



Greater Geraldton - Compliance Audit Return 2012

Commercial Enterprises by Local Governments						
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent	
1	s3.59(2)(a)(b)(c) F&G Reg 7,9	Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major trading undertaking in 2012.	N/A		Chris Spiker	
2	s3.59(2)(a)(b)(c) F&G Reg 7,10	Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major land transaction that was not exempt in 2012.	N/A		Chris Spiker	
3	s3.59(2)(a)(b)(c) F&G Reg 7,10	Has the local government prepared a business plan before entering into each land transaction that was preparatory to entry into a major land transaction in 2012.	N/A		Chris Spiker	
4	s3.59(4)	Has the local government given Statewide public notice of each proposal to commence a major trading undertaking or enter into a major land transaction for 2012.	N/A		Chris Spiker	
5	s3.59(5)	Did the Council, during 2012, resolve to proceed with each major land transaction or trading undertaking by absolute majority.	N/A		Chris Spiker	

Delegation of Power / Duty						
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent	
1	s5.16, 5.17, 5.18	Were all delegations to committees resolved by absolute majority.	N/A		Chris Spiker	
2	s5.16, 5.17, 5.18	Were all delegations to committees in writing.	N/A		Chris Spiker	
3	s5.16, 5.17, 5.18	Were all delegations to committees within the limits specified in section 5.17.	N/A		Chris Spiker	
4	s5.16, 5.17, 5.18	Were all delegations to committees recorded in a register of delegations.	N/A		Chris Spiker	
5	s5.18	Has Council reviewed delegations to its committees in the 2011/2012 financial year.	N/A		Chris Spiker	
6	s5.42(1),5.43 Admin Reg 18G	Did the powers and duties of the Council delegated to the CEO exclude those as listed in section 5.43 of the Act.	Yes		Chris Spiker	
7	s5.42(1)(2) Admin Reg 18G	Were all delegations to the CEO resolved by an absolute majority.	Yes		Chris Spiker	
8	s5.42(1)(2) Admin Reg 18G	Were all delegations to the CEO in writing.	Yes		Chris Spiker	
9	s5.44(2)	Were all delegations by the CEO to any employee in writing.	Yes		Chris Spiker	
10	s5.45(1)(b)	Were all decisions by the Council to amend or revoke a delegation made by	Yes		Chris Spiker	



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11	s5.46(1)	Has the CEO kept a register of all delegations made under the Act to him and to other employees.	Yes		Chris Spiker
12	s5.46(2)	Were all delegations made under Division 4 of Part 5 of the Act reviewed by the delegator at least once during the 2011/2012 financial year.	No	<p>The city operates with two tiers for conferring delegations: First the annual delegations which are regularly conferred for the purpose of ongoing orderly administration of the City; and secondly a more randomised approach applying to one off issues.</p> <p>In respect of the second tier of delegations, the City has taken the approach over recent years of including resolutions that confer delegated authority to the CEO and/or officers in numerous policies and by way of recommendations within Council resolutions. These occurrences were at the time intended for short term application or single event decisions. These have not been reviewed.</p> <p>The first group of delegations are structured in an orderly manner and were reviewed (annually) in accordance with the LGA provisions.</p> <p>A review of the City's approach to conferring delegated authority will be reviewed prior to June 2013 to ensure delegation is effected only through instruments of delegation included in the City's delegation register.</p>	chris spiker
13	s5.46(3) Admin Reg 19	Did all persons exercising a delegated power or duty under the Act keep, on all occasions, a written record as required.	Yes		Chris Spiker

Disclosure of Interest



No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
1	s5.67	If a member disclosed an interest, did he/she ensure that they did not remain present to participate in any discussion or decision-making procedure relating to the matter in which the interest was disclosed (not including participation approvals granted under s5.68).	Yes		Chris Spiker
2	s5.68(2)	Were all decisions made under section 5.68(1), and the extent of participation allowed, recorded in the minutes of Council and Committee meetings.	Yes		Chris Spiker
3	s5.73	Were disclosures under section 5.65 or 5.70 recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the disclosure was made.	Yes		Chris Spiker
4	s5.75(1) Admin Reg 22 Form 2	Was a primary return lodged by all newly elected members within three months of their start day.	Yes		Chris Spiker
5	s5.75(1) Admin Reg 22 Form 2	Was a primary return lodged by all newly designated employees within three months of their start day.	Yes		Chris Spiker
6	s5.76(1) Admin Reg 23 Form 3	Was an annual return lodged by all continuing elected members by 31 August 2012.	Yes		Chris Spiker
7	s5.76(1) Admin Reg 23 Form 3	Was an annual return lodged by all designated employees by 31 August 2012.	Yes		Chris Spiker
8	s5.77	On receipt of a primary or annual return, did the CEO, (or the Mayor/ President in the case of the CEO's return) on all occasions, give written acknowledgment of having received the return.	Yes		Chris Spiker
9	s5.88(1)(2) Admin Reg 28	Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained the returns lodged under section 5.75 and 5.76	Yes		Chris Spiker
10	s5.88(1)(2) Admin Reg 28	Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained a record of disclosures made under sections 5.65, 5.70 and 5.71, in the form prescribed in Administration Regulation 28.	Yes		Chris Spiker
11	s5.88 (3)	Has the CEO removed all returns from the register when a person ceased to be a person required to lodge a return under section 5.75 or 5.76.	Yes		Chris Spiker
12	s5.88(4)	Have all returns lodged under section 5.75 or 5.76 and removed from the register, been kept for a period of at least five years, after the person who lodged the return ceased to be a council member or designated employee.	Yes		Chris Spiker



