



**BUNBURY HARVEY**  
**REGIONAL COUNCIL**  
HARVESTING RESOURCES FROM YOUR WASTE

# DELEGATED AUTHORITY



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# INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 1995* (the Act) Section 5.42, a local government may delegate to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) the exercise of any of its powers or the discharge of any of its duties under the Act.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of delegations is to assist with improving the time taken to make decisions within the constraints allowed by the relevant legislation.

The Delegation Register contains a record of all Delegations of Authority made to the CEO pursuant to section 5.42 of the Act.

Where listed, some of these functions are hereby delegated by the CEO to Bunbury Harvey Regional Council (BHRC) employees pursuant to Section 5.44 of the ACT.

## SCOPE

Each instrument of delegation describes the function being delegated and the relevant statutory reference which is the source of power for the exercise of the function.

All delegations made by the Council must be by absolute majority decision.

Limits on delegation to the CEO:

- Any power or duty that requires a decision of an absolute majority decision or 75% majority if local government
- Accepting a tender which exceeds an amount determined by the local government
- Appointing an auditor
- Acquiring or disposing of any property valued at an amount determined by the local government
- Any of the local government's powers under Section 5.98, 5.98A, 5.99 or 5.99A of the *Local Government Act 1995*
- Borrowing money on behalf of the local government
- Hearing, determining an objection of a kind referred to in Section 9.5
- The power under Section 9.49A (4) to authorise a person to sign documents on behalf of the local government
- Any power or duty that requires the approval of the Minister or Governor

The CEO may delegate any of his powers to another employee with or without further conditions in accordance with the Act, subject to any conditions imposed by the local government on its delegation to the CEO. All delegations must be in writing.

Subsection 5.44 (3) (b) of the Act does not limit the CEO's power to impose conditions or further conditions on a delegation under this section.

A register of delegations relevant to the CEO and other employees is to be kept and reviewed at least once every financial year.

If a person is exercising a power or duty that they have been delegated, the ACT requires them to keep necessary records to the exercise of power or discharge of the duty. The written record is to contain:

- How the person exercised the power or discharged the duty
- When the person exercised the power or discharged the duty
- The persons or classes of persons, other than council or committee members or employees of the local government, directly affected by the exercise of the power or the discharge of the duty.

**Definitions:**

Delegation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conferral of the ability to exercise a power or duty to a person or body from a person or body that is vested with the responsibility to exercise that power or duty</li><li>• The act of empowering to act for another</li><li>• To commit powers or duties to others</li></ul>
Authorisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The designation of an officer or a body as a person or body that is capable of exercising a statutory power or duty</li><li>• The act of giving someone official permission to do something</li></ul>

**Background to delegations and authorisations**

Delegation and authorisations are the means by which decision making bodies can access the power to undertake certain statutory functions.

Delegation does not imply a parting with powers by the person who grants the delegation, but points rather to a conferring of an authority to do things which otherwise the person would have to do himself.

When a person or body exercises delegated authority they do so 'on behalf' of the delegate and in doing so the person or body exercising delegated authority forms the relevant state of mind to make the decision 'on behalf' of the delegator. An authorised person or body exercises the statutory function in their own right.

**Standard Conditions of Delegation**

All delegations are subject to the following *Standard Conditions*:

- In exercising delegation any and all Officers to whom authority has been delegated shall comply with any and all laws and regulations in force in Western Australia and the requirements of any and all local laws and policies of the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council.

- In exercising delegations any and all Officers to whom authority has been delegated shall exercise the delegation in accordance with any budget authority where applicable.
- Delegated authority cannot be exercised where a financial interest or interest affecting impartiality is evident.
- It is a statutory requirement to maintain a record of each decision made under delegated authority. Documents relating to delegated authority decisions shall as a minimum, record:
  - Date the decision was exercised
  - Name of the officer/committee exercising the decision
  - Description of how the person exercised the power or discharged the duty, including where appropriate, any directions to staff to carry out work associated with the decision unless those directions are included in Policies, Corporate Guidelines of the Delegation Register.
- Where ever possible the requirements of the above shall be incorporated into administrative documents and maintained according to the Records Management Plan.

