



Notice of an Ordinary Meeting of Council

Dear Council Member

The next Ordinary Meeting of Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes will be held on
Thursday, 26 February 2026 in Council Chambers, commencing at 5:30 PM

LATE AGENDA ITEM

ITEM 1 - DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES

**19.1 - LATE ITEM: Nomination of Council Members to the Development Assessment Panel
(Under Separate Cover)**

**Ordinary Council Meeting
Thursday, 26 February 2026**



Garry Adams

**Chief Executive Officer
Date: 20 February 2026**

ITEM 2 DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES**19.1 LATE ITEM: Nomination of Council Members to the Development Assessment Panel
(Under Separate Cover)****File Ref****Responsible Officer** Garry Adams, Chief Executive Officer**Reporting Officer** Leigh Guthridge, Director of Development and Regulatory Services**Attachments** Nil**Voting Requirements** Simple Majority**Disclosure of Interest** Reporting Officer: Nil
Responsible Officer: Nil

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**That Council:**

- 1. Nominates Cr _____ and Cr _____ as members of the Development Assessment Panel representing the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes; and**

- 2. Nominates Cr _____ and Cr _____ as Council's *Alternative Members* for the Development Assessment Panel representing the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.**

IN BRIEF

To nominate Council members to represent the Shire when required on the Development Assessment Panels.

BACKGROUND

As part of the State Government's planning reform agenda, Development Assessment Panels (DAPs) have been legislated to enhance planning expertise in the decision-making process by improving the balance between technical advice and local knowledge on larger scale development applications.

Under Regulation 26 of the *Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011*, the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes is required to nominate four elected members, comprising two 'Local Members' and two 'Alternative Local Members' every 2 years.

COMMENT

A Development Assessment Panel (DAP) is an independent decision-making body comprised of technical experts and elected local government members. These panels determine development applications made under local and region planning schemes, in the place of the original decision maker. The DAP system determines development applications that meet a monetary threshold.

There are two pathways being:

- Opt-in applications - \$2 Million or more (discretionary for the Applicant); and
- Significant Development Pathway - \$5 Million or more (required for the Applicant).

Following receipt of all local government nominations, the Minister for Planning and Lands will consider and appoint all nominees for a two-year term, expiring on 26 January 2028. All appointed local members will be placed on the local government member register and advised of DAP training dates and times.

Training is a mandatory requirement before members can sit on a DAP and determine applications. Local government representatives who have previously been appointed to a DAP and have received training are not required to attend further training. Training is held in Perth at the offices of DPLH but is available online. Training dates and times will be confirmed once Council members are nominated.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Planning and Development Act 2005

Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN

7 Responsible and attractive growth and development.

CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN

Nil

LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

Nil

ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANS

Nil

WORKFORCE PLAN

Nil

RISK MANAGEMENT

The recommendation to this report will complete a statutory requirement for local governments to appoint council members to the DAP's.