

CITY OF JOONDALUP

MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JOONDALUP CIVIC CENTRE, BOAS AVENUE, JOONDALUP ON THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2006

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members:

Cr Michele John	- <i>Presiding Person</i>	South-West Ward
Cr Russ Fishwick	- <i>Deputy Presiding Person</i>	South Ward
Cr Sue Hart		South-East Ward
Cr Steve Magyar		North-Central Ward
Ms Melanie Barter		ECU Representative
Mr Brett Dorney		West Coast TAFE Representative
Ms Wendy Herbert		Community Representative
Mr John Willett		Community Representative

Officers:

Director, Governance and Strategy:	Mr Ian Cowie
Manager, Strategic Development:	Ms Rhonda Hardy
Senior Project Officer:	Ms Catherine Thompson

DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Person declared the meeting open at 1815 hrs.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Apologies:

Dr M Brueckner
Mr W Cairstairs
Dr V Cusack
Mr K D'Arcy
Mr D Godley
Ms U Goeft

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD 31 AUGUST 2006

MOVED Cr Fishwick **SECONDED** Cr Hart that the Sustainability Advisory Committee **ACCEPTS** the minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held on 31 AUGUST 2006.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (8/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs John, Fishwick, Hart, Magyar, Ms Barter, Mr Dorney, Ms Herbert and Mr Willett

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON WITHOUT DISCUSSION

Nil.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

IDENTIFICATION OF MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY SIT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil.

PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Nil.

ITEM 1 SETTING MEETING DATES – [00906]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Ian Cowie
DIRECTOR: Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE/ EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To provide a schedule of dates for meetings of the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) for 2006/07.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on 31 August 2006 the Committee resolved that:

“the next meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee be held on 19 October 2006 and that a report on future meeting dates for the Committee be presented to that meeting for further consideration by the Committee”.

DETAILS

The suggested dates for meetings of the SAC for 2006/07 have been scheduled at approximately four – six week intervals, excluding the month of January and the Easter period.

Proposed SAC meeting dates for 2006/07 for consideration by the Committee are as follows:

- 16 November 2006
- 14 December 2006
- 8 February 2007
- 29 March 2007

- 24 May 2007
- 14 June 2007
- 12 July 2007

Link to Strategic Plan:

Not applicable.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

Not applicable.

Risk Management Considerations:

Not applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not applicable

Policy Implications:

Not applicable.

Regional Significance:

Not applicable.

Sustainability Implications:

Not applicable.

COMMENT

In setting its meeting dates the SAC may wish to consider the use of informal workshops. There have been a number of instances in the past where the SAC has called for informal workshops to deal with specific strategic or topical matters and it is highly effective and efficient to utilise informal workshops for this purpose. Should the SAC wish to continue this practice it is advisable that the formal meeting dates schedule allow for this to occur by providing appropriate spacing of time between meetings.

Examples of informal workshops held in the past include:

- The development of the SAC Strategic Workplan 2004
- Presentation from Dr Mal Washer on Sustainable Cities Inquiry
- The Development of a response to the Federal Government's draft sustainability charter

Such informal workshops will be held on an as needs basis.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority

MOVED Cr Magyar SECONDED Cr Hart that the Sustainability Advisory Committee APPROVES the meeting dates for 2006/07 as follows:

- 16 November 2006
- 14 December 2006
- 8 February 2007
- 29 March 2007
- 24 May 2007
- 14 June 2007
- 12 July 2007

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (8/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs John, Fishwick, Hart, Magyar, Ms Barter, Mr Dorney, Ms Herbert and Mr Willett

ITEM 2 RESIGNATIONS FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – [00906]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE Mr Ian Cowie
DIRECTOR: Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To advise of two recent resignations from members of the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC).

BACKGROUND

The Council at its meeting held on 24 May 2006 appointed elected members and community representatives with local knowledge, expertise with respect to sustainable development and connections within the community to serve on the SAC.

DETAILS

Two resignations have recently been received from Professor Sherry Saggars a community representative and Mr Denis Godley, the Small Business Centre representative.

This report recommends that the resignations from Professor Saggars and Mr Denis Godley as a representative of the Small Business Centre be accepted with a vote of thanks for their commitment and contribution to the work of the Committee. It should be noted that Mr Godley has recently been appointed to the Committee in the capacity of a community representative rather than the Small Business Centre representative.

