Council Resolution	**MINUTE NO. 17-202**

MOVED: **Cr. L Messina**
SECONDED: **Cr. S Amir**

That:

(1) Council notes the Environment and Planning Committee are scheduled to table a further report on the Environment Protection Amendment (Banning Plastic Bags, Packaging and Microbeads) Bill 2016 to Parliament on 8 June 2017.

(2) Officers develop a policy and action plan, with the aim of eliminating the use of single-use plastic bags, all plastic glasses, straws, cutlery, food boxes and coffee cups at Council events. In addition, the policy and action plan should to be actioned by 31 December 2017. The policy should consider the elimination of single use items used at all Council run events, including but not limited to organised or formal sports and recreational events, markets conducted on Council land, buildings and or roads managed by Council. In addition, Officers develop and implement a policy to ensure stallholder guidelines reflect the changes above.

(3) Council implements a communication and education campaign that encourages the community and traders across the municipality to eliminate single use items.

(4) Pending the outcome of the Environment Protection Amendment (Banning Plastic Bags, Packaging and Microbeads) Bill 2016, Council seeks advice from Officers on the possibility of banning plastic bags through Councils General Local Law.

(5) Officers run a competition for local schools to create a logo and/or introduce a fictional character for Council to use on advertising material, including the use on emails and websites, with the aim of promoting waste reduction and encouraging buyer and user behavioural change.

(6) Officers provide updates on the policy development, action plan, and design of the competition at Councillor briefings on a monthly basis.

(7) Council write to the management of Coles, Woolworths and other supermarket chains in Darebin requesting that they follow the example of Aldi stores of not supplying plastic bags to shoppers.

(8) Officers consider an amendment to the Council Plan and Action Plan to reflect the above objectives.

CARRIED