



Whitehorse City Council

MINUTES

Council Meeting

on

Monday 12 September 2022

at 7:00pm

Members: Cr Liu (Mayor), Cr Massoud (Deputy Mayor), Cr Barker, Cr Carr, Cr Cutts, Cr Davenport, Cr Lane, Cr McNeill, Cr Munroe, Cr Skilbeck, Cr Stennett

Mr Simon McMillan, Chief Executive Officer

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Meeting opened at 7:00pm

Present: Cr Liu (Mayor), Cr Massoud (Deputy Mayor), Cr Barker, Cr Cutts, Cr Davenport, Cr Lane, Cr McNeill, Cr Munroe, Cr Skilbeck, Cr Stennett

Officers: S McMillan, J Green, S Belmore, S White, S Sullivan, V Ferlaino, K Woods, C Altan, N Jones

1 OPENING

1a Acknowledgement of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

"On behalf of Whitehorse Council we acknowledge the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and as a mark of respect will observe a minute silence in her honour"

1b Prayer for Council

We give thanks, O God, for the Men and Women of the past whose generous devotion to the common good has been the making of our City.

Grant that our own generation may build worthily on the foundations they have laid.

Direct our minds that all we plan and determine, is for the wellbeing of our City.

Amen.

1c Aboriginal Reconciliation Statement

"Whitehorse City Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional owners of the land we are meeting on and we pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from communities who may be present today."

2 Welcome

The Mayor welcomed all.

3 Apologies

Cr Carr was granted a leave of absence on 8 August 2022.

4 Disclosure of Conflict of Interests

None disclosed

5 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of the Council and Confidential Council Meeting 22 August 2022.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr McNeill

That the minutes of the Council and Confidential Council Meeting 22 August 2022 having been circulated now be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6 Public Presentations

Nil

7 Petitions and Joint Letters

7.1 Annual Parking Permits for residents along Malabar Road, Dewrang Crescent and Tara Avenue BLACKBURN

A petition signed by 16 signatories has been received requesting Council review its proposal to replace the original parking permit scheme in Malabar Road, Dewrang Crescent and Tara Avenue Blackburn with the current fee paying parking permit scheme.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Munroe, Seconded by Cr Massoud

That the petition/joint letter be received and referred to the Director City Development for appropriate action and response.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8 Public Question Time

8.1 P Carter, Box Hill North

Question 1

The City of Whitehorse has nearly completed the implementation of only 6 of the 17 Easy Ride Routes in Whitehorse Easy Ride Network.

Of the remaining 17 routes, can Council advise if any designs of these ERR routes, (and how many) have now been completed.

Question 2

Council normally starts the forward budget process in December of each year. Generally projects for all works for the following year, are considered on the basis of a prepared detailed design and costing.

If Council has not completed any further ERR designs, what steps will now Council undertake to prepare and finalise some of the remaining ERR designs such that they can be evaluated and considered for implementation in 2023-24

Response

Jeff Green, Director City Development provided a verbal response to the questions at the meeting.

9 Notices of Motion

9.1 NOM 175 - Cr Skilbeck - Climate Emergency

MOTION

Moved by Cr Skilbeck, Seconded by Cr Cutts

That Council:

1. Publicly declares a Climate Emergency, recognising the Whitehorse community's sustained strong support for Council to lead and act on climate change, including as expressed in the 2040 Community Vision;
2. Notes that all actions that flow from this Declaration are included in the existing Whitehorse Interim Climate Response Plan 2020-2022 and any subsequent Climate Response/Action Plan adopted by Council;
3. Acknowledges that funding for actions arising as a consequence of this Climate Emergency declaration will be limited to and align with Council decisions taken as to Budget allocations for the implementation of any adopted Climate Response/Action Plan; and
4. Provides clear communication on its website that Whitehorse City Council has declared a Climate Emergency and is recognised by the global Climate Emergency Declaration and Mobilisation in Action (CEDAMIA).

AMENDMENT

Moved by Cr Massoud, Seconded by Cr Munroe

That Council:

1. Publicly declares a Climate Emergency, recognising the Whitehorse community's sustained strong support for Council to lead and act on climate change, including as expressed in the 2040 Community Vision;
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3. Acknowledges that funding for actions arising as a consequence of this Climate Emergency declaration will be limited to and align with Council decisions taken as to Budget allocations for the implementation of any adopted Climate Response/Action Plan; and
4. Provides clear communication on its website that Whitehorse City Council has declared a Climate Emergency.

**THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT TO THE VOTE AND CARRIED AND
BECAME THE COUNCIL RESOLUTION AS FOLLOWS**

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Massoud, Seconded by Cr Munroe

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4. Provides clear communication on its website that Whitehorse City Council has declared a Climate Emergency.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A Division was called.

Division

For

Cr Cutts
Cr Lane
Cr Liu
Cr Massoud
Cr McNeill
Cr Skilbeck
Cr Stennett

Against

Cr Barker
Cr Davenport
Cr Munroe

On the results of the Division the motion was declared CARRIED

9.2 NOM 176 - Cr Barker - Early Level of Waste Diversion via the Roll out of FOGO Including Projected Savings

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Barker, Seconded by Cr Davenport

That Council seeks a report regarding the early level of waste diversion via the roll out of FOGO including projected savings. The report to discuss what benefits and financial savings might be realised if households voluntarily opt out of a weekly bin collection and how council could promote this if viable.

LOST

A Division was called.

Division

For

Cr Barker
Cr Davenport

Against

Cr Cutts
Cr Lane
Cr Liu
Cr Massoud
Cr McNeill
Cr Munroe
Cr Skilbeck
Cr Stennett

On the results of the Division the motion was declared LOST

10 Urgent Business

Nil

11 Council Reports

11.1 Implementing a Waste Service Charge

City Services
Director Infrastructure
ATTACHMENT

SUMMARY

This report is to recommend that Council implements a Waste Service Charge commencing in the 2023/24 financial year. A Waste Service Charge provides a fair and transparent way to charge for the cost of waste and recycling services that is consistent with providing incentives for reducing waste and increasing recycling.

Whitehorse is one of only four out of 79 councils that does not have a waste charge. A Waste Service Charge provides the ability to recover the cost of waste services in line with the real cost increase. Councils without a waste charge need to manage recycling and waste related cost increases that are in excess of the rate cap by reducing the budget allocated to other services proportionately to the increase in budget allocation to waste services or substantially erode and compromise financial sustainability.

A Business Case in 2017 and an external consultant review of the organisation in 2020 identified the benefits of a waste service charge to Council's financial sustainability.

Timing of the implementation of a waste charge is important. Council's budget has absorbed recent major waste related cost increases:

- The recycling crisis where Council was receiving income for recyclable material and now pays a fee for processing;
- Landfill levy increases of \$60 per tonne; and
- Service cost increases that have escalated by more than the rate cap.

Addressing the budget impacts of the above cost increases has reduced the budget available for Council to commit to other programs and services and is impacting Council's long term financial sustainability.

Council will need to address upcoming unavoidable cost pressures in response to the requirements to implement new services under the State Government's circular economy plan, 'Recycling Victoria: a new economy'. In accordance with the plan, Council will need to provide a fourth bin for the collection of glass from each property by 2027 and for the currently optional food and garden organic (FOGO) service to be mandatory for each property. In addition to these service changes, the disposal costs for waste, whether via landfill or another alternate waste processing technology, will continue to increase. If a waste charge is not implemented, these additional unavoidable cost pressures will need to be offset through reductions in other budget areas.

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Community consultation on the 'Rising Cost of Waste' commenced in late 2021, testing general principles and community sentiment about how Council charges for waste related services. Based on this feedback and strategic planning, a Waste Service Charge proposal was developed with an objective to provide a fair and transparent way to charge the cost of waste related services consistent with reducing waste and increasing recycling.

Feedback was sought from the community on a proposed Waste Service Charge between 14 April 2022 and 16 May 2022. The communications and the engagement reached approximately 21,664 residents. It resulted in 330 Your Say survey responses and dozens more engagements through workshops, pop ups and social media commentary.

There was a strong theme in the engagement that a separate Waste Service Charge would increase transparency of waste service costs and people thought that you should only pay for services used. There is a concern from the community that they may have to pay more over time, considering that a Waste Service Charge is not constrained by the rate cap.