# SECTION 1: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

### ***Purpose***

*To specify delegation of authority in accordance with Section 5.42 of the Local Government Act 1995 to the Chief Executive Officer in respect of Financial Management functions of the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council.*

Subject	<i>Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds</i>
Reference	DAFM01
Category	Financial Management

### **Delegator**

Council

### **Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

### **Sub Delegates**

Manager Finance

### **Power of Duty**

Pursuant to Section 5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and in accordance with Section 13 *Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996*, the Chief Executive Officer is delegated authority to approve payments from the Municipal and Trust Funds and to operate those funds and certify accounts.

### **Conditions**

- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) transactions require dual authorization of payments before transmission
- A list of accounts paid by EFT for the month being presented to the next ordinary meeting of the Council in accordance with Regulation 13(2) of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996*,

### **Statutory Framework**

Section 5.42 *Local Government Act 1995*

Section 13 *Local Government Financial Management Regulations 1996*

### **Policy**

N/A

Subject	<i>Release of Bank Guarantees</i>
Reference	DAFM02
Category	Financial Management

**Delegator**

Council

**Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

**Sub Delegates**

Manager Finance

**Power of Duty**

Pursuant to Section 5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, Council delegated its authority to the Chief Executive Officer to release a Bank Guarantee.

**Conditions**

Two (2) signatories are required for each transaction, One (1) being the Chief Executive Officer and One (1) being a representative from the Finance Department.

**Statutory Framework**

Section 5.42 *Local Government Act 1995*

**Policy**

N/A



Subject	<i>Investment of Council Funds</i>
Reference	DAFM03
Category	Financial Management

**Delegator**

Council

**Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

**Sub Delegates**

Manager Finance

**Power of Duty**

Pursuant to Section 6.14 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Section 18 of the *Trustees Act 1962*, Council delegated its authority to the Chief Executive Officer to invest Council's funds in authorised investments being Term Deposits.

**Conditions**

As per Investment Policy adopted by Council

**Statutory Framework**

Section 5.42 *Local Government Act 1995*

Section 18 *Trustees Act 1962*

**Policy**

Investments Policy

Subject	<i>Write Off of Moneys</i>
Reference	DAFM04
Category	Financial Management

**Delegator**

Council

**Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

**Sub Delegates**

Manager Finance

**Power of Duty**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.12 of the *Local Government Act 1995*, the Chief Executive Officer is delegated authority to write off or waive fees and charges and moneys due to the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council that are considered unrecoverable or where circumstances warrant in accordance with the associated conditions

**Conditions**

- All the necessary measures have been taken to recover the debt
- The debt remained unpaid for a minimum period of 90 days after its due date for payment
- A limit of \$1000 with respect to individual debt write offs
- A list of debts written off under this authority is to be presented to Council on a quarterly basis

**Statutory Framework**

Section 5.42 and 6.14 *Local Government Act 1995*

**Policy**

N/A

Subject	<i>Discount of Bulk Compost and/or Mulch Sales</i>
Reference	DAFM05
Category	Financial Management

**Delegator**

Council

**Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

**Sub Delegates**

Nil

**Power of Duty**

Authority to make minor variations and grant concessions on price of bulk compost and/or mulch sales subject to Section 5.42 of the Local Government Act 1995 and part 4 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 and in accordance with the following conditions.

**Conditions**

- To a maximum of 10% variation on the advertised price.

**Statutory Framework**

Section 5.42 of the Local Government Act 1995 and part 4 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations

**Policy**

N/A

Subject	<i>Discount of Bulk Waste Disposal Charges</i>
Reference	DAFM06
Category	Financial Management

**Delegator**

Council

**Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

**Sub Delegates**

Nil

**Power of Duty**

Authority to make minor variations and grant concessions on price of bulk waste disposal subject to Section 5.42 of the Local Government Act 1995 and part 4 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996 and in accordance with the following conditions.

**Conditions**

- To a maximum of 15% variation on the advertised price.

