



MINUTES

CERTIFICATION OF CONFIRMATION OF TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

7 August 2014

I, Mr Doug Pearson, hereby certify that the minutes from the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting held on 7 August 2014 pages 1 to 7 were confirmed at a Committee meeting held on 9 October 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Pearson", written over a horizontal line.

Signature

Mr Doug Pearson
Person presiding at Meeting

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

7 August 2014

(Ref: D2014/08672)

A meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee was held at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, 226 Great Eastern Highway, BELMONT WA 6104 on **Thursday, 7 August 2014**. The meeting commenced at **4:00pm**.

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Deputy Chairman opened the meeting at 4:00pm.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Committee Members

Mr Doug Pearson (Deputy Chairman)	Director Technical Services	City of Bayswater
Mr Ric Lutey	Director Technical Services	City of Belmont
Mr Charles Sullivan	Director Development and Infrastructure Services	Shire of Kalamunda
Mr Shane Purdy	Director Infrastructure Services	Shire of Mundaring
Mr Jim Coten	Executive Manager Operations	City of Swan
Mr Peter Schneider	Chief Executive Officer	EMRC

Apologies

Mr Simon Stewert-Dawkins (Chairman)	Director Operational Services	Town of Bassendean
Mr Ken Cardy	Manager Asset Services	Town of Bassendean

EMRC Officers

Mr Stephen Fitzpatrick	Director Waste Services
Mr Hua Jer Liew	Director Corporate Services
Mr Dave Beresford	Manager Resource Recovery
Ms Dianne Katscherian	Waste Education Officer
Mrs Annie Hughes-d'Aeth	Personal Assistant to Director Corporate Services (Minutes)

3 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Nil

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDING MEMBER WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil

5 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Nil



6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6.1 MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2014

That the Minutes of the Technical Advisory Committee meeting held on 5 June 2014, which have been distributed, be confirmed.

TAC RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR COTEN

SECONDED MR LUTEY

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2014 WHICH HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED, BE CONFIRMED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Nil

8 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil

9 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil

10 BUSINESS NOT DEALT WITH FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil



11 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

11.1 CARBON PRICE REPEAL AND AMENDED FEES AND CHARGES

REFERENCE: D2014/08673

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform Council of the carbon price repeal and implications and to amend the relevant waste disposal fees and charges at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility.

KEY ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

- On 17 July 2014, the Australian Parliament passed retrospective legislation to repeal the carbon price which has received Royal assent to be effective 1 July 2014.
- Some of the EMRC's current fees and charges incorporate a charge for the carbon price.
- As a result of the repeal of the Carbon Price Mechanism, the EMRC's fees and charges will need to be amended accordingly.

Recommendation(s)

That Council by absolute majority, in accordance with section 6.16(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, adopts the amended fees and charges for 2014/2015 forming an attachment to this report.

SOURCE OF REPORT

Director Waste Services

BACKGROUND

On 8 December 2011, Information Bulletin item 1.1 provided an update on the implications of the carbon price on EMRC's waste management operations (DMDOC/156570).

The draft Waste Management Fees and Charges Schedule for 2012/2013 was adopted by Council on 24 May 2012. The draft fees and charges included a carbon price component of \$6.90 per tonne (ex. GST) where applicable.

The Ordinary Meeting of Council on 18 July 2013 (DMDOC/181475) contained an Information Bulletin item 1.1 with an update on the carbon price.

REPORT

The repeal of the carbon tax and the associated 8 bills representing the carbon price mechanism occurred on 17 July 2014 and this repeal has received Royal assent and been gazetted. It is a legislative requirement for Council to remove the carbon price from its fees and charges where applicable, and there will be procedures for dealing with applicable refunds as a result of the retrospectivity of the legislation.

The consequence of the repeal of the CPM for landfill facilities is that no new carbon tax liability applies from 1 July 2014 and landfill operators should not charge a carbon tax component for waste deposited after the repeal.

A guidance note from the Australian Government's Department of the Environment advises that "the prices charged by landfill operators should be adjusted soon after the carbon tax is repealed to reflect the end of the carbon tax".



Item 11.1 continued

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) will monitor and enforce reasonably expected price reductions across key sections of the economy and will have powers to take action against businesses that engage in price exploitation for one year following the repeal of the carbon tax. Penalties of up to \$1.1 million for corporations and \$220,000 for individuals will apply for carbon tax related price exploitation following repeal.

A carbon price component of \$6.90 (ex. GST) per tonne was included in the EMRC's fees and charges from 1 July 2012. The carbon price was applied to the general waste charge and Class III waste on a tonnage basis and prorated for tip passes, cars, trailers and so on.

The amended fees and charges are detailed in the attached schedule (Attachment). To allow time for Council approval and printing of the new price schedules and passes, the 1 September 2014 will be the earliest time the amended fees and charges can take effect.

Customers may be entitled to a refund of the carbon price component of fees and charges for waste disposal fees collected between 1 July 2014 and the date before the amended fees and charges will apply.