There was some concern that charges for waste should reflect or incentivise better waste practices. Some residents thought they should be charged based on the weight of waste, though others noted this was probably administratively burdensome and impractical. Numerous comments raised that the opt-in, user pays structure for green waste did not appear to incentivise good waste practices.

The Local Government Act provides for councils to declare a Waste Service Charge based on either a:

- Service charge – This is a user pays approach where ratepayers pay the same charge for the same service, independently of property valuation; or
- Service rate – This is based on property valuation in the same way general rates are applied, properties with lower values pay lower rates. With a service rate there is no correlation with the individual ratepayer consumption of services.

It is recommended the Waste Service Charge include the following components:

- Kerbside Waste Service Charge – to recover the full cost of providing the universal kerbside collection services (80 litre red lid garbage bin and 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin). To be charged to all properties eligible for kerbside collection services.
- Public Waste Service Charge – to recover the full cost of waste services like public bins, street cleaning, drain cleaning, waste and environmental education and pre-booked hard waste collection services. To be charged to all properties in Whitehorse even if the property does not have access to the kerbside service or hard waste service, on the basis that all ratepayers benefit from public waste collection services.

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- Supplementary Bin Charge – for the cost of any bins in addition to the standard service of an 80 litre garbage bin and 240 litre recycling bin, including the food and garden organics (FOGO) (lime green lid bin).
Some of the key elements of the proposed Waste Service Charge include:
- Apply all components of the Waste Service Charge on a service charge basis where ratepayers pay the same amount for the same service.
- There is no discount for shared bin services. Those that have access to a bin will be charged for the service. If there is a desire for an individual bin, one will be provided if practical.
- There will be a charge for more than one recycling bin considering the current costs of processing of recyclable materials.
- The implementation of a Waste Service Charge does not limit Council changing the frequency of bin collection or any other service.
- There is no Waste Service Charge pensioner rebate.

The actual amount of the Waste Service Charge including the charges for supplementary bins will be developed as part of budget considerations for 2023/24.

The Waste Service Charge will be implemented in accordance with legislative requirements that in the first year, a Waste Service Charge will not be used to generate more revenue for Council in addition to revenue raised through rates under the Fair Go Rates System rate cap if it had not implemented the charge.

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MOTION

Moved by Cr Barker, Seconded by Cr Davenport

That Council:

1. Implement a Waste Service Charge commencing in the 2023/24 financial year based on a flat fee model as outlined in this report and as referred to as Option 1 in Attachment 1 of this report including:
 - Kerbside Waste Service Charge (80 litre red lid garbage bin and 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin);
 - Public Waste Service Charge; and
 - Supplementary Bin Charge (any bins that vary the standard service of an 80 litre red lid garbage bin and 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin).
2. Request the Chief Executive Officer to establish a cross functional organisational team to investigate cost savings opportunities in the provision of waste and recycling services, with no service level degradation, and provide a report to Council in early 2023 outlining:
 - The outcomes of the investigation and the measured initiatives implemented and planned;
 - Any realised savings;
 - Any new investments that may be required and supporting desktop business case to maximise return on investment that can be considered for funding; and
 - Recommended ongoing reporting arrangements for cost forecasts and continuous improvements implemented relating to the provision of waste and recycling services.

LOST

A Division was called.

Division

For	Against
Cr Barker	Cr Cutts
Cr Davenport	Cr Lane
	Cr Liu
	Cr Massoud
	Cr McNeill
	Cr Munroe
	Cr Skilbeck
	Cr Stennett

On the results of the Division the amended motion was declared LOST

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Lane, Seconded by Cr Munroe

That Council implement a Waste Service Charge commencing in the 2023/24 financial year based on a flat fee model as outlined in this report and as referred to as Option 1 of Attachment 1 including:

- Kerbside Waste Service Charge (80 litre red lid garbage bin and 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin);
- Public Waste Service Charge; and
- Supplementary Bin Charge (any bins that vary the standard service of an 80 litre red lid garbage bin and 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin).

CARRIED

A Division was called.

Division

For

Cr Davenport
Cr Lane
Cr Liu
Cr Massoud
Cr McNeill
Cr Munroe
Cr Skilbeck

Against

Cr Barker
Cr Cutts
Cr Stennett

On the results of the Division the motion was declared CARRIED

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Key Matters

Recommended Waste Service Charge Model

Based on the community engagement and strategic planning a Waste Service Charge proposal has been developed. The objective is to provide a fair and transparent way to charge for the cost of waste and recycling services that is consistent with providing incentives for reducing waste and increasing recycling.

Council charges rates based on the Capital Improved Value (CIV) of a property. The total amount of rates that can be raised is limited by the rate cap. Under a Waste Service Charge, all the costs of waste and recycling services are charged separately to general rates. In the first year of applying a Waste Service Charge there can be no increase in the total amount of revenue raised by Council under the Fair Go Rates System rate cap.

The general rates income will be reduced by the same amount as the newly introduced Waste Service Charge income. A Waste Service Charge will appear as separate items on the rates notice.

A Waste Service Charge is a charge to properties for Council providing waste and recycling services. The proposed Waste Service Charge will not change the services provided or their frequency. It is proposed to introduce a Waste Service Charge covering three elements, including:

Kerbside Waste Service Charge

This charge recovers the full cost of providing kerbside waste collection service including:

- Collection of bins
- Running and maintaining collection trucks
- Waste disposal and processing fees
- The waste levy charged by the State Government
- New and replacement bins

The Kerbside Waste Service Charge will be charged to all properties eligible for kerbside services. Households using the standard service would pay for one 80 litre red lid garbage bin collected weekly and one 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin collected fortnightly.

Public Waste Service Charge

This is a wide range of waste services that Council provides that benefit all residents including:

- Public place litter and recycling bins;
- street cleaning;
- Drain cleaning;
- Waste and environmental education; and
- Pre-booked hard waste collection services.

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A Public Waste Service Charge will be charged to all properties in Whitehorse even if the property does not have access to the kerbside service or hard waste service, on the basis that all ratepayers benefit from public waste collection services.

Supplementary Bin Charge

This charge would be for extra, opt-in bins:

- Lime green-lid Food and Garden Organics bin; and
- Larger or additional garbage and yellow-lid recycling bins.

Supplementary Bin Charge will be applied for any bins in addition to the standard service. Additional bins are currently charged by separate bin invoices. In a Waste Service Charge they will be charged via the rates notice. This Charge will apply for a 120 litre garbage bin or any additional garbage bin more than 80 litre per property, as well as additional recycling bins and any optional food and garden organics (FOGO) bins. The charge for additional yellow lid recycling bin is new and in response to the rising cost of processing recyclable materials.

Some of the benefits of the proposed Waste Service Charge include:

- Address the budgetary impacts of the rising cost of waste and recycling service provision to the community now and into the future.
- Increase transparency of waste and recycling costs by separating out the charges.
- A waste charge can increase fairness by charging all ratepayers the same for the same services, instead of charging based on the property value.
- Businesses and residential developments that currently pay for private waste collection services that are not eligible for Council kerbside waste services will not contribute to services that they do not receive.
- Maintain fairness by continuing to charge for services in addition to the 80 litre rubbish bin and 240 litre recycling bin. The additional fees can be set to encourage the community to decrease waste to landfill and to recover and recycle more of the waste stream.
- Ensure bin revenue is not lost during the change of property ownership.
- Streamline business process and save costs from not having to send separate bin invoices. Currently separate invoices are mailed out to Garden Organics bin users. The cost of postage alone is over \$50,000 per year.
- The Local Government Act recognises that there are benefits by making provisions for a charge and 75 of the 79 Victorian councils use those provisions.

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Some of the key elements of the proposed Waste Service Charge include:

- Apply all components of the Waste Service Charge on a service charge basis where ratepayers pay the same amount for the same service.
- There is no discount for shared bin services. Those that have access to a bin will be charged for the service. If there is a desire for an individual bin, one will be provided if practical.
- There will be a charge for more than one recycling bin considering the current costs of processing of recyclable materials.
- The implementation of a Waste Service Charge does not limit any future Council decision regarding waste and recycling services.
- There is no Waste Service Charge pensioner rebate.

Further information on the proposed Waste Service Charge options is provided in **Attachment 1**, including different modelling options that were considered.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Council Plan

The consideration of a Waste Service Charge relates to the following strategies in the Council Plan 2021-2025:

- 5.3.1: Identify, promote and implement viable recycling and resource recovery opportunities.
- 8.2.2: Ensure responsible financial and resource management to maintain Council's long term financial sustainability within a rate capping environment.