**Statutory Framework**

Section 5.42 of the Local Government Act 1995 and part 4 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations

**Policy**

N/A

## SECTION 2: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

### GENERAL

***Purpose***

*To specify delegation of authority in accordance with Section 5.42 of the Local Government Act 1995 to the Chief Executive Officer in respect of General functions of the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council.*

Subject	<i>Power to Accept Tenders</i>
Reference	DAG01
Category	General

**Delegator**

Council

**Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

**Sub Delegates**

Nil

**Power of Duty**

Pursuant to Section 3.57 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulations 11 to 24 of the *Local Government (Function and General) Regulations 1996*, Council delegates its authority to the Chief Executive Officer to accept tenders received up to \$100,000 and up to \$200,00 where a tender for the supply of products or services is procured through the Western Australian Local Government Authority (WALGA), State or Commonwealth Governments or any of its agencies that provide preferred supplier contracts or agreements.

The Chief Executive Officer is also delegated authority to undertake negotiations pursuant to Regulation 20 of the *Local Government (Function and General) Regulations 1996* with the person who in his opinion submitted the most advantageous tender, with the purpose of variation in respect of the required works or goods in accordance with the conditions as stated.

**Conditions**

- The Chief Executive Officer is to provide advice on all tenders accepted where the goods or services so procured contain options to extend the Contract for a further period(s).
- Price variations are limited to 10% of the contract value.

**Statutory Framework**

Section 3.57 *Local Government Act 1995*

Regulation 11-24 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*

**Policy**

N/A

Subject	<i>Contract Price Variation</i>
Reference	DAG02
Category	General

**Delegator**

Council

**Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

**Sub Delegates**

Nil

**Power of Duty**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 4 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* the Chief Executive Officer is delegated authority to approve a price variance for a contract subject to sufficient funds being available within the approved expenditure budget for that project or item subject to the conditions stated.

**Conditions**

- Price variations are limited to a maximum amount of \$1,000.00 excluding GST or 10% of the contract value, whichever is the greater amount.

**Statutory Framework**

Section 5.42 *Local Government Act 1995*

Part 4 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*

**Policy**

N/A

Subject	<i>Tender Variation</i>
Reference	DAG03
Category	General

**Delegator**

Council

**Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

**Sub Delegates**

Nil

**Power of Duty**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 4 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* the Chief Executive Officer is delegated authority to authorise variations to tender specifications which will alter the price of the tender, once the tender advertising period has closed in accordance to the conditions stated.

**Conditions**

- The Chief Executive Officers capacity to approve an original tender and/or variation is set according to the schedule of purchasing limits.

**Statutory Framework**

Section 5.42 *Local Government Act 1995*

Part 4 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*

**Policy**

N/A



Subject	<i>Administer Local Laws</i>
Reference	DAG04
Category	General

**Delegator**

Council

**Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

**Sub Delegates**

Nil

**Power of Duty**

Pursuant to the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1995* the Chief Executive Officer is delegated authority to administer the local laws and to do all other things that are necessary or convenient to be done for, or in connection with, performing the functions of the BHRC under the BHRC Standing Orders Local Laws.

**Conditions**

Nil

**Statutory Framework**

*Sections 3.18 & 5.42 Local Government Act 1995*

*Bunbury-Harvey Regional Council Standing Orders Local Law 2017*

**Policy**

N/A

## SECTION 3: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY OPERATIONAL

### ***Purpose***

*To specify delegation of authority in to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with Section 5.42 of the Local Government Act 1995 in respect of Operational functions of the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council.*

Subject	<i>Purchase and Trade of Fleet Vehicles</i>
Reference	DAO01
Category	Operational

**Delegator**

Council

**Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

**Sub Delegates**

Nil

**Power of Duty**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.42 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and Part 6 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* Council delegates its authority to the Chief Executive Officer to trade existing fleet vehicles and purchase new fleet vehicles from motor vehicle suppliers to ensure that Bunbury Harvey Regional Councils business needs are met for different work areas, based on prices equal to or better than prices listed in the State Governments Contract and Management Services (CAMS) listing for the supply of motor vehicles.