The report further recommends that the Small Business Centre be requested to advise if it will consider a replacement for Mr Godley.

With the resignation of Professor Saggars from the Committee and Mr Godley resigning from the position of Manager of the Small Business Centre, membership of the Committee comprises the following individuals:

1. Cr Michele John, Presiding Person
2. Cr Russ Fishwick, Deputy Presiding Person
3. Cr Sue Hart
4. Cr Steve Magyar
5. Ms Melanie Barter, Edith Cowan University
6. Dr Martin Brueckner, Edith Cowan University
7. Mr Will Carstairs, Community Representative
8. Dr Vincent Cusack, Community Representative
9. Mr Keiron D’Arcy, Community Representative
10. Mr Brett Dorney, West Coast TAFE
12. Mr Denis Godley, Community Representative
13. Ms Ute Goeft, Edith Cowan University
14. Ms Wendy Herbert, Community Representative
15. Mr John Willett, Community Representative

Quorum: 7

Link to Strategic Plan:

Not applicable.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

The Local Government Act 1995 includes provisions in relation to the membership of committees and quorums.

Risk Management Considerations:

Not applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not applicable.

Policy Implications:

Not applicable.

Regional Significance:

Not applicable.

Sustainability Implications:

Not applicable.

Consultation:

Nil.

COMMENT

It should be noted that should the Small Business Association wish to nominate a representative for the Committee, the quorum for the Committee will be 8.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Cr Fishwick SECONDED Ms Herbert that the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 NOTES that Mr Godley has resigned as the representative of the Small Business Centre and has been appointed as a community representative;**

RECOMMENDS that Council:

- 2 (a) ACCEPTS the resignation of Professor Siggers as a community representative;**
(b) THANKS Professor Siggers for her contribution to the work of the Committee;
- 3 REQUESTS the Small Business Centre to advise the City if it will be nominating a new representative to the Committee.**

Cr Hart left the Room at 1825hrs.

Discussion ensued. It was noted during discussion that some members have been absent from recent meetings.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs John, Fishwick, Magyar, Ms Barter, Mr Dorney, Ms Herbert and Mr Willett

ITEM 3 RESPONSE TO WALGA'S SYSTEMIC SUSTAINABILITY STUDY – [08144]

WARD: All

**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTOR:** Mr Ian Cowie
Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE

To request that the Sustainability Advisory Committee considers responses to the questions posed in the Western Australian Local Government Association's (WALGA) Systemic Sustainability Study.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WALGA is seeking feedback on an interim report titled "In Your Hands; Shaping the Future of Local Government in Western Australia". The report poses a range of questions for local governments to answer and provides a framework against which individual local governments can assess their financial sustainability.

BACKGROUND

At the meeting of Council on 19 September 2006, it was agreed that the City's proposed submission to WALGA on the Systemic Sustainability Study be referred to the Sustainability Advisory Committee. Specifically, the resolution stated:

REFERRED Report CJ155 – 09/06 – Response to WALGA's Systemic Sustainability Study to the Sustainability Advisory Committee for advice regarding the sustainability of local government prior to endorsing a submission being forwarded to WALGA.

DETAILS

Issues and options considered:

Attachment 1 provides the report's questions and suggested responses. The full report can be found at: <http://systemicsustainabilitystudy.com.au/>.

The Committee could decide to:

- Support all of the suggested responses
- Support some of the suggested responses and amend others
- Amend all of the suggested responses

Link to Strategic Plan:

Not applicable.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

The interim report of the Systemic Sustainability Study panel makes reference to a range of provisions in the Local Government Act and these are commented on in the attached report.

Risk Management Considerations:

Not applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not applicable.

Policy Implications:

Not applicable.

Regional Significance:

The Systemic Sustainability Study has statewide implications.

Sustainability Implications:

The Systemic Sustainability Study addresses local government sustainability.

Consultation:

By inviting comment and advice from the Sustainability Advisory Committee on the City's submission with respect to suggested responses, broader input into a framework against which individual local governments can assess their financial sustainability is being achieved.

COMMENT

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Council Report CJ155 – 09/06

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 CONSIDERS each of the suggested responses to the questions posed in the Systemic Sustainability Study;
- 2 AGREES to an appropriate response for each;
- 3 PROVIDES its views to Council prior to Council endorsing a submission to be forwarded to WALGA.

