
 Adelaide Plains Council	11.1 Confidential Item
13 March 2019	

11.1 Waste Collection

RECOMMENDATION

“that:-

- 1. Pursuant to section 90(2) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Infrastructure and Environment Committee orders that all members of the public, except Chief Executive Officer, Acting General Manager – Infrastructure and Environment, General Manager – Finance and Economic Development and Governance Officer be excluded from attendance at the meeting of the Committee for Agenda Item 11.1 – *Waste Collection*;**
- 2. The Infrastructure and Environment Committee is satisfied that pursuant to section 90(3)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, Item 11.1 – *Waste Collection* concerns information of a confidential nature, the disclosure of which could reasonably be expected to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information, being a summary of the rates and charges applied by Council’s waste collection contractor; and**
- 3. The Infrastructure and Environment Committee is satisfied that the principle that Committee meetings should be conducted in a place open to the public has been outweighed by the need to keep the information, matter and discussion confidential.”**

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	Department: Report Author:	Infrastructure and Environment Acting General Manager – Infrastructure and Environment
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The purpose of this report is for the Infrastructure and Environment Committee (the Committee) to consider, and make recommendations to Council in relation to, options available for weekly waste collection following a deputation received at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 17 December 2018.
- It is recommended that Council undertakes public consultation, in accordance with its *Public Consultation Policy* to determine whether this demand is isolated to a particular area or township, or shared across the entire region.

RECOMMENDATION

“that the Infrastructure and Environment Services Committee, having considered Item 11.1 – *Waste Collection*, dated 13 March 2019, receives and notes the report and in doing so recommends to Council that it instruct the Chief Executive Officer to:-

- 1. Undertake public consultation in relation to proposed weekly waste collection, in accordance Council’s *Public Consultation Policy*; and**
- 2. Bring a report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee on the outcome of the public consultation process.”**

BUDGET IMPACT

Estimated Cost:	\$50,916.84 (additional annual weekly waste service only based on current costs)
Future ongoing operating costs:	\$101,833.68 (weekly annual waste service only based on current costs)
Is this Budgeted?	No

The budget impact provided above is based on a weekly waste collection to all residents. Other options, such as weekly collection during school holidays or summer only, are outlined within the body of this report.

All calculations are based on the current costs under the contract for waste collection. This contract is subject to incremental increases (applied by the contractor quarterly and annually) as well as the intended disposal rate increase. As such, the calculations within this report are **estimates only**.

RISK ASSESSMENT

In receiving a deputation and associated petition calling for weekly waste collection, it is apparent that there is some demand in the community for more regular waste collection. What is not clear, is whether this demand is isolated to a particular area or township, or shared across the entire region. It would be prudent to undertake a thorough consultation with the entire region before Council makes any decisions.

Increasing the waste service to provide a weekly collection, will result in additional charges applied by the contractor.

Council would need to consider whether to oncost those additional charges to the residents benefiting from the additional service by way of an additional waste levy, or to fund the additional charges out of existing rate revenue.

There may be reputational consequences associated with applying additional waste levy to residents. However, increasing a service without applying additional waste levy will have negative budget implications.

Another consideration is whether the current contractor can actually accommodate an increase in the service provided.

Attachments

Nil

DETAILED REPORT

Purpose

The purpose of this report is for the Infrastructure and Environment Committee (the Committee) to consider, and make recommendations to Council in relation to, proposed options to increase the waste collection service provided by Council.

Background/History

Council currently provides a fortnightly waste collection service for all three (3) streams (waste, recycling and organics). This service has been in operation for over 35 years, and in 2018 Council resolved to contract out the collection service.

Council, at its Ordinary Meeting on 29 January 2019, received a deputation from Ms Nicole Pettifor, a Two Wells resident. She presented a petition and Council resolved as follows:-

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Moved Councillor Panella Seconded Councillor Di Troia 2019/ 041

“that Council receives and notes the correspondence provided with the deputation presented by Nicole Pettifor and request a report be brought back to Council’s Infrastructure and Environment Committee outlining options available regarding weekly waste collection, including costing, offering weekly pick up over peak school holiday period or summer months, offering weekly township waste pick up, can we amend council waste contract (do the other councils involved in the waste contract offer weekly pick up) and offer any other suggestions to the community.”

CARRIED

Discussion

Current Service – Fortnightly Collection

Waste Levy

The waste levy is a fee for service payable in full to the contractor, and is made up of two (2) components – a collection cost and a disposal cost.

