



Cranbrook – Compliance Audit Return

Commercial Enterprises by Local Governments				
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments
1	s3.59(2)(a) F&G Regs 7,9,10	Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major trading undertaking that was not exempt in 2023?	N/A	There were no major trading undertakings initiated by the Shire in 2023.
2	s3.59(2)(b) F&G Regs 7,8A, 8, 10	Has the local government prepared a business plan for each major land transaction that was not exempt in 2023?	N/A	There were no major trading undertakings initiated by the Shire in 2023.
3	s3.59(2)(c) F&G Regs 7,8A, 8,10	Has the local government prepared a business plan before entering into each land transaction that was preparatory to entry into a major land transaction in 2023?	N/A	There were no major trading undertakings initiated by the Shire in 2023.
4	s3.59(4)	Has the local government complied with public notice and publishing requirements for each proposal to commence a major trading undertaking or enter into a major land transaction or a land transaction that is preparatory to a major land transaction for 2023?	N/A	There were no major trading undertakings or land transactions initiated by the Shire in 2023.
5	s3.59(5)	During 2023, did the council resolve to proceed with each major land transaction or trading undertaking by absolute majority?	N/A	There were no major land transactions initiated by the Shire in 2023.

Delegation of Power/Duty				
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments
1	s5.16 (1)	Were all delegations to committees resolved by absolute majority?	N/A	Council reviewed all delegations, by Absolute Majority at April 2023 OCM - no delegations to Committees.
2	s5.16 (2)	Were all delegations to committees in writing?	N/A	Council reviewed all delegations, by Absolute Majority at April 2023 OCM - no delegations to Committees.
3	s5.17	Were all delegations to committees within the limits specified in section 5.17 of the Local Government Act 1995?	N/A	Council reviewed all delegations, by Absolute Majority at April 2023 OCM - no delegations to Committees.



4	s5.18	Were all delegations to committees recorded in a register of delegations?	N/A	Council reviewed all delegations, by Absolute Majority at April 2023 OCM - no delegations to Committees.
5	s5.18	Has council reviewed delegations to its committees in the 2022/2023 financial year?	Yes	Council reviewed delegations at the April 2023 OCM - the RoD indicates no delegated authority to any Committees.
6	s5.42(1) & s5.43 Admin Reg 18G	Did the powers and duties delegated to the CEO exclude those listed in section 5.43 of the Local Government Act 1995?	Yes	Council reviewed all delegations, by Absolute Majority at April 2023 OCM.
7	s5.42(1)	Were all delegations to the CEO resolved by an absolute majority?	Yes	Council reviewed all delegations, by Absolute Majority at April 2023 OCM.
8	s5.42(2)	Were all delegations to the CEO in writing?	Yes	
9	s5.44(2)	Were all delegations by the CEO to any employee in writing?	Yes	
10	s5.16(3)(b) & s5.45(1)(b)	Were all decisions by the Council to amend or revoke a delegation made by absolute majority?	N/A	There were no decisions to amend or revoke a delegation(s).
11	s5.46(1)	Has the CEO kept a register of all delegations made under Division 4 of the Act to the CEO and to employees?	Yes	The Shire's register of delegations can be viewed at https://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au/the-shire/your-council/council-documents/
12	s5.46(2)	Were all delegations made under Division 4 of the Act reviewed by the delegator at least once during the 2022/2023 financial year?	Yes	Review of delegations from council to the CEO and from the CEO to other employees done in tandem
13	s5.46(3) Admin Reg 19	Did all persons exercising a delegated power or duty under the Act keep, on all occasions, a written record in accordance with Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 19?	Yes	The legislation does not specify any particular way or form that decisions made under a delegated power are to be recorded, providing a record of some sort is kept. Note that an email, letter, or message relaying a decision that may have been made under a delegation of power and kept in accordance with the Shire Record Keeping Plan is acceptable.

