



**Minutes of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee  
held on Tuesday, 11 February 2025 at 6.30 pm  
Council Chamber, Council Administration Centre  
245 Sturt Road, Sturt**

**PRESENT**

His Worship the Mayor Kris Hanna  
Councillor Joseph Masika  
Councillor Nathan Prior  
Councillor Raelene Telfer  
Councillor Luke Naismith  
Councillor Jason Veliskou  
Councillor Sarah Luscombe

Councillor Jayne Hoffmann  
Councillor Matt Taylor  
Councillor Renuka Lama  
Councillor Jana Mates (Chair)  
Councillor Ian Crossland

**In Attendance**

Chief Executive Officer - Tony Harrison  
General Manager City Services – Angela Allison  
General Manager Corporate Services - Tony Lines  
General Manager City Development - Ben Keen  
Manager City Property - Mark Hubbard  
Manager Engineering, Assets & Environment – Mat Allen  
Environmental Engagement Officer – Jess Mitchell  
Unit Manager Environmental Sustainability – Rebecca Neumann

**1 Open Meeting**

The Chair opened the meeting at 6.31 pm.

**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**

The following interests were disclosed:

- Nil

**4 Confirmation of Minutes****4.1 Confirmation of Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2024**

<b>Report Reference</b>	IEC250211R4.1
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**Moved Councillor Hoffmann**

**Seconded Councillor Crossland**

That the minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on 12 November 2024 be taken as read and confirmed.

**Carried Unanimously**

## 5 Business Arising

### 5.1 Business Arising Statement - Action Items

Report Reference	IEC250211R5.1
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**Moved Councillor Taylor**

**Seconded Councillor Hoffmann**

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

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

**Carried Unanimously**

## 6 Confidential Items

### 6.1 Cover Report - CoMBAS unendorsed initiatives

Report Reference	IEC250211F6.1
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**Moved Councillor Luscombe**

**Seconded Councillor Telfer**

1. 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 *IEC250211F6.1 1 CoMBAS unendorsed initiatives*, except the following persons: Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Development, General Manager City Services, General Manager Corporate Services, Manager Office of the Chief Executive Officer, Manager Enterprise PMO, Manager City Property, Chief Financial Officer, Manager City Activation and Executive Officer to the General Manager, to enable the Committee 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 CoMBAS unendorsed initiatives, upon the basis that the Council is satisfied that the requirement for the meeting to be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep consideration of the matter confidential given the information relates to commercial information including financial figures detailing projected costs of projects yet to be publicly tendered and concept designs, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to infer a commercial advantage on a third party and prejudice Council's commercial position.
2. Notes the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because it could infer a financial advantage to a third party when the project is opened to tender and impair the tender process.
3. 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 Unanimously**

6:32 pm the meeting went into confidence

**Moved Mayor Hanna****Seconded Councillor Hoffmann**

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 *IEC250211F6.1 1 CoMBAS unendorsed initiatives* shall be kept confidential, except when required to effect or comply with Council's resolution(s) regarding this matter, 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, :
  - Report - IEC250211F6.1 1 - CoMBAS unendorsed initiatives
  - Attachment 1 - Summary of proposed changes to the 2025 CoMBAS Implementation Guide
  - Attachment 2 - 2025/26 to 2034/35 CoMBAS Implementation Guide
  - Attachment 3 - Project Initiation and Funding Allocation Flowchart
  - Minutes - IEC250211F6.1 1 - CoMBAS unendorsed initiativeson the grounds the information relates to commercial information including financial figures detailing projected costs of projects yet to be publicly tendered and concept designs, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to infer a commercial advantage on a third party and prejudice Council's commercial position.
2. Notes the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest because it could infer a financial advantage to a third party when the project is opened to tender and impair the tender process.
3. Determines this order shall operate until it is revoked, or a further order is made 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 Unanimously**

8:07 pm the meeting came out of confidence.

