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AUDIT RISK AND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

A meeting of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee
was held in the Committee Room,
Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324
at 10.00am on Wednesday 3 June 2026

Julian Murphy

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Presiding Member declared the meeting open at 10am.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Members Present:
Cr L Handasyde – Presiding Member
Cr J Liebeck – Deputy Presiding Member
Cr K Tyrer
Cr W Sheard

Observers:
Mr Vignesh Raj CA – Director Financial Audit, Office of the Auditor General

Staff
Mr Julian Murphy – Chief Executive Officer
Mr Anthony Middleton – Executive Manager Corporate and Community
Ms Kylie Caley – Manager of Finance

Apologies
Nil

Leave of Absence:
Nil

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes, as circulated, of the Ordinary Meeting of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee Meeting held on 10 March 2026.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr W Sheard, Seconded: Cr J Liebeck

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Risk and Improvement Committee held on 10 March 2026 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED (4-0)

For: Crs Handasyde, Liebeck, Tyrer and Sheard
Against: Nil

4 DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Mr Vignesh Raj, Director of Financial Audit at the Office of the Auditor General, attended the meeting for a general discussion on audit processes, updates on the latest release of the 24/25 audit data across all WA local governments, and responded to questions from the committee.

5 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Part 5 Division 6 *Local Government Act 1995*

There were no disclosures of interest.

6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

6.1 COMMITTEE STATUS REPORT

Refer to attachment 5.1.1. A summary of the open items on the Status Report each meeting is as follows:

Summary:

Month	August 2025	December 2025	March 2026	June 2026
Number of Active Items	40	37	33	33

The Committee Status Report was noted.

7 GENERAL BUSINESS

7.1 ITEMS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S INFORMATION

The following documents are for the information of the Committee:

1. Local Government 2025 – Financial Audit Results:
   Local Government 2025 – Financial Audit Results

2. WALGA Economic Briefing – Quarter 1 2026:
   WALGA-Q1-2026-Economic-Briefing.pdf

8 NEXT MEETING

8 September 2026

9 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at 10.44am.

CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER _____ **DATE:** 22/9/26