Disclosure of Interest				
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1	s5.67	Where a council member disclosed an interest in a matter and did not have participation approval under sections 5.68 or 5.69 of the Local Government Act 1995, did the council member ensure that they did not remain present to participate in discussion or decision making relating to the matter?	Yes	13.1 Sept OCM – Cr Beech declared a Proximity Interest in relation to sale of land for unpaid rates – it was not a PI, but may have been an impartiality interest? CEO advises error in declaration type. Nov 2023 OCM at start of minutes Cr Denton appears to have declared a Proximity Interest in item 10.2.3 but remained and voted on the matter - later at 10.2.4 Cr Denton declared a Proximity Interest and left the room - it appears an error in the minutes? Shire staff confirmed that this is an error in the Minutes. The interest is meant to be in 10.2.4 which Cr Denton left the chambers and did not participate in the vote.
2	s5.68(2) & s5.69(5) Admin Reg 21A	Were all decisions regarding participation approval, including the extent of participation allowed and, where relevant, the information required by the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 regulation 21A, recorded in the minutes of the relevant council or committee meeting?	Yes	Ministerial exemptions, or refusal, were recorded in the Minutes
3	s5.73	Were disclosures under sections 5.65, 5.70 or 5.71A(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which the disclosures were made?	Yes	Minutes record same.
4	s5.75 Admin Reg 22, Form 2	Was a primary return in the prescribed form lodged by all relevant persons within three months of their start day?	Yes	Register of primary and annual returns on Shire website at ... https://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au/the-shire/your-council/council-documents/2020-2021-financial-interest-register/
5	s5.76 Admin Reg 23, Form 3	Was an annual return in the prescribed form lodged by all relevant persons by 31 August 2023?	Yes	All Returns required were lodged prior to due date.
6	s5.77	On receipt of a primary or annual return, did the CEO, or the Mayor/President, give written acknowledgment of having received the return?	Yes	Verified
7	s5.88(1) & (2)(a)	Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained the returns lodged under sections 5.75 and 5.76 of the Local Government Act 1995?	Yes	Verified



8	s5.88(1) & (2)(b) Admin Reg 28	Did the CEO keep a register of financial interests which contained a record of disclosures made under sections 5.65, 5.70, 5.71 and 5.71A of the Local Government Act 1995, in the form prescribed in the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 28?	Yes	On Shire's website at https://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au/the-shire/your-council/council-documents/2020-2021-financial-interest-register/
9	s5.88(3)	When a person ceased to be a person required to lodge a return under sections 5.75 and 5.76 of the Local Government Act 1995, did the CEO remove from the register all returns relating to that person?	Yes	Verified
10	s5.88(4)	Have all returns removed from the register in accordance with section 5.88(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 been kept for a period of at least five years after the person who lodged the return(s) ceased to be a person required to lodge a return?	Yes	Verified
11	s5.89A(1), (2) & (3) Admin Reg 28A	Did the CEO keep a register of gifts which contained a record of disclosures made under sections 5.87A and 5.87B of the Local Government Act 1995, in the form prescribed in the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 28A?	Yes	On Shire's website at https://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au/?s=gifts
12	s5.89A(5) & (5A)	Did the CEO publish an up-to-date version of the gift register on the local government's website?	Yes	On Shire's website at https://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au/?s=gifts
13	s5.89A(6)	When people cease to be a person who is required to make a disclosure under section 5.87A or 5.87B of the Local Government Act 1995, did the CEO remove from the register all records relating to those people?	Yes	Several Council Members' record were removed following elections, or resignation.
14	s5.89A(7)	Have copies of all records removed from the register under section 5.89A(6) of the Local Government Act 1995 been kept for a period of at least five years after the person ceases to be a person required to make a disclosure?	Yes	Verified
15	s5.70(2) & (3)	Where an employee had an interest in any matter in respect of which the employee provided advice or a report directly to council or a committee, did that person disclose the nature and extent of that interest when giving the advice or report?	Yes	Verified
16	s5.71A & s5.71B(5)	Where council applied to the Minister to allow the CEO to provide advice or a report to which a disclosure under section 5.71A(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 relates, did the application include details of the nature of the interest disclosed and any other information required by the Minister for the purposes of the application?	N/A	Verified



