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# Ordinary Meeting of Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee

## Agenda

9:30am Monday, 6 March 2023

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# WELLINGTON REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE 6 MARCH 2023

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## MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Tom Hullena	Masterton District Council
Councillor Steve Cretney	Carterton District Council
Councillor Rebecca Gray	South Wairarapa District Council
Councillor Jocelyn Prvanov	Kāpiti Coast District Council
Deputy Mayor Hellen Swales	Upper Hutt City Council
Councillor Andy Mitchell	Hutt City Council
Councillor Quentin Duthie	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Councillor Geoff Hayward	Porirua City Council
Councillor Iona Pannett	Wellington City Council



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## **AREA OF FOCUS**

Under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 territorial authorities were required to develop a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) by 2012.

In 2011, 8 Councils in the greater Wellington region adopted the first regional WMMP. The Councils agreed that a Joint Committee should be established to oversee the implementation of the WMMP.

**Quorum:** 4 members



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# 1. Meeting Conduct

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## 1.1 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the meeting, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

## 1.2 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

## 1.3 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2022 will be put to the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee for confirmation.

## 1.4 Items not on the Agenda

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows.

***Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee.***

The Chairperson shall state to the meeting:

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee.

***Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee.***

The Chairperson shall state to the meeting that the item will be discussed, but no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent meeting of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee for further discussion.

## 1.5 Public Participation

A maximum of 60 minutes is set aside for public participation at the commencement of any meeting of the Council or committee that is open to the public. Under Standing Order 3.23.3 a written, oral or electronic application to address the meeting setting forth the subject, is required to be lodged with the Chief Executive by 12.00 noon of the working day prior to the meeting concerned, and subsequently approved by the Chairperson.

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## 2. General Business

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# WELLINGTON REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN UPDATE

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### Kōrero taunaki | Summary of considerations

#### Purpose

1. This report to Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee is to provide an update on various regional and local waste minimisation initiatives.

#### Strategic alignment with community wellbeing outcomes and priority areas

Aligns with the following strategies and priority areas:

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| <b>Strategic alignment with priority objective areas from Long-term Plan 2021–2031</b> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable, natural eco city<br><input type="checkbox"/> People friendly, compact, safe and accessible capital city<br><input type="checkbox"/> Innovative, inclusive and creative city<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dynamic and sustainable economy<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Functioning, resilient and reliable three waters infrastructure<br><input type="checkbox"/> Affordable, resilient and safe place to live<br><input type="checkbox"/> Safe, resilient and reliable core transport infrastructure network<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fit-for-purpose community, creative and cultural spaces<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accelerating zero-carbon and waste-free transition<br><input type="checkbox"/> Strong partnerships with mana whenua |
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#### Relevant Previous decisions

The Committee resolved in December 2022 to:

- Receive the information.
- Note the Wellington Region Draft Waste Assessment.
- Recommend that each member Council:
  - Agree to formally proceed with the development of a new Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (2023-2029).
- Note the update on the development of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (2023-2029).

Note the update on the key regional and local level work completed to implement the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (2017-2023).

#### Financial considerations

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nil | <input type="checkbox"/> Budgetary provision in Annual Plan / Long-term Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Unbudgeted \$X |
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2. There are no financial considerations at this time. Most of the work noted in this paper is funded by the respective Councils via waste levy funds.

#### Risk

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|  Low      |  Medium      |  High      |  Extreme

3. This paper is considered low risk, on the basis that the work programme is consistent with the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017-2023.

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## **Taunakitanga | Officers' Recommendations**

Officers recommend the following motion

That the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee:

1. Receive the information.
2. Note the update on the Waste Assessment and development of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (2023-2029).
3. Note the update on the key regional and local level work completed to implement the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (2017-2023).

