

Councillor Siebentritt - MoN - Expansion of Green Waste Collection Services

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Council

Council Member
Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt

Public

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MOTION ON NOTICE

Councillor Dr Mark Siebentritt will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:

'That Council, noting the successful green waste trial that was implemented in Rundle Mall and the pending further restrictions on single use plastics, asks the Administration to report back on opportunities to expand the three bin waste collection services to other places where people aggregate across the City including key sites in the CBD, main streets and select locations in the Park Lands.'

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Through a collaboration between the City of Adelaide and Green Industries SA, a 12-month public place organics recycling pilot commenced on 30 August 2022 in Rundle Mall. The pilot introduced six bin stations with three streams (waste, recycling, and green organics).
2. At the conclusion of the trial in 2023, the Rundle Mall bin system was incorporated into the City of Adelaide service offering for Rundle Mall as a standard waste collection service offer.
3. The audit report at the conclusion of the trial in 2023 identified strong recovery of (food) organics and high contamination levels of comingled recycling bins. Contamination levels included high levels of compostable food services ware.
4. The phased implementation of the *Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020 (SA)* by the State Government introduces further bans from 1 September 2024, including single-use plastic beverage containers (such as coffee cups) and single-use plastic food containers. This is expected to result in significant improvements to diversion rates, but likely to see contamination rates experienced in the Rundle Mall bins.
5. The 2023 waste audit of the Rundle Mall pilot noted that consolidating residents' use of kerbside three-bin waste collection services (at home) has the potential to support three-bin public place recycling efforts by providing a consistent approach.
6. On 12 March 2024, the Council considered an amended draft Operating Guideline for Kerbside Waste Management, which included flexibility to consider service changes that would enable the implementation of three bin collections for community groups in the Adelaide Park Lands.
7. The Council deferred the matter and the amended Operating Guideline for Kerbside Waste Management and was subsequently noted by the Council on 14 May 2024 ([Link 1](#)). This did not result in any service changes that would accommodate this type of service collection in the public realm.
8. The 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget includes \$100,000 for a Waste and Recycling Collection Feasibility Study to inform future service changes and a review of the City of Adelaide's waste collection contract which concludes on 30 June 2027. Waste collection service changes are currently unfunded in the 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

9. Should Council resolve to support the proposed motion, the Administration will prepare a report on opportunities to expand the three bin waste collection services with a focus on places where people aggregate across the city including key sites in the CBD, main streets and select locations in the Adelaide Park Lands, effectively non-residential locations.
10. The report will be delivered in the third quarter of the 2024/25 financial year to enable the 1 September 2024 single-use plastic legislation changes to be observed and work on the Feasibility Study to be undertaken. The report is timed such that it can be considered through the 2025/26 budget deliberations.

Should the motion be carried, the following implications of this motion should be considered. Note any costs provided are estimates only – no quotes or prices have been obtained:	
Public consultation	Not applicable
External consultant advice	Not applicable
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	The 2024/25 Annual Business Plan and Budget includes \$100,000 for a Waste and Recycling Collection Feasibility Study.
Budget reallocation	Opportunities will be reviewed within existing resources and budget allocations for 2024/25. Implementation of any service changes subsequently decided by the Council will be subject to the Annual Business Plan and Budget process.
Capital investment	Not applicable
Staff time in preparing the workshop / report requested in the motion	Not applicable
Other	Not applicable
Staff time in receiving and preparing this administration comment	To prepare this administration comment in response to the motion on notice took approximately 5.5 hours.

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