

## MOTION ON NOTICE

**Councillor Hou will move a motion and seek a seconder for the matter shown below to facilitate consideration by the Council:**

'That Council:

1. Notes a trial to reduce food organics in a retail precinct in the city will soon commence to support businesses to transition from single-use plastics to reusable and compostable items.
2. Expresses its intent to deliver a second food organics education program for a city business precinct, to be informed by the above trial.
3. Notes the leading approach to single-use plastic reduction by the State Government as part of implementation of the *Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020*.
4. Requests the Administration advocate to State and Federal Government to drive reductions and elimination of packaging, particularly plastic packaging, through the food supply chain to avoid and reduce waste disposed of via City of Adelaide waste services.'

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## ADMINISTRATION COMMENT

1. Priority Item 1 in the City of Adelaide's *Resource Recovery (Organics, Recycling and Waste) Strategy and Action Plan 2020–2028* (the Strategy) is to reduce food waste generation and increase diversion of food scraps going to landfill by 50%.
2. In line with the Strategy, the City of Adelaide is piloting green organics collection in Rundle Mall.
  - 2.1. The pilot is a collaboration with Green Industries SA and will include a new purpose-built three-bin system commencing at the end of August 2022.
  - 2.2. If the pilot is successful, there is opportunity for Council to operationalise organics collection for patrons of Rundle Mall and expand public place resource recovery to other locations.
  - 2.3. Support programs have been implemented for street level food retail businesses in the Rundle Mall precinct including:
    - 2.3.1 \$1200 one-off voucher to support eligible cafes switch to certified compostable products
    - 2.3.2 \$400 rebate to support eligible businesses implement a food organics bin service; and
    - 2.3.3 Education support for arcades in the precinct.
    - 2.3.4 Further information is available [here](#).
3. In February 2020, Council approved a submission to Green Industries SA supporting the proposed *Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Bill 2019*.

4. The subsequent *Single-use and Other Plastic Products (Waste Avoidance) Act 2020* legislates the purchase and use of certain single-use plastic serve ware and will include more items over time.
5. In February 2022, we submitted feedback via the Local Government Association on Green Industries SA's consultation paper *Turning the Tide: The Future of Single-use Plastic in South Australia 2021* to support a systematic and consistent approach to the ongoing phase out of plastic products.
6. If this motion is passed we will:
  - 6.1. Use the learnings from the trial of green organics collection in Rundle Mall to identify and implement a second trial of public space organics collection and education in a city business precinct.
  - 6.2. Advocate to State and Federal Government to drive reductions and elimination of packaging, particularly plastic packaging, through the food supply chain to avoid and reduce waste disposed of via City of Adelaide waste services.
  - 6.3. Review internal policy on plastic packaging as part of the review of the Waste and Recycling Services Policy in 2022/23.

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	Public consultation may be required to inform a green organics public space program in a city precinct.
External consultant advice	May be required.
Legal advice / litigation (eg contract breach)	Not applicable
Impacts on existing projects	Not applicable
Budget reallocation	Dependent upon timing of implementation
Capital investment	Required
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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