

## **Councillor Question Time**

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### **Question from Councillor Pearl:**

In terms of the independent review into Council's waste contract, can the motion that was passed by Council be released to the public?

### **Response:**

The motion that was passed by Council on 19 July 2023 related to the independent review into Council's waste contract has been authorised by the Mayor to be made public. It is as follows:

That Council:

1. *Notes the recent issues encountered during the transfer and mobilisation of Kerbside Waste & Recycling Collection services from Four Seasons Waste to City Wide.*
2. *Expresses sincere apologies to the residents affected by the problems arising from the implementation of the Kerbside Waste & Recycling Collection services.*
3. *Requests the City of Port Phillip's Audit and Risk Committee to coordinate an independent external review to assess the effectiveness, efficiency, and integrity of the Kerbside Waste & Recycling Collection contract and its implementation process from Four Seasons Waste to Citywide. The review must be conducted independently of Council.*
4. *Requests the review to comprehensively evaluate the entire lifecycle of the contract, commencing from the initial Request for Proposal (RFP) process to the transition, mobilisation, and ongoing operation. The primary goal of the review is to identify areas for improvement, process inefficiencies, systemic issues, and determine accountabilities throughout the process.*
5. *Requests the independent external reviewer to prepare a comprehensive report presenting their findings, recommendations, and suggested actions as soon as practicable.*
6. *The report should be submitted to Councillors via the Audit and Risk Committee for their thorough review and consideration. A public version of the report, suitably redacted to protect sensitive information, will be made available to the public through a Council meeting as expeditiously as possible.*
7. *Requests the Audit and Risk Committee to review and make necessary amendments to the attached draft terms of reference for the review to ensure their suitability and appropriateness. The Audit and Risk Committee is to work with the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO to develop the final Terms of Reference.*
8. *Allocates the necessary budget to ensure that the review is conducted to an adequate standard by a qualified industry expert.*
9. *Requests that the review should in no way undermine or interfere with the current efforts to rectify the current remediation of the contract implementation.*
10. *Authorises the Mayor to release the details of this motion publicly when appropriate to do so.*

*\*Please note: answers to any questions in Public Question Time and Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*