

11.3 South East Corridor Councils Alliance - Memorandum of Understanding

Location	Town-wide
Reporting officer	Liam O'Neill
Responsible officer	Anthony Vuleta
Voting requirement	Simple majority
Attachments	1. Draft SE Corridor Councils Alliance MOU [11.3.1 - 7 pages]

Recommendation

at Council:

1. Endorses the memorandum of understanding with the City of Armadale, City of Canning and City of Gosnells to establish the South East Corridor Councils Alliance.
2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Town.

Purpose

To obtain Council approval for the memorandum of understanding for the South East Corridor Councils Alliance (SECCA).

In brief

- The Town has been working closely with the Cities of Canning, Gosnells and Armadale as a result of the METRONET changes.
- It is proposed to formalise this partnership through the adoption of an MoU to establish the South East Corridor Councils Alliance.

Background

1. At its meeting held on 27 May 2020, the South East Corridor group considered a proposal to create a strategic partnership between the local governments of the south east corridor. As a result, an MOU has been prepared to formally establish the South East Corridor Councils alliance.
2. The South East Corridor of Victoria Park, Canning, Gosnells and Armadale share a common transport network based around the Albany Highway corridor and the Armadale rail line. The current group arose as a result of discussions around METRONET and the proposed elevation of the rail line.
3. While the group currently only includes those Councils with the Armadale Rail Line travelling through their jurisdictions, with the proposal to extend the line to Byford, the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale could be included in future. Likewise, the City of South Perth could be a future inclusion as a member of the South-East WALGA Zone.

Strategic alignment

Economic	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EC01 - A desirable place for commerce and tourism that supports equity, diverse local employment and entrepreneurship.	The alliance is focused on expanding economic opportunity delivering against this strategic outcome.

Environment	
Strategic outcome	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN01 - Land use planning that puts people first in urban design, allows for different housing options for people with different housing need and enhances the Town's character.	The alliance seeks to address and work collaboratively on issues such as density around train stations.
EN02 - A safe, interconnected and well maintained transport network that makes it easy for everyone to get around.	The alliance seeks to advocate for improvements to the transport network throughout the corridor.

Engagement

Internal engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
Chief Executive Officer	The CEO supports the proposed MOU.
Other engagement	
Stakeholder	Comments
South East Corridor Councils Alliance	The most recent meetings of Mayors and CEO's supported the proposed memorandum of understanding.

Legal compliance

Not applicable.

Risk management consideration

Risk impact category	Risk event description	Consequence rating	Likelihood rating	Overall risk level score	Council's risk appetite	Risk treatment option and rationale for actions
Financial	Unbudgeted financial costs arising from the MOU	Minor	Rare	Low	Low	Accept – There are no financial obligations associated with the MOU other than those that are unforeseen.
Environmental	Not applicable.				Medium	
Health and safety	Not applicable.				Low	
Infrastructure/	Not applicable.				Medium	

ICT systems/ utilities		
Legislative compliance	Not applicable.	Low
Reputation	Not applicable.	Low
Service delivery	Not applicable.	Medium

Financial implications

Current budget impact	Sufficient funds exist within the annual budget to address this recommendation.
Future budget impact	Not applicable.

Analysis

4. The intent of the MoU is to create a partnership between the participating parties to explore possible collaboration opportunities on strategic issues impacting on local government. The MoU, while not legally binding, except in the case of confidentiality, sets up the working framework between the signatories.
5. The term for the MoU is for a period of three (3) years. That being said, as the MoU is non-binding, each party may terminate the MoU at any time during the term. Decisions made by parties to the MoU will be by consensus.
6. The objectives of the MoU is to:
 - a) collaborate on issues of mutual interest to enhance the outcomes of each organisation; and
 - b) discuss and explore opportunities and proposals to cooperate and collaborate in one or more of the following strategic priority areas of the SECCA:
 - (i) Advocacy - Increase the sense of urgency and level of government investment in the strategic priorities through detailed analysis of issues, political policies and positioning of each party in order to inform the unified election cycle activities of the SECCA.
 - (ii) Transport - Ensure that the opportunities created by investment in transport infrastructure are maximised to facilitate job creation, private investment and a diversity of land use opportunities such as transit orientated developments.
 - (iii) Infrastructure - Realise the potential of the Corridor's strategic activity centres through facilitating and advocating for the provision of essential infrastructure in order that a diversity of functionality, employment and educational opportunities are accessible to the community.
 - (iv) Economy and Employment - Through collaborative research understand the drivers and opportunities to facilitate the economic growth of the region and develop strategies to nurture and incubate entrepreneurship and regional employment self-sufficiency.
 - (v) Tourism - Actively promote the Corridor's tourism assets, investment potential and partnerships.
 - (vi) Environment - Retain and expand the urban forest canopies throughout the Corridor as well as the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment.

- (vii) Education and Training - Increase employment through enhanced education and training access throughout the Corridor, promoting self-sufficiency.
- (viii) Planning and Built Form - Improve the diversity, built form outcomes and timely delivery of housing, industrial, office, retail, health, entertainment and public open spaces throughout the Corridor.
- (ix) Local Government Collaboration - Seek opportunities for major events, resource sharing, sub-regional planning, policy alignment and red tape reduction.
- (x) Heritage and Culture - Preserve and promote the heritage and culture of the Corridor and its contribution to sense of place.

Relevant documents

Not applicable.