



City of Belmont
STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL)
MINUTES
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***** COUNCILLORS ARE REMINDED TO RETAIN THEIR ATTACHMENTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE MINUTES *****

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL) MEETING HELD IN THE RIVERVALE ROOM, CITY OF BELMONT CIVIC CENTRE, 215 WRIGHT STREET, CLOVERDALE ON MONDAY, 20 MARCH 2017, COMMENCING AT 6.30PM.

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Cr S Wolff (Presiding Member)	South Ward
Cr B Ryan (Deputy Presiding Member)	East Ward
Cr P Marks, Mayor (Ex Officio)	East Ward

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr S Cole	Chief Executive Officer
Mr W Stephens	Manager Parks and Environment
Ms N Davey	Coordinator Environment
Mr S Glassborow	Environmental Officer
Ms E Cashman	Senior Governance Officer

OBSERVERS

Cr R Rossi, JP, Deputy Mayor	West Ward
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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

The Presiding Member opened the meeting at 6.30pm, welcomed those in attendance and read the Acknowledgement of Country.

It is important that we acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting today the Noongar Whadjuk people and pay respect to Elders both past and present.

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Cr P Hitt (Apology)	West Ward
Mr R Lutey (Apology)	Director Technical Services

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST THAT MIGHT CAUSE A CONFLICT

3.1 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

Nil.

3.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST THAT MAY AFFECT IMPARTIALITY

Nil.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

4.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

4.2 DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO ALL MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE BUSINESS PAPERS PRESENTLY BEFORE THE MEETING

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**5.1 STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL) MEETING HELD 14 NOVEMBER 2016
(Circulated under separate cover)**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MARKS MOVED, RYAN SECONDED,

That the Minutes of the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held 14 November 2016 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 3 VOTES TO 0

6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS ON WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

Nil.

7. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

Nil.

8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

Nil.

9. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 PROGRESS OF ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY AND TRAVELSMART PLAN IMPLEMENTATION: NOVEMBER 2016 - FEBRUARY 2017

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
Attachment 1 – Item 10.1 refers	Environment and Sustainability Strategy Progress
Attachment 2 – Item 10.1 refers	TravelSmart Plan Report

Updates of progress towards the implementation of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy and TravelSmart Plan are attached for information (refer Attachments [1](#) and [2](#)). This outlines activities undertaken since the Standing Committee (Environmental) meeting on 14 November 2016.

The Coordinator Environment provided an update as follows:

- Perth Airport has submitted a variation to their Major Development Plan for the Direct Factory Outlet involving a living stream. The City has provided comment but has not been informed if the proposal has been approved. Construction of a living stream will involve clearing of vegetation.
- The City has been informed by the Department of Transport that the channel between Ascot Waters and Black Swan Island is not closed for vessels. The Department of Planning will be responsible for removing all signage relating to this.
- A report has been conducted on the fire fuel load at Tomato Lake and it has been proposed that a contractor is engaged to reduce the fire fuel loading by 50% by removing leaf litter and branches in certain areas.
- The City has been awarded \$32,000 in riverbank funding. This will be used as part of foreshore stabilisation works at Ascot Racecourse.
- The City has submitted an application for Green Army services to help out with foreshore works at Ascot Racecourse.
- The City is working with the Water Corporation to improve public access and amenity to drainage reserves as part of a project commenced by the Water Corporation.

A series of questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- The fuel load at Tomato Lake is being investigated and will be reduced. This will involve reducing leaf litter and branches. The area of most concern is the 2Ha lot off President Street as this location has been raised by a number of residents. Any other areas will be noted and investigated for possible future reductions.
- The City is working with the Water Corporation to clean up and beautify a number of their sumps.
- The possibility of a living stream or an open drainage system from Tomato Lake to the Swan River will be a massive project which will involve a significant amount of community consultation and discussion.
- At present, the Water Corporation maintains their assets to their own standards, which involves annual maintenance only.
- The City is working with the Water Corporation on all their drainage assets and will encourage the Water Corporation to better maintain these areas.

