
Friday, 18 June 2021

Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Hastings District Council

Joint Waste Futures Project Steering Committee Meeting

Kaupapataka

Attachments - Document 1

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Meeting date: **Friday, 18 June 2021**

Te Wā:
Time: **10.30am**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Council Chamber
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Joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan – Implementation Progress to Plan

Progress Update - June 2021

Key:

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| Completed | On-track | Underway | No Action | No longer required |
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1. KERBSIDE RUBBISH COLLECTION

March 2021

June 2021

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| A | Enhance existing Council-provided kerbside rubbish service by: Providing urban households with a weekly-collected 80L wheelie bin for rubbish and ability to collect property specific data. | Action Completed | N/A |
| B | Expand Council kerbside rubbish collection to incorporate new developments and possibly include semi-urban properties. | Specific consultation is being undertaken with property owners within some areas to extend Council’s kerbside services. This work will continue in the coming months. | ↑ Work is continuing and approaches are being made to contacts in the Waipatu, Pakipaki, Bridge Pa, Fernhill/Omahu and Waiohiki communities about the best way to discuss further with each community. |
| C | Consider the appetite for enhancing kerbside rubbish services in the non-residential areas and investigate options in zones where appropriate. | Officers will be notifying property owners in the Hastings CBD and Karamu Road North industrial area about the possibility to change collection days for rubbish collection. Currently this service is provided on a Monday which means businesses must put the rubbish bins out on a Friday afternoon for an early Monday morning collection. Work to date has been carried out with the contractor and it is proposed to change the collection day to a Thursday. For CBD properties it is also proposed to change from a two day per week service to 1 day and changing the bin size from 120L to 240L for these properties to offset the reduction in twice weekly servicing. | ↑ The rating policy is being updated to reflect this possible change and in coming months, conversations will be held with the affected property owners and businesses. |
| D | Implement through service collection agreements and existing contracts an alternative collection system in zones where appropriate. | Action Completed | N/A |
| E | Investigate rubbish collection options for multi-unit dwellings and differences in services e.g. on property service. | Action Completed | N/A |

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| F | Investigate options for other funding methods e.g. pay per lift, user pays. | <p>Council is due to consult on changes to its Remission Policy as part of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan, which would provide a remission for properties that use the service fewer than 26 times a year. It is proposed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The remission will be applied to any property that has used the service fewer than 26 times over the year, • The remission will be based on collection data covering the period 01 June to 31 May prior, • A 25% remission will be automatically applied to property's rate account early July, • The remission lies with the property (bin) not individuals, • For residential tenants – we are reliant on landlords or the property owner to pass on the remission. This is because the landlord/property owner is paying the rates bill. | <p>↑</p> <p>No submissions were received opposing the new policy. This will be finalised with the adoption of the HDC LTP on 24 June.</p> <p>The evaluation of the bin lift data is underway and will be ready to apply to each eligible property should the policy change be approved.</p> |
| G | Investigate options to allow for properties not serviced, to utilise a local drop off facility for waste. | The Henderson Road and Blackbridge Refuse Transfer Stations remain operational | No Action |

2. KERBSIDE RECYCLING COLLECTION

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| A | Enhance the existing council provided recycling kerbside collection by providing all households a receptacle(s) that is collected weekly that meets resident needs and flexibility while maintaining integrity of product. | Action Completed | N/A |
| B | Expand Council kerbside recycling collection to incorporate new developments and semi-urban households. | Specific consultation is being undertaken with property owners within some areas to extend Council's kerbside services. This work will continue in the coming months. | <p>↑</p> <p>Work is continuing and approaches are being made to contacts in the Waipatu, Pakipaki, Bridge Pa, Fernhill/Omahu and Waiohiki communities about the best way to discuss further with each community.</p> |
| C | Consider the desire for enhancing kerbside recycling services in non-residential areas via specific consultation. | No Action | No action |
| D | Investigate recycling options for multi-unit dwellings. | Action Completed | N/A |

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| E | Use regulation to control excess producers of recycling. | No Action | No action |
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3. ORGANIC WASTE

