

**MINUTES OF WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT COUNCIL
STRATEGY AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING NO. SPC24-2
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1484 CAMERON ROAD, TAURANGA
ON THURSDAY, 28 MARCH 2024 AT 9.30AM**

1 KARAKIA

Whakatau mai te wairua
Whakawātea mai te hinengaro
Whakarite mai te tinana
Kia ea ai ngā mahi

Settle the spirit
Clear the mind
Prepare the body
To achieve what needs to be
achieved.

Āe

Yes

2 PRESENT

Mayor J Denyer, Cr R Crawford, Cr T Coxhead, Cr M Grainger, Cr A Henry, Cr R Joyce, Cr M Murray-Benge, Deputy Mayor J Scrimgeour, Cr A Sole, Cr D Thwaites and Cr A Wichers.

3 IN ATTENDANCE

R Davie (Deputy CEO/General Manager Strategy and Community), A Henderson (General Manager Corporate Services), A Curtis (General Manager Regulatory Services), C Crow (General Manager Infrastructure Group), E Watton (Strategic Policy and Planning Programme Director), M Leighton (Policy and Planning Manager), K Little (Operations Manager) K McGinity (Senior Policy Analyst), C McGirr (Policy Analyst), I Kruis (Resource Recovery and Waste Team Leader), H Wi Repa (Governance Systems Advisor), P Osborne (Senior Governance Advisor) and R Leahy (Governance Advisor).

4 APOLOGIES

APOLOGY

RESOLUTION SPC24-1.1

Moved: Cr M Murray-Benge

Seconded: Cr A Sole

That the apology for absence from Cr G Dally be accepted.

CARRIED

5 CONSIDERATION OF LATE ITEMS

Nil

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil

7 PUBLIC EXCLUDED ITEMS

Nil

8 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

9 PRESENTATIONS

Nil

10 REPORTS

10.1 DELIBERATIONS AND ADOPTION OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN 2024

The Committee considered a report dated 28 March 2024 from the Policy Analyst. The report was taken as read.

Staff responded to pātai below:

- The Waste Minimisation Levy was population based. Council received approximately \$280,000 per quarter, noting that the amount varied each quarter.
- A review of the Waste Minimisation Act was underway. Central Government was looking at Action and Investment Plans due to the increase in the waste levy.
- It was currently not viable for Council alone to carry out composting. Council did not have the infrastructure in place to compost and would need to consider partnering with other agencies if it wanted to carry out this activity.
- The PAYT rubbish tag system would be reviewed and Council would seek the community's views on the system to ensure it is the best option for the community.
- Work was being undertaken with Tauranga City Council and wider Bay of Plenty councils on what waste infrastructure was required in the region.
- The District's kerbside waste was currently transported over the Kaimai Ranges to be processed. With recent changes to the law, Council must comply with the

standardisation for kerbside collection. The location of kerbside waste processing infrastructure was currently being considered.

- Greenwaste collection was included in the Waste Minimisation Plan despite it currently not a service that Council offers. In order to spend the Waste Minimisation Levy or apply to the contestable fund, the action must be included in Council's Waste Minimisation Plan.
- The District's food waste was currently being consolidated with Tauranga City Council's food waste and then transferred to Hampton Downs for processing. It was not yet clear how this process could change in the future.
- Te Puke and Katikati were identified as areas where Resource Recovery Centres could be established. A Resource Recovery Centre was currently being trialled in Katikati and Council was working with community groups in Te Puke to establish a centre there.
- The intent of community recycle centre projects was not to take away the work that community groups were already doing in that space, but to further reduce waste going to landfill.
- The Resource Recovery Centre trial in Katikati was for six months, after which it would be reviewed. If successful, a report would be brought back to Council for a decision on what model would be implemented.
- Central Government had not introduced a 'right of repair' legislation to improve the lifetime of goods. Council would advocate for this legislation to reduce landfill waste.
- Committee Members requested that the wording around implementing actions if viable be included in the Waste Minimisation Plan. Staff could make minor editorial changes under recommendation 6.

RESOLUTION SPC24-1.2

Moved: Cr R Joyce

Seconded: Cr M Grainger

1. That the Policy Analyst's report dated 28 March 2024 titled 'Deliberations and adoption of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024' be received.
 2. That the report relates to an issue that is considered to be of medium significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.
 3. That the Strategy and Policy Committee receives all feedback received through the consultation period, which ran from 10 November to 10 December 2023 and is set out in **Attachment A** to this report.
 4. That the Strategy and Policy Committee adopts the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, shown as **Attachment C** of this report and in relation to the
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following issues and options, the Committee adopts the following preferred options as part of the final Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

- a. Issue 1: Education actions [Option A]
 - b. Issue 2: Battery and e-waste recovery [Option A]
 - c. Issue 3: Localised foodwaste and greenwaste processing facility [Option A]
 - d. Issue 4: Greenwaste collection [Option A]
 - e. Issue 5: Inorganic waste collection [Option A]
 - f. Issue 6: Council's approach to public refuse and recycling bins [Option A]
 - g. Issue 7: Amend monitoring and reporting actions for clarity [Option A]
 - h. Issue 8: Construction and demolition waste [Option A]
 - i. Issue 9: Support for Marae [Option A]
 - j. Issue 10: Support for Matakana Island Recycling Centre [Option A]
 - k. Issue 11: Timing of actions [Option A]
5. That the Strategy and Policy Committee requests the Chief Executive to direct staff to prepare a Decision Story, in general accordance with the resolutions of this meeting and for approval by the Mayor, as the formal response to submitters and for dissemination to those that provided feedback as the response to their feedback, and to be published on the Council's website.
 6. That the Chief Executive is authorised to make any required editorial changes to the final Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

CARRIED

11 INFORMATION FOR RECEIPT

Nil.

The Meeting closed at 10.07am.

Confirmed as a true and correct record by Council on 23 May 2024.