


13. PROVISION OF KERBSIDE COLLECTION SERVICES TO PROPERTIES FOR WHICH A RATES REMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED



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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek a Council resolution:
 - (a) To allow Places of Worship, occupying properties for which a rates remission has been granted, to participate in the Council kerbside collection.
 - (b) The participation of Places of Worship in the service be funded by an annual charge commensurate with the cost of providing the service.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Waste Management Bylaw 2009 adopted by the Council on 27 November 2008, and the Kerbside Collection Terms and Conditions report following in this agenda, define the criteria for receiving the kerbside collection service to be all occupyable properties paying a Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) and a full Waste Minimisation Charge. Non-rateable properties and properties for which a remission has been granted, under this entitlement regime, do not receive a kerbside collection service.
3. Occupied properties which under the current entitlement rules which don't receive a service include:
 - (a) Non rateable properties – Crown land such as schools and DHB land. It should be noted that schools will continue to receive a recycling collection service under the recycling in schools programme.
 - (b) Properties receiving a rates remission.
 - (c) Tenants in properties for which a rates remission has been granted.
 - (d) Organisations occupying properties for which a rates remission has been granted include:
 - (i) Places of Worship
 - (ii) Community Organisations
 - (iii) Cultural Organisations
 - (iv) Sporting Organisations
4. The Zero Waste Working Party has received a number of approaches from organisations (for which a rates remission has been granted) to participate in the service. Under the current system they are able to participate by the purchase of black bags and crates which are then placed at the kerbside.
5. The Zero Waste Working Party asked City Water and Waste staff to investigate the feasibility of providing a service to Places of Worship and how the costs of such a service would be recovered through a direct charge or through the rates payable.

6. Places of Worship are generally eligible for a rates remission under the Council's current Rates Remission Policy. The wording of this policy allows remission of general rates on places of religious worship, but states that the remission does not apply to some specifically named targeted rates. Under this policy it is unclear whether the Council could legally continue to grant rates remissions to Places of Worship but exclude the waste minimisation targeted rate from that remission. If the Council determines that Places of Worship, or other organisations eligible for rates remission, should receive the kerbside collection service it is recommended that they not be rated for the service until such time as the Rates Remission Policy can be clarified. This policy is being updated as part of the LTCCP, and any changes will not become operative until 1 July 2009.
7. It is possible to introduce a charge that equates to the waste minimisation targeted rate and the rubbish component of the general rate. The use of a charge would enable the kerbside collection service to be introduced to properties currently receiving a rates remission prior to 1 July 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The full cost of providing and administering the service would be recovered through the annual charge.
9. The charge for the 2008/09 year would be \$102 inclusive GST.
10. The charge for the first full from 30 June 2009 for the 2009/10 year would be set on Council approval of the 2009/10 budget.

Do the recommendations of this report align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets

11. The financial implications of the new wheelie bin collection service were signed off by the Council in the 2008/09 Annual Plan but did not include provision for the collection service to be provided to properties for which a rates remission has been granted.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP

12. Yes.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Allowing Places of Worship to participate in the kerbside collection service is supportive of the waste minimisation goals and targets of the Council's Waste Management Plan 2006 which aligns with the New Zealand Waste Strategy 2002.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Public consultation on the funding of the of the Council's waste collection service formed part of the 2008/09 Annual Plan consultation.
15. During the consultation for the Waste Management Bylaw and the lead in for the distribution of the wheelie bins, the Council has received requests from organisations who have applied for and been granted a rates remission to participate in the Council's kerbside collection.

OPTIONS

16. Under the current entitlement regime properties have a number of options for disposing of their including.
 - (a) Engaging a waste management contractor to collect and dispose of their rubbish and recyclables.
 - (b) Organisations which produce small quantities of rubbish will probably take the rubbish home and dispose of through the Council collection.
17. The Council enables Places of Worship to participate in the Council kerbside collection by paying an annual charge commensurate with the cost to the Council of providing that service.
18. The Council enables all properties for which a rates remission has been granted to participate in the kerbside collection by paying an annual charge commensurate with the cost to the Council of providing that service. However it is not recommended that this option be followed as:
 - (a) Other options are available.
 - (b) Independent contractors are well placed to provide a tailored service which meets the specific needs of a diverse range of organisations and the removal of this business would have a substantial impact in the viability of their businesses.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council resolve:

- (a) To allow Places of Worship, occupying properties for which a rates remission has been granted, to participate in the Council's kerbside collection.
- (b) That the kerbside collection service to Places of Worship, occupying properties for which a rates remission has been granted, be funded by an annual charge payable by the applicant for the service.