

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FORUM

DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Supporting Communities Forum brings government and non-government leaders together to progress the agenda of collaboration, coordination and information sharing to support the delivery of quality services and better outcomes for vulnerable Western Australians.

Membership

- (To be determined through consultation)

Function

The Forum will support implementation of the Government's Supporting Communities policy which is being overseen by the Community Safety and Family Support Cabinet Sub Committee (Sub Committee) as follows¹:

1. Make recommendations to break down barriers between agencies and organisations to better deliver services and outcomes for Western Australians in need;
2. Identify opportunities to streamline procurement processes across government departments funding community services;
3. Provide advice on development of outcomes based procurement and outcomes framework to be applied across the community sector and Government;
4. Identify opportunities to improve funding security to the community services sector through consistent application of contract duration;
5. Provide advice on how client centred care can be flexibly accommodated in Government procurement practices;
6. Support the trial of a collaborative funding model;
7. Support development of a framework to measure outcomes across the community services sector, including identification of opportunities to cooperate and improved access to non-sensitive data;
8. Provide advice on production of a biennial Our Communities Report to provide a snapshot of the health of the community; and
9. Provide advice and/or recommendations on any other matters as requested by the Premier or the Cabinet Sub Committee.

¹ Functions sourced from Supporting Communities Policy

Operation

1. Confidentiality:
 - Members may have access to information that relates to confidential cabinet deliberations.
 - Members must treat this material as confidential.
2. Membership:
 - Members are appointed by the Premier for a period of 2 years.
 - Proxies cannot attend Forum meetings in place of official members.
3. Reporting:
 - The Forum will report annually to the Premier.
 - The Forum will provide advice to the Cabinet Sub Committee as requested.
4. Timing of Meetings:
 - (To be determined through consultation)
5. Secretariat and Policy Support:
 - The Department of the Premier and Cabinet will provide secretariat and policy support for the Forum.