

8. APPROVAL OF 2006 WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to gain approval of the Council's 2006 Waste Management Plan (previously titled the Draft 2005 Waste Management Plan) and to seek approval for the implementation of the Plan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The 2006 Waste Management Plan (Attachment 1) is the culmination of several years work. During the latter part of 2005 numerous Council seminars led to the Draft 2005 Waste Management Plan that went through a special consultation process in November 2005. On the basis of the feedback received, the Council resolved on 9 February 2006 to establish a Zero Waste Working Party to investigate options for reaching the vision, goals and targets contained in the Plan. A report from this Working Party is separately circulated. Based on the Working Party's recommendations and Council seminars held on 26 September and 11 October 2006, officers are now recommending that the Council adopt the 2006 Waste Management Plan.
3. In adopting the 2006 Waste Management Plan, the Council is meeting its commitments under the Local Government Act (ie it is a requirement to have a waste management plan) and through its implementation, would advance significantly on the voluntary targets contained in the New Zealand Waste Strategy. It is envisaged that this Plan will be reviewed every three years to align with the LTCCP planning processes.
4. For clarity and simplicity, the amendments made to the Plan since the draft was approved by the Council on 20 October 2005 for public consultation are provided in Attachment 3. Key changes relate to the kerbside collection of household recycling, organics and rubbish, and the infrastructure required to process the material collected.
5. Once the Council has adopted the 2006 Waste Management Plan, officers will commence with the implementation of the proposals it contains. This will involve a number of further seminars, reports and Council decisions, for example, about the specific details of the kerbside service and processing infrastructure, contract models and budget allocation. Consequently, in finalising the Waste Plan, the Council is embarking on a further process that will progressively elaborate on future kerbside collection and material processing contracts.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Financial Considerations

6. Once the recommendations contained in this report are adopted, officers will be able to commence project development processes that will provide more accuracy on the cost of services and the various options available to the Council. Through an expression of interest process the Council will be able to consider a range of levels of service for the kerbside services which will reflect a range in costs that the Council may select from. Officers have currently assumed that with additional funding from a proposed national waste minimisation levy (\$1.5 million per year), the budget allocation in the 2006-16 LTCCP will be sufficient to implement a new kerbside collection service. This would not include the kitchen bins and compostable liners. Officers will report back to the Council at key milestones throughout the implementation process.

Legal Considerations

7. It is the advice of officers that the Council may adopt the 2006 Waste Management Plan without further formal consultation because its contents are consistent with that proposed in the special consultation processes undertaken for both the 2005 Waste Management Plan and the 2006/16 Long Term Council Community Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Receive the Zero Waste Working Party Report and thank the members of this working party for their involvement.
- (b) Adopt the 2006 Waste Management Plan and implement the preferred option.
- (c) Request officers to commence planning and project work to ensure that the preferred kerbside collection service contained in the 2006 Waste Management Plan, together with the required infrastructure (an enclosed compost plant and Materials Recovery Facility) are in place prior to August 2008, when the current collection and materials processing contracts expire.
- (d) Request officers to report back to the Council once expressions of interest have been received to provide greater certainty about the implementation of the recommended kerbside services and related infrastructure contained in the 2006 Waste Management Plan.
- (e) Actively pursue the establishment of a national waste minimisation levy.