<p>Next meeting: 5 March 2025 Maribyrnong Civic Precinct and Community Hub. Corner Hyde and Napier Streets, Footscray.</p>
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Actions Summary from meeting 11 December 2024

Item 8.1 Action: EO Circulate Federal Election Brochure for any additional changes and return

Item 9 Action: EO to circulate suite of position statements to Councillor delegates.

Item 11 Action: Chair to release a media statement welcoming the State Government announcement for new and improved school bus routes in Melton and Wyndham

Item 12 Action: Chair to send letters of thanks to previous LeadWest Councillor delegates and LeadWest Chair Cr Sophie Ramsey

Item 13 Action: EO to resend the 2025 meeting dates