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**7. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the September 2009 Ordinary Meeting will be confirmed at the Ordinary Meeting to be held Wednesday 21 October 2009.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION:**

At any meeting of Council the person presiding may announce or raise any matter of interest or relevance to the business of Council or propose a change to the order of business.

Members may move that a change in order of business proposed by the person presiding not be accepted and if carried the change does not take place.

**9. MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED:**

For the convenience of members of the public Council may identify, by decision, early in the meeting any matter on the agenda to be discussed behind closed doors and that matter is to be deferred for consideration as the last item of the meeting.

Items for which the meeting will be closed include:

Nil.

## **10. REPORTS:**

### **10.1 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

10.1.1	CIRCLE SOLUTIONS CONSULTING FINAL STRUCTURAL REFORM SUBMISSION: OPPORTUNITIES AND OPTIONS FOR THE SHIRE OF COOROW
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<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST</b>	Nil
<b>DATE OF REPORT</b>	14 September 2009
<b>ATTACHMENT</b>	Reform Submission: Opportunities and Options for the Shire of Coorow
<b>FILE</b>	L10.9

#### **SUMMARY:**

**Council is being requested to adopt the final Reform Submission *Opportunities and Options for the Shire of Coorow* from Circle Solutions Consulting.**

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Council advertised for a consultant to undertake the proposed mergers of the Shires of Coorow, Carnamah and Irwin including the possible split of the Shire of Coorow with adjoining Local Governments.

The Chief Executive Officer appointed Circle Solutions Consulting to undertake the project. Council had the draft report presented to them by Circle Solutions Consulting at the 16 September 2009 Ordinary Meeting of Council. From this meeting Circle Solutions Consulting finalised the Executive Summary.

Circle Solutions Consulting forwarded the final submission to the Chief Executive Officer for adoption by Council at its Special Meeting of Council to be held on 12 October 2009 at the Coorow Administration Centre.

#### **COMMENT:**

Councillors have been forwarded the Final Report prepared by Circle Solutions Consulting by email on the 21 September 2009 for consideration and comment prior to the meeting.

The report was to be sent to the Minister for Local Government by the 28 September 2009. The Chief Executive officer has spoken with Mr Gary Brennan, the Ministers Chief of Staff to advise that Council will be submitting its report the day after the Special Meeting of Council.

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT:**

*Local Government Act 1995*  
*Local Government Advisory Board*

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

The Final Report as included as an attachment under separate cover, has implications to Councils Strategic Plans but until the final agreed upon amalgamations are known it is impossible to show or discuss what the final amalgamation make up will mean to the long term Strategic Plans adopted by the Shire of Coorow.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Circle Solutions Consulting has undertaken the report for the Department of Local Government and Regional Development grant of \$10,000.

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION:**

Council is unable to put the final report out to Community Consultation prior to it being sent to the Minister for Local Government as the report had to be sent to the Minister for Local Government by the 28 September 2009.

**VOTING REQUIREMENT:**

Simple Majority

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council adopt the Circle Solutions Consulting Reform Submission *Opportunities and Options for the Shire of Coorow* and forward the report to the Minister for Local Government.

**11. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:**

Nil.

**12. URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION:**

Nil at this time.

**13. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS:**

Nil.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

**14. ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL**

Wednesday 21 October 2009 at the Leeman Administration Centre, Leeman from 3pm.

**15. CLOSURE:**