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Minutes of the meeting of the ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE held in CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP on Thursday 21 November 2002 commencing at 17:45 hrs.

Terms of Reference of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee

“to recommend to the City of Joondalup Council on appropriate courses of action on matters that affect the environment and sustainability issues within the region.”

Committee Aims and Objectives

- *To recommend to the City of Joondalup Council on appropriate courses of action which promote and encourage ecologically sustainable development.*
- *Develop, implement and monitor a sustainability action plan for the City.*
- *To promote and encourage sustainable development based on the principles of Local Agenda 21 (integrated environmental, social and economic sustainability).*
- *To provide recommendations to the City of Joondalup Council in relation to sustainable development pilot projects, programs and activities which facilitate sustainable development within the City of Joondalup.*
- *To provide a co-ordinated communication link between Council and the City of Joondalup community, groups and organisations, in relation to sustainable development issues.*

Attachment 1 contains the 2002 Committee workplan.

The Chairman declared the meeting open at 18.10 hrs with a quorum of 8 committee members present.

1. ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Attendance

Cr J Hollywood
Cr O'Brien
Mr S Hawkins
Mr J Goldsmith

Councillor, Committee Chairperson
Deputy for Cr Nixon
Community Representative, Deputy Chairperson
Sustainable Development Officer

Mr D Wake Community Representative
Mr R Kurup Community Representative
Mr S Magyar Community Representative
Mr V Cusack Community Representative

Apologies

Mr D Cluning Manager Operations Services
Mr G Down Community Representative

Non Attendance

Mr W Carstairs Community Representative
Mr G Hartnett Community Representative

Guests

Mr Kevin Robinson Acting Manager Strategic and Corporate Planning
Mr Peter Pikor Manager Infrastructure Management and Ranger Services.
Mr Murray Ralph Coordinator Civil Design
Mr Damian Smith Consultant, Connell Wagner

Cr Hollywood welcomed all guests and introduced Mr Robinson, Acting Manager Strategic and Corporate Planning, to the committee. Cr Hollywood noted that Mr Robinson has been appointed in an acting role for a three month period.

2. DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

Nil

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee held on 26 September 2002.

Committee minutes are available on the City of Joondalup web site. The direct link is;

http://www.joondalup.wa.gov.au/BUcouncilsupport/agenmin/council_minutes_committees.asp

MOVED Mr Magyar SECONDED Mr Hawkins that the minutes of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on 26 September 2002 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED

**4. BUSINESS OUTSTANDING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS
(Cr J Hollywood)**

Committee members reviewed the committee workplan (attachment 1) and discussion followed regarding how the committee can complete outstanding action items. General concensus was gained for the committee to conduct a workshop to address outstanding action items, and for the committee to review the workplan. Mr Wake reported to the committee regarding Workplan item 5.5- Development of a communication strategy. Mr Wake reported the following:

Communication strategy

Key issues to consider:

- Why do we want to communicate? (purpose)
- Who do we want to communicate with? (audiences)
- What do we want to communicate? (messages)
- How could we best communicate ? (media)

Exercise

Jot down something you think we want to achieve by communicating with others, the more specific the better. Who do you need to influence/inform to do this- your audience? What do they know, and what are their likely concerns? What key messages do you want to get across to them and what media might you use (article in local newspaper, website content, workshop, small group discussion...)

Purpose	Audience	Messages and Media
Advance sustainability by promoting awareness and discussion of the idea and how the City could work towards it.	Elected member: some aware, little known idea for most?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability is... • Sustainability is a critical goal for Council because... • Other local councils are promoting sustainability by... <p>Promote awareness and discussion amongst elected members.</p> <p>How: write a concise overview, briefing session item workshop with speaker from local government sector.</p>

Mr Magyar commented regarding the City of Wanneroo sustainability approaches.

Mr Hawkins noted that the Department of Environmental Protection is developing a state government approach towards a communication strategy (officer contact, Mr John Elder).

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.1 Best Practice in Local Government Awards 2002 (Cr Hollywood).

The City of Joondalup has won a Best Practice in Local Government award at this year's WALGA awards. The City's winning entry was for the achievement of best practice in innovation, with its submission entitled:

“The City of Joondalup's Approach Towards a Sustainable Future by Council Leadership, Education and Participation”.

The nomination highlighted the City's approach towards developing a sustainable future, including several innovative sustainability initiatives which are building the community's capacity to address sustainability issues. The City's submission highlighted the key goal of sustainable development which is to achieve outcomes that are economically viable, environmentally responsible and socially sound. The City's sustainability initiatives include:

- Submission to the WA State Sustainability Strategy
- Environmental, Social and Economic Sustainability Policy
- Community Funding; Environmental and Sustainable Development Fund
- Adoption of corporate and community greenhouse gas emission reduction targets
- Sustainability Education and Promotions
- 2002 Environmental Challenge School Programme
- World Environment Day Celebrations
- “Envirocare” information brochures
- Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee
- Sustainability Web Site
- Earth Charter and the Strategic Planning Process
- Cities for Climate Protection Program
- Sustainability Publications

The innovation category was particularly competitive, with 67 nominations received and several Councils winning best practice awards.