## **Whakarāpopoto | Executive Summary**

4. This report provides the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee with an update on key regional and local level work being undertaken to implement the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) 2017-2023.
5. Feedback is being provided on the draft Wellington Region Waste Assessment report and a final version is expected to be issued in late March 2023.
6. Work is being undertaken to develop a new WMMP (2023-2029) for the Wellington Region. Stakeholder engagement workshops are scheduled to take place in March 2023, and work has started on the development of the local action plans at each council.
7. At the local level, the councils have been continuing to advance a range of initiatives, including projects that support the expansion of the resource recovery network and behaviour change within the community.

## **Takenga mai | Background**

8. Under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (WMA) a territorial authority (TA) is required to promote effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within its district.
9. For the purpose of achieving this, territorial authorities are required to adopt a waste management and minimisation plan (WMMP) for their district.
10. The current Wellington Region WMMP (2017-2023) aims to promote effective and efficient forms of waste management and minimisation across the region, and establishes a related set of waste reduction targets.
11. The 2017-2023 WMMP was prepared in 2017 for the eight councils of the Wellington Region and fulfilled the requirements of Section 50 (1) (b) of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. Section 50 (1) (b) specifies the conditions to review the WMMP and requires all territorial authorities to review their WMMP at intervals of not more than 6-years after the last review.
12. The decision to review the 2017-2023 Wellington Region WMMP was therefore required by no later than January 2023. The conditions stipulated by the Ministry for Environment were fulfilled by the 8 councils in December 2022.
13. In order to officially review the WMMP, a draft Waste Assessment had to be completed, including feedback from the Medical Officer of Health. A formal decision then had to be made to:
  - a. Amend the current WMMP

- b. Revoke the current WMMP and substitute it with a new plan
  - c. Continue with the current plan without amendment
14. In December 2022 the draft Waste Assessment with Medical Officer of Health feedback was provided to the Ministry for the Environment (MfE). This was accompanied by Joint Committee and individual council meeting minutes confirming the decision to proceed with the development of a new WMMP.
15. It was confirmed in late December 2022 that MfE considers the Wellington Region to have fulfilled its obligations under the WMA (2008) to review its joint WMMP.
16. Work is continuing to finalise the Wellington Region Waste Assessment and to progress the development of the new Wellington Region WMMP (2023-2029).

*Wellington Region Waste Assessment Update*

17. A draft Waste Assessment has been prepared for the Wellington Region as specified in section 51 of the WMA (2008). This draft was issued to the Wellington Region waste managers for comment in November 2022.
18. In January 2023, the data feeding into the Waste Assessment was recirculated to the eight territorial authorities to perform a sense check, make amendments, and provide any updated data available. The deadline for providing feedback was mid-February 2023 with updated data received from a number of councils.
19. In the coming weeks, the draft Waste Assessment report will be updated based on the feedback and updated data provided by the territorial authorities. The report will then be recirculated for final comment before being finalised.
20. The finalised Wellington Region Waste Assessment is expected to be issued by the end of March 2023.
21. The Waste Assessment is a key document that feeds into the development of the new WMMP. It will also form part of the appendices of the draft WMMP when it goes out for public consultation later this year.

*Progress Update for the Development of a New Wellington Region WMMP (2023-2029)*

22. The eight territorial authorities in the Wellington Region have agreed to continue working together on a review and preparing a new plan. The Regional Solid Waste and Waste Minimisation Managers Steering Group will manage the process on behalf of their Councils.
23. Elected members on the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Joint Committee will be kept informed at key points to enable decision-making on a new plan. Elected members from each Council will also provide information back to their respective Councils, as each Council will be required to formally adopt the new plan.
24. The approved budget, covering the total cost over the whole-of-life of the project, exclusive of GST is up to \$500,000. Each Council pays a proportion of the costs for this project based on the ratio of the population of each Council district. The project is to be phased across the 2022/23 financial year.

