

**ALL WARDS****13.2 METROPOLITAN WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY GROUP – BOARD NOMINATION**

**SUMMARY:**            *Manager – Sustainable Infrastructure  
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*This report seeks endorsement by Council for the nomination of Cr John Mortimore as a Board Representative of the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group.*

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council

1. Endorse the nomination of Cr John Mortimore, as the Knox Council nominated representative of the Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum for a position on the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Board.
2. Note that nominations for Councillor representative positions on the board close on 9 January 2017.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

The tenure of four current Councillor representatives on the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) board is scheduled to cease on 30 April 2017. The Group have therefore called for Councillor nominations to fill these vacancies.

**2. DISCUSSION**

The Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum (MLGW Forum) has been set up to support the effective operation of the MWRRG. The MLGW Forum consists of one councillor (voting member) and a council officer (as an advisory, non-voting member) from each of the 31 council areas that make up the MWRRG region.

There are four councillors elected by the MLGW Forum to represent the 31 councils on the MWRRG Board. These councillors are nominated to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change for appointment to the Board. After consideration the Minister makes a recommendation to the Governor in Council on the representatives to be appointed as Directors on the Board.

Cr Mortimore has been the Knox Council nominated representative on the waste forum for the previous 5 years and has expressed an interest in nominating for the board. It is generally held that a formal endorsement of Council is necessary prior to pursuing such opportunities.

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Council does have a current policy relating to Council Representation on external bodies, which provides guidelines on participation on external committees, including boards and would govern protocols should the nomination prove successful.

#### **3. CONSULTATION**

There has been no external consultation on this matter, although it is to be noted that nomination for board positions requires a supporting nomination from an existing Councillor representative on the Metropolitan Local Government Waste Forum.

#### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL/AMENITY ISSUES**

The objectives of the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group are to collaborate with metropolitan Councils, Sustainability Victoria, the Environment Protection Authority, Department of Sustainability and Environment, industry, business and the community to assist metropolitan councils to undertake individual and collective efforts to:

- Reduce the generation of waste;
- Maximise the sustainable recovery of materials from waste for reuse, recycling, reprocessing and energy recovery;
- Minimise the damage to the environment caused by waste disposal;
- Plan, coordinate and facilitate metropolitan councils' procurement of waste management and resource recovery services; and
- Strengthen organisational capacity and capability and empower others to deliver waste and resource recovery objectives and priorities.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS**

There are no economic implications associated with this report.

#### **6. SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no social implications associated with this report.

#### **7. RELEVANCE TO CITY PLAN 2013-17 (INCORPORATING THE COUNCIL PLAN)**

Under the Vibrant and Sustainable Built and Natural Environments, the waste management service aims to minimise waste and provides waste collection and disposal services for the Knox community.

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### **8. CONCLUSION**

This report seeks endorsement by Council for Cr John Mortimore to nominate for a Board position on the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group.

### **9. CONFIDENTIALITY**

There are no confidentiality issues associated with this report.

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