

ITEM NO.	C.14/0820	FILE REF.	
SUBJECT	Appointment of Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer		
OFFICER	Chief Executive Officer		
DATE OF REPORT	20 August 2020		

Reason for Urgent Business: With the commencement of Mr Lyndon Pearce as CESM his appointment as a Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer should occur.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council accept Item C.14/0820 as urgent business.

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That Council appoints the Community Emergency Services Manager, Mr Lyndon Pearce as a Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for a 2 year period.

Summary/Purpose

For Council to appoint the new Community Emergency Services Manager as a Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

Background

At its June 2020 meeting Council appointed Mr Greg Kennedy as Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and Mr Chris Doherty as Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, both for 2 year periods. Historically the staff member in the position of Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) is also appointed as a Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer but at the time of the June 2020 Council meeting the position was vacant and recruitment was occurring. Mr Lyndon Pearce was subsequently appointed to the position of CESM and accordingly Council is requested to endorse his appointment as a Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

Officer Comment

Mr Pearce has previously been a Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer for the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes in his previous capacity as a bush fire brigade Fire Control Officer.

Statutory Environment

38. Local government may appoint bush fire control officer

(1) A local government may from time to time appoint such persons as it thinks necessary to be its bush fire control officers under and for the purposes of this Act, and of those officers shall subject to section 38A(2) appoint 2 as the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer and the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer who shall be first and second in seniority of those officers, and subject thereto may determine the respective seniority of the other bush fire control officers appointed by it.

(2A) The local government shall cause notice of an appointment made under the provisions of subsection (1) to be published at least once in a newspaper circulating in its district.

Integrated Planning

➤ Strategic Community Plan

Key Goal 4 - A community that is friendly and welcoming

Objective 4.6 - Fire prepared communities

Strategy 4.6.4 - Bush fire brigades are resourced with adequate equipment, appliances, training and other operational requirements

Key Goal 5 – our leadership will be visionary, collaborative and accountable

Objective 5.2 – we maintain high standards of governance, accountability and transparency

Strategy 5.2.8 – ensure all legislative responsibilities and requirements are met

➤ Corporate Business Plan - Nil

➤ Long Term Financial Plan - Nil

➤ Asset Management Plans - Nil

➤ Workforce Plan - Nil

➤ Other Integrated Planning - Nil

Policy Implications – Nil.

Budget Implications

Costs of advertising the appointment can be accommodated within current budget.

Risk Management

Council is responsible for all fires outside of the Gazetted Fire District. Mr Pearce has the experience and skills to undertake the duties and responsibilities of the Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer position.

Voting Requirements – Simple Majority