

Appendix B Sustainable Water Strategy Actions and Status

Category	Recommended actions	Status
1. Policy	1.1 Council to endorse the Sustainable Water Strategy.	Council endorsed the strategy in March 2007
	1.2 Adoption of the Sustainable Water Strategy Framework by the Council.	Council endorsed the framework in March 2007
	1.3 Review Council's drainage strategy in line with the Port Phillip and Westernport Region Flood Management and Drainage Strategy (when finalised).	Review commenced
	1.4 In Cooperation with Melbourne Water (MWC) review the coverage and extent of the Special Building Overlay applicable to Darebin.	Not commenced
2. Procedure	2.1 Undertake practical improvements to the four water management plans by reassessing priorities based on the outcomes of the industry benchmark scorecard (Refer Appendix D2 of report).	Not commenced
	2.2 Assign clear responsibilities, indicative costs and where applicable external funding (where these have not been done) to the actions in the four water management plans.	Priority actions of individual plans and strategies have been commenced.
	2.3 Review Industry Benchmark Items in Appendix D of report and develop an action plan.	Not commenced
	2.4 Refine Key Performance Indicators from individual strategies.	Not commenced
3. Responsibility	3.1 Assign the role of Water Management Co-ordinator.	Not commenced
	3.2 Identification of WMSG members including which members are responsible for which water management plan.	There is a general understanding that the General Managers of the relevant Departments will have the ultimate responsibility to administer plan/strategy implementation
	3.3 Set up the first meeting with the WMSG and WMRG.	Has been conducted on an issue basis. Proposed to have a meeting in March prior to the budget and another one in September.
4. Staff Support and Tools	4.1 Develop an internal training program for each relevant department on the implementation of the four water management plans as related to the particular departmental procedures.	Yet to be done
	4.2 Provide staff training on whom to refer community queries to in relation to the various water management roles and responsibilities.	Undertaken – some further work to occur
	4.3 Establish a list of key contacts from key external stakeholders.	Contacts of Yarra Valley Water and Melbourne Water, Merri Creek and Darebin Creek Management Committees have been established

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5. Stakeholder Engagement	5.1 Launch the Sustainable Water Strategy to all staff and Councillors, and invite external stakeholders to attend.	Strategy was finalised and made available but formal launch was not undertaken due to resourcing.
	5.2 Develop and implement a communication strategy to disseminate water management information through Council.	Some adhoc information disseminated.
	5.3 Provide a copy of the endorsed Sustainable Water Strategy to the stakeholders listed in Appendix B of the report.	Completed
	5.4 Include Water Strategy information on the Council website and provide an article in the local newspaper.	Ongoing updates
6. Technology and Information	6.1 Set up a Sustainable Water Management website on the Council intranet	A water management website has been established
	6.2 For each water management plan, monitor the effectiveness of some specific projects / actions that have been implemented.	This report provides the outcome under each plan.
7. Corporate Tactics	7.1 Identify opportunities in projects in the capital works program prior to finalisation of the program.	The capital works program includes SWUP and SMP projects for 2008/2009.
	7.2 Identify key actions in each water management plan in which partnerships with external parties could be created and pursue one in each plan.	Has been undertaken on an adhoc needs/opportunity basis