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**I hereby give notice that a Confidential Economic and Environment  
Committee Meeting will be held on:**

**Date: Monday, 4 November 2019**  
**Time: 6.30 p.m.**  
**Location: Council Chamber**  
**Civic Centre**  
**10 Watson Terrace**  
**Mount Gambier**

# **AGENDA**

## **Confidential Economic and Environment Committee Meeting 4 November 2019**

**Andrew Meddle**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**31 October 2019**

## 7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

### 7.1 REVIEW OF COUNCIL KERBSIDE WASTE SERVICE – REPORT NO. AR19/48838

#### CONSIDERATION FOR EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

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## BACKGROUND

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## DISCUSSION

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil

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**MINUTES OF CONFIDENTIAL ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, 10 WATSON TERRACE,  
MOUNT GAMBIER ON MONDAY, 4 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 7.40 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Lynette Martin (OAM), Cr Christian Greco, Cr Kate Amoroso, Cr Max Bruins, Cr Ben Hood, Cr Paul Jenner, Cr Sonya Meziniec and Cr Frank Morello

<b>OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Chief Executive Officer	- Mr A Meddle
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**7 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**7.1 REVIEW OF COUNCIL KERBSIDE WASTE SERVICE – REPORT NO. AR19/48838**

**COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Christian Greco

Seconded: Cr Max Bruins

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**CARRIED**





### COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Lynette Martin

Seconded: Cr Sonya Meziniec

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### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Kate Amoroso

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### AMENDMENT

### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Jenner

That all details be released to the public.

The amendment lapsed for want of a seconder.



## **MOTION**

### **COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

Moved: Cr Sonya Meziniec

Seconded: Cr Kate Amoroso

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**Time: 6.00 p.m.**

**Location: Council Chamber  
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# **AGENDA**

## **Confidential Council Meeting 19 November 2019**

**Andrew Meddle  
Chief Executive Officer**

**15 November 2019**

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	General Manager City Growth	- Dr J Nagy
	Acting General Manager Council Business Services	- Mr J Zwijnenburg
	Manager Development Services	- Mrs T Tzioutziouklaris
	Media and Communications	- Mrs A Watson
	Executive Administration Officer	- Mrs F McGregor

**25 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF COMMITTEES**

Cr Amoroso left the Chamber at 9.59 p.m.

**25.1 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS OF THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD  
ON 4 NOVEMBER 2019**

**MOTION**

**MOTION**

Moved: Cr Steven Perryman

Seconded: Cr Paul Jenner

That Item 25.2 be discussed in open session.

**TIED VOTE**

Mayor Martin exercised her right to a casting vote

**LOST**

Cr Amoroso returned the meeting at 10.07 p.m.

Cr Perryman made a personal statement – Cr Perryman was ambivalent as to whether this should be in confidence. Cr Perryman felt Cr Amoroso wanted to vote.



## 25.2 REVIEW OF COUNCIL KERBSIDE WASTE SERVICE – REPORT NO. AR19/48838

### RESOLUTION 2019/346

Moved: Cr Steven Perryman  
Seconded: Cr Paul Jenner

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  - to prejudice the commercial position of the Council

In addition, the disclosure of this information would, on balance, be contrary to the public interest. The public interest in public access to the meeting has been balanced against the public interest in the continued non-disclosure of the information. The benefit to the public at large resulting from withholding the information outweighs the benefit to it of disclosure of the information.

The Council is satisfied that the principle that the meeting be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed in the circumstances because To ensure that information that would prejudice the ability of the Council to make a future commercial decision is not released prematurely.

**CARRIED**

### MOTION:

Moved: Cr Greco  
Seconded: Cr Amoroso

1. That Economic and Environment Committee Report No. AR19/48838 titled 'Review of Council kerbside waste service' as presented on 04 November 2019 be noted.
2. Council engage an expert consultant before March 2020 costing up to \$50,000, in waste management to provide Council with a report of different options for Council's kerbside waste collection.
3. Council undertake bin audits across the City in March 2020 to establish baseline statistics
4. Council allocates up to \$100,000 in the 2020/21 budget to implement a comprehensive and innovative education campaign that encourages recycling



5. Council undertake a further bin audit in March 2021 across the City to measure changes in recycling behavior.
- 6 Council's general waste bin collection remain weekly for the foreseeable future.

## FORMAL MOTION

### RESOLUTION 2019/347

Moved: Cr Steven Perryman

Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

That the meeting break for a small recess

**CARRIED**

The meeting broke for recess at 10.20 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 10.33 p.m.

## AMENDMENT:

Moved: Cr Greco

Seconded: Cr Amoroso

1. That the Economic & Environment Committee Report No AR19/48838 titled "Review of Council Kerbside Waste Service" as presented on 4 November 2019 be noted.
2. As part of the 2020/2021 budget process, a report be provided to council detailing the financial implications of moving to a fortnightly green organics kerbside service to all properties who want it, at no cost.
3. Council commence an education campaign (as provided for in the current budget) to educate residents in the City of Mount Gambier those items that can be diverted from General Waste to Green Waste and Recycling.
4. In the third quarter of 2020, council trial the weekly collection of green organics and fortnightly collection of recycling and general waste collection in a sample of streets for a period of 12 weeks to gather data and plan for the full roll out of a system such as this across this city in 2021/2022 based upon the results of this trial.

Prior to the commencement of any such move to a fortnightly general waste collection, council officers to prepare a report proposing solutions/options and associated financial implications for:

- a) Community members with special medical needs
  - b) Families with young babies in nappies
  - c) An 'at cost' additional pick up service for those residents who are willing to pay
5. Council make provisions in the 2020/2021 and subsequent budgets to provide an annual kerbside hard waste pick up or provide all rateable properties within the City of Mount Gambier with a voucher enabling them to dispose of up to a small trailer load of rubbish at the Waste Transfer Station at no cost.



Motion lapsed for want of a seconder.

The Mayor sought the approval of at least two-thirds of the members present at the meeting to suspend meeting procedures:

Purpose of the Suspension: to discuss Item 25.2

Carried by more than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

Meeting Procedures were suspended at 10.45 p.m.

The Mayor determined that the period of suspension should be brought to an end;

Carried by more than two-thirds of the members present at the meeting.

The Period of Suspension came to an end and Meeting Procedures resumed at 11.04 p.m.

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/348**

Moved: Cr Steven Perryman

Seconded: Cr Frank Morello

1. That Economic and Environment Committee Report No. AR19/48838 titled 'Review of Council kerbside waste service' as presented on 04 November 2019 be noted.
2. A Designated Informal Gathering be held to discuss waste management issues in the first quarter of 2020.

**CARRIED**

#### **RESOLUTION 2019/349**

Moved: Cr Steven Perryman

Seconded: Cr Christian Greco

#### **CONSIDERATION FOR KEEPING ITEMS CONFIDENTIAL**

1. In accordance with Sections 91(7) and 91(9) of the *Local Government Act 1999* the Council orders that the costs contained in the report to Council having been considered by the Council in confidence under Section 90(2) & (3) (b) be kept confidential and not available for public inspection until 30 June 2021 except the resolution which can be released at the end of the meeting.
2. Further that Council delegates the power to review, revoke, but not extension of the confidential order to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with the provisions of Section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

**CARRIED**

