



**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**FOR THE**

**ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**20 NOVEMBER, 2019**

## 11.1 COMMUNITY SAFETY PLANS (CR FIONA WEST)

**The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Cr F West as per the Shire of Broome Standing Orders Local Law - 3.10 – Motions of which Previous Notice has been Given:**

### COUNCILLOR MOTION

That Council:

1. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer direct the appropriate staff to prepare a report, including recommendations, on the following:
  - a) updated progress against recommendations made in the Community Safety Plan;
  - b) exploring the Shire creating a subsidy scheme to assist residents to install or improve home security; and
  - c) the Shire seeking external funding for the above Scheme using grants available through the WA Police Force or any other appropriate sources.
2. Requests that the Chief Executive Officer tables the report, including any recommendations at the next Ordinary Council Meeting.

### **COUNCILLOR COMMENT / BACKGROUND**

- There is a high level of concern in the Broome community about the levels of crime in residential areas, particularly the forced entry in to houses.
- There are a number of steps that residents can take to reduce the likely success of forced entry, however the high cost is a barrier to many local residents.
- Other Shires in Western Australia provide a subsidy to residents to improve the security in and around their home.
- There is some urgency to this research, because there may be funding opportunities that may no longer be available if too much time expires."

### **OFFICER COMMENT**

**The following response was provided as per the Shire of Broome Standing Orders Local Law - 3.10(4)(c):**

**3.10 (4) The CEO –**

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- (c) may under his or her name provide relevant and material facts and circumstances pertaining to the notice of motion on such matters as policy, budget and law.**

The Shire of Broome Community Safety Plan 2016 – 2019 (Safety Plan) is part of a suite of informing strategic documents which fall under the Shire's Corporate Business Plan 2019 – 2023 (CBP). The Shire's commitment to the ongoing delivery of identified community safety priorities is recognised within the CBP (Action 1.2.1.5).

The Safety Plan was developed in 2015, and guides the actions undertaken by the Shire of Broome in partnership with agencies and the community to reduce the risk of crime and anti-social behaviour and improve community perceptions of safety. It was informed through the involvement of key stakeholders, and issues which were highlighted in the Broome 2040 community consultation and the 2015 Community Perceptions Survey. The plan encapsulated actions and strategies which have involvement of the Shire – be it to

implement, facilitate, advocate or support in partnership with other community agencies and service providers.

The Shire has taken a proactive approach to delivering actions contained within the plan, though the allocation of subsidies towards home surveillance systems was not highlighted within the current Community Safety Plan or through engagement to date, however officers note that other local governments have delivered this initiative. Significant progress has been made by the Shire in the following areas:

- spearheading the implementation of liquor restrictions in Broome to address alcohol related harm and anti-social behaviour;
- support and advocate for the ongoing delivery of Kullarri Patrol services through the Broome townsite;
- work with local service providers to identify and promote diversionary activities during periods where criminal activity peaks, including after hours and during school holidays;
- sourcing of grant funding to supplement Shire funds to deliver better outcomes for the community.

The Shire's success in obtaining grants has been highlighted by the allocation of \$504,740 over three years through the Federal Safer Communities Grant program. This has allowed the Shire to expand its CCTV network and improve street lighting in areas identified through collaboration with the WA Police. These works are continuing however positive feedback has been received by WA Police and the Shire's Community Clean Up Crew regarding a reduction of antisocial behaviour and associated litter in the vicinity of the Anne Street CCTV camera already installed. A streetlight audit has been completed to inform further areas requiring upgrading.

Officers are currently progressing with the following priorities in regard to Community Safety:

**1. Procurement of a Takeaway Alcohol Management System (TAMS) to support the introduction of Liquor Restrictions through the Broome Liquor Accord**

The advertising period for a Request for Tender (RFT) for the procurement of a TAMS has recently closed, and officers are currently assessing applications and completing due diligence. This work is to be finalised and a report submitted for Council consideration at the December OMC with the view of appointing a preferred contractor to roll out the system early in the new year. Officers have been supporting the Kimberley Zone Project Officer to seek State funding towards the initiative and additional support for the development of communications materials and the appointment of an independent research body to monitor the success of the trial liquor restrictions. These efforts are ongoing, and officers have begun to compile information for the communication materials.

**2. Development of a Major Funding Application to Safer Communities Round 5**

Officers are currently completing a further Safer Communities application (due by the start of December as part of Round 5) to seek up to \$1,000,000 from the Commonwealth and are working with WA Police on locations for the installation of additional CCTV cameras and streetlighting for inclusion. The application requires the compilation of supporting information, quotations and evidence to justify the proposed infrastructure.

**3. Review of the Community Safety Plan 2016 – 2019**

The Shire has also commenced a review of the Community Safety Plan 2016 – 2019, which will result in the development of a new plan to guide the Shire in coming years. Officers have begun this review with targeted engagement as part of 11 community picnics. A desktop audit has also been undertaken. The next phase is to deliver a community survey in the new year, prior to finalising themes and actions in a new plan for consideration by Council.

### **Chief Executive Officer Response to Notice of Motion**

Officers acknowledge that there is a heightened level of concern throughout the community regarding crime and community safety. To this end, the Shire has continued to forge ahead with pursuing projects which have the potential of delivering significant outcomes for Broome. These major projects include:

- Working with the Broome Liquor Accord and Kimberley Regional Group to drive the introduction of liquor restrictions in Broome
- Actively pursuing major grant opportunities to deliver CCTV and lighting improvements through grant programs such as Safer Communities; which has yielded successes including over \$500,000 in funding for infrastructure
- Advocating and engaging with the State Government on issues including juvenile justice, alcohol management and homelessness – key issues highlighted by ongoing engagement with the community and stakeholders

In the last two months the Chief Executive Officer and Deputy President have met with the Broome's Officer in Charge and more recently the Chief Executive Officer met with the Commissioner of Police, Kimberley District Superintendent and Director General to the Premier's Office outlining many of these issues.

For reporting purposes, Council is provided a monthly update on progress of implementation of the Community Safety Plan through the Councillor Information Bulletin and more detailed information has and can be provided through the monthly Council major projects update as part of Council workshops.

As outlined in the summary above, there are three key projects currently being delivered in relation to Community Safety with pressing due dates prior to the December Council meeting. Any diversion of resources away from these activities may impact intended deliverables negatively.

The Shire has made significant progress on key priorities identified in the current Community Safety Plan through focusing efforts and resources. The review of this plan is currently underway and will allow the development of a further set of priorities for the Shire to pursue in response to community and stakeholder feedback regarding current issues and concerns. It is recommended this initiative be tabled through this process.

#### COUNCILLOR RECOMMENDATION:

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