

6.1 NOTICE OF MOTION: Councillor Dan Loden – Request the Investigation into the Introduction of 360 Litre Recycling Mobile Garbage Bins to Residential properties

That Council REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer to investigate and provide a report to Council by May 2016 on the implications/benefits of introducing a program to allow residents to exchange their 240L recycling Mobile Garbage Bin for a 360L recycling Mobile Garbage Bin in exchange for either a reduction in frequency of domestic waste collection (fortnightly collections) or being provided with a reduced size of domestic rubbish bin from the existing 240L to 140L Mobile Garbage Bin.

REASON:

A number of residents have expressed interest in accessing a larger recycling Mobile Garbage Bin (MGB) due to higher quantities of recycling. As the population of Vincent increases and the volume of waste increases, ways to reduce waste to land fill needs to be investigated. In addition the costs of waste management are likely to increase over time as the current land fill options approach capacity in the next five to 10 years.

The cost to the City of larger recycling bins is the once off capital cost of a larger bin plus an additional cost per lift. The reduction in volume of waste to landfill would be uncertain, however can be expected to at least partially offset the incremental cost to the City of introducing a larger recycling MGB.

A program of rolling out larger recycling bins could be considered for inclusion in the 2016/17 budget if supported by Council. This initiative could also be coupled with the composting and worm farm program to further encourage waste diversion and to reduce waste management costs.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS:

Council previously adopted a procedure to introduce 360L recycling MGB's to new commercial and residential unit development, to reduce the number of MGB's provided while maintaining the same allocated capacity.

Currently if a resident requests a 360L recycling MGB in lieu of a 240L recycling MGB (standard provided for fortnightly collection), the resident is required to pay \$115 for the larger bin (in accordance with the City's fees and charges).

Administration supports investigating the development of a program for providing larger recycling bins, at no additional cost to the resident, on a request basis, with the trade-offs suggested.

Requests for additional/larger recycling bins are received from residents from time to time and Administration has already been examining some options to improve the current service provision.