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- The main drain on Perth Airport land is a Water Corporation asset. The City is working with the Water Corporation and Perth Airport on a number of drainage concerns in this area.
- Changes to Bush Forever data reflect the removal of bushland that has already been cleared as part of approved development, the correction of errors and the alignment of sites with cadastral boundaries.
- The living stream proposed by Perth Airport and the DFO development will involve the clearing of native vegetation in Bush Forever sites. To construct the living stream, the clearing of vegetation will be required.
- A number of the City's staff carpool. The Coordinator Environment undertook to provide Councillors with further information on staff uptake and use of the carpool register.
- The City's electric bikes are all in use every day. The electric bikes were initially given to the City by the RAC. A voucher for an electric bike was purchased as the major prize for the 2016 Environmental Achievers Program for Business.
- The slow points installed in Surrey Road near the end on the cul-de-sac are part of the Bike Boulevard design. Slow points in a number of locations along Surrey Road are part of the intent of the Bike Boulevard.
- The Manager Parks and Environment undertook to provide Councillors with the locations of all the slow points on Surrey Road as part of the Bike Boulevard.
- The first slow point has been installed as part of a pilot program. The remaining slow points will be installed in sections, starting from the Great Eastern Highway end. Construction will commence during the school holidays.
- The Bike Boulevard installed in the City of Vincent took a very different approach. Road signage and marking was used as opposed to the construction of slow points and refuges.
- The Bike Boulevard will connect at both ends to existing bike networks.
- There is currently no or very limited bus services through the Kewdale industrial area.

10.2 DRAFT CANOPY PLAN

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
Tabled Attachment 1 – Item 10.2 refers	<u>Urban Forest Strategy Presentation</u>

The Environmental Officer provided an update on the progress of the Draft Canopy Plan development.

The Urban Forest Strategy Presentation included the following:

- Update
- Plan
- Councillor Workshop
- 1. Planting Opp.
- 2. Policy
- 3. Partnerships
- Staff Workshop
- JBA
- Canopy Plan

(Refer [Tabled Attachment 1](#) for further information).

A series of questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- The Canopy Plan is a good start. Education in the community will be very important.
- Belmont Forum management are planning on planting a number of London Plane trees in their redeveloped carparks. Planting spaces (diamonds) have been set aside for the tree planting.
- The City provided advice to the Forum on planting cells for carparks, like those used at Forster Park, however standard construction has been used.
- It has been proven that trees in carparks providing shade attracts more customers to shopping centres.
- It is questionable if the diamonds set aside for the trees will be large enough to sustain fully grown trees. To maximise potential tree growth, the available soil volume is critical.
- The five trees planted at Forster Park three years ago using cell technology now provide as much shade as 30 trees. The available soil volumes for root growth and moisture levels have allowed this substantial growth.
- There is a place for native trees and a place for exotic trees. Carparks are perfect for London Plane trees.

10.3 AMENITY ENHANCEMENT AND PLANTING OF DRAINAGE RESERVES

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
Tabled Attachment 2 – Item 10.3 refers	<u>Amenity Planting in Drainage Reserves Presentation</u>

The Environmental Officer provided an update on recommendations from two previous reports relating to amenity enhancement and planting of drainage reserves, and presented details of a reengineered drainage sump installed adjacent to the White Gum Valley water sensitive exemplar development.

The Amenity Planting in Drainage Reserves Presentation included the following:

- Update
- Drainage Reserves
- Planting
- Williamson Ave
- White Gum Valley
- The Basin

(Refer [Tabled Attachment 2](#) for further information).

A series of questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- A street tree at 170 Leake Street (sump) will be planted this winter.
- At the White Gum Valley development, all stormwater is retained on site.
- It is not possible to have an official footpath through a drainage basin.
- Potential locations in Belmont will be dependent on Water Corporation ability, funding and resourcing, but sites such as Redgum Park and the Francisco Street sump next to the school may be considered.
- The City will work with the Water Corporation as part of their drainage for liveability project.
- In the past, the Water Corporation has been under resourced. However this new drainage for liveability program is encouraging.
- As topography in Belmont is very different to topography in Fremantle; different challenges will be faced if implementing a project of this nature.
- The Environmental Health Department test water sources such as the river, drains and sumps for mosquitoes.
- The 'Gen Y' housing at White Gum Valley was part of an architectural competition looking at promoting sustainable living. The concept was for higher density housing in smaller areas, with the provision of apartment and studio living a focus. It is possible that some of the concepts and learnings from this project could be translated to DA6.

