

COUNCIL 25 FEBRUARY 2009

REPORT 6 (1215/11/IM)

Report of the Strategy and Policy Committee Meeting of Thursday 19 February 2009

Members: Mayor Prendergast (Deputy Chair), Councillors Ahipene-Mercer, Best, Cook, Coughlan, Foster, Gill, Goulden, McKinnon (Chair), Morrison, Pannett, Pepperell, Ritchie, Wade-Brown and Wain.

MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Strategy and Policy Committee dealt with a number of issues for which it has delegated powers to act and therefore these are before the Council for noting.

The Committee hereby recommends that the information be received.

1. **ITEM 014/09P REVIEW OF THE ROAD ENCROACHMENT AND SALE POLICY AND FEES** (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 1)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information as amended.
- 2. Agree, as part of the draft 2009-19 Long Term Council Community Plan, to consult on the following options for amending the fees associated with the Road Encroachment and Sale Policy:
 - a. Increase the application fee to \$400
 - b. Increase the administration fee to \$65
 - c. Increase the annual rental fee for residential encroachments to $\$11.25/m^2$
 - *d.* Increase the minimum annual rental charge for residential encroachments to \$90
 - e. Adjust residential annual rental fees on a yearly basis under officer delegation to reflect Consumer Price Index changes, and agree that annual rental fees be reviewed by Council as part of the LTCCP process every three years.

Note: All fees are exclusive of GST.

3. Agree to amend the Road Encroachment and Sale Policy as highlighted in Appendix 1 of the officer's report and include reference to these proposed amendments in the draft LTCCP document. 4. Agree that the objectives, principles and fees associated with the Road Encroachment and Sale Policy be reviewed and reported back to the Strategy and Policy Committee by the end of 2010.

2. **ITEM 015/09P HERITAGE GRANTS** (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 2)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- *1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Agree to the allocation of grants to applicants in the November 2008 round of the Built Heritage Incentive Fund, as assessed by Council officers as follows:

Project	Grant Approved
1) St Annes Church Hall, 69 Northland Rd, Northland	\$40,000.00
2) Gear Meat Co. Building, 130 Cuba St	\$2,500.00
3) Massey House, 126 Lambton Quay	\$16,250.00
4) Hannah Warehouse, 13 Leeds St, Te Aro	\$1,679.06
5) Hazel Court, 4 Claremont Grove, Mt Victoria	\$9,337.50
6) House, 99 Cockayne Rd, Khandallah	\$5,612.25
7) Former Masonic Hall, 221 Clyde St, Island Bay	\$20,000.00
8) Lawson Scout Hall, 32 Salamanca, Kelburn	\$8,718.75
9) Roundhouse, Khandallah Bowling Club, 26 Woodmancote Rd	\$8,672.22
10) House, 8 Ascot St, Thorndon	\$2,500.00
11) Rita Angus Cottage, 194A Sydney Street West, Thorndon	\$1,777.50
12) Rita Angus Cottage, 194A Sydney Street West, Thorndon	\$1,185.00
13) Granny Cooper's Cottage, 30 Ascot St, Thorndon	\$5,179.81
14) Inverlochy House, 3 Inverlochy Place, Te Aro	\$30,000.00
Total	\$153,412.09

3. **ITEM 016/09P QUARTERLY REPORT** (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 3)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

1. Receive the information.

4. **ITEM 018/09P KERBSIDE RECYCLING** (1215/52/IM) (REPORT 5)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- *1. Receive the information.*
- 2. Note the information.
- 3. Agree that the information will be considered as part of Report 6: Kerbside Recycling: Supplementary Report.

5. ITEM 019/09P KERBSIDE RECYCLING: SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

(1215/52/IM) (REPORT 6)

THAT the Strategy and Policy Committee:

- 1. Receive the information.
- 2. Note that recyclable material collected through Wellington's kerbside collection services makes up a small proportion of the total waste volume managed by the Council, currently costs \$2.6m annually and earns \$165,000 in revenue.
- 3. Note that the merits of kerbside recycling are reduced landfilling, conservation of resources and positive public perception; rather than income from the sale of materials.
- 4. Note that a shortfall of \$1.1m in 2007/08 for recycling services was funded from other waste activities and that this shortfall is expected to increase as landfill waste volume and therefore levy revenue reduce, and the volume and cost for recyclables increase.
- 5. Note that as market opportunities and new initiatives emerge, the relative merits of collection for some types of material may change.
- 6. Agree to consult on the following container options for the provision of kerbside recycling collection:
 - a. Use of recycling bags, and the sorting of recyclables into different plastic bags by residents.
 - b. No recycling service provision.
 - c. Drop-off facilities.

- d. Continued use of the existing green bins, and requiring residents to identify their bins and to tie or bag the recyclables. This is the recommended option.
- e. Use of wheelie bins.
- f. Pre-paid stickers on containers.
- 7. Agree to consult on the following funding options for the provision of kerbside recycling collection:
 - a. Alignment (reduction) of service levels to match available landfill levy funding.
 - b. 100% rates funding, with consequent reduction of landfill levy charges.
 - *c. Raising the landfill levy to fully cover the cost of recycling services.*
 - d. 100% user pays, costing participating households approximately \$60 annually, with consequent impact on landfill levy charges.
 - e. Continued landfill levy funding, supplemented by partial user pays through the purchase of recycling bags (currently estimated at 50%, or \$30 annually) to fill the shortfall.
 - *f. Continued funding through the recycling levy and other waste activities as at present. This is the recommended option.*
 - g. A combination of the levy, rates and user pays.
- 8. Note that funding options which propose a reallocation of existing charges from waste disposers to the users of recycling services will be perceived by some ratepayers as introducing a new user charge.
- 9. Agree to consult on the provision of a base service (either ongoing or for an introductory period only) funded through either the landfill levy or rates.
- 10. Note that this review of kerbside recycling is being undertaken as part of a wider programme of work required by 2012 under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and that officers will report to committee by the end of 2009 on progress.
- 11. Agree to lobby central government for early implementation of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 so national solutions including waste and recycling processing can take effect.
- 12. Agree that a comprehensive education campaign will be run on how residents can reduce their waste irrespective of the option chosen on how the city collects and pays for recycling.

Ian McKinnon Chair