25. Beca was selected as the contractor to undertake the development of the WMMP. Porirua City Council (PCC) is the contract manager and is managing this project alongside Beca and the Regional Advisor.
26. The project has been split into 11 stages, with the final stage being the final WMMP for adoption. These stages are:
  - Stage 1: Stakeholder Engagement Strategy
  - Stage 2: Stakeholder Engagement
  - Stage 3: Situation Review report
  - Stage 4: Broader Strategic Outcomes report
  - Stage 5: Co-design results report – Industry
  - Stage 6: Co-design results report – NGOs
  - Stage 7: Options and indicative direction for WMMP report
  - Stage 8: Local action plans
  - Stage 9: Draft WMMP
  - Stage 10: Council and consultation material
  - Stage 11: Final WMMP
27. Stages 1-4 have been progressed and planning is underway for the stakeholder engagement workshops and development of the local action plans. Officers will invite members of the Joint Committee to discuss ideas that have been provided on a vision and outcomes for the next WMMP in the near future.
28. Whilst the development of the WMMP has been progressing, there has been a delay to the timeline. The delay is due to a decision being made in January 2023 to postpone the stakeholder engagement workshops for a one-month period and reschedule them for March 2023. This decision was made in order to allow time to receive advice on the level of engagement with mana whenua. The advice is to also include the engagement format required for each individual iwi across the region.
29. This change will extend the overall timeline to August 2023. However, MfE have advised that this delay will not affect any statutory obligations to have a WMMP in place or waste levy payments received.
30. The stakeholder engagement workshops are scheduled to take place in March 2023. The engagement working group is currently working on which individuals and organisations will be invited to these workshops and invitations will be sent shortly.
31. Further workshops will be held for councillors to provide their views on the content of the WMMP, such as vision and outcomes, broader strategic directions and future options for actions.
32. Individual councils will continue to work to develop their local action plans. This will include a review of the previous action plan, planning local stakeholder engagement, and internal engagement with relevant council staff. The upcoming workshops held by Beca will also feed into the development of the local action plans.

#### *Regional Waste Operator and Facility Licensing Update*

33. Discussions have occurred as to whether or not to proceed with the implementation of a regional licensing system. This has arisen because of the NZ Government's plans to implement a national licensing system, and the implementation of a regional licensing system may end up duplicating effort.

34. Stopping the work would free up resources and enable Councils to focus on higher-priority work, such as the development of the new WMMP and the implementation of various waste minimisation and resource recovery initiatives
35. MfE have indicated that they expect a decision on the national licensing framework would be made within the next 6 months and it may be prudent to wait for a confirmation of this decision before investing further into regional licensing.
36. Work on regional licensing will therefore be paused until further details are released on a possible national licensing system. However, work on individual licensing systems may continue at some councils. Wellington City has opted to progress implementation of a local licensing approach in the interim. As of 25 January 2023, Wellington City Council has implemented a licensing system for all waste operators and collectors that fall within the requirements of section 11 of the bylaw.
37. Approximately 120 one-year licences have been issued to waste operators and collectors operating within the Wellington City Council area. At this time there is no fee associated with the licence.
38. By 25 January 2024, a new licence will be required for all licence holders. This will require an application form to be completed and data to be provided about waste activities. Wellington City Council is working with the waste industry on details of reporting and information requirements, however, it is likely the following will need to be provided:
  - Quantity and type of waste being handled
  - Where the waste comes from/goes to
  - Details on how operations are contributing to the objectives of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
39. In March and April 2023, drop-in sessions will be held to provide open discussion with collectors and operators within Wellington City.

*Progress against 2017-2023 Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan*

40. In November 2017, the eight councils in the Wellington Region adopted the Regional WMMP (2017-2023). This plan sets a target to reduce the amount of waste being sent to class 1 landfills by a third by 2026.
41. To achieve this target a number of local and regional level actions were agreed on by the eight territorial authorities in the Wellington region.
42. Work remains ongoing to progress these actions and work towards the targets in the current WMMP. An update on the current projects and progress against the WMMP actions at each council is provided below:

**Hutt City Council Update**

Procurement for Silverstream landfill operations and resource recovery park

43. In early February 2023, Council signed a contract with the successful supplier Waste Management NZ. The contract has key provisions and incentives for the contractor to make significant progress on decarbonising the landfill's operations, primarily by improving vehicle efficiency and the introduction of electric vehicles, including a

battery-electric bulldozer. Overall, emissions are expected to reduce by a minimum of 25% by 2030 compared to the baseline year of 2021. However, the contract has been set up to encourage and incentivise additional innovation and carbon reductions, including the accelerated electrification of operational vehicles, with a view to achieve a reduction of 50% by 2030.