MOVED Cr Fishwick SECONDED Mr Willett that the Sustainability Advisory Committee THANKS Mr Cowie for his explanation of the suggested responses to the questions posed in the Systemic Sustainability Study and NOTES that Mr Cowie will be resubmitting the report to Council to reflect the Committee's comments.

Director Governance and Strategy spoke to the report. Discussion ensued.

The Motion was Put and**CARRIED (7/0)****In favour of the Motion:** Crs John, Fishwick, Magyar, Ms Barter, Mr Dorney, Ms Herbert and Mr Willett**ITEM 4 GREAT GARDENS WORKSHOP – [59091]****WARD:** All**RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR:** Mr Ian Cowie
Governance and Strategy**PURPOSE**

To provide the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) with information of the City's intent to host a 'Great Gardens Workshop' on 7 November 2006 and to seek the Committee's attendance at the event.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City will host a Great Gardens Workshop on 7 November from 6.00pm – 9.00pm at the Joondalup Reception Centre. Members of SAC are invited to attend.

BACKGROUND

The City successfully hosted three Great Gardens Workshops in 2005 with over 365 residents attending. Landcare Solutions presented the three-hour Workshops with State Government support via the Water Corporation and Swan River Trust. The Workshop assisted participants in creating a water efficient garden, minimising fertilizer use, composting, safe and effective weed control and encouraging wildlife into the urban landscape.

The same successful workshop format applied in 2005 will be provided by Landcare Solutions in November 2006 and the City has also requested the topic of grey water recycling be covered in response to community demand.

DETAILS**Issues and options considered:**

The provision of another Great Garden Workshop by the City will have the following benefits:

- It will meet residents' requests to have more information on water efficient gardens (as per EcoHouse program feedback forms received in 2005);
- It will be very cost effective as it reaches a large audience at minimal cost ;
- It meets the City's Greenhouse Action Plan, action 25: *Facilitate energy reduction initiatives and promotes these to the wider community;*
- It can be identified as an initiative undertaken by the City in support of its Cities for Climate Protection Program initiative.

The Workshop will be provided by Landcare Solutions on 7 November between 6pm – 9pm to enable a broad audience to participate.

Link to Strategic Plan:

Key Focus Area: Caring for the Environment

Strategy 2.1.1 Maintain and protect natural assets and to retain biodiversity

Strategy 2.1.2 Further develop environmentally effective and energy efficient programs

Strategy 2.1.3 Develop a coordinated environmental framework, including community education

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

Not applicable.

Risk Management Considerations:

Not applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Funds to host the event are available from the Cities for Climate Protection Project funds.

Policy Implications:

Not applicable.

Regional Significance:

Together with 'Heavenly Hectares', the Great Gardens Workshop is the largest and most successful landholder education program in the state.

Sustainability Implications:

The Workshop promotes sustainable gardening principles and biodiversity which in turn results in resource efficiency which can achieve community greenhouse gas abatement as pursued in the Cities for Climate Protection Program.

Consultation:

Nil.

COMMENT

The hosting of another Great Gardens Workshop by the City of Joondalup on 7 November 2006 will provide residents with important sustainable gardening skills prior to summer in a fun and interesting format.

Past participant enthusiasm and high attendance combined with low expenditure makes the workshop a cost effective approach to environmental community education.

The City will be profiled as a Council showing leadership in environmental sustainability and responding to community requests by providing the Great Gardens Workshop.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

NOTES the Great Gardens Workshop report and ACKNOWLEDGES the invitation to attend the Great Gardens Workshop on 7 November 2006.

MOVED Ms Herbert SECONDED Ms Barter that the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 NOTES the Great Gardens Workshop report and ACKNOWLEDGES the invitation to attend the Great Gardens Workshop on 7 November 2006;**
- 2 RECOMMENDS to Council that due to the high demand for the Workshop, the City considers holding additional Workshops on this subject and provide funding for this purpose;**
- 3 ACKNOWLEDGES the importance of sustaining local wildlife species in suburban gardens and strongly SUPPORTS Great Gardens Workshop programs in raising awareness of the biodiversity hotspot of Western Australia.**

Discussion ensued regarding the demand for the workshop and that the current workshop has been fully booked without any newspaper advertising being done by the City. It was requested that the coordinators of the Workshop include information of the importance of the biodiversity of the south west of Western Australia in the Workshop.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs John, Fishwick, Magyar, Ms Barter, Mr Dorney, Ms Herbert and Mr Willett

ITEM 5 WATER CORPORATION'S 'WATER FOR LIFE' 2006 REPORT – [00906]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: Mr Ian Cowie
Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE

To provide the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) with a copy of the Water Corporation's 'Water for Life' 2006 report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that the Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the Water Corporation's 'Water for Life' 2006 report.