Strategy and Policy

The key Council strategic document relating to waste reduction and recycling is the Waste Management Strategy – Rubbish to Resource! 2018-2028. The Strategy includes exploring a waste service charge in response to the rising cost of waste.

Council's Revenue and Rating Plan 2021-2025 states that Council has a project in progress considering the introduction of a waste service charge. The Plan will have to be updated if a waste service charge is adopted.

Council has an adopted Financial Plan 2021-2031 with one of the key initiatives to continue to work towards the possible introduction of a Waste Service Charge.

A Business Case in 2017 and an external consultant review of the organisation in 2020 identified the benefits of a waste service charge to Council's financial sustainability.

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BACKGROUND

Financial Sustainability

The financial sustainability of all councils continues to be a challenge. There is a need to deliver quality services to the community and to renew and improve community facilities and infrastructure, within a budget with the primary source of income limited by the rate cap. Council has an adopted Financial Plan 2021-2031 with one of the key initiatives to continue to work towards the possible introduction of a Waste Service Charge.

The financial cost of waste and recycling services has risen dramatically. The State Government's circular economy plan, 'Recycling Victoria: a new economy', includes positive measures to reduce waste and increase recycling but comes at a cost. In accordance with the plan, Council will need to provide a fourth bin for the collection of glass from each property by 2027 and for the currently optional food and garden organic (FOGO) service to be mandatory for each property. In addition to these service changes, the disposal costs for waste, whether via landfill or another alternate waste processing technology, will continue to increase. If a waste charge is not implemented, these additional unavoidable cost pressures will need to be offset through reductions in other budget areas.

In addition, there have been changes to the recycling industry, locally and internationally, that have driven up costs. There have been other cost increases associated with fuel and supply chain costs.

Timing of the implementation of a waste charge is important. Council has absorbed recent major waste related cost increases:

- The recycling crisis where Council was receiving income for recyclable material and now pays a fee for processing;
- Landfill levy increases of \$60 per tonne; and
- Service cost increases that have escalated by more than the rate cap.

If a waste charge is not implemented, the upcoming additional unavoidable cost pressures will need to be offset through reductions in other budget areas.

The main way Council raises revenue to pay for waste and recycling services is through rates. Income generated via rates is Council's primary income source. Under the Fair Go Rates system, Victorian councils cannot raise rates by more than the cap set by the State Government. In recent years, this has been an average of 1.5 – 2%. The cap on general rates does not apply to separate service charges, which are permitted under the Local Government Act 2020.

Council has an obligation to continue to provide waste services. It must also take measures to ensure Council's budget is sustainable and provides for the cost of waste and recycling services.

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Whitehorse is one of only four out of 79 councils that does not have a waste charge which provides the ability to increase the cost of waste and recycling services in line with the real cost increase. Councils without a waste charge need to reduce the budget allocated to other services proportionately to the increase in budget allocation to waste and recycling services or substantially erode and compromise financial sustainability.

In early 2020, Council engaged an external consultant to undertake a strategic organisational review. It was estimated in this review that there will be an estimated \$20m shortfall over the next 10 years if Council does not have a Waste Service Charge. In effect, failure to implement a Waste Service Charge will be a \$20m decision to reduce funding for services and projects, and divert that funding to rising waste and recycling costs, since the capacity to increase rates revenue is constrained by the rate cap.

The following example is provided for waste costs in 2021/20 compared to 2020/21:

- The total waste costs in 2020/21 were \$17,975,121.
- The rate cap in 2021/22 was 1.5%.
- If the rate cap of 1.5% was applied to the 2020/21 waste costs – the increase would be \$269,623.
- The actual increase in waste costs from 2020/21 to 2021/22 was \$2,020,595 – an increase of 11.2%.
- The difference between the waste costs increased by the rate cap and the actual increase from 2020/21 to 2021/22 was \$1,750,968.

Actions to Reduce Cost of Waste

Council is taking a range of actions to address the rising cost of waste, including:

- Education campaigns on avoidance, reduction and reuse;
- Adding a food organics service to the existing garden waste service;
- Encouraging recycling and recycling right; and
- Partnering with other Councils towards an Advanced Waste Processing facility, as a smarter alternative to landfill.

DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Waste Service Charge Modelling

There are options of how to apply a Waste Service Charge that will change the impact the Charge will have on how much property owners pay in rates.

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The *Local Government Act* allows Council to declare either a service charge or a service rate. These are summarised as:

- Service charge
 - User pays approach; and
 - Ratepayers pay the same charge for the same service, independently of property valuation.
- Service rate
 - Based on property valuation follows a wealth tax approach, same way general rates are applied, properties with lower values pay lower rates; and
 - No correlation with the individual ratepayer consumption of services.

It was evident through the community engagement that there is strong support for a user pays waste services and everyone should pay the same for the same service.

Currently rates are charged based on the Capital Improved Value (CIV) of the property. In effect, those with higher value properties are paying more for all Council services. If a Waste Service Charge is applied based on the same rate for the same service then those properties with lower CIV will pay more and those properties with higher CIV will pay less than they would have otherwise done so. Overall Council receives the same income (rates plus Waste Service Charge) in the first year of a Waste Charge.

A number of options for the Waste Service Charge have been modelled based on either:

- Rate - flat fee; or
- Charge - percentage based on Capital Improved Value

The results of the modelling are presented in **Attachment 1** – Appendix 1.

There are many assumptions made in the preliminary modelling that will be refined as more accurate figures are available. The modelling has been prepared to allow comparisons to be drawn between the options.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legislative and Risk Implications

Council is empowered to implement a Waste Service Charge under the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic). It is a requirement that in the first year a Waste Service Charge will not be used to generate more revenue for Council in addition to revenue raised through rates if it had not implemented the charge.

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The Essential Services Commission (ESC) monitors and reports on councils that introduce new service charges to ensure that the rate cap is working as intended. The following information is to be provided to the ESC if a new service charge is being introduced:

- Information about the council's engagement process and outcomes;
- Information that shows the revenue impact the new waste charge has on ratepayers; and
- Revised Revenue and Rating Plan.

Equity, Inclusion, and Human Rights Considerations

In developing this report to Council, the subject matter has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

People with disability and older people provided feedback in the consultations. Arrangements for people with illness or disability who generate more waste than other households would be made, as is currently the case under the existing service arrangements.

Community Engagement

Community Engagement Prior to Waste Service Charge Proposal

The following community engagement was carried out to inform the development of a Waste Service Charge Proposal:

- Waste Management Strategy – Rubbish to Resource! 2018-2028
 - We heard that the community understands that there are complexities around waste management the cost of these services.
 - The community indicated it is open to paying more for waste services that reduce waste to landfill; and prefer this rather than reducing services to fit within a capped budget.
- Whitehorse 2040 Community Vision
 - Following extensive community engagement, one of the key priorities in the Vision is to, 'enable the community to reduce, reuse, and recycle using circular waste principles.'
- Rising cost of waste
 - In November-December 2021, more community consultation about the rising cost of waste was completed. The online survey tested principles and expectations around how Council recovers the cost of waste services.
 - The community indicated support for waste charges to be separated from the general rate charge, so that the cost of waste is more transparent.

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Community Engagement Waste Service Charge Proposal

Community engagement was undertaken on the Waste Service Charge proposal between 14 April 2022 and 16 May 2022.

An external consultant was engaged to design and facilitate community engagement activities. A report of the findings dated May 2022 is provided in **Attachment 2**.

In total there were approximately 21,664 engagements with the community. The participation rate compared to the reach of the engagement could be due to the complex nature of the topic.

The following is a summary of the overview of engagement activities:

- Social Media Campaign
Dates: 14 April 2022 to 4 May 2022
Purpose: To provide information through posts and stories and to advertise the pop ups and forum events to boost attendance.
Reach: 21,172 community members were informed about the waste services charge proposal and consultation through the social media campaign.
- Your Say Survey
Date: 14 April 2022 to 16 May 2022
Purpose: To be the central point for quantitative data on community members issues and concerns
Participation: 330 survey respondents with hundreds of free text comments received.
- Community Pop Ups
Date: 26 April, 30 April, 8 May 2022
Purpose: Face-to-face in Box Hill Mall and the Nunawading Farmers Market to gather general community sentiment and assist community members to complete the Your Say survey
Participation: Over 150 participants approx. 75% from non-English background.
- Community Forums
Dates: 28 April (online), 4 May (online), 14 May (face to face)
Purpose: To provide a forum to identify issues and concerns for the broader community, with deeper dive into concerns and suggestions.
Participation: 12 community members attended across the three forums.

