

Advice Note

Responsible Officer:	<u>Director Community Development</u>
Date of Meeting:	<u>16 March 2021</u>
Meeting of the:	<u>Council</u>
Item:	<u>Motion Cr Wheatland- Investigation/Development of a Policy into the Phasing out of Single Use Plastics at Events in the City of Melville</u>

DETAIL

This Motion is aligned to the sustainability focus the City is continuing to strengthen.

Cultural Services are currently developing a Sustainability Events Policy (Operational) and Sustainable Events Toolkit. This will guide City events, and provide information and guidance for all groups undertaking events in the City. It includes information regarding green purchasing, the use of plastic bags and disposable plastic items, ticketing, lighting, drinking water, toilets, food vendors and other social, economic and environmental sustainability aspects of event management.

It is anticipated this draft Policy and Toolkit would be completed by mid-April 2021, and then introduced with an educative/communication campaign for those who provide events in the City. The City's Event Application Package would also need to consider this significant change.

The original time frame provided in the Motion with Notice of the phasing out of plastics be implemented by the 1 July 2021 is challenging to have communicated this widely to the range of groups that undertake events in the City. There may some cost implications for these groups, and appropriate communication and support needs to be provided with a wide range of stall holders who also operate from a number of events. Events such as the Jacaranda Festival, Heathcote Makers Market, and Dinner at Dusk all deal with a large number of independent stall holders or food vendors. The roll out of the Sustainable Events Policy and the Toolkit would also need an associated monitoring and verification system to be developed such that effectiveness of the education programs can be adequately measured and appropriate support can be provided in driving change.

Officers suggest that the 30 December 2021 would be achievable to implement the complete phasing out of single use plastic at events; this timeframe has been communicated with the Elected Member who has accepted the proposed timeframe.

The City can certainly encourage schools to also have the same approach for their school based events, but this would be the domain of the Education Department and Independent School Boards to consider and enforce.