

**12.2 REPORT TITLE: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MINISTERIAL
DPA**

DATE OF MEETING: 5 DECEMBER 2011

FILE NUMBER: 48/030/064

Strategic Plan Ref:

Goal Area 4 – Human Settlements and Transport

Purpose:

To provide an update on matters relating to the implementation of the Ministerial DPA.

Summary – Key Issues:

- SA Water received eight responses to the wastewater Expressions of Interest process;
- Council's existing wastewater treatment plant has some short term capacity that subject to upgrading could be utilised to service the early years development within the MDPA area; and
- A community communication strategy is being developed to achieve effective information provision.

Recommendation:

That Council note the update on the implementation of the Ministerial DPA.

Background:

1. This item provides an update post the most recent agenda item considered at the council meeting held on 21 November 2011.
2. Included in this agenda is a separate item seeking authority to submit a funding application to the Federal Government for a stormwater management project within the MDPA area.
3. Items on the revised draft Structure Plan for Mount Barker, Littlehampton and Nairne and the Nairne Master Plan preparation are to be considered at the council's Strategic Planning and Development Policy Committee meeting to be held on 5 December 2011.

Discussion:

4. The SA Water Expressions of interest for wastewater closed on 24 November 2011. SA Water has advised that eight responses were received.
5. The assessment of the responses will now be undertaken. Council will have input to this process.
6. Council has received a draft report from consultants GHD regarding the capacity of the council's existing wastewater treatment plant at Mount Barker.
7. The draft report indicates that the council plant has some short term capacity that could be utilised to service the early years of development within the Mount Barker location of the MDPA area.
8. This is subject to some upgrading needs and on the basis that if the capacity is 'borrowed' for MDPA area use then it needs to be replenished in time to cater for growth within the previous township boundaries i.e. infill development and greenfields sites like the southern side of Hawthorn Road.
9. It has always been anticipated that the land in Nairne rezoned via the MDPA would have septic tanks and could be serviced by the council's existing treatment plant and this assumption has been included in the GHD report.
10. The draft GHD report is currently being reviewed internally by officers and will provide a basis for further discussion with key stakeholders.
11. The Chief Executive Officer and General Manager, Infrastructure and Projects recently met with Mr Rod Hook the Chief Executive of the new Department for Planning, Transport and Infrastructure and Mr John Hanlon who is heading the Planning part of the Department.
12. The meeting was constructive in ensuring that Mr Hook was briefed on the council's objectives and current circumstances.
13. Mr Hook responded positively to the request from council that a designated Project Manager be appointed (within the Department) for Mount Barker in order to provide resource capacity, co-ordination across State Government agencies, and to work with council and other stakeholders (including developers) to progress opportunities for the early on the ground delivery of physical outcomes such as the first additional Park N Ride.
14. A follow up letter has been sent to Mr Hook post the meeting and a response is awaited.

15. A community communication strategy is being developed to achieve effective information provision.
16. This is intended to be developed in the coming weeks so that implementation can occur from early in 2012.
17. Various mechanisms are being examined in order to seek to enhance information provision such as in relation to the proposed stormwater management project (refer separate item).

Community Engagement:

Informing only	Refer above.
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Policy:

Not applicable to this item.

Budget:

The draft GHD report on the wastewater treatment plant capacity has been funded from the MDPA budget line.

Statutory/Legal:

Not applicable to this item.

Staff Resource Requirements:

Resource demands continue to be high.

Environmental:

Maximisation of treated water re-use remains an objective.

Social:

Not applicable to this item.

Risk Assessment:

Not applicable to this item.

Asset Management:

The required upgrading of the council's wastewater treatment plant is yet to be quantified in respect of the initial capital investment required and the associated asset management/whole of life implications.

Conclusion:

Solid progress is being made with the issue of wastewater services provision clearly a priority for further discussion with key stakeholders.

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Attachments

Nil

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