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13	s5.103 Admin Reg 34C & Rules of Conduct Reg 11	Where an elected member or an employee disclosed an interest in a matter discussed at a Council or committee meeting where there was a reasonable belief that the impartiality of the person having the interest would be adversely affected, was it recorded in the minutes.	Yes		Chris Spiker
14	s5.70(2)	Where an employee had an interest in any matter in respect of which the employee provided advice or a report directly to the Council or a Committee, did that person disclose the nature of that interest when giving the advice or report.	Yes		Chris Spiker
15	s5.70(3)	Where an employee disclosed an interest under s5.70(2), did that person also disclose the extent of that interest when required to do so by the Council or a Committee.	Yes		Chris Spiker
16	s5.103(3) Admin Reg 34B	Has the CEO kept a register of all notifiable gifts received by Council members and employees.	Yes		Chris Spiker

Disposal of Property

No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
1	s3.58(3)	Was local public notice given prior to disposal for any property not disposed of by public auction or tender (except where excluded by Section 3.58(5)).	Yes		Chris Spiker
2	s3.58(4)	Where the local government disposed of property under section 3.58(3), did it provide details, as prescribed by section 3.58(4), in the required local public notice for each disposal of property.	Yes		Chris Spiker

Elections

No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
1	Elect Reg 30G (1)	Did the CEO establish and maintain an electoral gift register and ensure that all 'disclosure of gifts' forms completed by candidates and received by the CEO were placed on the electoral gift register at the time of receipt by the CEO and in a manner that clearly identifies and distinguishes the candidates.	Yes		Chris Spiker

Finance

No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
1	s7.1A	Has the local government established an audit committee and appointed members by absolute majority in accordance with section 7.1A of the Act.	Yes		Chris Spiker



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2	s7.1B	Where a local government determined to delegate to its audit committee any powers or duties under Part 7 of the Act, did it do so by absolute majority.	Yes		Chris Spiker
3	s7.3	Was the person(s) appointed by the local government to be its auditor, a registered company auditor.	Yes		Chris Spiker
4	s7.3	Was the person(s) appointed by the local government to be its auditor, an approved auditor.	Yes		Chris Spiker
5	s7.3, 7.6(3)	Was the person or persons appointed by the local government to be its auditor, appointed by an absolute majority decision of Council.	Yes		Chris Spiker
6	Audit Reg 10	Was the Auditor's report for the financial year ended 30 June 2012 received by the local government within 30 days of completion of the audit.	Yes		chris spiker
7	s7.9(1)	Was the Auditor's report for 2011/2012 received by the local government by 31 December 2012.	Yes		Chris Spiker
8	S7.12A(3), (4)	Where the local government determined that matters raised in the auditor's report prepared under s7.9 (1) of the Act required action to be taken by the local government, was that action undertaken.	No	Actions will be undertaken on all matters raised by the auditor. The City completed all matters raised by the Auditors for the 2010/2011 financial year.	Chris Spiker
9	S7.12A(3), (4)	Where the local government determined that matters raised in the auditor's report (prepared under s7.9 (1) of the Act) required action to be taken by the local government, was a report prepared on any actions undertaken.	Yes		Chris Spiker
10	S7.12A(3), (4)	Where the local government determined that matters raised in the auditor's report (prepared under s7.9 (1) of the Act) required action to be taken by the local government, was a copy of the report forwarded to the Minister by the end of the financial year or 6 months after the last report prepared under s7.9 was received by the local government whichever was the latest in time.	Yes		Chris Spiker
11	Audit Reg 7	Did the agreement between the local government and its auditor include the objectives of the audit.	Yes		Chris Spiker
12	Audit Reg 7	Did the agreement between the local government and its auditor include the scope of the audit.	Yes		Chris Spiker
13	Audit Reg 7	Did the agreement between the local government and its auditor include a plan for the audit.	Yes		Chris Spiker



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14	Audit Reg 7	Did the agreement between the local government and its auditor include details of the remuneration and expenses to be paid to the auditor.	Yes		Chris Spiker
15	Audit Reg 7	Did the agreement between the local government and its auditor include the method to be used by the local government to communicate with, and supply information to, the auditor.	Yes		Chris Spiker

