



**Minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee
held on Tuesday, 6 August 2024 at 6.30 pm
Council Chamber, Council Administration Centre
245 Sturt Road, Sturt**

PRESENT

His Worship the Mayor Kris Hanna
Councillor Jayne Hoffmann (Chair)
Councillor Nathan Prior
Councillor Renuka Lama
Councillor Luke Naismith
Councillor Jason Veliskou
Councillor Sarah Luscombe

Councillor Matt Taylor
Councillor Jana Mates
Councillor Amar Singh
Councillor Ian Crossland

In Attendance

Chief Executive Officer - Tony Harrison
General Manager City Services - Angela Allison
Manager Engineering, Environment and Assets - Mathew Allen
Waste Education Officer – Allison Byrne
Executive Officer to the General Manager City Services - Tracey Stringer

1 Open Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.30pm.

2 Kaurna Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Kaurna people, the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.

3 Elected Member Declaration of Interest (if any)

The Chair asked if any member wished to disclose an interest in relation to any item being considered at the meeting

The following interests were disclosed:

- Nil

4 Confirmation of Minutes**4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 9 July 2024**

Report Reference IEC240806R4.1

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Luscombe

That the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 9 July 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

Carried

5 Business Arising

5.1 Business Arising Statement - Action Items

Report Reference IEC240806R5.1

Moved Councillor Luscombe

Seconded Councillor Taylor

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the business arising statement, meeting schedule and upcoming items.

Carried

6 Reports for Discussion

6.1 EV Charging Station Trial (SAPN)

Report Reference IEC240806R6.1

The discussion focused on the installation of EV charging stations in the City of Marion.

- A trial between the City of Mitcham and SA Power Networks was discontinued due to regulatory issues and the high cost of integrating EV chargers with power meters. Management noted that the City of Marion has registered interest with SAPN should future opportunities arise.
- The City of Port Adelaide invited the City of Marion to join them in a collaborative request for a tender process for public EV charging stations on council land in the respective council areas, provided and maintained at no cost to the council under a consumer charge model. The tender process has progressed to a stage where preferred proponents have been selected; the aim is to have a contract in place by September 2024.
- The EV charging stations have a mix of normal and fast charging and will be installed at 7 sites initially, subject to site investigations, consultation and development approvals.

Questions from the Committee addressed the approval process, impacts on parking, transparency and risk management of selecting businesses to install the chargers. It was confirmed that the proposal followed Council's procurement policy.

Moved Councillor Luscombe

Seconded Councillor Veliskou

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes that the Public EV Charging Station trial undertaken by SA Power Networks and the City of Mitcham will not continue.
2. Notes that Administration is planning for the installation of public EV chargers on public land for providers to supply, install and maintain the stations at no cost to council, under a consumer-charge model.

Carried

6.2 Sustainable Solar Savings Scheme Update

Report Reference IEC240806R6.2

Management provided an update on the steps taken towards implementing the Sustainable Solar Savings Scheme, a resident focused initiative, in partnership with Shinehub. The Scheme will be reassessed after the first year to analyse its success, noting, the City of Mitcham is undertaking a third round.

Moved Councillor Crossland

Seconded Councillor Prior

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes the update on the Sustainable Solar Savings Scheme.
2. Notes that a further report will be provided to the 8 November 2024 Infrastructure and Environment Committee meeting.

Carried Unanimously

7:47 pm Councillor Naismith left the meeting

7:51 pm Councillor Naismith re-entered the meeting

8:09 pm Councillor Crossland left the meeting

8:12 pm Councillor Crossland re-entered the meeting

8:17 pm Councillor Taylor left the meeting

8:20 pm Councillor Taylor re-entered the meeting

6.3 Reducing Food Waste to Landfill

Report Reference IEC240806R6.3

A short overview of the report was presented to the Committee, with options for further reducing food waste to landfill. Feedback was sought from the Committee on the preferred options and any recommendations to General Council.

