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Appointment of new Chief Executive Officer

- Andrew Sharpe named new City of Albany CEO
- Role likely to begin in August

Albany City Council approved the appointment of a new Chief Executive Officer at a Special Council Meeting yesterday following an extensive recruitment process.

Andrew Sharpe will take over the reins from incumbent CEO Graham Foster, who has been in the role since late 2012.

Mayor Dennis Wellington said the field of applicants was very strong.

“Andrew is highly regarded in local government circles, most notably for his work at the City of Canning where he has worked since 1996,” Mr Wellington said.

“It is clear that Andrew is well respected by colleagues and staff for his positive leadership during the difficulties that Canning Council has experienced in the past.”

Mr Sharpe is currently City of Canning Director Corporate Services and has performed the role of Acting CEO during periods of organisational change.

Mr Wellington said Council expected Mr Sharpe to continue the excellent progress the City of Albany has made under the leadership of Graham Foster. A recent community perception survey showed significant improvements have been made in the past 18 months.

Mr Sharpe grew up in Cranbrook and is looking forward to moving to Albany.

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- Recruitment consultant Lester Blades conducted the recruitment process on behalf of the City of Albany.
- A Council CEO Selection Committee guided the recruitment process and included:
 - Mayor Dennis Wellington (chair)
 - Deputy Mayor Greg Stocks
 - Cr Sarah Bowles
 - Cr Janelle Price
- More than 50 applications were received.
- Following an intensive shortlisting and interview process, the Selection Committee's recommended candidate was Andrew Sharpe.
- The appointment was endorsed at a Special Council Meeting on 4 May, 2015.
- Mr Sharpe's Contract of Employment is expected to be finalised the coming weeks.
- Mr Sharpe is expected to start his new role in August.