44. The operation of the transfer station at Silverstream was procured as a separable portion, with operation guaranteed for two years. This approach provides flexibility in light of potential options to either:
  - d. make further changes to the transfer station at the landfill, to improve the level of service and enable the establishment of a more comprehensive Resource Recovery Park (HCC's LTP has funds allocated for this work); or
  - e. focus on the development of a state-of-the-art Resource Recovery Park (RRP) at a completely new site somewhere in the Hutt Valley. Such a RRP could have a focus on both domestic and commercial resource recovery. However, this option is reliant on private parties investing.
45. Regarding the second option, HCC has received a resource consent application by Waste Management NZ to establish an RRP in Manor Park, near the SH1/SH58 interchange. Once more details are available, HCC officers are aiming to relook at a draft business case for options around resource recovery at Silverstream, to have more certainty on the way forward as soon as possible.

#### Transfer station and resource recovery

46. Over the last three years, various no-regrets works have been undertaken to improve the level of service at Silverstream transfer station. This includes a new roundabout, changes to the load-out direction for waste, the introduction of paying by weight for all users, and an upgraded hazardous waste and green waste drop-off. HCC officers provided an overview of the key changes that have been made at the transfer station over the last three years at a briefing on 10 August 2022.
47. HCC officers are currently still working on improved signage utilising gate numbers, an improved drive-through shelter for the resource recovery drop-off operated by Earthlink, and the establishment of a discount voucher scheme, by which transfer station users will be able to reduce their costs if they divert certain resources.

#### Food waste investigation

48. HCC is collaborating with WCC and PCC on a business case for managing, collecting and processing this waste from businesses and households. This work is to be completed in mid-2023.
49. Following the roll-out of its new rubbish and recycling service in 2021, Hutt City Council is continuing to focus heavily on addressing high levels of contamination (17-20% vs the target level at 10%). This involves the following:
  - f. Recycling ambassadors have been deployed since 2021 to inspect bins to collate a more detailed picture of the type and degree of contamination at the household level, and to provide immediate feedback to households on their recycling habits by way of coloured stickers: green, orange, and red. Across Lower Hutt, there are currently four bin ambassadors, inspecting and providing feedback on over 5,000 bins per month.
  - g. A city-wide behaviour change campaign was launched in October 2022. The campaign uses a multi-media approach to ensure a broad outreach and aims

to upskill the recycling habits of residents by addressing specific recycling myths. At this stage, the campaign is scheduled to run until the middle of 2023 after which its performance will be independently evaluated. As part of the campaign, HCC also developed a board game as a way for families to come together to play and go through the recycling journey. It is [available online](#), and as a printed copy in all of Lower Hutt's libraries and community hubs.

- h. While the vast majority of households recycle properly and receive positive feedback from HCC recycling ambassadors, a '3-strikes' approach was [implemented from November 2022](#). This involves the removal of recycling bins in cases where households repeatedly contaminate their recycling. Households receive two red stickers notifying them of what changes to their recycling habits are needed to reduce contamination, with the bin removed at the third instance of significant contamination. Since the start of that approach, about 40 recycling bins have been removed.

50. There is evidence that our multi-pronged approach is starting to work, with contamination starting to reduce. While the decrease is encouraging, it is too early to say whether a definitive trend has been established. The goal is to reduce city-wide contamination to under 10% as soon as possible.