BACKGROUND

The 'Water for Life' report reviews the Water Corporation operations for 2005/06 and provides an update on activities and progress towards achieving the Corporation's key performance targets.

DETAILS

Issues and options considered:

Titled 'Water for Life', the report outlines the Water Corporation's performance during 2005/06 in relation to their sustainability principles and business strategies.

The report conveys the Water Corporation's role with regards to its commitment to sustainability in the way it delivers water, wastewater, drainage services and plans, for Western Australia's water future.

Attachment 1 provides a copy of part of the report, excluding corporate information which includes financial statements.

The full report can be found at: <http://www.watercorporation.com.au/r/report2006.cfm> .

Link to Strategic Plan:

Not applicable.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

Not applicable.

Risk Management Considerations:

Not applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not applicable.

Policy Implications:

Not applicable.

Regional Significance:

The Water Corporation's service has statewide implications.

Sustainability Implications:

Not applicable.

Consultation:

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 Part of Water Corporation's 'Water for Life' 2006 Report

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the Water Corporation's 'Water for Life' 2006 Report.

MOVED Mr Dorney SECONDED Mr Willett that the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 NOTES the Water Corporation's 'Water for Life' 2006 Report;**
- 2 REQUESTS a report from the City on its water use and the other issues raised by the Committee.**

Discussion ensued. The Committee was advised information is available regarding becoming a member of the Water Corporation's Customer Advisory Council. It was requested that Ms Barter give a presentation to the Committee at its 14 December 2006 meeting on ECU's water conservation practices.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs John, Fishwick, Magyar, Ms Barter, Mr Dorney, Ms Herbert and Mr Willett

ITEM 6 STRATEGIC PLAN KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – [00906]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: Mr Ian Cowie
Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE

To seek advice from the Sustainability Advisory Committee on the development of sustainability indicators.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2005/06 Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Report was presented to Council on 29 August 2006, in accordance with the Council's reporting framework. Council accepted the report, and requested that it be referred to the Sustainability Advisory

Committee for advice on the development of sustainability indicators. (*Item CJ137 – 08/06 refers*).

BACKGROUND

The Strategic Plan KPIs are intended to measure progress against the Strategic Plan 2003 – 2008, and reports against the KPIs are provided to the Council on an annual basis. The report is a component of the Corporate Reporting Framework endorsed by Council on 14 December 2004 (*Item CJ307 12/04 refers*).

DETAILS

Issues and options considered:

The 2005/2006 Strategic Plan KPI Report provided Council with information for the period 1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006.

The KPIs link directly to the outcomes and strategies in the Key Focus Areas of:

- Community Wellbeing;
- Caring for the Environment;
- City Development, and
- Organisational Development.

The KPIs are categorised according to their indicator type - social, economic, and/or environmental.

Link to Strategic Plan:

Key Focus Area 4: Organisational Development

Outcome: The City of Joondalup is a sustainable and accountable business.

Objective 4.1: To manage the business in a responsible and accountable manner.

Strategy 4.1.2: Develop a corporate reporting framework based on sustainable indicators.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

Section 2.7 of the Local Government Act 1995 states:

The role of the council:

(1) *The council:*

- (a) *directs and controls the local government's affairs; and*
- (b) *is responsible for the performance of the local government's functions.*

Risk Management Considerations:

The KPI Report provides Council with an overall assessment of progress against the Strategic Plan.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not applicable.

Policy Implications:

The stated objective of Council's Communication Policy 2.3.2 is:

To indicate the City's high level of commitment to public consultation and to provide good, open and accountable government.

Regional Significance:

Not applicable.

Sustainability Implications:

The Strategic Plan KPI's have been categorised as social, environmental and/or economic.

Consultation:

Not applicable.

COMMENT

The Strategic Plan is due for a major review during 2006/07 and this will include a review of the KPIs against the revised Plan. This process will involve consultation with members of the community and key stakeholders, including the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 2005/06 Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators Performance Report

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple majority.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 CONSIDERS what sustainability indicators would be appropriate as Key Performance Indicators for the Strategic Plan;
- 2 AGREES on the appropriate indicators;
- 3 PROVIDES its views to Council.