The key themes that emerged across the engagement activities were:

- Separation of waste services from general rates;
 - Strong theme a separate waste charge would increase transparency.
 - Overall is an appropriate step to take.

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- Special arrangements
 - Need to continue special waste arrangements.
- Pay only for your service, reward better waste behaviour
 - Strong theme should only pay for services used.
 - Structure price to better reflect value of hierarchy of waste.
 - Pay for weight / volume compared to standard fees suggested, but acknowledge may be impractical.
- Who pays for a gap in the revenue?
 - How the charge will be structured.
 - There was some confusion about the proposal, and people wanted to see real numbers to understand the proposal and impacts better.
- Desire for more education in the community of waste reduction.

Community Engagement Discussion on Feedback

The following is a discussion on some of the feedback from the community:

- Increase in rates - It was identified that with a Waste Service Charge the community may have to pay more overall, between rates and Waste Service Charge, over time, considering the Waste Service Charge is not limited by the rate cap.

Response – The Waste Service Charge is limited by the actual cost of waste services and without the Charge there will need to be reduced funding to other services. Depending on how the Charge is distributed, there could be some property owners that will pay more and some will pay less.

- Special considerations - There was strong support to continue special arrangements for community members or groups with particular waste needs.

Response – It is proposed that the special arrangements that are already in place for particular waste needs will continue, including:

- Eligible pension concession card holders are entitled to a pension concession on general rates.
- Those with a disability can request additional bins at no extra cost. This is an assessment-based concession.
- Ratepayers who experience hardship can seek rate relief and periodic payment arrangements in line with Council's Rates Hardship Assistance Policy.
- Not for profit and community organisations can apply for a range of grants and support mechanisms to operate or run events and services.

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- Fairness and equity - There was a strong theme that the community should only pay for the service they use.

Response: The proposed Waste Service Charge means that those who are not eligible for kerbside waste services will not pay the Kerbside Waste Service Charge. Previously they have been contributing to these services through the general rates. While the lime green lid Food and Garden Organics service remains 'opt-in,' it is also proposed to be charged only to those who have access to the service, through a supplementary bin charge.

On the other hand, a system where residents could opt in or opt out of a standard service, or a system that is based on how much waste a property generates is not practical to implement across the community. This may result in dumping of rubbish or putting rubbish in other bins.

- Incentives for reducing waste – Many Whitehorse people make concerted efforts to reduce waste and divert waste from landfill by sorting, recycling and composting. The community expressed a strong wish that pricing for waste services should recognise incentivise better waste practices.

Response – This incentive and recognition can be provided by providing suitable charges for larger bins and additional bins, and pricing FOGO, recycling and garbage bins so as to reflect the hierarchy of waste.

Community Engagement Following Council Decision

If a Waste Service Charge is adopted by Council then there will be engagement with the community to explain the changes throughout the remainder of 2022/23, leading up to implementing the Charge in 2023/24.

Financial and Resource Implications

There has been funding allocated to investigating a Waste Service Charge over the last two financial years. The funding has been used for auditing and updating of Council's database of bins to ensure records are accurate in the lead up to a charge based on the waste services that properties receive. The funding is of benefit whether the Waste Service Charge is implemented or not. Having an improved database of bins allows for improved customer service. In addition, since 2019 there has been approximately 5,000 chargeable bins recovered that were not previously being charged. There has been approximately \$557,000 of recovered revenue identified that can be recovered annually.

The amount of the Waste Service Charge including the charges for supplementary bins will be developed as part of budget considerations for 2023/24.

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There has been modest use of the funding to support community engagement and communications about a Waste Service Charge proposal. Considerable communication, engagement and education about the Waste Service Charge implementation will also be necessary should Council adopt a Waste Service Charge. This is likely to include strong telephone and customer service support in the lead up to and in the period following implementation.

The Waste Service Charge will be implemented in accordance with legislative requirements that in the first year a Waste Service Charge will not be used to generate more revenue for Council in addition to revenue raised through rates if it had not implemented the charge.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

Innovation and continuous improvement have been considered through the investigation of a Waste Service Charge. There have been a number of improvements to recording of data and processes that have resulted in financial savings and improved customer service.

Collaboration

There was collaboration with a number of other councils that have recently implemented or are considering implementing a Waste Service Charge to share experiences and information.

Conflict of Interest

Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

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Conclusion

It is recommended that Council implement a Waste Service Charge commencing in the 2023/24 financial year. The Waste Service Charge provides a fair and transparent way to charge the cost of waste that is consistent with reducing waste and increasing recycling.



The recommended Waste Service Charge model includes applying a service rate to the components of the Charge including:

- Kerbside Waste Service Charge (80 litre red lid garbage bin and 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin);
- Public Waste Service Charge; and
- Supplementary Bin Charge (any bins in addition to the standard service of an 80 litre red lid garbage bin and 240 litre yellow lid recycling bin).

The amount of the Waste Service Charge including the charges for supplementary bins will be developed as part of budget considerations for 2023/24.

The next steps following a decision of Council is to commence preparing the budget for 2023/24 and to update relevant Policies, Plans and other documents to include details of a Waste Service Charge.

ATTACHMENT

- 1 Attachment 1 - Additional Information including Modelling Options 
- 2 Attachment 2 - Waste Service Charge Engagement - Report of Findings - May 2022 

11.2 Procurement Australia - Road Resurfacing and Associated Services

Project Delivery and Assets
Director Infrastructure
ATTACHMENT

SUMMARY

Each year Council invests in the upgrade, renewal and maintenance of road surfaces on local roads. Works are funded through the annual Capital Works program budget and procured in line with Council policy from a range of suitable vendors and contractors.

Procurement Australia undertakes group procurement process which participating member councils can access to obtain best value for money contract rates, improve flexibility and timeliness of delivery and reduce overall risk.

This report is to consider the acceptance of the Procurement Australia tender reference group recommendation of contractors for Contract 2507/0335 – Road Resurfacing and Associated Services in the following nine categories:

- Category 1: Asphalt Supply, Deliver and Lay
- Category 2: Profiling
- Category 3: Seal Treatments
- Category 4: Crack Sealing
- Category 5: Asphalt Patching
- Category 6: Plant and Labour
- Category 7: Traffic Control
- Category 8: Line Marking
- Category 9: Adjustment of Utility Covers

The initial Contract term is three years with one optional two year extension, commencing from 1 August 2022 to consider the estimated expenditure over the life of the contract.

After a thorough process involving a qualitative assessment of all tender submissions, pricing analysis and comparison and ongoing risk assessment, the Procurement Australia Tender Reference Group recommended 17 preferred tenderers who have provided rates for work in Whitehorse under the nine categories of this contract.

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Barker

That Council:

1. Accepts the tender evaluation recommendation from Procurement Australia and sign the formal contract document Contract 2507/0335 – Road Resurfacing and Associated Services for the following nine categories:

Category 1 – Asphalt Supply, Deliver and Lay

- Alex Fraser Asphalt Pty Ltd – ABN 60 083 841 963 of P.O. Box 17, Laverton 3028
- BA Road Service Pty Ltd – ABN 62 630 372 824 of 11 Garden Drive, Tullamarine 3043
- Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd ATF Blue Peak Constructions Family Trust Felipe – ABN 88 660 064 079 of 7 Booloora Rd, Springvale 3171
- Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd – ABN 66 008 709 608 of 125 Somerton Rd, Somerton 3062
- Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd - ABN 54 000 538 689 of P.O. Box 690, Dandenong 3175
- Prestige Paving Pty Ltd – ABN 84 140 970 912 of 11-13 Elsum Ave, Bayswater Nth 3153
- RABS Paving Services Pty Ltd – ABN 60 145 446 939 of P.O. Box 149, Deer Park 3023
- Roadsafe Asphalt VIC Pty Ltd – ABN 16 162 987 260 of 47 Yale Dr, Epping 3076
- Silman Bros Asphaltting – ABN 43 156 451 464 of 2 Flame Cres, South Morang 3752
- The Trustee for the Centofanti Unit Trust T/A Metro Asphalt Pty Ltd – ABN 27 593 149 786 of 11-13 Spencer St, Thomastown 3074
- Victoria Asphalt Pty Ltd ATF The Centofanti Families Unit Trust – ABN 80 633 466 905 of P.O. Box 631, Doncaster 3108

