



Meeting Summary

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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

MEETINGS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Oct 12.....	Agenda Briefing
Oct 13.....	Community Advisory Group
Oct 27.....	Ordinary Council Meeting

WASTE RECYCLING EDUCATION NETWORK (WREN) - 13 OCTOBER

Key outcomes from the meeting included:

- Several members of the WREN have offered their time to join SMRC staff at several upcoming public events including the Rottneest Carnival and the Rotary Jacaranda Festival.
- The group has applied for a Community Waste Grant with the Waste Authority to subsidise a keep cup project aimed at spreading the reuse message and reducing waste.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 27 OCTOBER

ALTERNATIVE TENANCIES AND TRANSPORT LINKS FOR THE REGIONAL RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE

The SMRC’s strategic plan includes a strategy to investigate alternative business delivery models to ensure our business practices are reflective of the commercial environment.

A concept plan will be prepared in 2017 for further consideration and consultation.

ENERGY FROM WASTE POSITION STATEMENT

The Regional Strategic Waste Management Plan 2016 and SMRC Corporate Business Plan 2016 2020 has developed strategies, actions and timeframes in regard to Energy from Waste EfW technology. The EPA and the Waste Authority has published EfW position statements and recommendations in 2013. The reports are available on the SMRC website www.smrc.com.au

Strategies	Actions
1.2.1 Investigate the viability of new technologies for waste recovery, including Energy from Waste	a. Consider EfW for the MSW bin and processed residuals if a proven EfW technology satisfies agreed criteria (SWMP No 9)
	b. Work with all Regional Councils to develop a protocol for any future EfW contracts in order to minimise risk. (SWMP No 25)
	c. Advocate for the implementation of State Policies and in particular for the government to clarify how the EfW policy will operate in regard to 2 bin and 3 bin systems. (SWMP No 35)

SMRC Energy from Waste Position Statement

1. SMRC will consider Energy from Waste (EfW) for the residual municipal solid waste (MSW) bin and for processing residuals from the food organic and garden organic (FOGO) and dry recycling bins only if, a proven EfW technology satisfies the following criteria:
 - it is operational at the same scale required in an appropriate jurisdiction;
 - internationally proven;
 - on the same waste streams; and
 - has 3 years of continuous and reliable operation.
2. SMRC will work with all regional councils and other local governments to develop a protocol for any future EfW contracts in order to minimise supply risk.
3. SMRC will advocate for the implementation of state policies and in particular for the government to clarify how the EfW policy will operate in regard to two bin and three bin systems.

Participants will be invited to comment or adopt the statement to ensure the Position Statement is aligned with key stakeholders.

IMPLEMENTATION OF A FOOD ORGANICS AND GARDEN ORGANICS (FOGO) COLLECTION AND PROCESSING SYSTEM

Strategies	Actions
1.2.2 Investigate best use scenarios for current technology and site in regards to FOGO	a. Conduct a 3 bin FOGO trial through the RRRC WCF (SWMP No 1)
	b. Implement a 3 bin FOGO collection and composting system (SWMP No 2)

The Regional Council resolved to write to the member councils seeking confirmation of their agreement to work cooperatively with the SMRC and the other project participants’ to prepare and implement a 3 bin FOGO trial in support of the adopted SMRC regional strategic waste management plan.

A financial budget for the trial and implementation phase will be reported to the November 2016 regional council and participants.



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TENDERS T2016-02, T2016-03, T2016-04, T2016-05

The following public tenders were recently awarded under delegated authority of the CEO:

- Green waste grinding services
- Consultancy Services – Engineering & Technical
- Mobile plant servicing

CORPORATE POLICY REVIEW

The following existing policies were reviewed and adopted:

- a. Acknowledgement of Service- Regional Councillors
- b. Members Fees and Allowances
- c. Councillors Reimbursement of Expenses
- d. Public Question Time
- e. Policy Development and Procedures

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The unbudgeted opening balance surplus brought forward from the previous financial year is \$1.1 million (mainly due to unspent plant maintenance expenditure). The Regional Council resolved to amend its 2016/17 budget to increase the R&D SWMP FOGO budget by \$1M. These funds can be used towards funding trials or capex or commissioning expenses should the project be successful.

The cash backed reserves budget opening balance has also been adjusted to reflect the audited financial actuals of \$6.4 million.

The operating revenues and expenditure for the 1st quarter of the financial year is within budget estimates.

TENDER FOR PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION SERVICES

The Waste Authority, through the Department of Environment are seeking provision of professional communication services via a public tender process. The tender is to develop a 'Right Bin' toolkit of communication and engagement materials to be used by local governments participating in the 'Better Bins' program.

The SMRC, through its Recycle Right communications programme, will be submitted a tender for the work.

TENDER 2015-05 DISPOSAL OF MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY AND PROVISION OF WASTE PROCESSING SERVICES

The Regional Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the evaluation panel that no tenders be accepted.

The decision to invite future tenders will be considered following the Amended Business Plan as part of the City of Cockburn project withdrawal process.

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