MOVED Cr Magyar SECONDED Mr Dorney that the Sustainability Advisory Committee NOTES the Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators and SEEKS a report from officers on possible indicators of a more quantitative nature, particularly covering conservation and environmental matters.

Discussion ensued.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs John, Fishwick, Magyar, Ms Barter, Mr Dorney, Ms Herbert and Mr Willett

ITEM 7 OIL DEPLETION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT – [59091]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: Mr Ian Cowie
Governance & Strategy

PURPOSE

To disseminate information gained at the “Oil Depletion and Local Government Forum” held by the Sustainable Transport Coalition (STC) of WA and the City of Stirling on 14 September 2006.

To inform the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) of the key issues and potential future actions raised at this forum.

To identify the importance of the City of Joondalup implementing sustainable transport initiatives.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Oil Depletion and Local Government Forum highlighted the importance of local government’s role in planning now for oil depletion and associated costs. Four key speakers addressed the oil depletion issue by discussing relevant programs, examples of government initiatives, mapping vulnerable locations in WA and identifying possible scenarios and strategies.

This forum has provided a range of ideas which will assist the City in its Greenhouse Action Plan Review and TravelSmart Program in particular.

BACKGROUND

At the 31 August 2006 meeting of the SAC the following motion was moved:

NOTICE OF MOTION – CR S MAGYAR - [61581]

“That the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

- 1 INVITES Mr Brian Fleay, or another representative from the Australian Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas to give a presentation on the implications for the sustainability of Joondalup of peak oil at the next meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee;*
- 2 INVITES all Elected Members and the corporate Executive to the next meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee to consider the implications of peak oil on the sustainability of Joondalup;*
- 3 DETERMINES and ADVISES the Council of the long term implications of peak oil after the presentation on the issue of peak oil.”*

In response to this, it was recognised that it would be beneficial for the City to attend a forum on the impacts of the oil situation on local government.

Information gleaned from the Oil Depletion and Local Government Forum can be considered:

- in the Greenhouse Action Plan review process;
- for vehicle fleet planning; and
- in the City's TravelSmart program.

In response to this, it was recognised that it would be beneficial for the City to attend a forum on the impacts of the oil situation on local government.

DETAILS

Oil Depletion and Local Government Workshop:

This STC workshop focused on practical alternative solutions to the rising petrol prices faced by local government and its community. It explored challenges and ideas for councils seeking to reduce transport energy use, lower emissions and to support sustainable transport.

Speaker 1: Lucy Carew-Reid (Sustainable Transport Officer at Cities for Climate Protection, ICLEI-A/NZ (Local Governments for Sustainability). Lucy Carew-Reid spoke about the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and local government transport issues.

Refer to Attachment 1.

A number of initiatives were presented that local governments had undertaken to reduce car use, these included:

- Increased on-street parking but reduced number of parking spaces that developers had to supply.
- Enough short term parking spaces but not for commuters that could use public transport.
- The North Sydney Council introduced differential parking rates so vehicles with lower emissions pay less for parking.
- Free city bicycles supplied with refundable coin system whereby advertising on the bikes funds the service.

Another example of a community adapting to reduced fuel supply was Cuba during the USA fuel embargo. This resulted in local self reliance and initiatives included:

- More local food production and markets;
- Registered carpooling; and
- Dispersement of university facilities.

Further Issues:

A barrier for Australia is that it is a costly exercise to put tolls in for 'contained' congestion i.e. Australian cities are not as congested as many other major cities in the world.

Managing the conflict of pedestrians and cyclists on paths is addressed on the Australian Bicycle Council website: <http://www.abc.dotars.gov.au/>

Industry often approaches local government for advice as local government are identified as leading the way.

Speaker 2: David Rice (Department of Planning and Infrastructure - DPI). David has been involved with some initial mapping on what sections of WA's suburbs will be most affected by rising petrol prices as well as other factors such as access to public transport. This was the first public presentation of these initial results and identified residents most at risk of further petrol price rises.

Refer to Attachment 2.

In this mapping exercise the emphasis was on holistic affordable living, not just affordable housing in suburbs that will be seriously impacted on by oil depletion and transport needs.

The maps indicate relative transport vulnerability, however an indication of absolute transport vulnerability is really needed.