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| A | Investigate funding existing organic waste collection/processing models. | Limited action - previously reported December 2020. Visual surveys planned for November did not happen due to the Napier flood event. Staff are hoping to undertake these in the near future and it is likely that the findings of the visual observations will be the starting point to develop an organics educational programme. | <p>↑</p> <p>Visual surveys of the kerbside services are set to be undertaken the week commencing 21 June 2021.</p> |
| B | Continue to provide green waste disposal at transfer stations and investigate pricing model opportunities. | | |
| C | Investigate organic waste disposal options for multi-unit dwellings. | | |
| D | Investigate and monitor behavioural change in processing green waste at household level. | | <p>↑</p> <p>A home composting scheme has been developed and will be rolled out in the first quarter of the new financial year.</p> |
| E | Facilitate a conversation with private operators/contractors to coordinate establishment of a working group with the aim to increase the diversion of green waste from the general waste stream | | No action |

4. FACILITIES

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| A | Review price structure at refuse transfer stations. Investigate imposing a local waste minimisation levy at facilities (Waste Minimisation Act 2008; Section 46[2]). | No Action - National Waste Disposal Levy is increasing from \$10 - \$20 per tonne on 1 July 2021 and will eventually be \$60 per tonne from 1 July 2024 | No longer required |
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| | Continue to provide access to Henderson Road refuse transfer station resource recovery shop and investigate opportunities to enhance and develop resource recovery site. | A project is underway in 2021 to look into possible ways to improve resource recovery at the Henderson Road Refuse Transfer Station. | ↑ See the Waste Futures Committee Report for more detail. |
| C | Investigate the location and operation of the refuse transfer stations. Optimise and enhance diversion and expand recycling/ compost facilities. | No Action | No action |
| D | Investigate communal green waste compost drop off dedicated areas in the community. | No Action | No action |
| E | Expand recycling drop off stations to communities where feasible. | All sites; Tūtira, Waipātiki, Pukehamoamoa, Maraekākaho, Poukawa and Waimārama, were fully operational over the summer. The Pukehamoamoa facility was reopened on Monday 14 December 2020. A third bin for paper/cardboard only was set up at Waimārama for an eight week period from mid-December to mid-February. This meant that the facility had dedicated bins for colour-sorted glass, plastics/cans and paper/cardboard. The facility has now reverted back to the original set up – one bin for colour-separated glass and a second bin for separated plastics/cans and paper/card. A resource consent application for the proposed new Te Pōhue facility is expected to be submitted in early March for processing. Generally the facilities were used correctly over summer with no major dumping or contamination issues reported. There was an attempt by an unknown party to remove a platform from the Waimārama facility which resulted in damage to the steps. This was repaired as soon as it was reported to Council. | ↑ Te Pōhue recycling facility resource consent application has been lodged and is being processed by Hastings District Council. |

5. PLANNING CONTROLS

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| A | Review and align Hastings District and Napier City Councils' bylaws and planning controls to enact the Joint WMMP. | A project is underway to review of the solid waste bylaw. | ↓ Officers will be engaging a suitably qualified contractor or consultant to progress the review of the HDC Solid Waste Bylaw as the current workload has prevented staff from progressing this project. |
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6. DIVERSION INITIATIVES (OF RESIDUAL WASTE FROM LANDFILL)

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| A | Continue to support local and national Product Stewardship campaigns. | Submission made to the Ministry for the Environment supporting Proposed priority products and priority product stewardship scheme. Six Priority Products declared in August 2020; Tyres, E-Waste. Ag Chemicals & containers, refrigerants & Synthetic Gases, Farm Plastics and Plastic Packaging. | No action |
| B | Continue to lobby central government for problematic materials. | Ongoing - submissions made to the government over the term of the WMMP include; * Proposed priority products and priority product stewardship scheme - September 2019 * Waste disposal levy expansion reducing was a more effective landfill levy - February 2020 * Managing the trade in plastic waste – New Zealand’s approach to implementing amendments to the Basel Convention - May 2020 * Single Use Plastic Public Survey by HDC to inform HDC submission on reducing the impact of plastic on our environment - December 2020 | No action |
| C | Establish (and manage) a joint contestable fund to provide seeding grants for new local waste minimisation initiatives. | Waste Minimisation Grant Framework approved March 2020 - no grants have been formally requested over the previous quarter. There was a close down period over December and January and the team are looking into ways to raise the profile of these grants. Grants approved to date; Zeffer Cider - \$2,000, September 2020 | ↓ No grants have been awarded from the local waste minimisation contestable fund. |
| D | Provide grants for local individual and/or joint waste minimisation initiatives where there is measurable diversion from landfill. | | ↑ Council has set up a subsidy to support café joining the Again Again reusable cup scheme.. The waste minimisation team are introducing a subsidy to encourage ‘on-property’ treatment like home-composting, worm farming or using a bokashi system for the community. |
| E | Provide guidance to business and industry so they may: a) Prioritise and achieve waste reduction and resource efficiency of waste. b) Implement planning controls and/or mechanisms that align with the Joint WMMP vision. | No Action | ↑ Proposing to employ a regional construction and demolition waste minimisation officer. |