10.4 ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS GROUP

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
Tabled Attachment 3 – Item 10.4 refers	Environmental Sustainability Focus Group Presentation

The Coordinator Environment presented on initiatives suggested through the staff Environmental Sustainability Focus Group and progress of implementation.

The Environmental Sustainability Focus Group Presentation included the following:

- Initiatives implemented
- Recycling
- General Waste
- Neither Bin
- Initiatives implemented

(Refer [Tabled Attachment 3](#) for further information).

A series of questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- The Smart Cara waste systems cost approximately \$1000 for a small unit. This unit will treat about half the waste of the currently used Bokashi bin.
- Bokashi is a method of composting which uses microorganisms to break down waste, which can then be used as a garden fertiliser.
- Shredded paper cannot be recycled into yellow top bins as it will get tangled in the waste sorting equipment. Shredded paper can be disposed of in the regular waste service, through the confidential disposal bin or be used as pet bedding or in the garden.
- A waste guide that details what can be recycled and where to dispose of particular objects is sent out to residents annually.
- Loose plastic bags can sometimes be sorted out of recycling loads but can also contaminate loads. It is best that they are not placed in general recycling bins.
- Confidential disposal bins are for staff use only.
- Some waste providers now have equipment which allows for the recycling of loose plastic bags; however this is not the case through Belmont.
- The last Belmont Bulletin article relating to recycling was in late 2016, promoting national recycling week.
- It was noted that efforts by volunteers at Tomato Lake and the foreshore for Clean Up Australia Day were to be commended. The City did not organise these events, but collected and disposed of the rubbish.
- The Coordinator Environment undertook to install “Healthy Wildlife” posters on feeding ducks in the Tomato Lake noticeboards.

11. ITEMS REQUIRING RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

11.1 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CITY OF BELMONT ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

NATURAL BELMONT

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
Attachment 3 – Item 11.1 refers	Revised City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021 (2017 version)
Tabled Attachment 4 – Item 11.1 refers	Minor Annual Review – Environment and Sustainability Strategy Presentation

Voting Requirement	:	Simple Majority
Subject Index	:	20/003: Environment Plan
Location/Property Index	:	N/A
Application Index	:	N/A
Disclosure of any Interest	:	Nil
Previous Items	:	OCM 27 July 2016 – Item 12.3
Applicant	:	N/A
Owner	:	N/A
Responsible Division	:	Technical Services

COUNCIL ROLE

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Advocacy | <i>When Council advocates on its own behalf or on behalf of its community to another level of government/body/agency.</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Executive | <i>The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council eg adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Legislative | <i>Includes adopting local laws, local planning schemes and policies.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Review | <i>When Council reviews decisions made by Officers.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Quasi-Judicial | <i>When Council determines an application/matter that directly affect a person's right and interests. The judicial character arises from the obligation to abide by the principles of natural justice. Examples of quasi-judicial authority include local planning applications, building licences, applications for other permits/licences (eg under Health Act, Dog Act or Local Laws) and other decisions that may be appealable to the State Administrative Tribunal.</i> |

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present the revised City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016 - 2021 (2017 version) to Council for endorsement.

Item 11.1 Continued

SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

The City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021 was endorsed by Council on 27 July 2016 and provides strategic direction for environmental activities throughout the City.

As per the City's 'Environment and Sustainability Policy', Council is committed to the development, implementation and regular review of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy. Annual review of the Strategy is undertaken prior to preparation of the budget each year.

Recommended changes to the Environment and Sustainability Strategy have been identified, relating to:

- Deletion of new actions that have been completed
- Moving actions that have become ongoing to the relevant section
- Addition of new actions or rewording of existing actions
- Alteration to timeframes, priority and/or responsible Officer.

LOCATION

N/A

CONSULTATION

There has been no specific consultation undertaken in respect to this matter.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with the Strategic Community Plan Key Result Area: Natural Belmont.

