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10.1 CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION ON CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT TO ITEM 9.5 RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY - SITE LOCATION STUDY

REF: COMMITTEES-11661

Mr John King, Cardno gave a presentation on the Red Hill Resource Recovery Facility – Site Location Study findings and responded to questions.

Cr Färdig referred to the negotiations for the purchase of the Midland Brick site and stated that it may be worth paying a premium for the land because of the increase in airspace available over the whole site. Cr Färdig also stated that it may provide more opportunity for compulsory acquisition of the site if negotiations failed. In response to Cr Färdig's query on whether the EMRC was working on compulsory acquisition the CEO advised that as negotiations could be protracted the EMRC had been working on compulsory acquisition concurrently with EMRC's solicitor on a preliminary basis.

Cr Färdig stated that he would like Council to have the flexibility to pay a premium for land if required and didn't think negotiations should be limited by costs. The CEO advised that the EMRC would need to obtain a valuation for the land first and this has been included on the EMRC's negotiating timeline.

Cr Pule agreed with Cr Färdig that a premium needed to be considered for the Midland Brick land but it needed to be for all three lots (8, 9 and 10). The CEO advised that the EMRC's negotiations with Midland Brick had always been for the purchase of all three lots. Midland Brick had suggested that because of the massive increase in the cost of gas, if they could purchase landfill gas at a cheaper rate from the EMRC, it would assist negotiations however their eastern states property manager had a different view. The CEO advised that the EMRC had given Midland Brick an indicative timeline of January/February 2011. If negotiations take longer than six months the EMRC will seek advice from its solicitor on whether it's feasible to progress with compulsory acquisition.

Cr Pule complimented Mr King on the thoroughness of the Site Location Study report and stated that it had given him a good idea of values and the factors to be considered in a clear and concise way. Mr King responded that it had been a collaborative report between Cardno and the EMRC.

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT(S)

Confidential Attachment to Resource Recovery Committee Item 9.5 Confidential Report – Task 6 – Resource Recovery Facility - Red Hill Site Placement Study (Ref: Committees-11644)

RRC Chairman

Chief Executive Officer
