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LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME NO. 5 ADOPTED FOR SUBMISSION

At a Special Council Meeting (SCM) held yesterday, Council adopted proposed Local Planning Scheme No. 5 for submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) with a request for final approval by the Minister for Planning.

Shire President, Cr Rosemary Madacsi said “This is a milestone event after a very long process and while there’s still some work to be done, if the Minister approves this Scheme, we’ll have a strong foundation to work from”.

Local Planning Scheme No. 4 was adopted in 2008. Normally a scheme is reviewed every ten years and in 2017, Council resolved to prepare the Shire of Toodyay Local Planning Scheme No. 5 (LPS5). While the process for the development of a new scheme is complex, changes in elected members, staff turnover and concerns regarding the original draft LPS5 have resulted in delays in the completion of the final draft.

Following presentation to Council in 2018, formal consent for public advertising of the draft Scheme was received in 2020 after requests for amendments from the Department of Planning Lands and Heritage and the Environmental Protection Authority were addressed. The draft LPS5 was advertised for public submissions in October and November 2020. 24 submissions were received and following six Council workshops held throughout 2021 and 2022 to address perceived inconsistencies and changes in planning, Council adopted the modified LPS5 at the SCM held yesterday for submission to the WAPC.

“The next step is approval by the Minister for Planning. Once that is achieved, we will start the process for an Omnibus Scheme Amendment to deal with some of the issues raised which couldn’t be included in the draft Scheme because they were inconsistent with what was originally advertised,” said Cr Madacsi.

“This has been a long and arduous process with many factors contributing to the delays. I take this opportunity to thank and congratulate my fellow Councillors and the Shire staff for their commitment to this process and also those in the community who have contributed. We look forward to working together on the Scheme Amendment and our next job; a review of the Shire’s Local Planning Strategy”.

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