Objective: Protect and enhance our natural environment

Strategy: Ensure the City has policies and practices that safeguard and enhance the natural environment.

Corporate Key Action: Conduct annual review of the City of Belmont's Environmental and Sustainability Policy and Strategy

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Environment and Sustainability Policy (Council Policy NB3) states that the City of Belmont will develop, implement and regularly review an organisation-wide Environment and Sustainability Strategy.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no specific statutory requirements in respect to this matter.

Item 11.1 Continued

BACKGROUND

The City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021 was endorsed by Council on 27 July 2016 and provides strategic direction for environmental activities throughout the City.

As per the City's 'Environment and Sustainability Policy', Council is committed to the development, implementation and regular review of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy. Annual review of the Strategy is undertaken prior to preparation of the budget each year.

OFFICER COMMENT

Recommended changes to the Environment and Sustainability Strategy have been identified, relating to:

- Deletion of new actions that have been completed
- Moving actions that have become ongoing to the relevant section
- Addition of new actions or rewording of existing actions
- Alteration to timeframes, priority and/ or responsible officer.

The proposed changes, as outlined in [Attachment 3](#), are presented to the Standing Committee (Environmental) for comment, prior to referral of the updated Strategy to Council for endorsement.

Comments have been included in [Attachment 3](#) providing an explanation of changes required.

The key proposed changes include:

- Rewording of several sections for clarification, without altering substantive content or intent
- Deletion of note that the Canopy Plan is currently under development, due to anticipated Council endorsement in 2017
- Inclusion of completed 2016/17 actions under 'Previous Achievements'
- Expansion of list of 'Key Stakeholders for the City of Belmont'
- Update to the Plan Do Check Act Diagram under 'Environmental Management System' to reflect the updated diagram in the ISO 14001: 2015 Standard
- Inclusion of risk criteria applied to identify significant environmental aspects
- Inclusion of reference to the presence of Banksia woodland within the City of Belmont and its new classification as a Threatened Ecological Community under legislation
- Deletion of 22 actions either completed or expected to be complete by 30 June 2017, with seven new associated ongoing actions included:
 - Provide a forum for staff to identify, share and discuss environmental sustainability initiatives through the Environmental Sustainability Focus Group
 - Implement an environmental awareness training program for new staff, with staff in relevant roles to complete Waterwise Garden and Irrigation, Water Auditing and Fertilise Wise training
 - Promote relevance of environment/ sustainability to the City's values, the "Innovation Webform" and relevant categories of the Star Awards (i.e. innovation)

Item 11.1 Continued

- Monitor and note changes to environmental legislation in a central register, and if relevant to City of Belmont, corresponding changes to City procedures and communication undertaken
- Incorporate environmental considerations when planning major community events
- Apply Detailed Tree Selection for planting of verges located adjacent environmentally sensitive areas such as bushland, drainage basins and river foreshore
- Include “whole of life” fuel use as a tender criterion for new plant purchased, based on fuel efficiency (L/hr) and expected lifetime operating hours
- Inclusion of following new ongoing actions:
 - Promote the Responsible Cafes Program and encourage local cafes to join and provide a discount to customers who bring their own reusable takeaway cup
 - Investigate and invest in new technologies that assist in gaining maximum efficiencies in groundwater management.
 - Consider environmental benefits of electric vehicles and potential incorporation into the light vehicle fleet
- Modification to existing ongoing actions:
 - Delete specific reference to content of the annual groundwater monitoring report to Department of Water, and instead reference the Groundwater Licence Operating Strategy.
 - Inclusion of reference to progress of the Canopy Plan in the ongoing actions list for Natural Environment and Biodiversity
 - Inclusion of reference to the Water Corporation Drains for Liveability program
- Inclusion of following new actions:
 - 1.4 Consider the outcomes of WALGA’s review of Sustainable Procurement in the WA Local Government Sector, in annual review of the City of Belmont Environmental Purchasing Policy.
 - 3.3 Undertake biological surveys (fauna and/or macroinvertebrates) of restoration sites to monitor changes in local ecology
 - 3.4 Undertake updated flora surveys of key natural areas to monitor changes and plan for future restoration
 - 3.7 Revise the City’s Process Map for “Clearing of native vegetation” to include referrals under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
 - 4.3 Develop a Nutrient Awareness Campaign for the Ascot Stables stormwater catchment, with the aim to improve water quality through further education, awareness and enforcement of local laws
 - 5.2 Implement a commitment pledge/ Memorandum of Understanding with one lessee of a City owned building/ facility, regarding environmental sustainability initiatives.
 - 5.5 Develop a Waste Minimisation Plan for the Faulkner Civic Precinct, including the Civic Centre, Ruth Faulkner Public Library, Functions Centre and new Community Centre.
 - 6.1: Participate in the EMRC’s “Understanding and Managing Flood Risk in Perth’s Eastern Region” project; Stage 3: Flood Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, Floodplain Development Strategy and Stage 4: Flood Intelligence and Adaptation Planning.
- Deletion of the following actions unable to be implemented as stated:
 - 2.1 Implement an education and engagement programme for residents of “The Springs” regarding environmental and sustainability issues.