17	s5.71B(6) & s5.71B(7)	Was any decision made by the Minister under section 5.71B(6) of the Local Government Act 1995, recorded in the minutes of the council meeting at which the decision was considered?	Yes	Verified
18	s5.104(1)	Did the local government prepare and adopt, by absolute majority, a code of conduct to be observed by council members, committee members candidates that incorporates the model code of conduct?	Yes	On Shire website at ... https://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au/the-shire/your-council/reportable-gifts-and-travel-contributions/
19	s5.104(3) & (4)	Did the local government adopt additional requirements in addition to the model code of conduct? If yes, does it comply with section 5.104(3) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1995?	No	On Shire website at ... https://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au/the-shire/your-council/reportable-gifts-and-travel-contributions/
20	s5.104(7)	Has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the code of conduct for council members, committee members and candidates on the local government's website?	Yes	On Shire website at ... https://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au/the-shire/your-council/reportable-gifts-and-travel-contributions/
21	s5.51A(1) & (3)	Has the CEO prepared and implemented a code of conduct to be observed by employees of the local government? If yes, has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the code of conduct for employees on the local government's website?	Yes	On Shire website at ... https://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au/the-shire/your-council/reportable-gifts-and-travel-contributions/

Disposal of Property

No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments
1	s3.58(3)	Where the local government disposed of property other than by public auction or tender, did it dispose of the property in accordance with section 3.58(3) of the Local Government Act 1995 (unless section 3.58(5) applies)?	Yes	Nov 2023 OCM references 2 matters.
2	s3.58(4)	Where the local government disposed of property under section 3.58(3) of the Local Government Act 1995, did it provide details, as prescribed by section 3.58(4), in the required local public notice for each disposal of property?	Yes	Evidenced



Elections				
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments
1	Elect Regs 30G(1) & (2)	Did the CEO establish and maintain an electoral gift register and ensure that all disclosure of gifts forms completed by candidates and donors and received by the CEO were placed on the electoral gift register at the time of receipt by the CEO and in a manner that clearly identifies and distinguishes the forms relating to each candidate in accordance with regulations 30G(1) and 30G(2) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997?	Yes	Evidenced
2	Elect Regs 30G(3) & (4)	Did the CEO remove any disclosure of gifts forms relating to an unsuccessful candidate, or a successful candidate that completed their term of office, from the electoral gift register, and retain those forms separately for a period of at least two years in accordance with regulation 30G(4) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997?	Yes	
3	Elect Regs 30G(5) & (6)	Did the CEO publish an up-to-date version of the electoral gift register on the local government's official website in accordance with regulation 30G(5) of the Local Government (Elections) Regulations 1997?	Yes	See on Shire's website at https://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au/the-shire/your-council/elections/

Finance				
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments
1	s7.1A	Has the local government established an audit committee and appointed members by absolute majority in accordance with section 7.1A of the Local Government Act 1995?	Yes	Oct 2023 SCM - verified
2	s7.1B	Where the council delegated to its audit committee any powers or duties under Part 7 of the Local Government Act 1995, did it do so by absolute majority?	N/A	There are no matters listed in the Towns register of delegations to the Audit Committee
3	s7.9(1)	Was the auditor's report for the financial year ended 30 June 2023 received by the local government by 31 December 2023?	Yes	Dec OCM 2023 states the formal audit exit meeting was held on 5 December 2023