Category 2 – Profiling

- Alex Fraser Asphalt Pty Ltd – ABN 60 083 841 963 of P.O. Box 17, Laverton 3028
- BA Road Service Pty Ltd – ABN 62 630 372 824 of 11 Garden Drive, Tullamarine 3043
- Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd ATF Blue Peak Constructions Family Trust Felipe – ABN 88 660 064 079 of 7 Booloora Rd, Springvale 3171

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- Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd – ABN 66 008 709 608 of 125 Somerton Rd, Somerton 3062
- Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd - ABN 54 000 538 689 of P.O. Box 690, Dandenong 3175
- Prestige Paving Pty Ltd – ABN 84 140 970 912 of 11-13 Elsum Ave, Bayswater Nth 3153
- RABS Paving Services Pty Ltd – ABN 60 145 446 939 of P.O. Box 149, Deer Park 3023
- Roadsafes Asphalt VIC Pty Ltd – ABN 16 162 987 260 of 47 Yale Dr, Epping 3076
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- The Trustee for the Centofanti Unit Trust T/A Metro Asphalt Pty Ltd – ABN 27 593 149 786 of 11-13 Spencer St, Thomastown 3074
- Tiber Bond Pty Ltd - ABN 86 498 158 899 of 8 Cobbitty Crt, Boronia 3155
- Victoria Asphalt Pty Ltd ATF The Centofanti Families Unit Trust – ABN 80 633 466 905 of P.O. Box 631, Doncaster 3108

Category 3 – Seal Treatments

- Alex Fraser Asphalt Pty Ltd – ABN 60 083 841 963 of P.O. Box 17, Laverton 3028
- BA Road Service Pty Ltd – ABN 62 630 372 824 of 11 Garden Drive, Tullamarine 3043
- Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd ATF Blue Peak Constructions Family Trust Felipe – ABN 88 660 064 079 of 7 Booloora Rd, Springvale 3171
- Downer EDI Works Pty Ltd – ABN 66 008 709 608 of 125 Somerton Rd, Somerton 3062
- Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd - ABN 54 000 538 689 of P.O. Box 690, Dandenong 3175
- OmniGrip Direct Pty Ltd – ABN 22 614 493 426 of 18-20 Pelmet Crescent, Thomastown 3074
- Prestige Paving Pty Ltd – ABN 84 140 970 912 of 11-13 Elsum Ave, Bayswater Nth 3153
- RABS Paving Services Pty Ltd – ABN 60 145 446 939 of P.O. Box 149, Deer Park 3023
- Roadsafes Asphalt VIC Pty Ltd – ABN 16 162 987 260 of 47 Yale Dr, Epping 3076
- The Trustee for SuperSealing Unit Trust (Trading as SuperSealing) – ABN 22 868 781 289 of P.O. Box 2284, Bayswater 3153

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- The Trustee for the Centofanti Unit Trust T/A Metro Asphalt Pty Ltd – ABN 27 593 149 786 of 11-13 Spencer St, Thomastown 3074

Category 4 – Crack Sealing

- BA Road Service Pty Ltd – ABN 62 630 372 824 of 11 Garden Drive, Tullamarine 3043
- Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd ATF Blue Peak Constructions Family Trust Felipe – ABN 88 660 064 079 of 7 Booloora Rd, Springvale 3171
- Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd - ABN 54 000 538 689 of P.O. Box 690, Dandenong 3175
- Prestige Paving Pty Ltd – ABN 84 140 970 912 of 11-13 Elsum Ave, Bayswater Nth 3153
- RABS Paving Services Pty Ltd – ABN 60 145 446 939 of P.O. Box 149, Deer Park 3023
- Road Maintenance Pty Ltd – ABN 42 006 798 796 of 14-16 Elliott Rd, Dandenong Sth 3175
- Roadsafes Asphalt VIC Pty Ltd – ABN 16 162 987 260 of 47 Yale Dr, Epping 3076
- RPQ Spray Seal Pty Ltd – ABN 30 113 612 098 of P.O. Box 4211, Raceview 4305
- Silman Bros Asphaltting – ABN 43 156 451 464 of 2 Flame Cres, South Morang 3752
- The Trustee for SuperSealing Unit Trust (Trading as SuperSealing) – ABN 22 868 781 289 of P.O. Box 2284, Bayswater 3153
- The Trustee for the Centofanti Unit Trust T/A Metro Asphalt Pty Ltd – ABN 27 593 149 786 of 11-13 Spencer St, Thomastown 3074
- Tiber Bond Pty Ltd - ABN 86 498 158 899 of 8 Cobbitty Crt, Boronia 3155

Category 5 – Asphalt Patching

- Alex Fraser Asphalt Pty Ltd – ABN 60 083 841 963 of P.O. Box 17, Laverton 3028
- BA Road Service Pty Ltd – ABN 62 630 372 824 of 11 Garden Drive, Tullamarine 3043
- Blue Peak Constructions Pty Ltd ATF Blue Peak Constructions Family Trust Felipe – ABN 88 660 064 079 of 7 Booloora Rd, Springvale 3171
- Fulton Hogan Industries Pty Ltd - ABN 54 000 538 689 of P.O. Box 690, Dandenong 3175
- Prestige Paving Pty Ltd – ABN 84 140 970 912 of 11-13 Elsum Ave, Bayswater Nth 3153

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- Pro Pave Asphalt Services- ABN 17 276 185 439 of 10 Bridge Walk, Narre Warren Nth 3804
- RABS Paving Services Pty Ltd – ABN 60 145 446 939 of P.O. Box 149, Deer Park 3023
- Roadsafes Asphalt VIC Pty Ltd – ABN 16 162 987 260 of 47 Yale Dr, Epping 3076
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Category 6 – Plant and Labour

- Alex Fraser Asphalt Pty Ltd – ABN 60 083 841 963 of P.O. Box 17, Laverton 3028
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Category 7 – Traffic Control

- Alex Fraser Asphalt Pty Ltd – ABN 60 083 841 963 of P.O. Box 17, Laverton 3028

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- BA Road Service Pty Ltd – ABN 62 630 372 824 of 11 Garden Drive, Tullamarine 3043
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Category 8 – Line Marking

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Category 9 – Adjustment of Utility Covers

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2. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate to sign the relevant agreements for Council's participation in the Procurement Australia Contract 2507/0335 – Road Resurfacing and Associated Services.
 3. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer or his delegate to award an extension of this contract, subject to a review of the Contractor's performance and Council's business needs, at the conclusion of the initial three year contract term.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Key Matters

This is a group procurement process. Procurement Australia, on behalf of the participating local government Members (Boroondara City Council, Knox City Council, Monash City Council, Stonnington City Council, and Whitehorse City Council), invited tenders from qualified parties to be part of a panel of providers for the supply and delivery of road resurfacing and associated services, commencing 1 August 2022 and ending 31 July 2025 with the potential for a single two years extension option.

These participating councils formed the Tender Reference Group (TRG) in conjunction with the Procurement Australia Tender Manager to contribute at different stages with:

1. Category Identification
2. Specification Development
3. Specification Review; and
4. Tender Evaluation

This Contract allows Whitehorse City Council to utilise the Contract services via a rate card and/or contracted lump sum arrangement. A template which Whitehorse City Council may utilise to request for lump sum arrangements is included as Appendix C – 2507-0335 Lump Sum Template.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This report supports the Whitehorse Community Vision 2024

Theme 2: Movement and Public Spaces

Key Priority 2.2 Improve access for people of all ages and abilities to a range of different active transport and movement options.

This report and recommendation aligns with the Council Plan 2021-2025:

Strategic Direction 4: Our Built Environment; Movement, and Public Places

Objective 4.5 Whitehorse will support provision of effective, sustainable and inclusive transport services.

Strategy 4.5.1 Maintain, enhance and advocate for transport accessibility and improved transport routes and modes.

Policy

In line with Council's Procurement Policy (2021), the use of this contract requires Council approval as the total estimated contract expenditure exceeds \$1,000,000 in value.