#### **Kāpiti Coast District Council Update**

51. The Waste Levy Grants funding round 22/23 allocated \$32,824.19 to 7 applicants across the Community Projects and Business Waste Reduction fund categories. The projects supported were:
  - i. A zero waste school-lead community event
  - j. Onsite composting systems for a preschool
  - k. A decentralised food scrap collection service expansion
  - l. A new Repair Café to run events throughout 2023
  - m. Māoriland maara (garden) project expansion to increase their onsite composting capacity
  - n. A social enterprise expanding their e-bike based food scrap collection service
  - o. A nature tourism business setting up waste stream separated infrastructure for their visitors.
52. Delivery of the Zero Waste Education programme has restarted after the school holidays with good uptake and new schools registering for lessons.
53. Household battery recycling trial for the general public is close to launching in Libraries and has already started in-house.
54. Event waste plan requirements are up and running, having received and processed plans for 9 events so far this year.
55. Internal improvement initiatives are underway, including onboarding sustainability modules mandatory for all new staff, IT e-waste recycling process improvements, soft plastic recycling in staff kitchens, and an upcycle battery bucket being championed by a volunteer in each council office building.



56. The purchase of the tip shop and other buildings for the Otaihangā Zero Waste Hub project was not successful, so other options are being explored to get the hub running without significant delays.

### **Porirua City Council Update**

57. The Tetra Pak drop-off location at Spicer Landfill's bulk recycling station is typically for domestic use, but we have extended its use to small businesses. We have been working with our Economic Development team to promote this service to hospitality businesses across Porirua and have seen an increase in businesses signing up to this service.
58. Investigations into utilising landfill gas produced at Spicer Landfill have progressed. We are now awaiting a proposal from a private company regarding the use of the gas as a renewable energy source to generate electricity with possible implementation in 2025.
59. The development of the Resource Recovery Network, a group of facility-based projects to enable waste diversion through three proposed facilities is ongoing. The Construction and Demolition Waste Facility is undergoing design work with the aim of delivery in 2024. Engagement with stakeholders on the Resource Recovery Network is being planned and will commence in the next few months.
60. The organics business case with Tonkin + Taylor is still ongoing. The project is being undertaken in collaboration with HCC and WCC to investigate organics (both food and green waste) collection and processing options in the Wellington Region. The business case is on track to be delivered in June 2023.
61. The Kerbside Collection "3 Strikes" Campaign has ended. This programme hired "recycling ambassadors" to check kerbside recycling, provide additional education and issue notices to enforce the correct use of kerbside recycling services. It was effective for the most part, but a new approach will be required to address any remaining contamination issues.
62. Work on the Spicer Landfill Resource Consent is continuing, to enable capacity through to 2052. A major barrier to lodging consent is our current odour issues. We have been and are still undertaking a range of measures to address odour problems. Chief Executives and senior officers from PCC and GWRC are meeting to review actions and monitor the situation regularly.
63. We have developed a comprehensive campaign to raise awareness and education around waste minimisation. This kickstarted in February on Waitangi Day introducing principles of the waste hierarchy. This is supported by a project to improve and update the accessibility and content of the website.
64. The implementation of event waste planning and reporting is continuing with initial templates for the Event Waste Plan and Post Event Analysis complete. The PCC Waitangi Day Event was a great success in reducing waste to landfill. Vendors were committed and enthusiastic about using compostable alternatives for food and drinks. Opportunities were identified to improve on this for next year.
65. We will be engaging and seeking input from schools on what a waste education programme could look like and will consider any barriers. The overall objective is to create a meaningful, accessible, curriculum aligned waste education programme that meets the needs of learners and schools as well as delivering on wider goals.
66. Community engagement planning is underway with engagement beginning in the next few months to better understand our communities' views and attitudes on waste.

Opportunities to engage alongside the development of other PCC strategies are being explored. These opportunities such as the current work to understand Pacific communities' satisfaction and interaction with Council services including waste and resource recovery may be utilised.