4	s7.12A(3)	Where the local government determined that matters raised in the auditor's report prepared under section 7.9(1) of the Local Government Act 1995 required action to be taken, did the local government ensure that appropriate action was undertaken in respect of those matters?	N/A	Verified
5	s7.12A(4)(a) & (4)(b)	Where matters identified as significant were reported in the auditor's report, did the local government prepare a report that stated what action the local government had taken or intended to take with respect to each of those matters? Was a copy of the report given to the Minister within three months of the audit report being received by the local government?	N/A	Verified
6	s7.12A(5)	Within 14 days after the local government gave a report to the Minister under section 7.12A(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, did the CEO publish a copy of the report on the local government's official website?	N/A	Verified
7	Audit Reg 10(1)	Was the auditor's report for the financial year ending 30 June 2023 received by the local government within 30 days of completion of the audit?	Yes	Yes. Audit completed 6 December 2023, received by council 13 December 2023

Local Government Employees

No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments
1	s5.36(4) & s5.37(3) Admin Reg 18A	Were all CEO and/or senior employee vacancies advertised in accordance with Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, regulation 18A?	Yes	Yes. Manager of Works advertised in the West Australian on 22/07/2023
2	Admin Reg 18E	Was all information provided in applications for the position of CEO true and accurate?	N/A	No CEO employment undertaken this year
3	Admin Reg 18F	Was the remuneration and other benefits paid to a CEO on appointment the same remuneration and benefits advertised for the position under section 5.36(4) of the Local Government Act 1995?	N/A	No CEO employment undertaken this year
4	s5.37(2)	Did the CEO inform council of each proposal to employ or dismiss senior employee?	No	August 2023 OCM Council agreed the proposed engagement of Manager of Works. No evidence that CEO sought Council agreement of proposal to terminate the employment of the Manager of Works - contrary to provisions of LG Act. CEO



				concedes that this did not occur, although work issues with the new appointee whilst on probation had been advised to the Shire President and Council, but not in a formal OCM. CEO further advises that there was a disputation with the Manager of Works, who indicated his resignation amongst a general discourse on the Shire and the CEO personally (thus not requiring advice and agreement by Council) and left in some haste. After seeking industrial relations advice on the status of the employment relationship, the CEO was advised that the relationship had broken down and a clear understanding of this should be done by issuing a termination letter. This then failed to comply with the Act by subsequently seeking Council agreement. Safeguards in administrative processes are in place to ensure similar situations do not arise.
5	s5.37(2)	Where council rejected a CEO's recommendation to employ or dismiss a senior employee, did it inform the CEO of the reasons for doing so?	N/A	Verified

Official Conduct				
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments
1	s5.120	Has the local government designated an employee to be its complaints officer?	Yes	The Shire's Behaviour Complaints Officer is the Chief Executive Officer, by default, opursuant to LGA s5.120(2)
2	s5.121(1) & (2)	Has the complaints officer for the local government maintained a register of complaints which records all complaints that resulted in a finding under section 5.110(2)(a) of the Local Government Act 1995?	Yes	Note there were no complaints lodged for the period in question
3	S5.121(2)	Does the complaints register include all information required by section 5.121(2) of the Local Government Act 1995?	Yes	Note there were no complaints lodged for the period in question