**Conditions**

As per annual budget allowances or under authority of Council

**Statutory Framework**

Section 5.42 *Local Government Act 1995*

Part 6 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*

**Policy**

N/A

Subject	<i>Authority to Sell, Lease or Dispose of Plant, Equipment and Materials</i>
Reference	DAO02
Category	Operational

**Delegator**

Council

**Delegates**

Chief Executive Officer

**Sub Delegates**

Nil

**Power of Duty**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.42 and 3.58 of the *Local Government Act 1995* the Chief Executive Officer is delegated authority to sell, lease or otherwise dispose of, whether absolutely or not, plant, equipment and materials which are no longer required for the Councils purposes subject to the conditions stated.

**Conditions**

- Subject to the value of the asset being no greater than \$50,000. This value is hereby established in accordance with Section 5.43(d) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.
- A disposition that is described in Regulation 30 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* as an exempt disposition is excluded from the application of Section 3.58 of the Act and condition above.

**Statutory Framework**

Section 3.58, 5.42 and 5.43(d) *Local Government Act 1995*

Regulation 30 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996*

**Policy**

N/A

DOCUMENT CONTROL				
DOCUMENT OWNER			Chief Executive Officer	
RESPONSIBLE FOR REVIEW			Compliance Officer	
DOCUMENT: DELEGATED AUTHORITY				
DATE	DOCUMENT	VERSION	DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE	RESOLUTION No.
31/03/2016	Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds	DAFM01	This delegation is a formalization of existing arrangements.	OC81023-1385
	Release of Bank Guarantees	DAFM02		
	Investment of Council Funds	DAFM03		
	Write Off of Moneys	DAFM04		
	Discount of Bulk Compost and/or Mulch Sales	DAFM05		
	Discount of Bulk Waste Disposal Charges	DAFM06		
	Power to Accept Tenders	DAG01		
	Contract Price Variation	DAG02		
	Tender Variation	DAG03		
	Purchase and Trade of Fleet Vehicles	DAO01		
	Authority to Sell, Lease or Dispose of Plant, Equipment and Materials	DAO02		
12/12/2019	Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds	DAFM01	Review	OC171221-1522
	Release of Bank Guarantees	DAFM02	Conditions Added	
	Investment of Council Funds	DAFM03	Addition of Investments Policy	
	Write Off of Moneys	DAFM04	Review	
	Discount of Bulk Compost and/or Mulch Sales	DAFM05		
	Discount of Bulk Waste Disposal Charges	DAFM06		
	Power to Accept Tenders	DAG01	Add Condition: <i>Price variations are limited to 10% of the contract value.</i>	
	Contract Price Variation	DAG02	Changed condition for variation from 5% to 10%	
	Tender Variation	DAG03	Review	
	Administer Local Laws	DAG04	New Document	
	Purchase and Trade of Fleet Vehicles	DAO01	Conditions Added	
Authority to Sell, Lease or Dispose of Plant, Equipment and	DAO02	Review		

	Materials			
30/01/2020	Payments from Municipal and Trust Funds	DAFM01	Review. Logo change and administrative formatting.	OC300120-1653
	Release of Bank Guarantees	DAFM02		
	Investment of Council Funds	DAFM03		
	Write Off of Moneys	DAFM04		
	Discount of Bulk Compost and/or Mulch Sales	DAFM05		
	Discount of Bulk Waste Disposal Charges	DAFM06	Review. Logo change and administrative formatting. Conditions raised from 10% to 15%.	
	Power to Accept Tenders	DAG01	Review. Logo change and administrative formatting.	
	Contract Price Variation	DAG02		
	Tender Variation	DAG03		
	Administer Local Laws	DAG04		
Purchase and Trade of Fleet Vehicles	DAO01			
Authority to Sell, Lease or Dispose of Plant, Equipment and Materials	DAO02			
28/03/2022	Administer Local Laws	DAG04	Review Remove Site Supervisor and Team Leader as Sub Delegates	