STRATEGIC/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Key Result Area 1 – Environmental Sustainability

- 1.1 To provide sustainable waste disposal operations
- 1.2 To improve regional waste management
- 1.3 To provide resource recovery and recycling solutions in partnership with member Councils
- 1.4 To investigate leading edge waste management practices

Key Result Area 4 – Good Governance

- 4.4 To continue to improve financial and asset management practices

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Fees and Charges are set to ensure the costs of providing waste management services are recouped whilst minimising costs to member Councils.

There are no budget implications from the removal of the carbon price component from fees and charges. Any fees and charges collected between 1 July 2014 and the effective date of the amended fees and charges may have to be refunded to customers.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Fees and Charges are set to ensure services offered are sustainable in the long term.



Item 11.1 continued

MEMBER COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

Member Council	Implication Details
Town of Bassendean	} Nil
City of Bayswater	
City of Belmont	
Shire of Kalamunda	
Shire of Mundaring	
City of Swan	

ATTACHMENT(S)

Amended Waste Management Fees and Charges – Carbon Price Repeal (Ref: D2014/09128)

VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Council by absolute majority, in accordance with section 6.16(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, adopts the amended fees and charges for 2014/2015 forming an attachment to this report.

Discussion ensued

A brief discussion ensued on the repeal of the carbon price.

The Deputy Chairman advised that the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) had released a document on the repeal implications of carbon price for local governments that he was happy to email to members.

TAC RECOMMENDATION(S)

MOVED MR LUTEY

SECONDED MR PURDY

That Council by absolute majority, in accordance with section 6.16(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 1995, adopts the amended fees and charges for 2014/2015 forming an attachment to this report.

CARRIED BY AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 6/0

**EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL
WASTE MANAGEMENT SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES - EXCLUDING CARBON TAX COMPONENT**

Description	Unit	Proposed Rates for the period 1 July 2014 - 31 December 2014		Proposed Rates for the period 1 January 2015 - 30 June 2015 (Inclusive of Landfill Levy Increase)		
		2014/2015 Charges with no GST \$	Value of GST \$	2014/2015 Charges inc GST \$	2014/2015 Charges no GST \$	Value of GST \$
Waste Management Charges						
Disposal Rates						
Total Member Council disposal rate - (*)		114.05	11.40	125.45	141.05	14.10
Councils - Other						
Non-Member Local Government - Commercial	1 tonne	114.05	11.40	125.45	141.05	14.10
Domestic Refuse Tip Pass (Giddegannup @ 3bags/wk)	n/a	4.00	0.40	4.40	4.95	0.50
Council Refuse Tip Passes - Trailers (up to 500kg)	n/a	37.27	3.73	41.00	46.36	4.64
General Waste						
Cars / Station Wagons	n/a	23.18	2.32	25.50	28.64	2.86
Trailers (6 x 4)	n/a	40.92	4.08	45.00	50.01	4.99
Trailers (6 x 4) High Sides	n/a	51.37	5.13	56.50	63.19	6.31
Tandem/ Horse Floats (< 1 tonne)	n/a	75.45	7.55	83.00	93.64	9.36
Vans / Utes	n/a	39.54	3.96	43.50	48.64	4.86
Commercial (General)	1 tonne	116.36	11.64	128.00	143.64	14.36
Minimum Commercial Charges	0.50 tonnes	58.18	5.82	64.00	71.82	7.18
Class III Contaminated Waste	1 tonne	116.36	11.64	128.00	143.64	14.36
Greenwaste						
Greenwaste - Member Councils (uncontaminated - Red Hill & Hazelmere)	1 tonne	42.18	4.22	46.40	42.18	4.22
Greenwaste - MGB (Member Councils)	1 tonne	96.05	9.60	105.65	96.05	9.60
Greenwaste - Commercial (uncontaminated - Red Hill)	1 tonne	56.36	5.64	62.00	56.36	5.64
Greenwaste - uncontaminated (to Hazelmere)	1 tonne	65.91	6.59	72.50	65.91	6.59
Greenwaste - shredded to EMRC specification (to Red Hill)	1 tonne	10.46	1.04	11.50	10.46	1.04



11.2 ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE INFORMATION BULLETIN

REFERENCE: D2014/08697

The following items are included in the Information Bulletin, which accompanies the Agenda.

1. WASTE SERVICES

1.1 COUNCIL TONNAGE COMPARISONS AS AT 30 JUNE 2014 (Ref: D2014/08664)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Technical Advisory Committee notes the items contained in the Information Bulletin.

TAC RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED MR LUTEY

SECONDED MR SULLIVAN

THAT THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE NOTES THE ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE INFORMATION BULLETIN.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12 REPORTS OF DELEGATES

Nil

13 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDING MEMBER OR BY DECISION OF MEETING

Nil

14 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Nil

15 FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee will be held on **Thursday 4 September 2014 (if required)** at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, Ascot Place, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6104 commencing at 4.00 pm.

Future Meetings 2014

Thursday	4	September (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	9	October (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	20	November	at	EMRC Administration Office

16 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 4:10pm.