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Background

Procurement Australia on behalf of five participating councils (Boroondara City Council, Knox City Council, Monash City Council, Stonnington City Council, and Whitehorse City Council), advertised a Request for Tender for Contract 2507/0335 – Road Resurfacing and Associated Services on 6 April 2022 for the following categories:

- Category 1 – Asphalt Supply, Deliver and Lay
- Category 2 - Profiling
- Category 3 – Seal Treatments
- Category 4 – Crack Sealing
- Category 5 – Asphalt Patching
- Category 6 – Plant and Labour
- Category 7 – Traffic Control
- Category 8 – Line Marking
- Category 9 – Adjustment of Utility Covers

Tenders closed at 3pm AEST on 4 May 2022.

The five participating Councils formed the Tender Reference Group (TRG) in conjunction with the Procurement Australia Tender Manager to contribute at different stages with:

1. Category Identification
2. Specification Development
3. Specification Review; and
4. Tender Evaluation

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The tender was evaluated against the following criteria:

Percentage	Criteria	Sub-criteria	Sub-weighting
Technical (90%)	Compliance	Compliance with insurance requirements Compliance with T&Cs of Tender Compliance with T&Cs of contract	N/A
	Contractors Performance (50)	Company Profile & Experience Processes & Procedures Responsiveness Quality Practices Work Health & Safety	6 16 8 10 10
	Customer Focus (20)	Customer Service Account Management & Engagement Value Added Products/Services	8 6 6
	Corporate Social Responsibility (30)	Local Content Social Impact Environmental Management Indigenous Content	5 10 10 5
Financial (10%)	Price (100)	Price component Payment terms	90 10

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legislative and Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications arising from the approval to access this Procurement Australia contract.

Consultation

Councils Procurement team have been consulted extensively to ensure that the procurement is compliant with the Procurement Policy. Consultation is undertaken with community stakeholders as part of each road project.

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Collaboration

In mid-December 2021 Council was notified by Procurement Australia that it would be initiating a collaborative tender for a brand new group contract, on behalf the Eastern RPEN and Southern RPEN Group of councils.

Meetings then commenced with all parties on developing the required documents for this Contract.

Prior to the commencement of the tendering process, Boroondara City Council, Knox City Council, Monash City Council, Stonnington City Council, and Whitehorse City Council submitted an agency letter to appoint Procurement Australia to act as the tendering agent for their organisation, and to confirm their participation in the tender and resultant contract.

Financial and Resource Implications

Council has no obligation to spend any set amount under the Contract. The Contract for each supplier is with Procurement Australia, with the purchasing arrangements for Council being made by each member.

1. Appointing a panel of suppliers will assist with Council maximising cost effectiveness and provide flexibility for project delivery. The Contract allows for the use of different products and services from different suppliers over the period of the Contract.
2. Council will typically request the Contractors to provide a lump sum price for each works package via the Lump Sum Template in the contract.

The total estimated expenditure under this Contract up to 31 July 2025 being the end of the initial three year term is \$8,300,000 (excluding GST), based on the projected forward capital works plan budget requirements.

The total estimated expenditure will increase to approximately \$14,450,000 (excluding GST) if the option to extend the contract a further two years is exercised. These amounts are only estimates and will be confirmed as the Council Budget and project budgets and deliverables are developed throughout the relevant financial year.

Any costs incurred under the Contract will be charged to the relevant approved capital works budget for road resurfacing and approved operating budgets for crack sealing or road maintenance. Purchases under this Contract arrangement can only be made in accordance with an approved budget.

Discussion and Options

Council delivers a number of road resurfacing projects every year and also undertakes crack sealing of number of roads every year. This Contract will simplify the procurement of such services by eliminating the need to publicly seek tenders for any project work under the above categories.

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As part of the annual road resurfacing program, Council specifies a minimum content of 20% Recycled Asphalt Product in the resurfacing mix for all works packages. This contract also allows Council to seek quotations from contractors for alternative proprietary asphalt mixes made from recycled products that may be used on identified road sections that are being resurfaced.

Conflict of Interest

The Local Government Act 2020 requires members of Council staff, and persons engaged under contract to provide advice to Council, to disclose any direct or indirect interest in a matter to which the advice relates.



Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

Conclusion

By adopting the recommendation in this report, Council is meeting its obligation to renew and maintain local road surfaces in line with legislative requirements, community expectations and maintain community satisfaction with quality assets.

Following adoption of this recommendation Council officers will access the contract to prepare and deliver costed road rehabilitation works programs.

ATTACHMENT

- 1 2507-0335 Whitehorse Report 
- 2 Appendix C 2507-0335 Lump Sum Template 

At 8.59pm the Mayor called a five minute recess as the meeting was approaching two hours in duration.

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11.3 Whitehorse Integrated Water Management Strategy 2022-2042

Parks and Natural Environment
Director Infrastructure
ATTACHMENT

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the Whitehorse Integrated Water Management Strategy (IWMS) 2022-2042 (**Attachment 1**) which has been developed following a consultation process undertaken with residents, community groups, internal departments, water agencies and external stakeholders.

The IWMS aims to better support water management practices in the City of Whitehorse and consider all elements of the water cycle in the way the city is planned to deliver environmental, cultural, social and economic benefits to the community. This includes protecting and enhancing natural systems and improve liveability in the face of the continual challenges of urbanisation, population growth and climate change. The IWMS seeks to improve the way water is managed and builds our resilience into the future.

The IWMS has a vision and nominates outcomes that can be achieved through its delivery over the next 20 years:

IWMS Vision

Whitehorse is a resilient and thriving city, where water is valued as a precious resource and managed to support a healthy environment and prosperous communities. Council leads by example and supports community actions to become a water sensitive city.

IWMS Outcomes

1. All water is valued as a resource.
2. Healthy landscapes and waterways.
3. Flood risk is reduced.

The IWMS includes targets to measure performance against each of the outcome areas as well as a 5-year implementation plan that sets out clear initial actions towards achieving the vision.

Additional consultation with the community on the IWMS, vision and outcomes has shown support for the direction of the IWMS and further embedding integrated water management into Council processes.

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COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Davenport, Seconded by Cr Stennett

That Council adopts the Whitehorse Integrated Water Management Strategy 2022-2042 (Attachment 1) with the following amendment: Include references to the KooyongKoot Alliance as a stakeholder in the document.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

KEY MATTERS

The impacts on the water cycle

Urban Development and Population Growth

As the population continues to grow the increasing challenge of urbanisation has raised the following ongoing pressures:

- An increase in the demand for potable water and an increase in the generation of wastewater;
- Less evapotranspiration contributing to increased urban heat; and
- Increased impervious area as water now runs off hard surfaces e.g. roads and roofs) as stormwater, collecting pollutants along the way.

Climate Change

The impacts of urbanisation and population growth are intensified by the changing climate. It is reasonable to expect:

- An increase in the number of unusually hot days and heatwaves;
- A decline in cool season rainfall; and
- An increase in the extreme, short duration rainfall events.

All of these challenges have an impact on the water cycle, landscapes and community including reduced streamflow, decreasing water security, high rainfall events with potential flash flooding.

Traditionally, the focus of stormwater management in Whitehorse has been on drainage and reducing local flooding, seeking to remove stormwater from the landscape as quickly as possible. It is now understood, that by keeping some water in the landscape, better support can be provided for green space, decreasing pollution and protecting the ecological function of waterways. Drinking water is a precious resource and the most needs to be made of other sources of water like rainwater, stormwater and wastewater where they can be used as an alternative, which also reduces the negative environmental impacts of these discharges.

STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

The IWMS will guide the direction of water management until 2042, and in doing so will support the delivery of the Whitehorse 2040 Community Vision.

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Over the next 20 years, integrated water management priorities will likely be reflected in the Council Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. Importantly, integrated water management will enable the delivery of other Council commitments. Implementation plans for this IWMS will be developed every five years and will consider how integrated water management can support delivery of other strategies/plans including the Urban Forest Strategy and Flood Management Plan.

Whitehorse Community Vision 2040

Theme 5: Sustainable Climate and Environmental Care

We will grow and improve the unique biodiversity and landscape of Whitehorse.

Key Priorities 5.1, 5.2 and 5.3

5.1: Take a leadership role in tackling climate change.

5.2: Focus on the environment whilst also balancing the social and economic needs of Whitehorse.

5.3: Consider our natural environment when making decisions including creeks, wetlands, lakes, bushlands, flora and fauna.

Council Plan 2021-2025: Year Two

Strategic Direction 5: Sustainable Climate and Environmental Care

Objectives 5.1 and 5.2

5.1: Take a leadership role in tackling climate change.