Local Government Employees

No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent
1	Admin Reg 18C	Did the local government approve the process to be used for the selection and appointment of the CEO before the position of CEO was advertised.	Yes		Chris Spiker
2	s5.36(4) s5.37(3), Admin Reg 18A	Were all vacancies for the position of CEO and other designated senior employees advertised and did the advertising comply with s.5.36(4), 5.37(3) and Admin Reg 18A.	Yes		Chris Spiker
3	s5.37(2)	Did the CEO inform council of each proposal to employ or dismiss a designated senior employee.	N/A		Chris Spiker
4	Admin Reg 18F	Was the remuneration and other benefits paid to a CEO on appointment the same remuneration and benefits advertised for the position of CEO under section 5.36(4).	N/A		chris Spiker
5	Admin Regs 18E	Did the local government ensure checks were carried out to confirm that the information in an application for employment was true (applicable to CEO only).	N/A		Chris Spiker

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Official Conduct						
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent	
1	s5.120	Where the CEO is not the complaints officer, has the local government designated a senior employee, as defined under s5.37, to be its complaints officer.	N/A		chris spiker	
2	s5.121(1)	Has the complaints officer for the local government maintained a register of complaints which records all complaints that result in action under s5.110(6)(b) or (c).	Yes		chris Spiker	
3	s5.121(2)(a)	Does the complaints register maintained by the complaints officer include provision for recording of the name of the council member about whom the complaint is made.	Yes		chris Spiker	
4	s5.121(2)(b)	Does the complaints register maintained by the complaints officer include provision for recording the name of the person who makes the complaint.	Yes		chris Spiker	
5	s5.121(2)(c)	Does the complaints register maintained by the complaints officer include provision for recording a description of the minor breach that the standards panel finds has occurred.	Yes		chris Spiker	
6	s5.121(2)(d)	Does the complaints register maintained by the complaints officer include the provision to record details of the action taken under s5.110(6)(b) (c).	Yes		chris Spiker	

Tenders for Providing Goods and Services						
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments	Respondent	
1	s3.57 F&G Reg 11	Did the local government invite tenders on all occasions (before entering into contracts for the supply of goods or services) where the consideration under the contract was, or was expected to be, worth more than the consideration stated in Regulation 11(1) of the Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations (Subject to Functions and General Regulation 11(2)).	Yes		chris spiker	



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2	F&G Reg 12	Did the local government comply with F&G Reg 12 when deciding to enter into multiple contracts rather than inviting tenders for a single contract.	No	Eastward Rd depot clearing was undertaken through a number of arrangements. These were based on a misunderstanding of the preferred supplier application and the separating of different phases of a project when a single tender would suffice. The actions taken were not intentional and were as a result of a lack of knowledge of the City's processes. Action has been implemented to prevent incidents of this nature occurring including: obtaining legal advice; provision of training program from WALGA; development of in-house guidelines and greater scrutiny of tendering practices generally.	Chris Spiker
3	F&G Reg 14(1)	Did the local government invite tenders via Statewide public notice.	Yes		chris spiker
4	F&G Reg 14, 15 & 16	Did the local government's advertising and tender documentation comply with F&G Regs 14, 15 & 16.	Yes		chris spiker
5	F&G Reg 14(5)	If the local government sought to vary the information supplied to tenderers, was every reasonable step taken to give each person who sought copies of the tender documents or each acceptable tenderer, notice of the variation.	Yes		chris spiker
6	F&G Reg 18(1)	Did the local government reject the tenders that were not submitted at the place, and within the time specified in the invitation to tender.	Yes		chris spiker
7	F&G Reg 18 (4)	In relation to the tenders that were not rejected, did the local government assess which tender to accept and which tender was most advantageous to the local government to accept, by means of written evaluation criteria.	Yes		chris spiker
8	F&G Reg 17	Did the information recorded in the local government's tender register comply with the requirements of F&G Reg 17.	No	A review of the electronic tender register in November 2012 brought about changes from that time on to bring the Register in compliance with the regulations.	chris Spiker



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9	F&G Reg 19	Was each tenderer sent written notice advising particulars of the successful tender or advising that no tender was accepted.	Yes		chris spiker
10	F&G Reg 21 & 22	Did the local governments's advertising and expression of interest documentation comply with the requirements of F&G Regs 21 and 22.	Yes		chris spiker
11	F&G Reg 23(1)	Did the local government reject the expressions of interest that were not submitted at the place and within the time specified in the notice.	Yes		chris spiker
12	F&G Reg 23(4)	After the local government considered expressions of interest, did the CEO list each person considered capable of satisfactorily supplying goods or services.	N/A		chris spiker
13	F&G Reg 24	Was each person who submitted an expression of interest, given a notice in writing in accordance with Functions & General Regulation 24.	Yes		chris spiker
14	F&G Reg 24E	Where the local government gave a regional price preference in relation to a tender process, did the local government comply with the requirements of F&G Reg 24E in relation to the preparation of a regional price preference policy (only if a policy had not been previously adopted by Council).	Yes		chris spiker
15	F&G Reg 11A	Does the local government have a current purchasing policy in relation to contracts for other persons to supply goods or services where the consideration under the contract is, or is expected to be, \$100,000 or less.	Yes		chris spiker