

MEETING DATE: 25 September 2007

## MINUTES OF THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD ON 29 AUGUST 2007 [12168]

WARD: All

RESPONSIBLE DIRECTOR: Mr Dave Djulbic  
Infrastructure Services

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### PURPOSE

To submit the **unconfirmed** minutes of the **Conservation Advisory Committee** to Council for noting.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A meeting of the **Conservation Advisory Committee** was held on **29 August 2007**.

The items of business that were considered by the Committee were:

- **City of Joondalup Environment Plan 2007 - 2011**

It is recommended that Council NOTES the **unconfirmed** minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 29 August 2007 forming Attachment 1 to this Report.

### BACKGROUND

The Conservation Advisory Committee is a Council Committee that advises Council on issues relating to biodiversity and the management of natural areas within the City of Joondalup. The Conservation Advisory Committee meets on a monthly basis.

The Committee membership comprises of five Councillors, a representative from each of the City's Bushland Friends Groups and community members with specialist knowledge of biodiversity issues.

### DETAILS

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#### 1 **City of Joondalup Environment Plan 2007 - 2011**

At the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 29 August 2007 a number of changes were made to the Environment Plan. The full Motion is contained within the Minutes of that meeting.

Officer's Comment

The suggested amendments are supported and will be incorporated into the draft Environmental Plan prior to Council endorsement of the plan.

**REQUESTS FOR REPORTS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:**

The following reports were requested at the meeting of the Conservation Advisory Committee:-

**1 Herbicides in sumps**

A report was requested on information which can be released in regards to the herbicides in the sumps issue.

Officer's Comment

The current investigations into the use of herbicide within the City's sumps effects the City's and other parties legal rights. The City has been advised that would be inappropriate at this stage for the City to discuss, produce a report that may compromise these legal rights.

**Link to Strategic Plan:**

**Key Focus Area**

Caring for the environment.

Outcomes

The City is environmentally responsible in its activities.

**Objectives**

To plan and manage the City's natural resources to ensure environmental sustainability.

Strategies

- 2.1.1 Maintain and protect natural assets to retain biodiversity.
- 2.1.2 Further develop environmentally effective and energy-efficient programs.
- 2.1.3 Develop a coordinated environmental framework, including community education.

**Legislation – Statutory Provisions:**

The Local Government Act 1995 allows a council to establish committees to assist a council to exercise the powers and discharge duties that can be delegated to a committee.

**Risk Management considerations:**

Not Applicable.

**Financial/Budget Implications:**

Not Applicable.

**Policy implications:**

Not Applicable.

**Regional Significance:**

Not Applicable.

**Sustainability implications:**

**Environmental**

Conservation Advisory Committee objective - "To make recommendations to Council for the Conservation of the City's natural biodiversity".

Social

To promote partnerships between Council and the Community to protect the City's natural biodiversity as contained within its various natural areas (bushland, wetlands and the coastal environment).

**Consultation:**

The Conservation Advisory Committee provides a forum for community consultation and engagement on natural areas.

**COMMENT**

Not Applicable.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1            Minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee meeting held on 29 August 2007

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

Simple Majority.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council NOTES the **unconfirmed** minutes of the Conservation Advisory Committee held on 29 August 2007 forming Attachment 1 to this Report.**

Signature of Originating Manager

Signature of Originating Director

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