

# CITY OF ARMADALE

## AGENDA

**OF COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ADMINISTRATION CENTRE, 7 ORCHARD AVENUE, ARMADALE ON TUESDAY, 6 MAY 2025 AT 7:00PM.**

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### **OFFICIAL OPENING & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

**PRESENT:** Cr M Silver (Chair)  
Cr P A Hetherington (Deputy Chair)  
Cr K Kamdar  
Cr J Keogh  
Cr S Stoneham  
Cr G J Smith (Deputy to Cr Busby)  
Dr C M Wielinga

**APOLOGIES:** Cr K Busby (Leave of Absence)

**OBSERVERS:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**PUBLIC:**

## **DISCLAIMER**

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The Disclaimer for protecting Councillors and staff from liability of information and advice given at Committee meetings to be read.

## **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

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## **QUESTION TIME**

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*Public Question Time is allocated for the asking of and responding to questions raised by members of the public.*

*Minimum time to be provided – 15 minutes (unless not required)*

*Policy and Management Practice EM 6 – Public Question Time has been adopted by Council to ensure the orderly conduct of Public Question time and a copy of this procedure can be found at <http://www.armadale.wa.gov.au/PolicyManual>*

*It is also available in the public gallery.*

*The public's cooperation in this regard will be appreciated.*

## **DEPUTATION**

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## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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## **RECOMMEND**

**Minutes of the Community Services Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2025 be confirmed.**

## **ITEMS REFERRED FROM INFORMATION BULLETIN**

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Report on Outstanding Matters – Community Services Committee

Items referred from the Information Bulletin – Issue 5 – April 2025

*If any of the items listed above require clarification or a report for a decision of Council, this item to be raised for discussion at this juncture.*

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### ***1.1 - DIWALI FESTIVAL LIGHT COMPETITION (REFERRAL MATTER)***

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At the Council meeting held on 24 March 2025, Cr Kamdar referred the following matter to the Community Services Committee.

*That the matter of the City introducing a Diwali Festival Light Competition be referred to the Community Services Committee.*

#### **Comment from Cr Kamdar**

City to introduce City's Annual Community Diwali Light Competition. This annual event helps to bring our multicultural community together to share the Diwali Spirit. Diwali festival takes place between October and November, with the date changing every year.

*Cr Kamdar's further comments have been forwarded under separate cover.*

#### **Officer Comment**

This response pertains to the reference to an annual Diwali Light competition rather than a community event or festival. An additional event to the City's major event program would require significant financial and human resources.

It appears that the Diwali Light competition is based on a similar model to the City's Connected Community Christmas Lights Trail competition. This was endorsed by Council on 28 November 2022 at the Ordinary Council Meeting with the following resolution:

*That Council requests the CEO to:*

- 1. Facilitate a Connected Community Christmas Lights Trail and Competition for residents of the City of Armadale, beginning in December 2022; and*
- 2. Allocate \$5000 towards prizes.*

The competition is coordinated by the City's Communications and Engagement team, with the allocation of a staff member's time to this equivalent to 0.5 FTE for two months in the lead up, during and after the competition. It comprises two categories and a total of \$5000 worth of cash prizes.

Whilst the Diwali Light competition proposal recommends that the total prize money is \$2750, the most significant cost relates to officer time to plan and deliver the competition; the current staff resources do not allow for an additional competition.

#### **RECOMMEND**

**That Council:**

***To be considered.***

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

There are no attachments for this report.

***COUNCILLORS' ITEMS***

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Nil

*This refers to any brief updates from Councillors from their attendance at Working Group or Advisory Group meetings on which they represent Council.*

***EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT***

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Nil

**MEETING DECLARED CLOSED AT \_\_\_\_\_**