Item 11.1 Continued

- 5.4 Upon completion of data transfer to Planet Footprint, consider a new Corporate carbon emission reduction goal for City managed buildings/facilities, using 2015/16 as a baseline.
- Extension of timeframe for the following actions to 2017/18
 - 3.2 Obtain “as constructed” digital designs for stormwater drainage upon completion of the Tonkin Highway upgrade, and incorporate into the City’s Intramaps system.
 - 1.4 (now 1.1) Develop guidelines and assist and encourage applicants for unit developments to establish verge landscaping that supports environmental outcomes and other community benefits.
- Inclusion of new indicators
 - % of significant environmental aspects reviewed by Senior Management
 - Sheets of paper printed annually (calendar year) for Councillor communications
- Inclusion of the following new goals and targets for Resource Use, Waste and Carbon Emissions:
 - Performance targets for the Faulkner Civic Precinct Community Centre, as set in the Owners Project Requirements document
 - Goals for Corporate and residential scheme water consumption set in the endorsed City of Belmont Water Efficiency Action Plan 2016-2021
 - Maintain annual energy consumption per FTE at the Operations Centre to within 10% of 2015/16 levels until 2021
 - Reduce annual electricity consumption at Harman Park Community Centre by 10%, from 2014/15 levels by 2020/21
 - Reduce the average ‘CO₂ tailpipe emissions rating’ of the City’s light vehicle fleet between 2016 and 2021
 - Reduce the percentage of recyclable material in the Civic Centre bulk bin at the time of the annual audit in comparison to 2016/17 results
 - Minimise sheets of paper printed annually (calendar year) for Councillor communications below 2016 figures.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of implementing individual new actions is documented in each Chapter of Part II of the Strategy (refer [Attachment 3](#)). This is an approximate cost only and is reviewed during preparation of the budget each year.

The only additional direct financial cost to implement actions included in the Strategy is associated with proposed new action 3.4 ‘Undertake updated flora surveys of key natural areas to monitor changes and plan for future restoration’. This involves consultancy costs of an estimated \$10,000 to engage qualified botanists to conduct flora surveys at five sites.

Costs for all other actions (ongoing and new) are already accounted for in maintenance, capital renewal/upgrade, operating budgets or in the Corporate Business Plan.

A significant but unquantified cost is related to Officer time, which involves not only the activities of Environment Section staff, but also those identified as responsible Officers.

Item 11.1 Continued

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Continuous improvement through annual review of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy will assist the City's ability to protect and enhance the natural environment.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Environment and Sustainability Strategy is anticipated to result in a beneficial social impact, particularly via the 'Community Awareness, Engagement and Behaviour Change' theme, which aims to

"engage with the wider Belmont residential and business community to promote and encourage involvement in environmental programmes, sustainable behaviour change and minimise risk of pollution incidence".

Committee Notes

The Minor Annual Review – Environment and Sustainability Strategy Presentation included the following:

7.47pm Cr Rossi departed the meeting.

- 2016-2017 Actions
- Proposed New Ongoing Actions
- Proposed New Actions

7.51pm Cr Rossi returned to the meeting.

- Changes to Natural Power / Energy Fund
- Other Changes
- New Goals and Targets for Resource Use, Waste and Carbon Emissions
- Goals Set in Other Documents

(Refer [Tabled Attachment 4](#) for further information).