The discussion included:

Kitchen Caddy Program

- Focus on the kitchen caddy program to reduce food waste in landfill.
- Rollout of caddies and bags in 2021 and is now well accepted by many with 40% of households using the program and 21% (by weight) of the green waste being food waste. This represents an approximate reduction in community greenhouse gas emissions by 2,174 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent each year.
- Costs for delivering the program including the cost-effectiveness of providing compostable bags to households and grant funding limitations and city-wide distribution requirements. The cost of compostable bags is very high.
- The program's effectiveness and the need for continued education and communication to residents; council staff to get the best use from the Green Industries SA grant funding.

- New legislation from 1 September 2024 requiring supermarkets to supply compostable bags for fruit and vegetables presents an option to reduce council expenditure on bags.
- Recommendation to review the current program's cost-effectiveness and impact of the single use plastic legislation implementation in March 2025.

FOGO

- The Committee noted reference to the 23/24 Annual Business Plan, where council identified to present a business case relating to FOGO (food organics, green organics). Since then, a thorough review of what options are available to reduce food waste has occurred.
- Different models from other councils were discussed.
- The Mayor wrote to the Deputy Premier May 2024, regarding reforms to waste legislation, advocating for legislative change to provide councils with the ability to increase food waste diversion, for example, a weekly FOGO service.
- Costings were contained in the confidential component of the report.
- The recommendation to Council at this time was to defer the consideration of a FOGO service model, due to:
 - The high level of uncertainty regarding changes to waste legislation and
 - FOGO trials are in the early stages – waiting for more information on environmental outcomes

Moved Mayor Hanna

Seconded Councillor Crossland

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Notes that Council will have a supply of compostable bags to provide to residents until mid-2025.
2. Recommends to Council the extension of the funding for food waste recycling education campaigns, until the green industries grant funding is expended.
3. Recommends to Council a review of the kitchen caddy program in March 2025.

Carried

Moved Councillor Crossland

Seconded Councillor Prior

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Recommends to Council to defer consideration of a weekly FOGO service until after the review of the *Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010* (EPP) under the *Environment Protection Act 1993*.

Carried

7 Confidential Items

7.1 Cover Report - Reducing Food Waste to Landfill - Confidential Appendix

Report Reference EC240806F7.1

Moved Councillor Veliskou

Seconded Councillor Lama

Pursuant to Section 90(2) and (3)(b) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Committee orders that the public be excluded from attendance at that part of this meeting relating to Agenda Item IEC240806F7.1 Reducing Food Waste to Landfill – Confidential Appendix, except the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, Manager Office of the CEO, General Manager City Services, General Manager City Development, General Manager Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Engineering, Assets and Environment, Unit Manager Environmental Sustainability, Waste Education Officer and Executive Officer to the General Manager, to enable the Council to consider the Item in confidence on the basis the Council considers it necessary and appropriate to act in a meeting closed to the public (excepting those persons listed above) in order to receive, discuss or consider in confidence the following information or matter relating to the Item:- information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to deliberate a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is proposing to conduct business and could prejudice the commercial position of Council.

Notes the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because obtaining the best value for the provision of a weekly FOGO service could be compromised by the disclosure of this information.

Determines, on this basis, the principle that meetings of the Council should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the information or matter confidential.

Carried

8.30 pm the meeting went into confidence

Moved Councillor Crossland

Seconded Councillor Prior

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Pursuant to section 91(7) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, orders that the following document(s) relating to Agenda IEC240806F7.1 Reducing Food Waste to Landfill – Confidential Appendix shall be kept confidential, being document(s) relating to a matter dealt with by the Council on a confidential basis under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(b) of the Act:

- Attachment 1 – Reducing food waste to Landfill for IEC – Part B - Confidential on the grounds that the document relates to information the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to:
 - Deliberate a commercial advantage on a person with whom Council is proposing to conduct business
 - Prejudice the commercial position of Council.
- 2. Notes the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because the best value for the provision of a weekly green organics service could be compromised by the disclosure of this information.
- 3. Determines this order shall operate until the execution of a contract or request for new quote and will be reviewed every 12 months
- 4. Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the Local Government Act 1999, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to revoke this order in whole or part.

Carried

8:31 pm the meeting came out of confidence

8 Reports for Noting - Nil

9 Workshop / Presentation Items - Nil

10 Other Business- Nil

11 Meeting Closure

The meeting was declared closed at 8.32 pm

CONFIRMED THIS 10 DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024

CHAIRPERSON