



Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee

Friday 6th March 2020

(DRAFT) MINUTES

1. Welcome and introductions

Simon Millcock, CEO, Legatus Group, welcomed members, including new members, to the meeting. In attendance were:

Andrew MacDonald CEO (Wakefield)

Matthew McRae (Copper Coast) were approved as members, joining current members:

Adam Broadbent (Light) and

Gary Easthope (Clare and Gilbert Valleys).

Riaz Uddin (Goyder), nominated to the Advisory Committee, was absent

Paul Chapman (Project Officer).

Hayden Battle (Wakefield) and Govind Narayan (Light) attended as guests.

Simon summarised the Terms of Reference for the Committee and described the background to its current work. He called for nominations for the position of Chair. Gary Easthope nominated Andrew MacDonald, which was seconded by Adam Broadbent and Andrew accepted.

Andrew MacDonald then chaired the meeting

2. Previous Minutes

Moved Adam Broadbent and seconded Gary Easthope that the minutes of the Legatus Group CWMS Advisory Committee meeting held on 4th November 2020 be accepted as correct.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Proposed training course in regulatory compliance

Paul Chapman summarised work since the last meeting to better define the process and cost for this proposed training course. Discussions with the LGA led it to now being considered for funding. Legatus has prepared summaries of all CWMS regulation and will develop a hypothetical CWMS illustration as foundation material for the course.

The discussion welcomed the proposal but questioned the focus on compliance training alone. It was argued that running CWMS is more important than reporting on their operation. However, while the proposed course was relatively straightforward, with modest funding needs, previous advice from TAFE was that a course in CWMS operation alone would not be economic. It was also understood that the training for CWMS was specific and additional to TAFE's current

Certificate III in wastewater management and that the great variety in Schemes would dictate a broad course content. The possibility of a Certificate IV extension was discussed.

*It was **agreed** that the Advisory Committee would continue to investigate this matter, including estimating demand for the course and its scope and approaching LGA about funding the training under its R&D programs.*

3.2 OTR draft Infrastructure Standard

The Advisory Committee heard that the new draft Standard, if adopted, would not change expectations of the OTR nor require Councils to have direct access to the Codes.

*It is **agreed** that the advice be forwarded to member Councils.*

3.3 Update on ESCOSA's Ethical Business Regulation

*The meeting **noted** that the ESCOSA Board is yet to endorse the further development of this proposal.*

3.4 Asset management by remote sensing proposal

Professors Chow and Rameezden from UniSA attended the meeting to discuss with the Advisory Committee a short listing of CWMS assets that are critical and high risk.

The discussions focussed on the cost saving potential of asset management, including remote sensing and the target asset was determined to be pumps.

*It was **agreed** that asset management of CWMS pumps constitute part of the research agenda under the MoU with UniSA and that the costs and contributions to be determined as part of the Legatus 2020 budget preparations.*

The Chair thanked the guests from UniSA who then left the meeting.

4. Work plan for Project Officer, Mar 2020 – June 2021

The Advisory Committee considered the work plan, under LGA funding, for the CWMS Project Officer at Legatus. Some of the elements are actioned in the items above.

The Advisory Committee also **undertook** to work with the Reference Group, expected to be constituted to oversee the draft Regional Waste Management Strategy, to further investigate a biosolids processing plant.

The Advisory Committee also sought the date for the 2020 CWMS Annual Conference.

5. Cross-Council collaboration

Discussions emphasised the 'go-it-alone' nature of Councils' CWMS operations.

*The Advisory Committee **agreed** to reconsider this item as part of the 2020-21 Legatus work plan.*

6. Sludge

Discussion of this issue was brought into item 4.

Date of next meeting will be set for mid-May.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am.