4	s5.121(3)	Has the CEO published an up-to-date version of the register of the complaints on the local government's official website?	Yes	Note there were no complaints lodged for the period in question
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Tenders for Providing Goods and Services				
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments
1	F&G Reg 11A(1) & (3)	Did the local government comply with its current purchasing policy, adopted under the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, regulations 11A(1) and (3) in relation to the supply of goods or services where the consideration under the contract was, or was expected to be, \$250,000 or less or worth \$250,000 or less?	Yes	Samples verified
2	s3.57 F&G Reg 11	Subject to Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, regulation 11(2), did the local government invite tenders for all contracts for the supply of goods or services where the consideration under the contract was, or was expected to be, worth more than the consideration stated in regulation 11(1) of the Regulations?	Yes	No tenders determined in 2023
3	F&G Regs 11(1), 12(2), 13, & 14(1), (3), and (4)	When regulations 11(1), 12(2) or 13 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, required tenders to be publicly invited, did the local government invite tenders via Statewide public notice in accordance with Regulation 14(3) and (4)?	Yes	No tenders determined in 2023
4	F&G Reg 12	Did the local government comply with Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 12 when deciding to enter into multiple contracts rather than a single contract?	N/A	There were no instances apparent where multiple contracts were entered into.
5	F&G Reg 14(5)	If the local government sought to vary the information supplied to tenderers, was every reasonable step taken to give each person who sought copies of the tender documents, or each acceptable tenderer notice of the variation?	N/A	No tenders determined in 2023
6	F&G Regs 15 & 16	Did the local government's procedure for receiving and opening tenders comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 15 and 16?	Yes	No tenders determined in 2023
7	F&G Reg 17	Did the information recorded in the local government's tender register comply with the requirements of the Local Government (Functions and	Yes	https://www.cranbrook.wa.gov.au/the-shire/tenders/



		General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 17 and did the CEO make the tenders register available for public inspection and publish it on the local government's official website?		
8	F&G Reg 18(1)	Did the local government reject any tenders that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the invitation to tender?	N/A	
9	F&G Reg 18(4)	Were all tenders that were not rejected assessed by the local government via a written evaluation of the extent to which each tender satisfies the criteria for deciding which tender to accept?	N/A	
10	F&G Reg 19	Did the CEO give each tenderer written notice containing particulars of the successful tender or advising that no tender was accepted?	N/A	
11	F&G Regs 21 & 22	Did the local government's advertising and expression of interest processes comply with the requirements of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulations 21 and 22?	N/A	
12	F&G Reg 23(1) & (2)	Did the local government reject any expressions of interest that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the notice or that failed to comply with any other requirement specified in the notice?	N/A	There were no EOIs called for by the Shire in 2023
13	F&G Reg 23(3) & (4)	Were all expressions of interest that were not rejected under the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 23(1) & (2) assessed by the local government? Did the CEO list each person as an acceptable tenderer?	N/A	There were no EOIs called for by the Shire in 2023
14	F&G Reg 24	Did the CEO give each person who submitted an expression of interest a notice in writing of the outcome in accordance with Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24?	N/A	There were no EOIs called for by the Shire in 2023
15	F&G Regs 24AD(2) & (4) and 24AE	Did the local government invite applicants for a panel of pre-qualified suppliers via Statewide public notice in accordance with Local Government (Functions & General) Regulations 1996 regulations 24AD(4) and 24AE?	N/A	There were no panels appointed by the Shire in 2023
16	F&G Reg 24AD(6)	If the local government sought to vary the information supplied to the panel, was every reasonable step taken to give each person who sought detailed information about the proposed panel or each person who submitted an application notice of the variation?	N/A	There were no panels appointed by the Shire in 2023
17	F&G Reg 24AF	Did the local government's procedure for receiving and opening applications to join a panel of pre-qualified suppliers comply with the requirements of	N/A	There were no panels appointed by the Shire in 2023



		Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 16, as if the reference in that regulation to a tender were a reference to a pre-qualified supplier panel application?		
18	F&G Reg 24AG	Did the information recorded in the local government's tender register about panels of pre-qualified suppliers comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24AG?	N/A	There were no panels appointed by the Shire in 2023
19	F&G Reg 24AH(1)	Did the local government reject any applications to join a panel of pre-qualified suppliers that were not submitted at the place, and within the time, specified in the invitation for applications?	N/A	There were no panels appointed by the Shire in 2023
20	F&G Reg 24AH(3)	Were all applications that were not rejected assessed by the local government via a written evaluation of the extent to which each application satisfies the criteria for deciding which application to accept?	N/A	There were no panels appointed by the Shire in 2023
21	F&G Reg 24AI	Did the CEO send each applicant written notice advising them of the outcome of their application?	N/A	There were no panels appointed by the Shire in 2023
22	F&G Regs 24E & 24F	Where the local government gave regional price preference, did the local government comply with the requirements of Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996, Regulation 24E and 24F?	Yes	The Shire has a compliant regional price preference policy - Policy 4.21, which was reviewed and confirmed Dec 2023 OCM.

