**AGENDA**

**Audit & Risk Committee Meeting**

**Monday, 22 April 2024**

**Notice of Meeting**

**To Mayor & Councillors**

A Meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee of the City of Nedlands is to be held on Monday, 22 April 2024 in the Council chambers at 71 Stirling Highway Nedlands commencing at 5.30pm.

This meeting will be livestreamed - [Livestreaming Council & Committee Meetings » City of Nedlands](https://www.nedlands.wa.gov.au/council/council-meetings/livestreaming-council-committee-meetings.aspx)



**Tony Free | Acting Chief Executive Officer**

**18 April 2024**

**Information**

Audit & Risk Committee Meetings are run in accordance with the City of Nedlands Standing Orders Local Law. If you have any questions in relation to items on the agenda, procedural matters, public question time, addressing the Committee or attending meetings please contact the Executive Officer on 9273 3500.

**Public Question Time**

Public question time at an Audit & Risk Committee Meeting is available for members of the public to ask a question about items on the agenda. Questions asked by members of the public are not to be accompanied by any statement reflecting adversely upon any Council Member, Committee Member or Employee.

Questions should be submitted as early as possible via the online form available on the City’s website: [Public question time | City of Nedlands](https://www.nedlands.wa.gov.au/public-question-time)

Questions may be taken on notice to allow adequate time to prepare a response and all answers will be published in the minutes of the meeting.

**Addresses by Members of the Public**

Members of the public wishing to address Council in relation to an item on the agenda must complete the online registration form available on the City’s website: [Public Address Registration Form | City of Nedlands](https://www.nedlands.wa.gov.au/public-address-registration-form)

The Presiding Member will determine the order of speakers to address the Council and the number of speakers is to be limited to 2 in support and 2 against any item on an Audit and Risk Committee Meeting Agenda. The Public address session will be restricted to 15 minutes unless the Council, by resolution decides otherwise.

**Disclaimer**

Members of the public who attend Audit and Risk Committee Meetings should not act immediately on anything they hear at the meetings, without first seeking clarification of Council’s position. For example, by reference to the confirmed Minutes of Council meeting. Members of the public are also advised to wait for written advice from the Council prior to taking action on any matter that they may have before Council.

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# Declaration of Opening

In Accordance with section 5.12 and schedule 2.3 division 1 of the Local Government Act 1995 the Acting Chief Executive Officer will declare the meeting open at 5.30pm and will draw attention to the disclaimer on page 2 and will advise that the meeting is being livestreamed and recorded.

# Present and Apologies and Leave of Absence (Previously Approved)

**Leave of Absence** Nil.

**(Previously Approved)**

**Apologies** None as at distribution of this agenda.

# Public Question Time

Public questions submitted to be read at this point.

# Address by Members of the Public

Addresses by members of the public who have completed Public Address Registration Forms to be made at this point.

# Disclosures of Financial Interest

The Presiding Member to remind Council Members and Staff of the requirements of Section 5.65 of the Local Government Act to disclose any interest during the meeting when the matter is discussed.

A declaration under this section requires that the nature of the interest must be disclosed. Consequently, a member who has made a declaration must not preside, participate in, or be present during any discussion or decision-making procedure relating to the matter the subject of the declaration.

However, other members may allow participation of the declarant if the member further discloses the extent of the interest. Any such declarant who wishes to participate in the meeting on the matter, shall leave the meeting, after making their declaration and request to participate, while other members consider and decide upon whether the interest is trivial or insignificant or is common to a significant number of electors or ratepayers.

# Disclosures of Interest Affecting Impartiality

The Presiding Member to remind Council Members and Staff of the requirements of Council’s Code of Conduct in accordance with Section 5.103 of the Local Government Act.

Council Members and staff are required, in addition to declaring any financial interests to declare any interest that may affect their impartiality in considering a matter. This declaration does not restrict any right to participate in or be present during the decision-making procedure.

The following pro forma declaration is provided to assist in making the disclosure.

"With regard to the matter in item x ….. I disclose that I have an association with the applicant (or person seeking a decision). This association is ….. (nature of the interest).

As a consequence, there may be a perception that my impartiality on the matter may be affected. I declare that I will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly."

The member or employee is encouraged to disclose the nature of the association.

# Declaration by Members That They Have Not Given Due Consideration to Papers

Members who have not read the business papers to make declarations at this point.

# Confirmation of Minutes

## Audit & Risk Committee Meeting Minutes – 8 April 2024

The Minutes of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting 8 April 2024 are to be accepted as a true and correct record of that meeting.

# Items for Discussion

## ARC08.04.24 – Update from Independent Consultant – Mr Craig Ross

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| **Meeting & Date** | 22 April 2024 |
| **Applicant** | City of Nedlands |
| **Employee Disclosure under section 5.70 Local Government Act 1995** | Nil. |
| **Report Author** | Craig Ross – Independent Consultant |
| **Acting CEO** | Tony Free |
| **Attachments** | 1. Progress Report - 2 |

**Purpose**

The Independent Consultant will be able to verbally present a report to the Audit and Risk Committee.

**Recommendation**

**That the Audit and Risk Committee received the report from the Independent Consultant.**

**Voting Requirement**

Simple Majority.

**Background**

**Discussion**

**Consultation**

Not applicable.

**Strategic Implications**

This item is strategically aligned to the City of Nedlands Council Plan 2023-33 vision and desired outcomes as follows:

**Vision Sustainable and responsible for a bright future**

**Pillar** **Performance**

**Outcome** 11. Effective leadership and governance

**Budget/Financial Implications**

There are no budget or financial implications in this report.

**Legislative and Policy Implications**

Not applicable.

**Decision Implications**

The Committee will be presented with a report from Mr. Ross.

**Conclusion**

Mr Ross will present his report to the Committee.

**Further Information**

Nil.

# Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Audit & Risk Committee Meeting is to be confirmed.

# Declaration of Closure

There being no further business, the Presiding Member will declare the meeting closed.