



HEAVY HAULAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Section 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995

The duties of the committee shall be to:

- *Advise the Council relating to heavy haulage movement within the Shire of Plantagenet; and*
- *Make recommendations to the Council relating to the use of local roads by classes of heavy vehicles.*

Ordinary meeting of the Heavy Haulage Advisory Committee
Held in the Committee Room,
Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324
12.30pm 26 March 2019

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members

Cr J Oldfield, Cr B Lang, Cr M O'Dea and Cr L Handasyde (Resolution No. 226/17)

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Chairperson: Cr L Handasyde

Deputy Chairperson: Cr B Lang

Membership: Quorum (2)

Cr B Lang	Council Representative
Cr J Oldfield	Council Representative
Cr M O'Dea	Council Representative
Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

At 12.45pm, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting open.

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Present

Cr B Lang	Council Representative
Cr J Oldfield	Council Representative
Cr M O'Dea	Council Representative
Cr L Handasyde	Council Representative

Officers

Mr R Stewart	Chief Executive Officer
Mr D Lynch	Manager Works and Services
Ms A Chadbourne	Senior Administration, Works and Services

3 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTEREST

Part 5 Division 6 Location Government Act 1995

Nil.

12.46 Cr B Lang withdrew from the meeting.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr J Oldfield, Seconded Cr M O'Dea;

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Heavy Haulage Committee, held on 19 June 2018, be confirmed.

CARRIED

12.48pm Cr B Lang returned to the meeting.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**5.1 POLICY REVIEW - ROADS - HEAVY VEHICLE ACCESS**

File Ref: N47765
Attachments: [I/PM/1 Plant – General Policy](#)
Responsible Officer: David Lynch
Manager Works and Services
Author: Amy Chadbourne
Senior Administration/Project Officer Works and Services
Proposed Meeting Date: 26 February 2019

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to review Council Policy I/R/17 Roads – Heavy Vehicle Access.

BACKGROUND

This policy was adopted at the Council Meeting of 28 February 2017.

The policy was presented for review at the Council Meeting of 26 February 2019. It was resolved:

‘That the question be adjourned and be referred to the Heavy Haulage Committee such that the matter comes before the Council at its Ordinary Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2019.’

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Land Administration Act 1997, Section 55 (2) – ‘Property in and management etc of roads’

Local Government Act 1995, Section 3.53 (2) – ‘Control of certain unvested facilities’

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Act 2012

Road Traffic (Vehicles) Regulations 2014

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications for this report, however, it should be noted that increased heavy vehicle use of Shire roads may result in additional budgeting requirements for road maintenance, renewal and upgrades.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This policy is presented to the Council as part of its ongoing policy review cycle.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Shire of Plantagenet Strategic Community Plan 2017-2026 provides at Outcome 2.4 (Safe and reliable transport infrastructure) the following:

Strategy 2.4.1:

'Maintain and further develop Shire roads, drainage and pathways at appropriate standards and continue to seek to maximise grant funding to support this aim'.

Accordingly, the recommended outcome for this report aligns with the Strategic Community Plan.

The Shire of Plantagenet Corporate Business Plan 2016/2017 – 2020/2021 includes Action 2.4.1.6:

'Construct and maintain Shire roads and associated infrastructure to the standard adopted by the Council and in accordance with requirements of State agencies'.

Accordingly, the recommended outcome for this report aligns with the Corporate Business Plan.

OFFICER COMMENT

This policy was first adopted in February 2017 with the intent of providing clear guidelines to heavy vehicle transport operators and Shire staff when application was made for use of heavy vehicles on Shire roads.

The intent of the policy remains relevant and works well.

Changes have been made to the layout of the document to improve clarity and flow and to ensure it reads well.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That the following amendments to Council Policy I/R/17 Roads – Heavy Vehicle Access:

'OBJECTIVE

To provide clear guidelines to the Council, its staff and heavy vehicle transport operators for Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network requests and access to roads under the care, control and management of the Shire of Plantagenet.

The Council wishes to balance road safety, transport efficiency for Shire economic benefits, community amenity and preservation of the road asset.

The Policy supports 'as of right' vehicles as defined by Main Roads WA (MRWA) or approved RAV routes, except where roads are closed for safety reasons.

POLICY

1. Scope

This Policy applies to any heavy vehicle transport operator using RAV on roads managed by the Council.

2. Legislation

The Road Traffic Act 1974 and the Road Traffic (Vehicle) Regulations 2014 govern the use of heavy vehicles on roads within Western Australia and define items such as compliance notices, exemptions, permits and notices for heavy restricted access vehicles. These regulations also contain provisions for mass and loading, load restraints, vehicle modifications and vehicle maintenance.

The Land Administration Act 1997 Section 55 and Local Government Act 1995 Section 3.53(2) gives the Shire of Plantagenet management responsibility for roads within its boundaries.

3. Definitions

3.1 Restricted Access Vehicle (RAV) Network

The RAV Network is a list of roads which have been assessed and classified by MRWA according to the type and size of heavy vehicle that may access them. It is administered by the Heavy Vehicles Section (HVS) of MRWA.

3.2 Accredited Mass Management Scheme (AMMS) Network

The AMMS scheme allows for three (3) concessional mass tiers that are available to approved heavy vehicle transport operators with appropriate loading control methods. This scheme uses a network approach similar to the existing RAV Network.

Both the RAV and AMMS Networks are published in the form of road tables and a visual Mapping Tool is available on the MRWA website.

4. Request to Access Roads

4.1 RAV Classified Roads - If a heavy vehicle transport operator wishes to access a RAV network road, they may apply to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) if a condition of RAV access is Shire approval.

4.2 Unclassified Roads - If the road is not classified on the RAV Network then the applicant will first need to apply to MRWA (HVS). Upon receipt from MRWA (HVS), the Shire of Plantagenet will assess the request in accordance with MRWA approved guidelines and if supported, a submission will be made to MRWA (HVS) for their consideration including any conditions that may apply to the use of the road.

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4.4 Depending on the need for access, a RAV access request may be supported if the applicant accepts responsibility to carry out any road upgrades or vegetation pruning necessary to qualify the road for the RAV network level requested.

4.5 Should the road access request be declined, the Shire of Plantagenet will inform MRWA (HVS) who will advise the applicant.

5. RAV Road Reclassification

The Shire may withdraw support for an approved route at any time if:

- a) The route is deemed unsafe for RAV use;
- b) The route is deemed unsuitable for RAV use; or
- c) The heavy vehicle transport operator has breached approval conditions.

6. The Shire of Plantagenet may close a road on a temporary basis to all heavy vehicles should deteriorating road conditions be present.'

be endorsed.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved Cr M O'Dea, Seconded Cr J Oldfield;

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That the amended Council Policy I/R/17 Roads – Heavy Vehicle Access as follows:

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CARRIED

6. NEXT MEETING

At a date to be decided.

7. CLOSURE OF MEETING

At 1.00pm, Cr Handasyde declared the meeting closed.

Presiding Member

Date