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| F | Continue to research emerging opportunities and innovation for reduction, treatment and disposal of residual waste. | Ongoing - no action | No action |
| G | Review and where appropriate enhance existing public recycling and litter bin services. | No Action | No action |
| H | Support Hawke's Bay healthcare establishments in practical waste management in line with NZ standard, A304:2002 – Management of Healthcare Waste. | No Action | No action |
| I | Collaborate with Hawke's Bay Regional Council and local industry to support hazardous chemical management initiatives. | HazMobile Events held; * 30 June 2019 * 14 November 2020 Planning will commence mid-year for the annual HazMobile collection likely to be held in November 2021. | No action – planning for the next event is due to commence in July. |
| J | Introduce user-pays electronic waste (E-waste) drop-off and recycling services at refuse transfer stations to cover shipping and dismantling costs. | No update – The team is aware that work is underway at a national level to develop an e-waste product stewardship scheme. | No action |
| K | Continue to investigate local, national and international market options for difficult-to-recycle materials. | No specific investigation or research has been undertaken, officers continue to keep in touch with most recent developments. | No action |
| L | Advocate, enable and support zero waste events | The waste minimisation team are developing a packaging guide and event waste guide that will provide guidance for event planners on options for reducing event waste. These guides are currently being designed and should be available in the next month. The team continues to work with Council's events team for requirements on waste minimisation at Council supported events. | <p>↑</p> <p>The booklets are being created by the communications team and as detailed in the Proposed Waste Levy Spend Report the team propose to employ an Events Waste Minimisation Co-ordinator and establish event kit trailers that can be used by the community.</p> <p>The team has also developed a waste diversion system for the netball courts at the Regional Sports Park.</p> |

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| M | Acknowledge, recognise and reward to incentivise waste minimisation positive behaviour across the community. | No Action | No action |
| N | Support and facilitate local community driven initiatives including trials and pilots. | The team are available to support community initiatives. An initial approach has been made to officers regarding a waste to energy opportunity. Information has been provided outlining the information that would be required to take the opportunity further and officers await a response. | <p>↑</p> <p>HDC has supported the Pan Pac submission to the contestable waste minimisation fund to trial the burning of treated timber in the boilers.</p> |

7. EDUCATION

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| A | Empower residents, service users and communities to prioritise (and increase) efforts regarding waste reduction, resource recovery and work towards zero waste via a consistent education programme across Napier City and Hastings District. Expand further across Hawke's Bay where practicable. | <p>A kerbside satisfaction survey was undertaken in November to help inform educational messages regarding the services going forward.</p> <p>Regular meetings with partners like the Sustaining HB Trust (Environment Centre) and Enviro Schools continue.</p> <p>The waste minimisation team held a meeting on 8 December with individuals from the Hawkes Bay community who are active and passionate in the waste space. The aim of this meeting is for community representatives to come together and discuss key issues we're facing in the waste space, what initiatives are out there already, and possible ideas for the community to act on. This first meeting was an introduction and opportunity to find out more about people's areas of interest. The team intend to host two – three meetings per year.</p> <p>The team will be developing an education strategy in 2021 to increase waste minimisation and resource recovery following the changes to kerbside services and improvements at the Henderson Road Refuse Transfer Station.</p> <p>The team have been undertaking regular educational presentations and talks; including a series at the Heretaunga Women's Centre, Youth Climate Action Camp and Community Events.</p> <p>The website information and brochures continue to be updated and refreshed as required. Brochures are available at Council libraries and community centres.</p> | <p>↑</p> <p>Development of the waste minimisation education and engagement strategy is underway.</p> |
| B | Partner and build relationships to enable stakeholders. Collaboration and innovation with reference to the Joint WMMP submission process. | | |
| C | Foster and grow coordinated leadership in the waste minimisation movement across the region. | | |
| D | Continue to support programmes like Para Kore (zero waste). | Ongoing - HDC financially support Para Kore with a grant of \$4,000 pa | <p>↑</p> <p>Meet with the local Kaiārahi in May and annual report has been provided by Para Kore. Will be re-establishing quarterly hui to strengthen and build the relationship and opportunities for collaboration.</p> |

