



## **SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FORUM** **COMMUNIQUE – MEETING 19 MARCH 2018**

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The Supporting Communities Forum met for the first time on 19 March 2018 for a half day meeting at Dumas House, West Perth. A list of Supporting Communities Forum members is available [here](#).

The function of the Supporting Communities Forum, is to support the implementation of the State Government's Supporting Communities Policy to improve the quality of services to vulnerable Western Australians.

At the meeting, Forum members were briefed on the Western Australian Public Sector reform program, including key recommendations from the Service Priority Review and Special Inquiry into Government Programs and Projects. Members discussed the relationship of these reforms to the work of the Supporting Communities Forum including the Forum's role in promoting new ways of informing and engaging citizens in the planning, implementation and evaluation of services

The members discussed the McGowan Government priorities for the Forum. The Forum will provide an initial workplan to the Premier by 30 June 2018. The workplan will be published on the Forum webpage.

The Forum established working groups on the following areas:

1. Government procurement processes of community services;
2. The State Homelessness Strategy;
3. Data sharing and linkage;
4. The outcomes framework for community services in Western Australia;
5. The biennial 'Our Communities' Report;
6. Communicating the Forum's work; and
7. Opportunities for collaboration both within Government and with the sector.

The working groups will be co-chaired by a government and community sector Forum member. Working group membership will include both Forum members and individuals from the government and community sector with relevant knowledge and expertise. A list of the working group co-chairs and members will be published on the Forum webpage. The first task of each working group will be to develop a project plan.

The next meeting of the Supporting Communities Forum will take place on 18 June 2018.

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