#### **Upper Hutt City Council Update**

67. The Environment and Waste Minimisation Fund (formally open for 1 month a year) is now open for year-round applications. This will allow applicants to apply when ideas or opportunities arise, with officers having already received interest from multiple community groups, schools, and early childhood education centres.
68. The 4th bay put into service at the recycling station over the summer was successful. With less recycling overflow and more being recycled correctly.
69. The recycling station received some maintenance over the summer and the public feedback has been positive and welcoming.
70. It's been 6 months since UHCC vacated our main CIVIC Building and are now working out of 2 different locations. We have been trailing a 'Waste Wise' approach in these 2 buildings in which general waste isn't available for personal waste, staff take this home. We are now seeing an 80% diversion rate of all waste entering the buildings, with soft plastics (courier bags, packaging etc) taking up the majority of the remaining 20%. We also have enough reusable coffee cups for all staff and have rechargeable batteries available.
71. Brewtown were given funding to begin their Waste Minimisation journey. This is to help develop a waste storage area to house bins and separated waste for collection. The next step is to develop waste separation stations that can be used for large events, the waste streams we are targeting are organic, mixed recycling and general waste. Glass is only used at the bar and can be separated at the source.
72. Business organics processing and collection pilot will be going in behind Brewtown. Earth Starch is currently set up the processor with organic processing beginning sometime in late March/May.
73. Procurement for a kerbside business case will begin in March. The options being considered will be determined by the decisions made from the 'Transforming Recycling' consultation process.

#### **Wairarapa Councils Joint Update**

74. Trials are underway at all Councils in the Wairarapa for the collection of soft plastic and batteries. These are proving popular with residents, with 15kg of batteries collected from South Wairarapa alone since the start of the trial.
75. MDC is in the process of appointing a Climate Change Activator to support the implementation of the MDC Climate Action Plan. There are a number of waste-specific actions in the plan that are reflected in the WMMP Wairarapa actions. This role will provide some additional support with the implementation of our local WMMP actions.
76. South Wairarapa has set up a climate change and environmental group to focus on all things environmental.

77. New Event waste management plans have been added to all three councils' websites and are up and running. We are getting a number of plans coming through and we will collate all the data from the plans and look at ways to increase event waste diversion.
78. We have a workshop planned with Mynoke to discuss organic waste processing in the Wairarapa and are looking to get funding to develop a business case and feasibility study to allow us to provide kerbside organic recycling.

### **Wellington City Council Update**

79. Zero Waste Strategy – On 8th December 2022 approval was given to go to public consultation. We are consulting through the month of February and will take the updated draft Strategy back to WCC by 27 April this year for approval.
80. Southern Landfill Extension (Piggyback Option) – the business case was approved on 2nd February and work is now progressing on the resource consent which will be lodged with Greater Wellington Regional Council by 17th March.
81. Waste Operators & Collectors Licence (2020 Solid Waste Bylaw) – approximately 120 licences were sent out on 24th January. There has been a good response from recipients and this work is now moving to the next phase, drop-in sessions and exploring design work for a new tool to house and manage licensing information.
82. Multi-Unit Development WMMP's (2020 Solid Waste Bylaw) – work is progressing in documenting and determining how these should be managed going forward. This involves mapping processes to agree the future state, creating templates, writing guidance and the associated comms/website updates.
83. Waste Minimisation Seed Fund (over 2K) - In December officers made recommendations to the Grants Subcommittee for applications to this fund. Out of ten applications, eight projects were granted funding totalling \$74,115. Projects supported included initiatives that focused on repair, data collection and material innovation.
84. Organics Diversion Fund – The closing date for Expressions of Interest has been extended until 19 March, and recommendations will be made to the Grant Subcommittee in May 2023. With an aim of diverting organic material from landfill, there is \$100,000 available in this round, which will ideally be awarded to one, or perhaps two, organisations to get their project up and running.
85. Zero Waste Education programme – 2022 was our first full school year offering the Zero Waste Education programme. Our Waste Educator reached over 6000 rangatahi and kaiako in 24 schools and 28 kindys, and feedback and anecdotal evidence suggest the programme is enabling ongoing behaviour change.
86. Tip Shop & Recycle Centre – In late 2022 the Tip Shop celebrated its 25th anniversary. This was celebrated internally and externally, including a week of specials, and generated significant media attention.

### **Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei | Next actions**

87. Work will continue on the development of the WMMP 2023-2029, including local and regional action plans.
88. Work will remain ongoing to progress the local and regional actions contained in the Wellington Region WMMP 2017-2023.

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**Attachments**  
Nil