8. LANDFILL

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| A | Investigate the introduction of material-specific pricing at Omarunui Landfill. | Work is underway looking into options regarding the introduction of material-specific pricing at Omarunui Landfill as endorsed by the Omarunui Landfill Joint Committee. | A recommendation is being presented to the Omarunui Refuse Landfill Joint Committee for consideration. |
| B | Review Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste area at Omarunui Landfill with a view to encourage sorting and/or diversion. | No Action | No action |
| C | Investigate imposing a local waste minimisation levy at facilities (Waste Minimisation Act 2008; Section 46[2]). | No Action - National Waste Disposal Levy is increasing from \$10 - \$20 per tonne on 1 July 2021 and will eventually be \$60 per tonne from 1 July 2024 | No longer required |
| D | Continue to monitor, manage, maintain and report on closed landfills to ensure that consent conditions are met. Ensure that up to date business continuity plans are in place. | Monitoring continues of closed landfill sites. | Monitoring continues of closed landfill sites. |
| E | Develop and maintain a business continuity plan where mass disposal of material at Omarunui Landfill may be required following a significant event. | Omarunui Landfill and Hastings District Council Waste Team have a business continuity plan which is reviewed annually. | No action |
| F | Develop Omarunui Landfill for future residual waste disposal. | The resource consent applications have been lodged with HBRC and Hastings District Councils to gain consent approval to develop Area B for refuse disposal. The applications were publicly notified over January and February with submissions closing mid-February 2021. | No action or update. |

9. JOINT SERVICES

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| A | Increase consistency of waste services and key messaging across Hastings and Napier areas via development of a joint waste team and brand with a supplementary interactive website in line with LGA (2002), section 17A review. | The HDC team continues to work with the NCC staff on projects such as HazMobile and the solid waste bylaw review. | The HDC and NCC officers have regularly meet to discuss initiatives and opportunities. |
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| B | Continue to participate in regional and further afield meetings with solid waste experts from other Councils, taking the opportunity for project collaboration where feasible. | Hastings hosted a regional waste officers meeting on 8 December 2020 to collaborate with colleagues across the east coast region. | The next meeting will be held on 25 June. |
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10. MONITORING, REPORTING AND EVALUATION

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| A | Investigate methods to increase relevant data capture in line with the national Waste Data Framework. This could include waste from areas such as commercial waste composition, cleanfill, C&D waste movements etc. | Work is underway to develop a data warehouse to store all the waste related data. Initially this will be established to store and present information regarding the kerbside collection services and transactions from the weighbridges at the Henderson Road Refuse Transfer Station and Omarunui Landfill. The National Waste Data Framework also forms part of the Ministry for the Environment's work programme. | Proposing to employ a waste data administrator. |
| B | Undertake regular evaluation of the waste-reduction performance of all initiatives that comprise the adopted Joint WMMP and take appropriate action. | Monitoring is underway of the kerbside services, including participation rates and tonnes collected. Quarter two overview, see attachment 1. | Ongoing |
| C | Evaluate changes in social behaviour that may arise from initiatives in this Joint WMMP and recommend taking action accordingly. | No Action | No action |
| D | Prepare for the next Joint WMMP by gathering data through waste surveys and weighbridge software at Council-owned sites, and preparing a new waste assessment as deemed appropriate. | Data continues to be gathered, however no specific work has commenced on the review of the Joint WMMP. This is likely to commence in 2022. | Ongoing |
| E | Continue to undertake a solid waste survey of waste in Hastings District and Napier City at least every three years. | A SWAP survey was undertaken in 2019 and the next survey will be completed in 2022. | Ongoing |

11. RESOURCING

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| A | Appropriate resourcing is provided to meet/deliver the objectives of the Joint WMMP and community expectations. | The team is appropriately resourced, however this will continue to be assessed depending on changes at a national level and the delivery of WMMP projects. no update – previously reported December 2020 | Officers are recommending additional staff to aid the implementation of the WMMP. Subject to management approval. |
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