The award was accepted on behalf of the City by the Chairperson of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee, Cr John Hollywood, and Sustainable Development Officer John Goldsmith. The Best Practice award recognises the overall achievement of the City's approach towards sustainability, based on the innovative sustainability achievements of business units including Strategic and Corporate Planning, Community Development Services, Operations Services, Health and Environmental Services, Information Management, Infrastructure Management Services, and Approvals Planning and Environmental Services.

Mr Goldsmith will present highlights of the City's sustainability initiatives at the Indopacific Ecosystem Health Conference, to be held at Edith Cowan University, Joondalup, 24-27 November. Further information on the conference is available at http://www.chs.ecu.edu.au/research/ceh/conference_2002/

For further information, please visit the City's sustainability web site, via the sustainability quick link at <http://living.joondalup.wa.gov.au>

MOVED Cr O'Brien SECONDED Mr Wake that the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee congratulates Council for its ongoing support of sustainability and environmental initiatives, which have contributed towards the WALGA Best Practice award.

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5.2 City of Joondalup invited to present a Sustainability Case Study for the Earth Charter international Initiative (Mr John Goldsmith).

The City of Joondalup has been invited to present a sustainability case study, as part of the Earth Charter International Initiative.

In July 2002, WA Local Government Association hosted guest speaker Dr Brendan Mackey in a special "Earth Charter, Global Vision Goes Local" briefing to Local Government.

Dr Brendan Mackey is Chair of Earth Charter Australia and Reader in Ecology and Environmental Sciences at the Australian National University, and visited Perth in July to promote the Earth Charter.

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- 1** Respect for the Earth
- 2** Care for life
- 3** Democratic societies
- 4** Secure Earth's bounty and beauty for present and future generations
- 5** Protect and restore ecological systems
- 6** Prevent environment harm and apply the precautionary principle
- 7** Safeguard regenerative capacities of the Earth
- 8** Advance the study of ecological sustainability
- 9** Eradicate poverty
- 10** Ensure economic development is equitable and sustainable
- 11** Affirm gender equality
- 12** Uphold the right of all to a supportive natural and social environment
- 13** Strengthen democratic institutions
- 14** Integrate sustainability into lifelong learning
- 15** Treat all living beings with respect and consideration
- 16** Promote a culture of tolerance, nonviolence and peace

The full version of the Earth Charter is available at www.earthcharter.org. Copies of the Earth Charter will be provided for committee members.

The City's Sustainable Development Officer, John Goldsmith, gave a presentation at WALGA on how the City is utilising the Earth Charter as part of the Strategic Planning process. The presentation included a comparison between Council policies and the Earth Charter, which demonstrated significant common ground between the two and the value of the Earth Charter as a tool in local government strategic planning.

The City of Joondalup presentation was received very favourably and the City was invited by Dr Mackey and the PLANIT Earth Charter group, to prepare a case study for inclusion on the Earth Charter international web site (www.earthcharter.org).

The Earth Charter case study will be supplied at the committee meeting, and has been submitted to the Planit Group and Dr Brendan Mackey.

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire President, Jan Star, has indicated that the Earth Charter is being used to guide the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's Council's policies.

The City's sustainability web site has been updated with the Earth Charter case study. Refer to ;
http://living.joondalup.wa.gov.au/BUOrgnStrategic/sustainability/revise/living_services_sustainability_earth_charter.asp

The committee noted an opportunity for City of Joondalup policies to be audited on a periodical basis, in relation to the Earth Charter.

MOVED Mr Cusack SECONDED Mr Kurup that the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the Earth Charter case study.

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5.3 Self Evaluation Form “How Sustainable is Your Project” (Mr John Goldsmith)

The committee reviewed the draft self evaluation guide entitled “How Sustainable is Your Project?” and further input from the committee was received. The self evaluation guide is intended to enable a preliminary assessment of the sustainability of a project or proposal. The self evaluation guide provides a simple approach to assessing the environmental, social and economic sustainability of a proposal.

It is proposed that the guide be further developed in a web-based format for application on the City's sustainability web site.

MOVED Cr O'Brien SECONDED Mr Wake that the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the revised sustainability self evaluation guide and conducts further investigations.

