Confirmed Minutes of the Meeting of the
Southern Metropolitan Regional Council
held on Thursday 26 July 2007
at the SMRC's Regional Resource Recovery Centre
350 Bannister Road Canning Vale
commencing at 5:08pm

1. **Declaration of Opening / Announcement of Visitors**
   The Deputy Chairman welcomed members and officers to the meeting and declared the meeting open at 5:08pm.

2. **Record of Attendance / Apologies / Leave of Absence (previously approved)**
   **Present:**
   - Cr Clive Robartson, OAM (Chair) City of Melville
   - Mayor Mick Lekias, AM MBBS JP City of Canning
   - Cr Alan Ferris Town of East Fremantle
   - Cr Richard Smith City of Rockingham
   - Mr Silvio Trinca City of Canning
   - Mr Ian Goodbody City of Fremantle
   - Mr Robert Willis City of Melville
   - Mr Stewart Marshall City of Rockingham
   - Mr Stuart McAll SMRC – Chief Executive Officer
   - Mr Chris Wiggins SMRC – Manager Administration & Finance
   - Mr Brendan Doherty SMRC – Manager Engineering Services
   - Mr Chuck Ellis SMRC - Manager Communications
   - Mrs Josie Higgins SMRC - Executive Support Officer

   **Apologies:**
   - Cr Doug Thompson (Chairman) City of Fremantle
   - Mayor Stephen Lee City of Cockburn
   - Cr Barry Porter Town of Kwinana

   **Observers:**
   - Mr Lyall Davieoson Town of Kwinana
   - Mr Michael Littleton (from 5:29pm) City of Cockburn

   **Members of Public**
   Nil.

3. **Disclosure of Interests**
   The Chairman advised that he had received a written declaration of impartiality from Mayor Lekias relating to Report Item 13.6 Rent Review - General Lease RRRC Part Lots 77, 78 and 85 Bannister Road, Canning Vale as Mayor of the City of Canning.

   The Chairman advised that Mayor Lekias' request to stay, participate and vote on the matter be allowed on the grounds that the member has indicated that he will consider this matter on its merits and vote accordingly.
4. **Response to Previous Public Questions Taken on Notice**
   Nil.

5. **Public Question Time**
   Nil.

6. **Applications for Leave of Absence**
   Mayor Lekias requested a Leave of Absence for the period 13 September to 5 November 2007.

7. **Petitions / Deputations / Presentations**
   Nil.

8. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings**
   01.07.07  MOVED: Mayor Lekias  SECONDED: Cr Ferris
   That the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council held on Thursday 28 June 2007 at the City of Fremantle be received as a true and accurate record.
   CARRIED 4/0

9. **Questions by Members of which Due Notice has been Given**
   Nil.

10. **Questions Without Notice**
    Nil.

11. **Announcement of Confidential Matters for which Meetings may be Closed to the Public**
    Nil.

12. **Business Not Dealt with from a Previous Meeting**
    Nil.


13.1 **RRRC Operations Report**
   Mr McAll tabled and provided an overview of the supplementary information relating to the total regional waste generated per day per person.
   02.07.07  MOVED: Mayor Lekias  SECONDED: Cr Ferris
   That the report be received for information.
   CARRIED 4/0
13.2 Chief Executive Officer’s Salary and Performance Review

03.07.07 MOVED: Cr Smith SECONDED: Mayor Lekias

1) That an Occasional Committee be established, comprising of the following SMRC elected members:
   Cr Doug Thompson, Cr Clive Robertson, Mayor Mick Lekias, Cr Alan Ferris, Mayor Stephen Lee, Cr Barry Porter and Cr Richard Smith for the purposes of conducting the Chief Executive Officer’s performance and salary review for the 2006/07 period.

2) That delegated authority be granted to the Occasional Committee to appoint a consultant to assist with the review process should the Committee deem it necessary.

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0

13.3 Sale of Carbon Credits to the Waste & Recycle Conference

04.07.07 MOVED: Mayor Lekias SECONDED: Cr Smith

That Council approve the provision of up to 180 Greenhouse Friendly™ Abatement units to the 2007 Waste & Recycling Conference at $5.50 per unit.

CARRIED 4/0

13.4 Official Opening of the new SMRC Materials Recovery Facility

Mr McAll advised that a response is expected from the Minister for Environment and Climate Change in the next week and further information would be circulated to Regional Councillors at that time.

05.07.07 MOVED: Cr Smith SECONDED: Cr Ferris

1. An official opening event for the new RRRC Materials Recovery Facility be held late August, mid September 2007.

2. The 2007/08 budget be amended as follows:
   Increase Account 05110 Opening Funds $6,000
   Increase Account 51353 RRRC Launch $6,000

CARRIED BY ABSOLUTE MAJORITY 4/0

13.5 Proposed Strategic Plan Review Workshop

06.07.07 MOVED: Cr Ferris SECONDED: Mayor Lekias

1. That the Regional Council hold a Strategic Plan Review workshop on either the weekend of the 8th or the 15th September 2007 depending upon the availability of regional councillors.