A series of questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- The downpour that occurred earlier this year was considered a flood event. The river level was significantly higher at Garvey Park and the river was flowing much faster than normal.
- The time of year when the rain event occurred helped and the rain occurred over a 24 hour period rather than over a number of weeks. The ground was also dry as it was summer.
- The Avon river catchment area starts in the Wheatbelt.

Item 11.1 Continued

- Electric vehicles are being investigated and usage will increase. When fleet vehicles are replaced CO2 emission levels are looked at. These indicators are reported to the Standing Committee (Environmental) on a regular basis.
- There are more and more electric vehicle options coming onto the market, the technology is improving and charging stations are becoming more prevalent.
- There are still limitations on battery life, range and recharging ability. Significant research and effort is being undertaken in improving battery technology. It was also noted that charging stations can cost up to \$30,000 to install.
- The most recent flora surveys were undertaken over ten years ago, and some areas such as Garvey Park were last surveyed in 1994. Many of these areas have changed significantly in this time, and the surveys are required to provide information on the flora now in the area. Officers will investigate the possibility of partnering with universities to undertake these surveys.
- There are a number of aquatic plants present at Tomato Lake such as duck weed which is beneficial in the aquatic environment.
- The City is transitioning to the 2015 ISO standard, and will be certified in the new standard by 2018. It will be noted that the diagram used in the 2017 update to the Environmental and Sustainability Strategy is from the 2015 standard.
- Cr Wolff suggested the inclusion of additional text in the revised Strategy, to clarify that the updated Plan Do Check Act Diagram is based on the ISO 14001: 2015 standard (rather than the 2004 standard).

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MARKS MOVED, RYAN SECONDED,

That Council endorse the revised City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021 (2017 version) (refer [Attachment 3](#)).

CARRIED 3 VOTES TO 0

12. REGISTER UPDATE OF ITEMS

Officer responses to the Register Update of Items from the Environment Committee meeting on 14 November 2016 are listed below.

Date Submitted	Item No.	Item Heading	Responsible Officer	Officer Comment
14.11.16	10.1	Progress of Environment and Sustainability Strategy and TravelSmart Plan Implementation	Environmental Officer	<p>The Director Technical Services undertook to arrange an article to be included in the Belmont Bulletin advising residents of the Waterwise demonstration verge at Miles Park.</p> <p><i>Article to be submitted for publication in October 2017 edition of Belmont Bulletin, to coincide with National Water Week.</i></p>
14.11.16	10.1	Progress of Environment and Sustainability Strategy and TravelSmart Plan Implementation	Coordinator Environment	<p>The Director Technical Services undertook to arrange an article to be included in the Belmont Bulletin requesting that residents do not feed the ibis at Tomato Lake.</p> <p><i>Article submitted for publication in March 2017 edition of Belmont Bulletin. A school holiday morning talk and walk ('Healthy Waterbirds, Healthy Lake') will be held at Tomato Lake on 12 April 2017.</i></p> <p><i>Due to lack of space this article was not published in the March 2017 Belmont Bulletin, however it will be re-submitted for a future edition.</i></p>
14.11.16	10.2	City of Stirling – Tree Protection and Retention – Private Land and Verges	Manager Parks and Environment	<p>A draft of the Canopy Plan will be presented to a future Information Forum.</p> <p><i>Refer Item 10.2.</i></p>
14.11.16	10.3	Environmental Sustainability – Councillors	Coordinator Environment	<p>Councillors to be provided with an opportunity for input and consideration at a future Information Forum.</p> <p><i>Presentation made to Special Information Forum 7 February 2017 – Item 5.3 Printing of Councillor Documents and follow up memo to Councillors published 22 February 2017.</i></p> <p>COMPLETED</p>

13. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Standing Committee (Environmental) will be held on Monday 26 June 2017 commencing at 6.30pm.

14. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.07pm.

MINUTES CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that these minutes of the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held on 20 March 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held 26 June 2017:

Signed by the Person Presiding: _____ *A.K. Wolff*

PRINT name of the Person Presiding: _____ *Cr Steve Wolff*