

Relevant Information for Council

FILE: S122357 **DATE:** 16 August 2021

TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Bill Carter, Chief Financial Officer

THROUGH: Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 6.2 – 2020/21 Quarter 4 Review - Delivery Program 2017-2021

Purpose

This memo is for the information of the Lord Mayor and Councillors.

Background

At the meeting of the Corporate, Finance, Properties and Tenders Committee on 9 August 2021, further information was sought on the following:

1. *Feedback/further information on the trial of the electric truck and the City's progress in electrifying the fleet*

Trial of the electric truck

In late May 2021, the City commissioned its first plug-in electric commercial truck. The truck (an electric tipper) is being used on a trial basis over the next 12 months within multiple business units to gather data to inform future procurement. Early anecdotal data from the trial suggests that the truck is performing well in operation.

The City's progress in electrifying the fleet

The City was one of the first local government fleet operators of electric cars, trialling two Mitsubishi MiEVs in 2010 and purchasing the first Nissan Leaf plug-in electric cars in 2013.

In 2019 the City was the first Australian customer to receive 19 new generation Nissan Leaf's.

The City has consistently replaced light fleet passenger vehicles and trucks with Hybrid vehicles since 2009. The City is well recognised as a leader in Local Government with 48 per cent of our fleet as either electric or hybrid and six per cent of our fleet fully electric.

The City has embraced electric vehicles with 19 fully electric passenger vehicles and one fully electric truck.

The fleet also includes 40 hybrid passenger vehicles and 70 hybrid trucks. In the 2020/21 financial year, the City's fleet achieved its lowest emissions since targets were set; recording 22 tonnes less CO2 emissions than previous annual levels.

The City's procurement process includes a preference for electric vehicles and plant, where they are fit for purpose and readily available. The electric truck market is currently very limited.

2. Detail/communication on waste sorting/waste diversion from bins in the public realm

'Public Place Waste' as reported in the Green Report, diverted 55 per cent of waste from landfill in 2020/21, including various waste streams collected from parks, streets, public places, and waste bins in the public realm. Waste streams reported also include street sweepings (largely made up of leaf litter), stormwater waste from gross pollutant traps, garden organics from City Parks, and items that are illegally dumped.

The individual waste streams all have different individual diversion rates, with higher diversion rates achieved from those streams high in organic material (i.e. street sweepings, garden organics from Parks and stormwater waste), while the waste from street litter bins has a relatively lower diversion rate as it is processed at the same advanced waste treatment facility that processes the City's residential garbage (red-lid bin waste).

3. Further details on the agency staff variance in 2020/21

The City has been working on reducing its reliance on agency staff and the number of agency workers engaged by the City in 2020/21 (\$13.9M) is lower than in 2019/20 (\$20.4M).

4. Further details on the COO – Indigenous Leadership and Engagement variance

The unfavourable income variance of \$100,000 for Indigenous Leadership and Engagement, relates to grant funding not recognised in 2020/21, as there was no expenditure against the Avenue of Hope project because the detailed scope is still being determined.

There were many competing priorities during the year (i.e. Eora Journey, Reconciliation Action Plan, 119 Redfern Street), and the impacts of the Covid pandemic have limited face to face community engagement opportunities. This project was therefore postponed, and is included in the 2021/22 operational budget.

Memo from Bill Carter, Chief Financial Officer

Prepared by: Veronica Lee, Director City Services
Susan Pettifer, Director People, Performance and Technology
Kim Woodbury, Chief Operating Officer

Approved

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P.M. Barone', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MONICA BARONE
Chief Executive Officer