Contact person at DPI : Tim.Wyatt@dpi.wa.gov.au

Speaker 3: David Worth (Sustainable Transport Coalition of WA) has studied the issue of Australia's oil supply for some years and gave a brief overview of the peaking of world crude oil production and what it means for Australia. He concluded his talk by looking at some ideas of how local government can address rising petrol prices using examples from Australia and overseas.

Refer to Attachment 3.

David identified two scenarios – “Plan A: Business as usual” and “Plan B: Oil depletion is coming”

Plan A:

Australia has low grain stocks as we consume more than we grow. Biodiesel is derived from corn, sugar and canola. Increased biodiesel from these sources will result in increased food prices. Transferring vehicle stocks to hybrid vehicles will take a long time (eg it generally takes Australia 15 – 20 years to change its entire vehicle stock).

Plan B:

The price of oil doubling is an indicator of a problem. The underlying problem is that daily oil production is not large enough to meet demand. He predicts society will probably run out of cheap oil. During oil shocks there is an increase in 4 cylinder cars purchased and an increase in public transport use.

In Australia in the past eighteen months oil exports have dropped and oil imports have risen. Refineries are not set up to use our own oil exploration in Australia and we are heavily reliant on imports. Geoscience Australia predicts in 5 – 7 years Australian reserves will run out if we continue using oil at the current rate.

Refer to USA Department of Energy Report on www.stcwa.org.au

Plan B Initiatives:

What councils can do:

Transport

- Convert trucks and light pick-ups to CNG;
- Transfer vehicle stock to smaller cars / CNG / diesel;
- Exchange cars for electric bikes;
- Establish a regional biodiesel plant using waste rather than ethanol;
- Cut down on vehicle travel.

Staff

- Work from home 1 – 2 days per week;
- Pay staff not to use cars eg City of Subiaco;

Residents

- Establish community car pool systems;
- Fast track Transport Oriented Developments (TODs) around older rail stations.

Conclusion

Government leadership is needed and local government is good at community awareness raising. Opportunities for recognition of sustainable transport initiatives can be achieved through the STC Sustainable Transport Awards.

Speaker 4: Ian Ker (STC & CATALYST) catalystian@netscape.net is an experienced transport consultant and informed on how local government can effect real change in light of looming further rises in transport energy costs. Ian is currently developing a long term public transport strategy for the Perth Transport Authority.

Refer to Attachment 4.

Ian suggested 'peak oil' is an opportunity for doing something positive about sustainable transport. Further advantages of reducing car use include increased pedestrian activity which can reduce crime and lead to better health.

Issues:

- Household budgets are impacted on from increases in petrol prices (see pp 3 –5 Attachment 4).
- Developers (in Queensland) are luring people in to most vulnerable (fuel reliant) areas by offering free fuel for 2 years.
- Car allowances encourage car dependence.

Regional action:

- The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) lobbied the Federal Government to expand fringe benefits tax to vehicles that are more environmentally friendly (motion recently passed).

What Local Government Can Do:

- Lead by example;
- Engage community (ascertain a clear set of statements of what the community wants);
- Demonstration projects eg Leederville TOD link to train station;
- Consider wide scale range of benefits of transit orientation;
- Investigate 'Network City' with DPI – what it means to local government and influence how it becomes operational;
- Investigate Town of Vincent parking plans;
- Reinvigorate local centres;
- Utilise public spaces;
- Refer to 'Designing out Crime' see DPI Planning Guidelines;
- Consider energy use in council's own operations;
- Actively embrace travel behaviour change eg appoint a TravelSmart Officer;
- Address community development;
- Encourage local business development including patronising of such rather than travel to centres further a field;
- Recognise that local governments are pivotal with a greater knowledge of the detailed functioning of areas.

Key Performance Indicators:

- Public spaces are populated and local businesses thrive;
- No free fuel advertising;
- Cost of local government services e.g. property rates are kept reasonable;
- Community involvement in the process of adjusting to oil price and scarcity.

Question Time

Suggestions from points raised:

- See DPI 'Network City' and try to adopt principles and engage the business community as they provide much of the community foundation.
- Seek DPI program for development of activity centres and corridors. Viable proposals could be addressed to Martin Richardson.
- Seek State government's Transport Impact Assessment which should be available to local governments.
- Approach WALGA with issues and hurdles in developing sustainable transport.