2. That Ms Helen Hardcastle be engaged to facilitate the workshop.

3. That a dinner function be held on the evening of the Strategic Plan Review workshop for Regional Councillors, Executive Officer Committee members, SMRC senior staff and spouses invited to attend the dinner.

CARRIED 4/0
13.6 Rent Review - Ground Lease RRRC Part Lots 77, 78 and 85 Bannister Road Canning Vale
Cr Smith suggested that the words “In accordance with the contract” be added to point 2) of the resolution and that the recommendation be amended accordingly.

07.07.07 MOVED: Cr Smith  SECONDED: Cr Ferris

1) The City of Canning be advised that the SMRC accepts the market valuation for part lots 77, 78 and 85 Bannister Road Canning Vale as determined by McGees Property.
2) The supplementary back rent and interest accrued be paid to the City of Canning in accordance with the contract when funds become available and subject to a budget amendment report presented to the regional council.

CARRIED 4/0

13.7 Information Bulletin
The Chairman accepted Late Information Item 1.3 as tabled and advised that this item would be adopted under point 1) of the recommendation.

Cr Smith suggested that an additional point 4. be added to the recommended resolution to read:

4) That the Regional Council commends the successful KPI’s for 2006/07;

08.07.07 MOVED: Cr Smith  SECONDED: Cr Ferris

1. That the July 2007 Information Bulletin be received and noted.
2. That the schedule of payments as listed in the July 2007 Information Bulletin as information item 2.1 amounting to $2,989,011.28 for the municipal fund, be received.
3. The schedule of payments, as presented, be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting.
4. That the Regional Council commends the successful KPI’s for 2006/07.

CARRIED 4/0

13.8 Financial Statements
Mr Wiggins provided an overview of the unaudited financial statements.

09.07.07 MOVED: Mayor Lekias  SECONDED: Cr Smith

1. That the Statement of Financial Activity by Business Plan of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council for the month ended 30 June 2007 (unaudited) be received.
2. An amount of $10,000 be the value used to report any variances between budget and actual line items in the monthly financial statements for 2007/08 financial year.

CARRIED 4/0
14.1 Public Relations Committee Minutes - 16 July 2007
Through the Chair, Mr Ellis responded to Mayor Lekias' requested for a brief verbal update on the activities of the public relations consultants' over the past few months.

Cr Smith requested that a value for money statement, after a period of 3 months, be reported back to Regional Council.

10.07.07 MOVED: Cr Smith SECONDED: Cr Ferris

1. That Council continue with the current media and lobbying strategy; and
2. Halden Burns be kept on a retainer for the next three months. CARRIED 3/1

Mayor Lekias requested his vote against the motion be recorded.

11.07.07 MOVED: Cr Smith SECONDED: Cr Ferris

1. A detailed business plan for the development of online sales of carbon offset certificates that incorporates marketing and operational budgets, human and technical resource requirements, target market segments and a risk and benefit analysis is prepared.
2. This plan be presented to the PR committee, and Regional Council for consideration at a future meeting. CARRIED 4/0

15. Reports of Delegates and Representatives Meetings
Nil.

16. Announcements by the Chairman or Person Presiding without Discussion
The Chairman announced that a date and time is now confirmed for a meeting with the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development and a delegation from the SMRC to be held at Dumas House, West Perth on Thursday 9 August 2007 at 3.30pm. Mr McAll will circulate further information to members on the meeting and provide the Minister with an outline of discussions, primarily in regard to the impact of the abolition of the rebate scheme is having on local government budgets.

17. Elected Members Motions of which Previous Notice has been Given
Nil.

18. New Business of an Urgent Nature Approved by the Chairman or Person Presiding or by Decision of Meeting

18.1 The Chairman tabled correspondence from the VDM Group who are seeking secondment of the SMRC’s Chief Executive Officer and other key officers to assist with the building of a support team for the expansion of community amenities for waste management, public education, municipal training, collections, recycling and end treatment in Bengal, India.
12.07.07 MOVED: Cr Smith  SECONDED: Mayor Lekias

1. That the correspondence from the VDM Group be noted.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be given authority to further investigate and discuss the possibilities of consultancy work with the VDM Group conditional of no cost to the Regional Council and report back to the next meeting of Regional Council.

CARRIED 4/0

18.2 Cr Smith requested that an update on arrangements for the Waste 2007 Conference to be held in Coffs Harbour be circulated to members.

18.3 Cr Robartson reported on a recent visit and presentation to the Shire of Moora and surrounding councils by himself, the SMRC’s Business Development Manager Mr Youé and Mr Willis from the City of Melville on waste management.

Following discussion, Cr Robartson suggested and agreed to organise a meeting between SMRC representatives and those from various country councils to discuss waste management in conjunction with the 2007 Waste and Recycling Conference to be held in Fremantle in September 2007.

19. Confidential Matters for which the Meeting may be Closed to the Public
Nil.

20. Future Meetings of Council
The next meeting of Regional Council is to be held on Thursday 23 August 2007 at the City of Rockingham commencing at 5.00pm.

21. Declaration of Closure of Meeting
There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.10pm.