Townships – Dublin, Mallala and Two Wells

The average collection cost is \$26,433.11 per annum (excl. GST).

The average disposal cost is \$24,591.14 per annum (excl. GST).

These costs are based on 762 residents within the townships currently receiving fortnightly collection.

Total Cost

Total cost for waste collection service, including collection and disposal is approximately \$2.57 per collection.

Current Waste Collection Service (fortnightly - township only)

Current Waste Collection Service (per year, excl. GST) = \$50,916.84

Option - Weekly Waste Collection Service – All Year

Providing a weekly waste collection service 'all year round' will double the fortnightly collection costs outlined above.

Weekly Waste Collection Service (townships only)

Additional cost to provide weekly waste collection to townships (per year, excl. GST): \$50,916.84

Total cost of weekly waste collection (per year, excl. GST): \$101,833.68

Option - Weekly Collection During School Holidays Only

On average, there are 12 weeks of school holidays in South Australia. The following calculation incorporates six (6) additional collections to facilitate weekly waste collection for the 12 weeks of school holidays, and fortnightly waste collection otherwise.

Weekly Waste Collection During School Holidays Only

Additional cost to provide weekly waste collection during school holidays (per year, excl. GST): \$11,750.04

Total cost of weekly waste collection during school holidays and fortnightly waste collection otherwise (per year, excl. GST) = \$62,666.88 per year

Option - Weekly Collection During Summer Months Only

The following calculation incorporates six (6) additional collections to facilitate weekly waste collection for 12 weeks during summer (December-February) and fortnightly waste collection otherwise.

Weekly Waste Collection During Summer Only

Additional cost to provide weekly waste collection during summer (per year, excl. GST): \$11,750.04

Total cost of weekly waste collection during summer and fortnightly waste collection otherwise (per year, excl. GST) = \$62,666.88 per year

Other Councils

Council's contractor was appointed through a Barossa Regional Procurement Group (BRPG) tender. Light Regional Council, Barossa Council and Mid Murray Council each participated in the tender and now provide a weekly waste service to residents. The Town of Gawler, who are part of the BRPG but did not participate in the tender, also provide a weekly waste service through a contractor.

Consultation

While Council has received a deputation and associated petition in relation to increasing the waste collection service, it would be prudent to undertake a more comprehensive consultation process in the community, to gain a better understanding of the demand across the entire region.

Other Considerations

Who pays the 'additional amount'?

If Council decides to provide additional waste collection services through its contractor, it will need to decide who will pay the additional waste levy.

Council may consider absorbing the additional waste levy. This option would avoid potential negative reactions from the community who are not willing to pay an additional levy.

Absorbing the costs outlined above will have a negative impact on the budget. It is therefore recommended that Council oncost any additional charges to the residents benefiting from the service, via the waste levy.

Another option, if only a small portion of the community express interest in a weekly waste collection, is that those residents deal directly with the contractor and pay for this additional service outside of the contract between Council and the contractor.

Contractor

Depending on the option adopted the contractor may be required to acquire a new truck (as per the current terms and conditions of the contract) which 'could' impact on the schedule of rates. Council will need to factor this in before making any decision

Addressing odour

There are a number of companies that provide odour neutralising products for wheelie bins. Council may consider funding the purchase of these products for residents.

Conclusion

The purpose of this report is for the Committee to consider, and make recommendations to Council in relation to, proposed options to increase the waste collection service provided by Council.

Council currently provides a fortnightly waste collection service to its residents.

In receiving a deputation and associated petition calling for weekly waste collection, it is apparent that there is some demand in the community for more regular waste collection. What is not clear, is whether this demand is isolated to a particular area or township, or shared across the entire region. It would be prudent to undertake a thorough consultation with the entire region before Council makes any decisions.

References

Legislation

Local Government Act 1934

Council Policies/Plans

Public Consultation Policy

Procurement Policy

RECOMMENDATION

“that the Infrastructure and Environment Committee, having considered the matter of Agenda Item 11.1 – *Waste Collection* in confidence under sections 90(2) and 90(3)(d) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, resolves that:-

- 1. The agenda item, report and any other associated information pertaining to Agenda Item 11.1 – *Waste Collection*, remain confidential and not available for public inspection until further order of the Council;**
- 2. Pursuant to section 91(9)(a) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the confidentiality of the matter be reviewed every 12 months; and**
- 3. Pursuant to section 91(9)(c) of the *Local Government Act 1999*, the Committee delegates the power to revoke this confidentiality order to the Chief Executive Officer.”**