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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

May 22.....	Stakeholder Relations Committee
May 22.....	Audit and Risk Committee
Jun 15.....	WREN
Jun 14.....	Agenda Briefing
Jun 29.....	Ordinary Council Meeting

WASTE RECYCLING EDUCATION NETWORK (WREN) – 15 June 2017

The Waste Recycling Education Network met on the 15th of June. Key outcomes from the meeting included:

- The group was provided with an update on the 3-Bin FOGO trial, including a summary of materials and approach to community education. Feedback was provided by the group and the WREN will act as a two-way dialogue between the community and the SMRC throughout the trial.
- The group has advocated to play a stronger role in informing the community about common misconceptions about waste and recycling through the media.
- The group has also outlined they would like to help to promote collection and drop off certain items such as E-waste and batteries.

STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS COMMITTEE – 22 MAY 2017

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

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE – 22 MAY 2017

1. RRRRC Assurance Program

The committee noted the RRRRC achievement in the three certifications:
 ISO 9001 quality management systems,
 ISO 14001 environmental management systems and
 AS 4801 health and safety systems
 and congratulates the employees for the achievement.



2. Debt Service Cover Ratio for the period ended 30 June 2016

The committee discussed the difference between the Department’s ratio calculation and the SMRC’S calculation of the debt service cover ratio for the period ended 30 June 2016 and the auditor’s confirmation of the SMRC’s calculation.

The annual report for next year will include both the SMRC’s ratio note and the regulation’s calculations.

3. Field Based Ambient Odour Assessment Report

The independent survey results from the past two-year field based ambient odour assessments (Mar 2015 to Feb 2017) shows an improvement in odour management. This is supported by the reduction in community complaints over the same period.

4. Risk Management

An updated risk assessment of the City of Cockburn withdrawal process was reduced with the City signing a three-year MSW waste supply agreement.

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 29 JUNE 2017

WASTE EXPO AUSTRALIA

The Council resolved that the CEO, SMRC executive staff and its Regional Councillors attend the Waste Expo Australia in Melbourne on 11-12 October 2017.

Waste Expo brings together Australia’s key solution providers in the waste management, recycling and sustainability sectors, showcasing the very latest technology, products and turnkey solutions.

HORIZON REPORT

The Council resolved to extend the timeline of the Horizon Report until 30 June 2023 to compliment the SMRC’s strategic future plan.

CEO LONG SERVICE LEAVE DEFERMENT

Council approved the CEO’s request to postpone his Long Service Leave for a two-year period, until 2019 due to the current strategic actions.



SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

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CORPORATE POLICIES

The following existing policies were reviewed and adopted:

- a. Members Fees and Allowances Policy No. 1.8

Two new policies were adopted:

- a. Related Party Disclosure Policy No. 4.5
- b. RRRC Education Tours and Incursions Policy No. 4.11

2017-18 ANNUAL BUDGET

The Regional Council adopted its Annual Budget for 2017/18 The Budget represents a \$25.7 million operational budget.

The 2017/18 budget has an average decrease per household of 4%, equivalent to a decrease of \$10 per household, due to the reduction in MRF gate fees.

COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER SURVEYS

In May 2017, the SMRC conducted its annual surveys of residents located within close proximity of the Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) as well as its Stakeholders.

The survey of RRRC local residents saw 111 out of a possible 845 residents complete an online or reply-paid post survey. Overall feedback was positive, however satisfaction from residents was down from previous years.

Residents are mostly concerned with odour management and while the SMRC's perceived effectiveness with odour management has declined overall favourability towards the RRRC remained high at 58%. The survey report highlighted that residents were still conscious of past issues and recommended the SMRC engages with the local community to reassure them of processes and monitoring surrounding odours at the RRRC.

The Stakeholder Survey was an online survey emailed to 102 key stakeholders. This year's survey saw an increased participation rate from previous years with 37% of respondents contacted choosing to complete the survey. Overall feedback was positive with levels of satisfaction of the SMRC's performance and direction either in line or higher than in previous years. Key results were as follows:

- 81% of stakeholders agree that SMRC is achieving its vision to be a leader in waste management and resource recovery.
- 90% of satisfied with the RRRC
- 76% support the direction the SMRC is taking to manage waste
- 84% overall satisfaction with the SMRC.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Operating revenue is down against budget by \$60K, due to lower WCF tonnes received.

Operating expenditure is down against budget by \$110K.

This has resulted in an \$50K 16/17 budget surplus as at 31 May 2017.

Overall the closing fund balance (including prior year surpluses) is approx. \$3 million.

The SMRC has a cash balance as at 31 May 2017 of \$12 Million

