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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

WASTE RECYCLING EDUCATION NETWORK (WREN) - 2 FEBRUARY 2017

The WREN was updated on important events and activities at the SMRC with two individuals interested in joining the WREN attending as observers and their nominations will be put to the group for consideration at the next meeting

REGIONAL EXECUTIVE GROUP- 17 FEBRUARY 2017

SMRC ESTABLISHMENT & PROJECTS AGREEMENT REVIEW

A facilitated workshop consisting of SMRC Council and REG will take place in the coming months to discuss changes to the agreements.

FOGO IMPLEMENTATION STATUS REPORT

The first meeting of the project steering group was held on 14 December 2016. A risk assessment workshop was conducted on the 22 February 2017.

A communications working group with representation from all three participating member Councils has also been formed and an initial meeting was held in January. Ongoing meetings will be held bi-monthly.

MRA Consulting have been appointed to provide independent third party reviews and have commenced reviewing the draft communications strategy and project materials.

The residential areas in the City of Melville for the Stage 1 roll out have been selected based on demographics and operational rounds. The final list of serviceable properties is currently being assessed based on housing density, verge space and collection vehicle access.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The Stakeholder and Relations Committee were updated on the progress of Communications and Engagement Activities.

MEETINGS HELD SINCE LAST COUNCIL MEETING

Feb 8.....	Agenda Briefing
Feb 9.....	WREN Committee
Feb 17.....	Regional Executive Group
Feb 20.....	Audit and Risk Committee
Feb 20.....	Stakeholder Relations Committee
Feb 23.....	Ordinary Council Meeting

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 23 FEBRUARY 2017

CEO DELEGATED AUTHORITY 2017

The CEO’s 15 delegated authorities were reviewed and approved. The CEO Performance Review Committee’s delegated authority to appoint a HR Consultant was also reviewed and approved.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPLIANCE AUDIT RETURN FOR 2016

The SMRC has completed the Department of Local Government’s annual Compliance Audit Return for 2016 and reported no non-compliance issues.

CORPORATE POLICIES

The following existing policies were reviewed and adopted:

- a. Council Meeting Structures Policy No. 1.6
- b. Media Statements Policy No. 1.7
- c. CEO Performance Review Committee Policy No. 1.10
- d. Business Development Policy No. 4.8

A new Asset Management Policy was adopted:

- a. Asset Management Policy No. 4.10

MID YEAR 2016-17 BUDGET REVIEW

Revenue from the sale of recyclables has achieved higher than expected commodity prices based on global markets and quarterly tender bids. The additional income has resulted in a net income of \$1 M above budget estimates.

Improved Waste Composting recovery rates has also achieved favourable results from the savings in residual transport and disposal budget costs and reduction in the 2016/17 insurance premiums has reduced operating expenditure.

Revised budget expenditure relates to the FOGO trial project and major non-routine maintenance previously accounted as Capital expenditure.

Overall the SMRC’s revised budget closing funds has increased from \$300K to \$1.8Million.



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SMRC
Mid Year 2016/17 Budget Review

	Original Budget	Revised Budget	Variance
Revenue	\$28.0 M	\$29.2 M	\$1.2 M
Expenditure (Less Dep)	(\$26.4 M)	(\$29.2 M)	(\$2.8 M)
Capital Expenditure	(\$2.3 M)	(\$0.4 M)	\$1.9 M)
MRF Loan Repayments P&I	(\$0.9 M)	(\$0.9 M)	
Net Reserve Transfers	(\$0.2 M)	(\$0.5 M)	(\$0.3 M)
Closing Funds Surplus	\$0.3 M	\$1.8 M	\$1.5 M

Closing Funds - The funds are represented by:
Budget Closing Balance of \$318K + unspent MRF Discount \$161K + unspent MRF operations bgt \$470K + WCF surplus \$636K + other expenditure savings \$240K = \$1.8M

WASTE SUPPLY AGREEMENT- CITY OF COCKBURN

The City of Cockburn has entered into a Waste Supply Agreement for delivering its MSW to the RRRC Waste Composting Facility following its withdrawal from the RRRC Project. The City of Cockburn and the RRRC Project Participants has also entered into a Deed of Settlement relating to the City of Cockburn variation to the RRRC project participants' Agreement as a result of Cockburn introducing a new waste collection regime from 7 October 2015.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Higher operating revenues of \$650K, due to commodity prices and WCF tonnes received.

Lower operating expenditure of \$350K mainly due to unspent employee costs and maintenance. This has resulted in an \$1M budget surplus as at 31 January 2017

		YTD BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	CHANGE
		Jan-17	Jan-17	
		(\$M)	(\$M)	
REVENUES	1	\$16.0	\$16.7	\$0.7
OPERATING EXPENSES	2	\$14.3	\$14.0	-\$0.3
OPERATING SURPLUS		\$1.7	\$2.7	\$1.0
TRF TO RESERVES	3	\$1.1	\$1.1	\$0.0
MRF LOAN		\$0.5	\$0.5	\$0.0
SURPLUS AFTER RESERVES	4	\$0.1	\$1.1	\$1.0
TRF B/F FUNDS TO MEMBERS		\$0.4	\$0.3	-\$0.1
TRF FROM RESERVES		\$0.2	\$0.2	\$0.0
CASH IN BANK	5	\$10.5	\$13.0	\$2.5
OUTSTANDING LOANS	6	\$23.1	\$23.1	\$0.0
NET ASSETS	7	\$43.5	\$45.7	\$2.2

SMRC EMPLOYEE ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT 2017- 2021

The SMRC's RRRC workforce has concluded a successful negotiation for a four-year Enterprise Agreement (EA). The new EA is largely based on the existing EA, with some changes benefiting the SMRC and its employees.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE MEMBER

The Council resolved to accept the A&R Committee's recommendation to appoint Mr Andrew Burchfield to the SMRC's Audit & Risk Committee as an external member for a two-year term.