5.1.1: We will adapt to climate change and build the resilience of our community, infrastructure and the built environment through relevant Council plans and policies.

5.2: Consider our natural environment when making decisions including creeks, wetlands, lakes, bushlands, flora and fauna.

5.2.2: Develop strategies to maintain and improve water quality of local waterways.

Catchment Integrated Water Management Plans

This IWMS aligns with the State Government prepared Dandenong and Yarra Catchment Integrated Water Management Plans that Council endorsed on 20 September 2021. Implementation and delivery of the Whitehorse IWMS benefits both local outcomes for the environment and community as well as supports the broader catchment plans.

Policy

The development and implementation of the IWMS is supported by the following endorsed Council plans/strategies:

Whitehorse – Interim Climate Response Plan 2020-2022

Theme 5: Biodiversity & Water Management

Action 5.1

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Develop an Integrated Water Management (IWM) Plan that allows Council to proactively manage increased rainfall intensity and declining supply. The IWM Plan will identify a suite of priority projects to be staged through capital works funding.

Urban Forest Strategy 2021-2031

Objective 2: Expand the urban forest and strengthen climate resilience
Action 2.6

Develop an integrated water management strategy to encourage the use of water sensitive urban design as appropriate incorporated use of stormwater for passive irrigation in streets and open spaces wherever possible.

BACKGROUND

Water has an important role in the City of Whitehorse. It provides for the day-to-day needs of the community. Water is needed to sustain parks and gardens, to service aquatic centres and to support many other Council operations and facilities. Water is managed through the drainage system to reduce flooding and reduce pollution.

However, it is recognised that water can be better managed. Integrated water management considers all aspects of the water cycle and includes waterways, wastewater, stormwater and the supply of drinking water.

In the past, these elements were often managed separately in response to isolated service delivery functions by different organisations but it is acknowledged that all other water management stakeholders within the municipality and waterway catchments must work closely to get the best outcomes.

Council endorsed the Dandenong and Yarra Catchment Integrated Water Management (IWM) Plans on 20 September 2021, prepared by the State government sponsored Dandenong IWM Forum and Yarra IWM Forum. The Catchment Scale IWM Plans provide a way to bridge the gap between regional and local level initiatives by aligning and reinforcing strategic priorities.

The Whitehorse IWMS supports these broader catchment plans and associated strategic directions that will also provide benefits locally within the municipality.

Discussion and Options

The IWMS has been prepared through consultation with the community and the feedback shows that waterways in Whitehorse are special to people because they support biodiversity and attract wildlife, they provide an important trail network for walking and riding as well as a place to relax and support health and wellbeing (which was especially evident through the COVID pandemic).

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The community has expressed concerns about the impact of pollution on the local waterways. People would like to see stormwater being diverted into parks and to irrigate street trees as well as a reduction in hard infrastructure to improve soils and to help in mitigating flooding impacts. Future drought is on many people's minds, especially when it comes to making sure there is enough water for healthy trees and vegetation.

Council has been actively involved over many years in the design and implementation of many forms of water management such as wetlands construction, stormwater harvesting and installation of raingardens. These have typically been standalone projects rather than strategically planned and coordinated improvements designed to achieve a holistic outcome. As awareness has grown through the ongoing pressures of the changing climate and urbanisation, the need for an integrated approach to water management has become increasingly apparent.

The IWMS provides the opportunity for a strategic and integrated approach. Without this framework there could be minimal improvement on how stormwater is managed, flood mitigation or how water is stored and utilised. The Whitehorse community is supportive of the strategy and continues to want to see Council lead by example in this space and address the challenges posed by a changing climate.

The IWMS supports the legislative responsibilities listed under the Local Government Act (LGA) 2020 and the Climate Change Act 2017 that both require Council to consider climate change in its policies, strategies, services and asset management.

SUPPORTING REPORT DETAILS

Legislative and Risk Implications

The IWMS has identified a range of responsibilities under various legislation and regulations related to water management that are relevant to Council and is listed below:

1. Policy	2. Relevance to Whitehorse City Council
Environment Protection Amendment Act 2017 – general environmental duty (GED)	Commencing on 1 July 2021, this Act sees State Environment Protection Policies (SEPP) dissolved. Instead, a general environmental duty (GED) will apply to all Victorians (including local government), requiring the reduction of harm from activities to human health and the environment.
Urban stormwater management guidance (EPA, 2021)	This guide is provided for developers who create new impervious surfaces, such as roads, subdivisions and other developments. It is also relevant to those who inform infrastructure planning and design, including technical consultants. It supports these parties to minimise the risks to

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	human health and the environment from their design, planning and development activities, as the general environmental duty (GED) requires. It also supports those involved in the assessment of urban stormwater treatment proposals. This guideline complements and adds to the Urban Stormwater Best Practice Environmental Guidelines, providing flow volume objectives.
Policy	Relevance to Whitehorse City Council
Urban Stormwater Best Practice Environmental Management Guidelines (BPEM)	Developed by CSIRO in 1999, these guidelines set environmental performance objectives and water quality standards for managing urban stormwater. Council applies BPEM in the design of Water Sensitive Urban Design assets and is required to ensure they are met in the planning application assessment process.
Whitehorse Planning Scheme VC154 – Integrated Water Management	Amendment VC154 (gazetted October 2018) introduced into all Victorian Planning Schemes new stormwater management provisions for urban development requiring them to meet BPEM objectives. The Whitehorse Planning Scheme also requires this within local policy (Clause 22.10).
Municipal Urban Stormwater Institutional Arrangements (MUSIA) Review	Once the review is complete and the Minister approves recommendations, MUSIA will outline arrangements between Melbourne Water and local councils to clarify stormwater and flood risk management roles and responsibilities in the Greater Melbourne area.

Equity, Inclusion, and Human Rights Considerations

It is considered that the subject matter does not raise any human rights issues.

Community Engagement

Two rounds of community consultation were conducted utilising Council's Your Say engagement platform. In July 2021, to firstly gather information to assist with the development of the draft IWMS and a second phase of community consultation in September 2021. The second round of consultation presented the development of a draft IWMS seeking feedback on what was heard and that the draft adequately reflects feedback from the first round of consultation. The second phase also communicated the vision and outcomes and survey questions were designed to clarify if these were clear and representative of the IWMS.

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The Your Say engagement page was promoted through the Whitehorse News, social media and emailed to community networks and council facilities inviting feedback.

Two Council staff workshops were held in April and August 2021. Melbourne Water and Yarra Valley Water formed part of the Project Reference Group and have contributed to the development of the IWMS.

The second phase of consultation indicated that the majority of submitters were supportive of the IWMS, vision and outcomes.

IWMS Vision

- 81% of submitters were supportive of the vision.

IWMS Outcomes

1. All water is valued as a resource.
 - 95% of submitters supported the outcome.
2. Healthy landscapes and waterways.
 - 100% of submitters supported the outcome.
3. Flood risk is reduced.
 - 92% of submitters supported the outcome.

The following key themes were received during the feedback process:

- Work with and support community groups/advisory committees;
- Strengthen community education;
- Collaborative partnerships with neighbouring Councils and other agencies/organisations;
- Stronger targets;
- Concern on timing/implementation timeframes; and
- Implementation and enforcement of planning controls.

The targets and actions in the IWMS are based on feedback from the Council/agency partner workshops. Integrated water management is one of the many responsibilities of Council. This work must be considered in the context of all the responsibilities of Council and the choices that Council will need to make regarding resourcing and financing those responsibilities. An Action Plan has been developed that identifies a pathway to address integrated water management issues and these will need to be considered in the context of all of Council's other responsibilities over the time of its implementation.

Although the targets listed may not be viewed as particularly ambitious, it is a reflection that Whitehorse is relatively early in its integrated water management journey (Annual reviews will help to determine success or a lack of progression).

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The IWMS implementation plan (0-5 years), will focus on setting up robust processes to enable delivery of projects. This will include delivery of high-quality demonstration projects for WSUD and improving outcomes through planning controls. Engagement will commence with Traditional Owners around water with plans to develop engagement programs for the broader community.

IWMS wording was strengthened to include the feedback from the respondents' key themes. The endorsement and subsequent implementation of the IWMS will ensure work around these key themes through the identified actions are undertaken to support the community feedback received.

Financial and Resource Implications

The IWMS implementation plan proposes a set of actions to support the targets outlined to deliver improved integrated water management outcomes. The implementation plan highlights the actions to be undertaken in the next five years to improve internal processes and planned delivery of contemporary demonstration projects for WSUD.