Cr Naismith left the meeting at 8:09 pm

Cr Naismith re-entered the meeting at 8:12 pm

Cr Lama left the meeting at 8:12 pm

Cr Lama re-entered the meeting at 8:14 pm

## **7 Reports for Discussion**

### **7.1 Environment Report Card Update**

**Report Reference** IEC250211R7.1

Councillors reviewed the 2024 and Draft 2025 Environment Report Cards, responding positively and suggesting enhancements for future editions, including:

- Comparison of Captured vs. Uncaptured Tonnage – A detailed analysis of waste/resource recovery efficiency

- Financial Metrics for Context – Key figures illustrating costs, savings, and overall financial impact
- Incorporating activities undertaken by SWRWA on behalf of Councils
- Climate Resilience and Readiness – Evaluation of sustainability efforts and preparedness for climate challenges
- Opportunities for Improvement – Identified gaps and actionable strategies for better outcomes
- Tracking and Measurement – benchmarks to assess progress and success
- Project Funding and Impact – A comprehensive list of proposed projects with expected environmental and social benefits

**Moved Mayor Hanna**

**Seconded Councillor Hoffmann**

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Noted the update on the Environment Report Card and the draft 2024 edition.
2. Provided feedback for consideration in the 2025 edition of the Environment Report Card.

**Carried Unanimously**

## 7.2 Community Solar Savings Scheme Campaign Summary and Future Directions

**Report Reference**                      IEC250211R7.2

Mayor Hanna declared a perceived conflict of interest for this agenda item and remained in the meeting.

The Solar Savings Scheme was implemented with Shine Hub advising uptake in its first year was similar to other councils, noting, participation in other councils has increased over time.

Key Discussions & Considerations:

- Current Take-up & Financial Viability:
  - Scheme participation costs included a part-time staff person, cost of \$44,000, plus a small amount of advertising
  - Scheme sign-ups this year are below the threshold for profit-sharing with ShineHub
  - The City of Mitcham has achieved 978 sign-ups over three years; Administration will enquire with City of Mitcham the number of installations in the first year
  - Without increased participation, the scheme will not generate a return
- Options for Council's Next Steps:
  1. Continue with ShineHub for One Year
    - Minimal additional cost to Council.
    - Review and assess effectiveness after 12 months
    - Must survey residents who have already participated in the scheme
  2. Expand Supplier Options
    - Investigate and prepare for a new supplier panel for 2026.
    - Conduct a cost-benefit analysis and market testing.
  3. Introduce a Rebate Scheme focusing on renters
    - Provide financial assistance for solar installation.

- Define a spending cap for council contributions.
- 4. Cease the Program
  - Evaluate whether the return on investment justifies continuation.
- Additional Considerations:
  - City of Marion to survey participants to assess satisfaction and effectiveness.
  - Explore broader marketing and education efforts.
  - Define success metrics, such as a targeted increase in solar installations.
  - Address potential conflicts of interest and exclusivity concerns.

**Decision Pathway:**

- Proceed with Option 1 (continue for one year)
- Council to reassess in 2026 based on participation uptake and progress by other councils on new tenders.
- Develop clear success criteria and strategic marketing approach.
- Consider options for a rebate scheme

Next steps are to present a report to General Council 22<sup>nd</sup> April incorporating the decision pathway for consideration.

**Moved Councillor Veliskou**

**Seconded Councillor Hoffmann**

That the Infrastructure and Environment Committee:

1. Noted the achievements of the Community Solar Savings Scheme.
2. Provided feedback on decision pathway to inform a future Council Paper.

**Carried Unanimously**

## **8 Reports for Noting - Nil**

## **9 Workshop / Presentation Items**

### **9.1 Workshop IEC meeting agenda for 2025**

**Report Reference** IEC250211R9.1

The Committee discussed additional agenda items, including:

- Workshop/Forum on housing designs in line with current planning laws
- Equitable distribution of irrigation across reserves
- Understanding loss/theft across City of Marion infrastructure and assets and associated costs
- Actions for climate abatement achievements. Any possible other actions to keep carbon footprint of each resident low
- Plan for significant challenges and changes to our basic infrastructure and not hide behind rigid service levels as the community hears excuses about the thing not getting done
- Procurement – investigation of feasibility to introduce sustainability criteria on procurement processes over a certain value.

General agreement that all items had merit, and a new draft agenda of topics will be developed for the Committee.

**10 Other Business****11 Meeting Closure**

The meeting was declared closed at 9.28 pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 8 DAY OF APRIL 2025

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CHAIRPERSON