

10. DRAFT 2005 SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Draft 2005 Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan for consideration, to obtain approval for the statutory consultation programme, to appoint a Hearings Panel and set an extraordinary Council meeting to finalise the Plan. The summary document referred to in the report will be separately circulated.

SUMMARY

2. This Draft 2005 Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Attachment A) and the summary statement of proposal (Attachment B) are legal requirements of the Local Government Act 2002. Once approved the 2005 Plan will replace the current 2003 and 2004 Plans.
3. This Draft Plan was presented at a Council seminar on 4 October and then a revised Draft was presented at a Council meeting 6 October. Further amendments, as requested by the Council, have now been incorporated.
4. Key aspects of the new Draft Plan are:
 - Revised vision, goals, and waste reduction targets (pages 11–14 of the Draft Plan).
 - A review of the kerbside services provided by the Council (pages 15-24 of the Draft Plan).
 - The expansion of the pilot enclosed compost plant agreed to by the Council in 2004 to enable the composting of material collected by the kerbside service.

PROCESS

5. The process for considering and adopting a new waste management plan is as follows:

Council approval of the "Statement of Proposal" (Draft Plan and Summary Document)	20 October
Special Consultation Procedure	27 October to 2 December
Hearing of submissions	12 and 13 December
Extraordinary Council meeting to consider the report from the Hearings Panel	21 December

LEGAL AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. The *Special Consultative Procedure* of the Local Government Act 2002 will be followed.
7. The options for future kerbside collection presented for public consultation have widely different financial implications depending on the option selected - see attached Draft Plan for details.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Approve the Draft 2005 Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan and the summary statement of proposal for public consultation.
- (b) Appoint the whole Council as Hearings Panel to:
 1. Hear submissions on 12 and 13 December 2005; and
 2. Make recommendations on the final 2005 Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan.
- (c) Approve an extraordinary Council meeting the week of 21 December 2005 to consider the report from the Hearings Panel.

BACKGROUND ON DRAFT 2005 SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

8. This Draft 2005 Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan (Attachment A) and the summary statement of proposal (Attachment B) are legal requirements of the Local Government Act 2002. Once approved, this plan will replace the current 2003 Waste Management Plan and the 2004 Waste Action Plan. Specific actions that flow from the 2005 Plan will feed into the 2006 Long Term Council Community Plan process, which will allow solid waste activities to be considered along with other Council activities and priorities.
9. This Draft Plan was presented at a Council seminar on 4 October and then a revised Draft was presented at a Council meeting 6 October. Further amendments, as requested by the Council, have now been incorporated.
10. The Draft Plan proposes the following vision goals and waste reduction targets:

Vision

A prosperous City, where each person and business takes responsibility for waste minimisation and actively works toward zero waste.

Goals

- Individuals and businesses take greater responsibility for waste minimisation.
- Council provides much enhanced reuse and recycling services at the kerbside.
- Council supports and incentivises waste reduction, reuse and recycling.
- Council ensures that environmentally sound waste disposal services are provided.

Targets

- No more than 30 kg/person/year of green and kitchen waste is sent to landfill by 2015
 - No more than 90 kg/person/year of paper and cardboard is sent to landfill by 2015
 - No more than 60 kg/person/year of plastic is sent to landfill by 2015
 - No more than 25 kg/person/year of kerbside waste collected by the Council is sent to landfill by 2015
 - No more than 22 kg/person/year of wood waste is sent to landfill by 2015
 - No more than 10 kg/person/year of rubble received at refuse stations for landfilling by 2015
 - No more than 320 kg/person/year of waste is sent to landfill overall by 2020
11. The difference between these targets and the targets in the previous plan is largely related to the time frame over which the targets might be achieved. The previous plan had many of the target dates at 2010. The recent buoyant economy has in fact reversed some of the gains made by the community in the previous decade and it is believed that even these new extended time frames will require a significantly increased commitment by the Council and the community to achieve.
 12. A number of actions are contained in this Draft Plan that aim to advance on the proposed vision, goals and targets. Key actions include options for reducing household waste. Three options have been put forward and if adopted, would commence from 2008.

Options:

1. The fortnightly collection of a rate-funded recycling wheeliebin and continuing with the provision of 26 rate-funded rubbish bags.
 2. The fortnightly collection of two rate-funded wheeliebins - one for recycling and one for rubbish, instead of rubbish bags.
 3. The weekly collection of an organics wheeliebin (for food scraps and greenwaste), the fortnightly collection of a recycling wheeliebin and no rate-funded rubbish bags. In this option both wheeliebin services are partly funded from rates and partly funded from the Waste Minimisation Fund. Official Council rubbish bags would continue to be collected each week, but no longer provided through the rates. Rubbish bags would continue to be available for purchase at supermarkets and Council service centres.
13. The option of continuing with the existing green recycling crate is no longer considered practical because of the limited crate capacity and for health and safety reasons.