

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WASTE GROUP

MINUTES

23/2/2017

1:00PM

ATTENDANCE

Chairperson:

Mr. Oliver Darby

Director, City of Busselton

Cr. Tania Jackson

Shire President, Shire of Harvey

Mr. Andrew Brian

Chief Executive Officer, City of Bunbury

Mr. Paul Sheedy

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Capel

Mr. Mark Chester

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Dardanup

Mr. Tom Battersby

Chief Executive Officer Bunbury-Harvey Regional Council

Mr. Tim Clync

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes

Mr. Michael Parker

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Harvey

Mr. Ben Rose

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup

Ms. Cate Brooks

Southwest Development Commission

Mr. Dale Putland

Director, Shire of Augusta-Margaret River

Ms. Ruth Levett

Manager, Shire of Augusta-Margaret River

Mr. Vitor Martins

Manager, City of Busselton

Mr. Ronan Cullen

Consultant, Talis Consultants

Mr. Lee Miller

Consultant, Talis Consultants

Apologies

Mr. David Blurton

Chief Executive Officer, Shire of Collie

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL WASTE GROUP MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2017

1. PRESENTATION BY TALIS CONSULTANTS

Talis Consultants delivered a presentation providing a brief overview and major findings, recommendations and outcomes of the multi-criteria assessment of prospective regional waste sites. This presentation was based on the letters titled "Landfill Site Selection Study – Site 16 update", dated 16/02/2017, and "Landfill Site Selection Study – Addendum following DMP Commentary", dated 24/01/2017.

The Consultants have indicated that pursuing Site 16 has a number of benefits and that, through engagement with the Department of Mines and Petroleum it should be possible to undertake a phased development of the site footprint such that it is compatible with resource extraction requirements.

2. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO CONFIRM THE GOODWOOD ROAD SITE (CAPEL) – SITE 16 ON THE SITE INVESTIGATION STUDY, AS THE PREFERRED SITE FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS AND REQUEST SUPPORT THROUGH THE SOUTHWEST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The group has agreed that the Goodwood Road site (Capel) – Site 16 on the site investigation study, remains as the preferred site for further investigations and use of state government funding.

The Shire of Harvey has expressed the view that this support should be contingent on the successful extension of the funding term, in order to prevent the situation in which the Bunbury Wellington Group of Councils would have to return the funding to State Government due to it remaining largely unused. The Shire has indicated that it would not be interested in pursuing Site 16 as a regional site, without the State government funding.

The City of Bunbury and the Shire of Capel agreed to present a proposal to the Bunbury Wellington Group of Councils (BWGC) for that group to request State government an extension of the funding term for another 3 years, in order allow for the development of Site 16.

If no such arrangement is possible, that is, if State government rejects such request, the members have agreed that the funds would best be applied towards the expansion of the Stanley Road site, which can be likely concluded much sooner and would continue to serve BWGC member Councils as was originally intended.

The Southwest Development Commission has indicated in principle support for the project and offered to work with the group to further progress it.

3. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO ENGAGE PROJECT OFFICER TO CARRY OUT THE NECESSARY PROJECT MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES.

The City of Busselton has proposed that the group engages a full time Project Manager to deal with the following tasks:

- Project management;
- Provide regular bulletins – updates to member Councils;
- Representation and advocacy to Government agencies;
- Procurement and management of contractors/consultants with site investigations, including upcoming Spring survey;
- Look at available alternative governance models going forward, including Regional Council and Public / Private Partnership;
- Undertake community consultation.

The City of Busselton has proposed to recruit for and oversee this position on a 2 year contract, which would be funded out of the State government grant money up to an estimated annual cost in the range of \$120,000 to \$130,000. The City has indicated that it would later provide a detailed breakdown of this cost.

The City of Bunbury and the Shire of Capel agreed to present a proposal to the Bunbury Wellington Group of Councils (BWGC) for that group to approve allocation of those funds.

If no such arrangement is possible, there was general agreement from all members to distribute the cost of the position among the participating local councils in accordance with the updated rate revenue figures.

4. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO UNDERTAKE DETAILED GOVERNANCE MODEL STUDY

The City of Bunbury has indicated that, given that regulations prevent Regional Subsidiaries from purchasing land, this is no longer a viable governance model for the group, which leaves the group with the options of either a Regional Council or a Public/Private Partnership.

There was general agreement among the members that no specific study is required at this stage and that this will be part of the project officer's role to undertake.

5. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL TO CREATE TASK-FORCE TO ADVANCE THE PROJECT IN LIAISON WITH STATE GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES

There was general agreement among the members and the Southwest Development Commission on the constitution of a task-force comprised of the following elements:

- Andrew Brian (City of Bunbury);
- Paul Sheedy (Shire of Capel);
- Tim Clynych (Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes);

- Oliver Darby (City of Busselton);
- Tony Battersby (Bunbury Harvey Regional Council);
- Ashley Clement (Southwest Development Commission).

This task-force will liaise with all State government authorities involved in respect to site tenure, land planning/use restrictions and environmental licensing, including the Department of Lands, the Department of Mines and Petroleum, the Department of Environment Regulation, the Department of Parks and Wildlife, among others.

6. OTHER ITEMS

No other items were discussed.

The meeting finished at 3.15pm.