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Strategy, Policy and Finance Committee**WASTE MANAGEMENT & MINIMISATION PLAN 2022-28****Report prepared by:** Prashant Praveen, Manager – Waste & Climate Change**Report reviewed by:** Stavros Michael, Deputy Chief Executive – Infrastructure & Environmental Solutions**Report approved by:** Geoff Williams, Chief Executive

**1. TE PŪTAKE
PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to inform Strategy, Policy and Finance Committee on the outcome of the public consultation on WMMP 2022-28, and seek agreement to refer the WMMP to Council for final adoption as required under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

**2. TE TUHINGA WHAKARĀPOPOTOTANGA
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The WMMP is a guiding document, which outlines the vision, goals and targets for waste minimisation within a district, as well as, the action plan to achieve the desirable outcomes. Under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, councils are required to prepare and adopt a WMMP at least every six years.

In 2016, Rotorua Lakes Council (RLC) adopted its first WMMP, which was aimed at empowering Rotorua residents to maximise waste diversion from landfills, as well as, improving Rotorua's environmental footprint by upgrading waste services and facilities. RLC has made excellent progress against the goals and targets of the WMMP 2016-22.

WMMP 2022-28 builds on the progress made under the current WMMP and aims to address new challenges in waste management and minimisation in Rotorua. The Council developed a "draft" WMMP in late 2021, which was followed by meaningful community engagement and consultation in February 2022. Council received over 40 submissions and most endorsed the draft WMMP. The feedback from the community also identified minor issues that required resolution and improvement.

The overall vision of WMMP 2022-28 is to empower Rotorua communities to minimise waste generation, and maximise waste diversion and resource recovery, by offering convenient, effective and innovative waste services. It identifies the goals, objectives, targets and lists activities that to realise the vision. The adoption of WMMP 2022-28 by Council is the final step of the review process.

3. HE TŪTOHUNGA RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the report “Waste Management & Minimisation Plan 2022-28” be received.**
- 2. That the Committee recommends to Council to adopt the Waste Management & Minimisation Plan 2022-28.**

4. TE TĀHUHU BACKGROUND

Under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, councils are required to develop a WMMP. The WMMP contains a summary of the council’s objectives, policies, methods and funding to achieve effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within its district. Councils are required to review their existing WMMP every six years.

The first step in developing a WMMP is to draft a Waste Assessment. The purpose of the Waste Assessment is to review progress against the current WMMP and provide foundation for the development of a new WMMP. RLCs Waste Assessment 2021 was approved by Council in April 2021.

The WMMP 2022-28 has been prepared using Waste Assessment 2021 as the precursor. Its key components are:

- The overarching strategy – an outline of the waste situation, along with the goals, objectives and targets
- The action plan – a list of activities which will be undertaken to achieve the objectives and targets
- The appendices – supporting information for the proposed objectives and actions (i.e., Waste Assessment 2021, WMMP 2016-22)

The vision, goals, objectives and targets for the WMMP 2022-28 are aimed at minimising waste generation and maximising resource recovery in Rotorua, to reduce waste and carbon footprint and improve environmental outcome. The targets for 2022-28 WMMP are:

- 30% reduction in municipal waste to landfill
- Reduction in recycling contamination from 22% to 12%
- Contamination-free glass collection
- 60% reduction in kerbside food waste to landfill
- 60% reduction in kerbside green waste to landfill

These targets are linked to the goals and priorities of waste services outlined in the LTP 2021, Climate Action Plan 2020 and Te Arawa Climate Strategy. A detailed action plan outlines the steps that will be undertaken to achieve the goals and the targets.

5. TE MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

The adoption of the WMMP 2022-28, following public consultation, is a statutory requirement and a required prerequisite for Council to be entitled to receive quarterly waste levy payments from the Ministry for the Environment.

Waste levy fund is dispersed through a formula based on relative population distribution of Districts. The disbursement for Rotorua is between \$250,000 – 280,000 per annum.

6. TE TINO AROMATAWAI ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The decisions or matters of this report are not considered significant in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

7. NGĀ KŌRERO O TE HAPORI ME TE WHAKATAIRANGA COMMUNITY INPUT/ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLICITY

Public consultation on the draft WMMP 2022-28 was undertaken in February 2022. A summary of the engagement (Have your say – online tool) is presented below:

Tool status	Number	Agree with proposed plan	Feedback on proposed plan
Total visitors	71	-	-
Contributors	35	25	10
Email	6	6	-

Most of the feedback was focussed on improving recycling services, including organics, e-waste and plastics. Residents also wants to see enforcement actions to reduce the instances of recycling contamination and illegal dumping. The action plan in the WMMP includes specific tasks to address these concerns. Overall, the feedback from the community was positive and required only minor changes in the WMMP.

8. HE WHAIWHAKAARO CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 Mahere Pūtea Financial/budget considerations

No actions required at this stage.

8.2 Kaupapa Here me ngā Hiraunga Whakariterite Policy and planning implications

The goals and targets proposed in the WMMP are consistent with the vision of LTP 2021-31, as well as two major goals of Rotorua's Vision 2030: a resilient community, and; enhanced environment. These are also aligned with the Climate Action Plan 2020.

8.3 Tūraru Risks

The only major risk pertains to a delay in adopting the WMMP 2022-28, which will result in the loss of waste levy payments from the Ministry for the Environment.

8.4 Te Whaimana Authority

Deputy Chief Executive – Infrastructure & Environmental Solutions has the authority to make decisions to implement the action plan outlines in the WMMP.

**9. TE WHAKAKAPINGA
CONCLUSION**

The adoption of “Waste Management & Minimisation Plan 2022-28” following public consultation is a statutory requirement. The WMMP must be adopted by April 2022 to ensure that the levy payments from the Ministry for the Environment is not discontinued.

**10. TĀPIRINGA
ATTACHMENT**

Attachment 1: Waste Management & Minimisation Plan 2022-28
(RDC-1244864 - distributed separately)