On endorsement of the IWMS there will be a range of future considerations on how to best implement the identified actions. An indicative budget for actions has been provided. As opportunities arise, Council will seek external funding and/or partnering with others in line with the capital works processes where appropriate. The implementation plan of the IWMS includes a mix of actions that can be funded through existing operational budgets or to seek new capital/operational funding or external funding.

Costs associated with the identified actions from the implementation plan of include:

- Operating Costs – approx. \$320,000 over five years
- New Capital Works – approx. \$6 million over ten years.

(\$6 million is an indicative budget based on high-level 2021 early probable cost estimates – these require further investigation and validation. Actions in the IWMS will inform these projects).

Attachment 2 and 3 describes how the proposed budget allocations might be phased. The actions that require funding associated with the implementation plan will be considered by Council each year as new initiatives via the annual budget and capital works program recognizing the various service priorities at the time and external funding opportunities.

Innovation and Continuous Improvement

The IWMS provides the opportunity for innovations in service delivery:

- Internal process improvements;
- Opportunities to integrate with other planned capital works (e.g. road/drainage upgrades, municipal car parks, streetscape works, open space improvements);

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- Priority locations for urban greening aligned with the Urban Forest Strategy; and
- Savings on utilities from WSUD implementation.

Regularly reviewing the IWMS will support delivery and maintenance of infrastructure through technology advances, implementation expertise and project achievements in integrated water management.

Collaboration

The IWMS was developed in collaboration with the Whitehorse community seeking direct feedback over two consultation phases and the views of respondents have been considered in developing the finalised IWMS.

Input from across the organisation has been used to develop the IWMS. Melbourne Water and Yarra Valley Water formed part of the Project Reference Group and provided feedback.

Conflict of Interest

Council officers involved in the preparation of this report have no conflict of interest in this matter.

Conclusion

The IWMS provides a strategic and integrated direction for improved water management outcomes in the municipality. The IWMS includes targets to measure performance against each of the outcome areas as well as a 5-year implementation plan that sets out clear initial actions towards achieving the vision.

The IWMS aligns with Council Strategic Plans and Policies and supports the Council endorsed Dandenong and Yarra Catchment Integrated Water Management (IWM) Plans. Whitehorse City Council will continue to participate in catchment based Integrated Water Management Forums to work closely with these stakeholders to deliver IWM across the Dandenong and Yarra River Catchments.

The IWMS has been developed with input from the Whitehorse community and has been reviewed and endorsed internally.

Adoption of the IWMS supports the legislative responsibilities listed under the Local Government Act (LGA) 2020 and the Climate Change Act 2017 that both require Council to consider climate change in its policies, strategies, services and asset management.

ATTACHMENT

- 1 Whitehorse Integrated Water Management Strategy 2022-2042 
- 2 Costs to Implement IWM Actions 
- 3 Timing of IWM Actions 

11.4 Records of Informal Meetings of Councillors

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Lane, Seconded by Cr Skilbeck

That the record of Informal Meetings of Councillors be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Councillor Informal Briefing 22.08.22 6.30pm – 6.44pm		
Matter/s Discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Public Questions11.1 Municipal Wide Whitehorse Development Contributions Plan and Planning Scheme Amendment C241whse11.4 Tender Evaluation (Contract 30400) - Morton Park East Sportsfield Renewal13.1 Whitehorse Manningham Library Corporation Future Governance Arrangements	Councillors Present	Officers Present
	Cr Liu (Mayor & Chair) Cr Massoud (Deputy Mayor) Cr Davenport Cr Lane Cr McNeill Cr Skilbeck Cr Munroe Cr Barker Cr Carr Cr Cutts Cr Stennett	S McMillan J Green S Cann S White M Ackland S Belmore V Ferlaino K Woods K Podolak M Hofsteter
Disclosures of Conflict of Interest	None Disclosed	
Councillor /Officer attendance following disclosure	None Disclosed	
Councillor Briefing 05.09.22 6.30pm – 9.30pm		
Matter/s Discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none">CEO Independent Advisor Introduction (Councillors only 6.30pm-6.50pm)Major Projects UpdateCapital - end of 2021/22 FYDraft Integrated Water Management StrategyCouncil Draft agenda 12 September 2022	Councillors Present	Officers Present
	Cr Liu (Mayor & Chair) Cr Massoud (Deputy Mayor) Cr Davenport Cr Lane Cr McNeill Cr Skilbeck Cr Munroe Cr Barker Cr Cutts Cr Stennett <u>Apologies</u> Cr Carr	S McMillan J Green S Cann S White S Belmore S Sullivan C Altan V Ferlaino K Woods P Cummings M Ackland C Clarke N Brown J Blythe S Day L Gibson
Disclosures of Conflict of Interest	None Disclosed	
Councillor /Officer attendance following disclosure	None Disclosed	

12 Councillor Delegate and Conference / Seminar Reports

12.1 Reports by Delegates

- 12.1.1** Cr Munro reported on his attendance as a delegate at the Metropolitan Transport Forum (AGM & General Meeting) held on 7 September 2022.
- 12.1.2** Cr Skilbeck reported on her attendance as a delegate at:
- Library Board meeting held on 24 August 2022.
 - Eastern Alliance for Greenhouse Action Executive Committee meeting on 25 August 2022.
 - Whitehorse Interfaith Network's Inclusive Narratives Project meeting on 28 August 2022.
- 12.1.3** Cr Davenport reported on his attendance as a delegate at Audit and Risk Committee meeting On 29 August 2022
- 12.1.4** Cr Massoud reported on her attendance as a delegate at:
- Audit and Risk Committee meeting on 29 August 2022.
 - Eastern Region Group meeting on 9 September 2022.
 - Eastern Affordable Housing Alliance 9 & 12 September 2022.
- 12.1.5** Cr Lane reported on his attendance as a delegate at the Library Board meeting held on 24 August 2022.
- 12.1.6** Cr Liu reported on her attendance as a delegate at the Eastern Region Group meeting on 9 September 2022.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Munroe, Seconded by Cr McNeill

That the reports from delegates be received and noted.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12.2 Reports on Conferences/Seminars Attendance

- 12.2.1** Cr Munroe reported on his attendance at:
- Centre of Optimism – State Transport Minister Ben Carroll meeting on Thursday 25 August 2022
 - Box Hill Central Rotary & Whitehorse Business Group on 26 August 2022
- 12.2.2** Cr Skilbeck reported on her attendance at the Governance Institute of Australia Conference on 12 & 13 September 2022.
- 12.2.3** Cr Cutts reported on her attendance at the Fair Access Roadmap meeting on 30 August 2022.
- 12.2.4** Cr Massoud reported on her attendance at:
- Cycling Routes Information session - with speaker Prof. Anna Timperio from Deakin University
 - Box Hill Central Rotary Breakfast on 26 August 2022
 - VLGA Connect Election Series on 26 August 2022
 - LGPro Panel Culture Review 1 September 2022
 - Rural Councils Victoria Forum Day on 2 September 2022
 - Advancing Women's Leadership Summit on 8 September
 - Whitehorse Showtime Scouts – Night at the Museum on 9 September 2022
 - Eastbridge Court Community Connect for over 55's on 10 September 2022
- 12.2.5** Cr Lane reported on his attendance at:
- Box Hill Central Rotary & Whitehorse Business Group on 26 August 2022
 - Victorian Local Government Grants Commission – Minimum Grant Information Session on 9 September 2022
- 12.2.6** Cr McNeill reported on her attendance at:
- ALGA Contact 23 August 2022
 - Amplifying Community Voice on 24 August 2022
 - Whitehorse Business Group Breakfast
 - Victorian Local Government Grants Commission – Minimum Grant Information Session on 9 September 2022
 - Heritage Week at Box Hill Town Hall on 10 September 2022

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Moved by Cr Cutts, Seconded by Cr Munroe

That the record of reports on conferences/seminars attendance be received and noted.

CARRIED

A Division was called.

Division

For

Cr Cutts

Cr Davenport

Cr Lane

Cr Liu

Cr Massoud

Cr McNeill

Cr Munroe

Cr Skilbeck

Against

Cr Barker

Cr Stennett

On the results of the Division the motion was declared CARRIED

13 CONFIDENTIAL REPORTS

Nil

14 Close Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.27pm

Confirmed this 26th day of September 2022

CHAIRPERSON