Integrated Planning and Reporting				
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments
1	Admin Reg 19C	Has the local government adopted by absolute majority a strategic community plan? If Yes, please provide the adoption date or the date of the most recent review in the Comments section?	Yes	19/05/2021 Adopted May 2021 OCM - minutes show requirement was a Simple Majority but it was adopted 9 - 0 and thus achieved an Absolute Majority.
2	Admin Reg 19DA(1) & (4)	Has the local government adopted by absolute majority a corporate business plan? If Yes, please provide the adoption date or the date of the most recent review in the Comments section?	Yes	16/06/2021 Adopted June 2021 OCM - minutes show requirement was a Simple Majority but it was



				adopted 9 - 0 and thus achieved an Absolute Majority. Reviewed April 2023 OCM
3	Admin Reg 19DA(2) & (3)	Does the corporate business plan comply with the requirements of Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 19DA(2) & (3)?	Yes	

Optional Questions				
No	Reference	Question	Response	Comments
1	Financial Management Reg 5(2)(c)	Did the CEO review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's financial management systems and procedures in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 regulations 5(2)(c) within the three financial years prior to 31 December 2023? If yes, please provide the date of council's resolution to accept the report.	Yes	18/10/2023
2	Audit Reg 17	Did the CEO review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the local government's systems and procedures in relation to risk management, internal control and legislative compliance in accordance with Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996 regulation 17 within the three financial years prior to 31 December 2023? If yes, please provide date of council's resolution to accept the report.	Yes	18/10/2023
3	s5.87C	Where a disclosure was made under sections 5.87A or 5.87B of the Local Government Act 1995, were the disclosures made within 10 days after receipt of the gift? Did the disclosure include the information required by section 5.87C of the Act?	N/A	No disclosures of gift made in relevant period.
4	s5.90A(2) & (5)	Did the local government prepare, adopt by absolute majority and publish an up-to-date version on the local government's website, a policy dealing with the attendance of council members and the CEO at events?	Yes	Policy 1.1.12 refers and reviewed 4 April 2023
5	s5.96A(1), (2), (3) & (4)	Did the CEO publish information on the local government's website in accordance with sections 5.96A(1), (2), (3), and (4) of the Local Government Act 1995?	Yes	5.96A(1)(a) - map - yes 5.96A(1)(b) - Local Laws - yes 5.96A(1)(c) - annual budget - yes 5.96(1)(d) - fees and charges - part of Budget - yes



Department of
**Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries**

				5.96(1)(e) - Plans for the Future - yes 5.96(1)(f) - minutes of Council and Ctee meetings - yes 5.96(1)(g) - minutes of electors meetings - yes 5.96(1)(h) - agendas and notices - yes
6	s5.128(1)	Did the local government prepare and adopt (by absolute majority) a policy in relation to the continuing professional development of council members?	Yes	Policy 1.5, reviewed 13 December 2023
7	s5.127	Did the local government prepare a report on the training completed by council members in the 2022/2023 financial year and publish it on the local government's official website by 31 July 2023?	Yes	Verified.
8	s6.4(3)	By 30 September 2023, did the local government submit to its auditor the balanced accounts and annual financial report for the year ending 30 June 2023?	Yes	28/09/2023 from Darren Long of DL Consulting submitted them as he was working for the Shire of Cranbrook
9	s.6.2(3)	When adopting the annual budget, did the local government take into account all its expenditure, revenue and income?	Yes	Council adopted a balanced budget

Chief Executive Officer

Date

Mayor/President

Date