Link to Strategic Plan:

The Forum has provided the City with ideas and resources for sustainable transport planning to implement the Key Focus Area 2: Caring for the Environment objectives of the City of Joondalup Strategic Plan 2003 – 2008:

- 2.1: "To plan and manage our natural resources to ensure environmental sustainability" and
- 2.2: "To manage waste effectively and efficiently in alignment with environmentally sustainable principles".

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

The City meets key relevant requirements of the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)* by attending sustainable transport forums and implementing resource efficiency initiatives. These include:

Part 1 – Introductory matters

Section 1.3 (2):

- (a) "greater accountability of local governments to their communities;
- (b) "more efficient and effective local government"; and

Section 1.3 (3):

using ". its best endeavours to meet the needs of current and future generations through an integration of environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity".

Risk Management Considerations:

Not Applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

Not Applicable.

Policy Implications:

Not Applicable.

Regional Significance:

Sustainable Transport has a regional impact.

Sustainability Implications:

The implementation of sustainable transport initiatives promotes the City's Strategic Plan 2003 –2008 Key Focus Area 2: *Caring for the Environment* - "The City of Joondalup is recognised as a leader in environmental sustainability, and continues to promote and enjoy a lifestyle which engenders social and economic sustainability".

Consultation:

Not Applicable.

COMMENT

Local government planning for oil price rises and potential oil depletion is crucial for meeting local government responsibility. The City of Joondalup already has initiatives in place to reduce corporate and community car dependence in its Greenhouse Action Plan (GAP) which can be expanded utilising suggestions generated from the forum and through the GAP review process and TravelSmart program.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1: ICLEI Local Governments for Sustainability – *Empowering local governments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions*. Lucy Carew-Reid.
- Attachment 2: *Transport Vulnerability Maps STC AGM 11 September 2006*, David Rice.
- Attachment 3: *Plan B: Oil depletion is coming*, Dr David Worth, Convenor (Sustainable Transport Coalition).
- Attachment 4: *Local Government: Meat in the Sandwich or Pivotal Player?* Ian Ker Principal CATALYST.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

MOVED Cr Fishwick **SECONDED** Cr Magyar that the Sustainability Advisory Committee **NOTES** the Oil Depletion and Local Government Report and its associated attachments and also **NOTES** that the Committee will receive a presentation in November 2006 from Mr Brian Fleay from the Sustainable Transport Coalition.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs John, Fishwick, Magyar, Ms Barter, Mr Dorney, Ms Herbert and Mr Willett

ITEM 8 RATIFICATION OF WORK PLAN FOR FUTURE SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS – [00906]

WARD: All

**RESPONSIBLE
DIRECTOR:** Mr Ian Cowie
 Governance and Strategy

PURPOSE/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To ratify the outcomes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) workshop.

BACKGROUND

A SAC workshop was held on 29 September 2006 where discussions were held on the way forward, including key focus areas for the Committee.

DETAILS

A workplan has been developed from discussions held at the workshop and this plan has been forwarded to Committee members for their information and consideration.

Link to Strategic Plan:

Not Applicable.

Legislation – Statutory Provisions:

Not Applicable.

Risk Management Considerations:

Not Applicable.

Financial/Budget Implications:

There could be financial implications associated with the implementation of the workplan.

Policy Implications:

There could be financial implications associated with the implementation of the workplan.

Regional Significance:

Not Applicable.

Sustainability Implications:

The workplan promotes sustainability.

Consultation:

Not applicable.

COMMENT

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 SAC Workplan

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: That the Sustainability Advisory Committee RATIFIES the workplan as detailed in Attachment 1 to this report.

MOVED Cr Magar SECONDED Ms Barter that the Sustainability Advisory Committee ACCEPTS the current draft workplan with work to be progressed and AGREES that further consideration be given to the workplan over the coming six months.

The Motion was Put and

CARRIED (7/0)

In favour of the Motion: Crs John, Fishwick, Magyar, Ms Barter, Mr Dorney, Ms Herbert and Mr Willett

REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Update on the City's Bicycle Plan
2. Presentation on Peak Oil from Mr Brian Fleay – Sustainable Transport Coalition
3. Grey Water Recycling

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Person declared the Meeting closed at 2030 hrs; the following Committee members being present at that time:

Cr Michele John
Cr Russ Fishwick
Cr Steve Magyar
Ms Melanie Barter
Mr Brett Dorney
Ms Wendy Herbert
Mr John Willett