

LATE ITEMS AGENDA

Ordinary Council Meeting
20 NOVEMBER 2023

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15.1 Chief Executive Officer

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Responsible Officer:	Xandra Curnock Executive Manager Finance
Responsible Business Unit:	Finance
Disclosure of Interest:	Nil
Voting Requirements:	Simple
Nature of Council's Role in Decision-Making:	Legislative
Attachments:	 CONFIDENTIAL - Final Management Letter 2022-2023 [15.1.1.1 - 8 pages] CONFIDENTIAL - Report on significant audit findings - FY2023 [15.1.1.2 - 4 pages]

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Office of the Auditor General (OAG) notified the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder (the City) of a late significant audit finding which, due to the lateness, was omitted from the original Audit and Committee Agenda and Management Letter – 30 June 2023.

REPORT

The Audit and Risk Committee were presented with the draft Annual Financial Report for the financial year 2022-2023 and draft Management Letter on Thursday 16 November 2023. On the morning of this meeting the OAG notified the City of a significant audit finding. Due to the lateness of being notified this was excluded from the original Audit and Risk Meeting Agenda and the Draft Management Letter.

The OAG were in attendance at the Committee meeting and verbally explained the significant finding to the Committee. The significant finding relates to the fair value of Infrastructure and Building assets owned by the City at 30 June 2023. The City did not engage an external valuer during 2023 to confirm the fair value of its buildings.

Legislation requires the City to prepare a report addressing the significant matters identified in the report and state what action has been taken. This report must be provided to the Minister within three months of receiving the audit report. Within 14 days after giving the report to the Minister, the CEO must publish a copy of the report on its official website.

A draft action report, for the Minister, addressing the significant finding is attached for Council approval.

Community Engagement Consultation

No community consultation was considered necessary in relation to the recommendations of the report.

Budget Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

Statutory Implications

s7.12A of the Local Government Act 1995, Duties of Local government with respect to audits

r16 of Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Regulation 51(2) states:

"A copy of the annual financial report of a local government is to be submitted to the Departmental CEO within 30 days of the receipt by the local government's CEO of the auditor's report on that financial report."

Section 5.53 of the Local Government Act 1995 states:

5.53 Annual Reports

- (1) The local government is to prepare an annual report for each financial year.
- (2) The annual report is to contain: (f) the financial report for the financial year;

Section 5.54 of the Local Government Act 1995 states:

5.54 Acceptance of annual reports

- (1) Subject to subsection
- (2), the annual report for a financial year is to be accepted* by the local government no later than 31 December after that financial year. * Absolute majority required

Section 6.4 of the Local Government Act 1995 states:

6.4 Financial Report

- (1) A local government is to prepare an annual financial report for the preceding financial year and such other financial reports as are prescribed.
- (2) The financial report is to -
- (a) be prepared and presented in the manner and form prescribed; and
- (b) contain the prescribed information.

- (3) By 30 September following each financial year or such extended time as the Minister allows, a local government is to submit to its auditor –
- (a) the accounts of the local government, balanced up to the last day of the preceding financial year; and
- (b) the annual financial report of the local government for the preceding financial year.

Policy Implications

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

Community Strategic Plan Links

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the following Guiding Theme/s:

CAPABLE: We will have the resources to contribute to our community and economy.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

- 1. Adopt the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Report and accompanying Independent Auditors Report for the year ended 30 June 2023; and
- 2. Receives the revised Auditor's Management Letter in respect of the 2022-2023 financial audit for the year ended 30 June 2023; and
- 3. Approves the report on significant audit findings be submitted to the Minister.