

## 6. DRAFT 2005 WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present the Draft 2005 Waste Management Plan for consideration, to obtain approval for the statutory consultation process to start, and to appoint a Hearings Panel.

### SUMMARY

2. The Draft Waste Management Plan (attached) is a requirement of the Local Government Act 2002. Once approved it will replace the current 2003 Waste Management Plan, and will feed into the 2006 Long Term Community Consultation Plan process.
3. Key aspects of the new Draft Plan are:
  - Revised selection criteria, goal, vision, and some adjusted or new waste reduction targets (pages 11–14 of the Draft Plan).
  - Three options for future kerbside collection services (pages 15-21 of the Draft Plan):
    - (1) **Business as usual** – Continuing with the weekly collection of a 45 litre green recycling crate and allocation via a coupon of 26 rate-funded rubbish bags per property per year;
    - (2) **Recycling wheelie bin** – In 2008 providing a 140 litre wheeliebin to each property for the fortnightly collection of recyclables and allocating via a coupon 26 rate-funded rubbish bags per property per year; and
    - (3) **Organics and recycling wheeliebins plus zero rate-funded rubbish bags** – In 2008 providing the 140 litre recycling wheeliebin of Option 2 and an 80 litre organics wheeliebin for the weekly collection of food scraps and greenwaste, plus the removal of the coupon allocation for 26 rate-funded rubbish bags. People needing rubbish bags would be able to get them from Council Service Centres and supermarkets and official Council rubbish bags would continue to be collected each week at the kerbside.
  - The expansion of the enclosed commercial organics compost plant agreed to by the Council in 2004 to enable the composting of material collected by the kerbside service.

### PROCESS

4. The process for considering and adopting a new waste management plan is as follows:

Council seminar on this draft plan	4 October
Approval by the Council of the Draft Plan for public consultation and appointing of a Hearings Panel	6 October
Public notices of consultation process and hearing of submissions	8 and 12 October
Statutory public consultation period	19 October to 21 November
The hearing of submissions by the Hearings Panel	28 and part of 29 November (if needed)
Council consideration of the report from the Hearings Panel, and approval of the 2005 Waste Management Plan	15 December

## **LEGAL AND FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

5. The *Special Consultative Procedure* of the Local Government Act 2002 will be followed.
6. The options for future kerbside collection presented for public consultation have widely different financial implications depending on the option selected - see attached Draft Plan for details.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Approve the Draft 2005 Waste Management Plan for Solid and Hazardous Waste for public consultation.
- (b) Appoint a Hearings Panel to:
  - (1) Hear submissions on 28 and 29 November 2005; and
  - (2) Make recommendations to the Council on a final 2005 Waste Management Plan for Solid and Hazardous Waste.

## BACKGROUND ON DRAFT 2005 WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

7. This Draft Waste Management Plan (attached) is a legal requirement of the Local Government Act 2002. The existing 2003 Waste Management Plan indicated that a review will take place in 2005. Once approved this plan will replace the current 2003 plan, and will feed into the 2006 Long Term Community Consultation Plan process. This Draft 2005 Plan combines the Part 1 (the vision, goal, targets and principles) and Part 2 (the Action Plan) format of the 2003 Plan into one document. The action plan part of the new plan will be reviewed annually as part of the Annual Plan process, and the next comprehensive review of the whole plan is planned for 2008/09.

8. The Draft Plan sets out the following revised vision and goals:

### Vision

A prosperous city, where each person and business takes responsibility for waste minimisation and actively works toward zero waste.

### Goals

- Individuals and businesses take greater responsibility for waste minimisation.
- The Council provides much enhanced reuse and recycling services at the kerbside.
- The Council supports and incentivises waste reduction, reuse and recycling.
- The Council ensures that environmentally sound waste disposal services are provided.

9. The plan is based on an assessment of all relevant social, cultural, environmental and economic options within the framework of budgeted resources, and therefore includes a detailed action plan for working towards achieving the targets. The following targets have been set to move Christchurch towards the attainment of the vision and goal of the Plan (base year June 1994):

- 90% reduction of green and kitchen waste sent to landfill by 2015.
- 60% reduction of paper and cardboard waste sent to landfill by 2015.
- 20% reduction of plastic waste sent to landfill by 2015.
- 80% reduction of kerbside waste collected by the Council by 2015.
- 70% reduction of wood waste sent to landfill by 2015.
- 70% reduction of rubble received at refuse stations for landfilling by 2015.
- 65% minimum reduction of the waste stream overall by 2020.
- All potentially hazardous waste sent to landfill is treated or otherwise meets landfill acceptance criteria.
- All cleanfill sites licensed under the Cleanfill Licensing Bylaw 2004.

10. The difference between these targets and the targets in the previous plan is largely related to the time frame over which the targets might be achieved. The previous plan had many of the target dates at 2010. The recent buoyant economy has in fact reversed some of the gains made by the community in the previous decade and it is believed that even these new extended time frames will require a significantly increased commitment by the Council and the community to achieve.

11. Key points of the Draft Plan include:

- Three options dealing with kerbside collection services (pages 15-20 of the Draft Plan):
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