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| Chair, Cr Cameron Schuster | Melville |
| Deputy Chair, Cr Doug Thompson..... | Fremantle |
| Cr Kevin Allen | Cockburn |
| Cr Michael McPhail | East Fremantle |
| Cr Wendy Cooper..... | Kwinana |

STRATEGIC WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN (SWMP)

On the 7 September, the SMRC held a Regional Presentation at the City of Melville inviting all elected members and executive officers of each member council. Approximately 50 attendees participated in the presentation and Q & A session presented by Mike Richie, MRA Consulting, chosen to assist in the plan's development.

The scope developed in conjunction with the REG members is comprehensive and the final plan is designed to stand as a valuable document for providing a sound decision-making platform for the future direction of the SMRC and member councils with regard to waste management and resource recovery whether by the SMRC or other parties.

The draft plan has 38 recommendations and can be viewed on the SMRC's website.

CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW WORKSHOP – 24 SEPTEMBER

The Regional Councillors and Regional Executive Group (REG) attended a workshop on 24 September to review the SMRC's Plan objectives and strategies.

As part of the consultation process with our key stakeholders the draft Strategic Community Plan 2015 – 2023 and draft Corporate Business Plan 2015 – 2019 will be considered by member councils and associated groups and feedback will be considered at the next Council Meeting of the SMRC in February 2016.

The draft Plans have incorporated all of the recommendations from the draft Strategic Waste Management Plan and are available on the SMRC's website.

SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL – 14 OCTOBER

The meeting discussed two items held behind closed doors being the Environmental Protection Act Notice served on the SMRC relating to an alleged incident on 22 March 2012 and the adoption of the RRRC's Material Recycling Facility (MRF) Major Land Transaction and Major Trading Undertaking Business Plan.

COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP – 15 OCTOBER

The group appointed Ms Durga Bhamidipaty as Chairperson and the CEO presented the draft Strategic Waste Management Plan and invited the group to submit comments prior to next meeting.

MEETINGS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

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| Sept 7 | Regional Presentation SWMP |
| Sep 24 | Strategic Plan Review Workshop |
| Oct 14..... | Special Council Meeting |
| Oct 14 | Agenda Briefing Session |
| Oct 15 | Community Advisory Group |
| Oct 29 | Ordinary Council Meeting |

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 29 OCTOBER

REGIONAL COUNCILLORS

The City of Kwinana nominated Cr Wendy Cooper as its Council representative on the Regional Council.

All other serving Regional Councillors were re-appointed as Member Council representatives.

The Chairman acknowledged Cr Sandra Lee for her services and contribution over the past eight years. Cr Lee was appointed by the City of Kwinana in 2007 and during her term has served on the Audit & Risk Committee and Public Relations Committee. The Council will formally thank her at its annual cocktail function.

The Chair and Deputy Chair of the SMRC is appointed by the Regional Councillors. The Regional council re-appointed Cr Cameron Schuster as Chair and Cr Doug Thompson as Deputy Chair.

Cr Schuster thanked regional councillors for their support and looked forward to working with Councillors, REG and staff on the SMRC's challenges and opportunities for the next two years.

SMRC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Audit & Risk Committee

Councillors Schuster, Thompson, McPhail & Allen

Stakeholder Relations Committee

Councillors Schuster, McPhail & Cooper

CEO Performance Committee

All regional councillors appointed

Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)

SMRC Representative, Cr Thompson and

Deputy Representative, Mr Youé

Metropolitan Regional Council Working Group

Mr Youé (CEO)

Cr Schuster, Chair

ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY REFORM

The DER is changing the approach to the assessment of licences and works approvals for, and determining of conditions in relation to, prescribed premises under part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act).



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The SMRC facilitated the formation of an Alternative Waste Treatment (AWT) Working Group, formed to co-ordinate responses to the reform process on behalf of the municipal solid waste processing sector made up of private and public organisations. The purpose is to facilitate a consultative approach to the reform process in order to deliver optimal outcomes for the sector and the regulator.

SMRC ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15

The SMRC adopted its 2014/15 annual report and is now available on the SMRC's website.

AUDITOR'S REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

The SMRC noted a satisfactory audit report by its auditor, Moore Stephens. There were no non-compliance matters brought to the Council's attention and the financial ratios that were below the Department of Local Government benchmarks are not strictly applicable in the SMRC's case due to the structure of its business and the project funding model. KPIs are reported in the SMRC's Annual Report for the year ended 30 June 2015.

FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

Annual revenue increased by \$0.8 million on last year due to increased tonnes and sales from non-member customers. Year-end surplus (before Depreciation) of \$4.8 million is used to fund the Material Recycling Facility's principal loan repayments, transfer to reserves and support 2015/16 recycling gate fee discounts for RRRC Project Participants. RRRC Project loan liability decreased by \$3.3 million to \$26.7 million and is planned to be fully repaid by June 2023.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE TO DATE

The actual four months YTD operating surplus to 30 September 2015 is in line with budget estimates.

Council resolved to amend its 2015/16 budget as a result of declining member's tonnes for recycling and MSW. Analysis shows a downward trend in household waste arisings attributable to a number of factors including education, household consumption and economic activity.

CITY OF ROCKINGHAM – CARBON TAX REFUND

For the FY 12/13 and 13/14 the SMRC has paid approximately \$400K to the City of Rockingham in carbon taxes for delivering residual process waste to the Millar Road landfill facility. Following the repeal of the carbon tax the City's liability to pay the tax was extinguished. Therefore the City retains the charges it collected in interest bearing cash reserves.

The SMRC requested that the City refund the charges and advised that it proposes to refund the carbon taxes back to its member local governments.

Subsequently, in September, the City resolved to accept the voluntary "Waste Industry Protocol" for the handling of early carbon charges in the landfill sector and refund the charges to regional local government customers where a commitment is given that the refund will be passed on to their local government customers.

SMRC participants are likely to receive the following estimated refunds:

City of Cockburn \$150K, Town of East Fremantle \$13K, City of Fremantle \$41K, City of Kwinana \$8K, City of Melville \$165K.

