

Relevant Information for Council

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TO: Lord Mayor and Councillors

FROM: David Riordan, Director City Services

THROUGH: Monica Barone, Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Information Relevant To Item 6.8 – Tender - Living Colour Floral Display Program

For Noting

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 10 February 2020, further information was sought in relation to providing a carbon footprint analysis on growing plants outside the Local Government Area (LGA), transporting plants, water and waste from plants and/or soil.

The City does not undertake a carbon footprint analysis for the Living Colour Floral Display Program.

The new Living Colour contract focuses on improving environmental and sustainability outcomes primarily in the areas of waste management and water use.

The Contractor will be required to develop an Environmental Management and Sustainability Plan to outline waste minimisation strategies. This plan will include minimising the amount of waste going to landfill by:

- recycling suitable green waste;
- reuse or recycling of any clean soil;
- recycling of all pots used; and
- recovery of metal waste with recycling at nominated facilities.

All viable plants are given away to schools, day care centres, City Farm, Customer Service Centres and Community Gardens after each display. Over 10 per cent of the displays are perennial plants and herbs. Recycled green waste and soil may be used in future displays, other park maintenance activities or landscape projects.

No potable water will be used to maintain the Living Colour display under the new contract. All water used for maintaining the Living Colour display will use bore water from the City's bore at Turruwul Park or recycled water from within the City of Sydney LGA. Utilising alternative water sources within the LGA limits truck movements. The Contractor is required to employ efficient watering techniques and use water in accordance with regulatory water restrictions and apply for any required exemptions.

Memo from David Riordan, Director City Services

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Approved

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