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5.4 Drainage Management at Yellagonga Regional Park, Consultant Report by Connell Wagner,

Connell Wagner was commissioned by the City of Joondalup to assist with stormwater drainage management planning and impact assessment for existing outfalls into lakes of Yellagonga Regional Park. The emphasis of this presentation is on outfall 21 situated on the western foreshore of Lake Goollelal in the suburb of Kingsley.

Significant reference to previous studies and developments has been essential in appreciating the past, present and future conditions of Yellagonga Regional Park, thereby enabling informed assessments of appropriate stormwater treatment mechanisms. The aim of this presentation is to highlight the treatments appropriate to Outfall Number 21 in Lake Goollelal.

Guest speaker Damian Smith (Connell Wagner) presented a review of the drainage management issues in relation to outfall No 21.

The recommendations made in the presentation were specific to outfall Number 21 but will also act as a guide for future upgrades to other stormwater outfalls into Yellagonga Regional Park. This presentation represents a Concept Design and as such is only meant for planning purposes.

MOVED Cr O'Brien SECONDED Mr Magyar that the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee endorse in principle the proposed strategy and concept design to upgrade the existing stormwater drainage outfall no 21 in Lake Goollelal.

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5.5 City of Joondalup Submission on the draft State Government Sustainability Strategy "Focus on the Future" Consultation Draft (Mr John Goldsmith).

The committee is advised that a submission on the State Government's draft sustainability strategy, "Focus on the Future" has been prepared based on administration review and comment of the draft strategy. The City's submission will be referred to the 17 December 2002 Council meeting. The public submission period closes on 10 January 2003.

MOVED Cr O'Brien SECONDED Mr Magyar that the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the report's progress.

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5.6 Car Free Day (Cr Hollywood)

Cr Hollywood updated the committee regarding ongoing investigations for a proposed City of Joondalup Car Free Day. Cr Hollywood noted considerable community uptake regarding the car free day at the City of Fremantle, via the formation of a car free day committee, and also significant business interest.

The annual event in Fremantle occurs on 22 September. Councils including Vincent, Victoria Park and Subiaco have expressed interest in car free days. Throughout the world, over 1000 towns hold car free days.

An opportunity exists to work in collaboration with City of Fremantle to investigate further, and the ideal role of the Joondalup Festival committee was noted.

Mr Goldsmith noted that the Joondalup Festival is already being managed with a car free sector during the festival which lends itself greatly to the car free day concept. However Mr Goldsmith also noted that the marketing opportunity for the Joondalup Festival in relation to the car free day concept has not been fully recognised to date and that investigation is needed.

MOVED Cr O'Brien SECONDED Mr Wake that the car free day concept be referred to the Joondalup Festival committee for investigation and consideration be given to a report back to the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee.

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5.7 Coordination of Cities for Climate Protection Milestone 3- Development of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Action Plan (Mr Cusack)

The committee, at its September meeting, resolved to investigate opportunities for Council to work in conjunction with Edith Cowan University in relation to the Cities for Climate Protection initiatives. Mr Cusack updated the committee regarding ideas and opportunities for the Cities for Climate Protection Milestone 3- Development of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Action Plan, and potential involvement of the Edith Cowan University. The potential for internships and student research projects based on City of Joondalup priority research and investigation areas were discussed. The transport reference group was identified as a group with which the City could develop collaborative projects.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Air Quality correspondence (Mr Hawkins)

Mr Hawkins requested that correspondence from the Department of Environmental Protection be forwarded regarding the proposed local law on wood fire heater and air quality. Mr Robinson noted that a copy of the correspondence will be forwarded, and that such correspondence is subject to Council administrative processes.

6.2 Bike facilities and Bike Plan (Cr O'Brien)

Cr O'Brien noted the potential for additional bike facilities within the City. Mr Goldsmith noted that the City has developed a bike plan for the City which includes an approach for further bike facilities.

6.3 Correspondence via Chairperson (Mr Kurup)

Mr Kurup requested clarification regarding the role of committee members in relation to correspondence. Cr Hollywood noted that any correspondence in relation to committee business is coordinated via the Chairperson, or is referred to administration following Council endorsement of recommendations, for appropriate action. It was noted that committee members may indicate in correspondence their affiliation, as member of the Environmental and Sustainability Advisory Committee, but that individual committee members may not correspond on behalf of the committee.

6.4 Sustainability Presentations (Mr Wake)

Mr Wake informed the committee regarding an Edith Cowan University presentation, "Natural Advantage" and a sustainability workshop hosted by the WA Collaboration, scheduled for Saturday Workshop at City of Joondalup Details to be circulated

6.5 Status of Sustainability Plan and Workshop (Mr Hawkins)

Mr Hawkins requested an update regarding the draft "Sustainable Futures" report.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

CLOSE OF MEETING

CLOSED 20.10 hrs

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