
ORDINARY MEETING
OF
WELLINGTON REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT AND
MINIMISATION PLAN JOINT COMMITTEE
AGENDA

Time: 9:30am
Date: Monday, 5 September 2022
Venue: Ngake (16.09)
Level 16, Tahiwī
113 The Terrace
Wellington

MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Frazer Mailman	Masterton District Council
Councillor Jill Greathead	Carterton District Council
Councillor Pam Colenso	South Wairarapa District Council
Councillor Jackie Elliot	Kāpiti Coast District Council
Councillor Steve Taylor	Upper Hutt City Council
Councillor Simon Edwards	Hutt City Council
Councillor David Lee	Greater Wellington Regional Council
Councillor Geoff Hayward	Porirua City Council
Councillor Laurie Foon	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

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 13 June 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

WELLINGTON REGION WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN UPDATE

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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| Strategic alignment with priority objective areas from Long-term Plan 2021–2031 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainable, natural eco city
<input type="checkbox"/> People friendly, compact, safe and accessible capital city
<input type="checkbox"/> Innovative, inclusive and creative city
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dynamic and sustainable economy

<input type="checkbox"/> Functioning, resilient and reliable three waters infrastructure
<input type="checkbox"/> Affordable, resilient and safe place to live
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe, resilient and reliable core transport infrastructure network
<input type="checkbox"/> Fit-for-purpose community, creative and cultural spaces
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accelerating zero-carbon and waste-free transition
<input type="checkbox"/> Strong partnerships with mana whenua |
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Relevant Previous decisions

The Committee resolved in June 2022 to:

- Note that in September 2022, the Committee will be presented with the draft Wellington Region Waste Assessment.
- Note that in December 2022, the Committee will be presented with a preliminary draft WMMP 2023-2029, and a high-level consultation schedule.

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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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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4. Note that the WMMP project has a statutory deadline and therefore does have a short timeframe and there will be a range of issues to cover in developing a new Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. Officers will have to ensure that timeframes for contributing material at each Council are met.

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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 key regional and local level work to implement the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017-23.
- 3) Note that the draft Wellington Region Waste Assessment will now be presented to the Committee in December 2022.
- 4) Note that the timeframe for presenting a draft WMMP has been pushed out to April/May 2023 to allow for a high level strategy to be developed and for the regional and individual Council actions to be prepared.

Whakarāpopoto | Executive Summary

5. 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) 2017-23.
6. At the local level, the Councils are advancing a range of initiatives, including projects that support the expansion of the resource recovery network and behaviour change within the community.
7. At the regional level, key initiatives include the implementation of a regional waste operator and facility licensing system and the development of a new Regional Waste Assessment. The Waste Assessment will set out the information necessary to identify the key issues and priority actions to be included and addressed within in the next WMMP.
8. As part of this report, officers also present a more detailed overview on the work to develop a new WMMP.

Takenga mai | Background

9. The WMMP (2017-23) promotes effective and efficient forms of waste management and minimisation across the region, and establishes a related set of waste reduction targets. The Councils of the Wellington region are currently progressing a range of local and regional actions to support waste reduction.

Regional Waste Operator and Facility Licensing

10. The Councils in the Wellington region have agreed to participate in the Waste Operator and Facility Licensing work that BOPLASS has been asked to complete for the nine Councils in the Bay of Plenty Region, with the aim to share the costs and benefits.
11. The following key tasks will be undertaken over the next few months:
 - a. Stakeholder engagement in the Wellington region. Draft stakeholder engagement material has been provided, and databases of operators need to be completed using contributions from the Councils.
 - b. The procurement process is imminent, with Request for Proposal documentation in final draft and about to be circulated amongst the steering

- group. Councils have access to the project management portal through Wellington City Council.
- c. BOPLASS and representatives of the Councils in the Wellington region have met and discussed how work can be coordinated into the BOPLASS-managed procurement process. Eunomia (a consultancy firm specialising in waste management and minimisation analysis and procurement) has been engaged by BOPLASS to provide past descriptions of the steering group role, and an overall roles and responsibilities table for the project as a whole. BOPLASS will confirm to the Councils in the Wellington region how cost-sharing is proposed for the work undertaken so far and in future, and will also provide a draft memorandum of understanding for consideration.
 - d. Ministry for the Environment (MfE) progress on Waste Operator and Facility Licensing: Eunomia has been part of the project team for the update of the Solid Waste Analysis Protocol (almost complete), and the current review of the National Waste Data Framework. These projects have required a detailed understanding of MfE's progress on data -related projects, including territorial authority performance reporting. It is still Eunomia's understanding that data collected by MfE will not generally have geographic source attached to it, and therefore would be of limited use for territorial authorities in completing Waste Assessments and developing future Waste Management and Minimisation Plans.

Regional Waste Assessment 2022

12. Progress to date has focused on collation of data including waste and recycling data, economic and demographic trends, national and local legislation including bylaws and other relevant council strategies. Additional report elements also include a situation review of regional and district wide waste services and how these align with the waste hierarchy. The report also addresses waste disposal pathways including litter to gain a broad view of regional waste flows.
13. At this stage no meaningful findings or trends can be reported on, the key issue being that the need to first secure complete and reliable waste, recycling and resource recovery data for each of the councils. This will continue to be progressed with each council individually including workshops to validate the data and any assumptions made.
14. It is noted that councils have gathered data in different ways and there is a need to ensure a base level of reliability and consistency, for example, the quality and limitations of the SWAP surveys that some of the council's currently hold. At the time of writing one council has confirmed significant data anomalies and inconsistencies in the provided data and will be reviewing this for accuracy and completeness and another indicated their intention to undertake a full SWAP analysis in October which will be incorporated into the report.
15. A report with the first draft is now scheduled to be made available for review by December 2022.
16. The below provides a high-level timeline of project deliverables:

Item	Timeframe	Description
1	September – October 2022	Workshops with each territorial authority to confirm reliability and accuracy of respective waste, recycling and resource recovery data and key assumptions

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2		Identified data anomalies and inconsistencies – individual workshops with each Council to clarify, reconfirm and where required seek greater level of data accuracy. Workshops and data interrogation with individual Councils to occur during September-October. Individual MS Teams meeting invites will be sent through including meeting outline such as points of data clarification.
3		Waste Assessment to cater for the inclusion of Porirua City Councils upcoming SWAP survey scheduled for October 2022 (noted - Regional Waste Forum 19 August 2022).
4	December 2022	Key findings of the Waste Assessment to be provided in presentation format at the next Regional Steering Group Meeting Note that the draft Wellington Region Waste Assessment will now be presented to the Committee in December 2022.
5	January - February 2023	Council representatives to review and provide feedback on the draft Waste Assessment in early January 2023 with the complete Assessment completed late February 2023. Timeline aligns with the Regional WMMP development process with Waste Assessment outputs available to assist with the WMMP target setting process and support the development of individual Council Action Plans
6	March 2023	Incorporate feedback and update report
7	End of March 2023	Issue final Report

Future Wellington Region WMMP (2023-2029)

17. Waste Management and Minimisation Plans (WMMP) have to be reviewed every six years. The current Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan expires in June 2023. A new plan has to be adopted by each of the eight territorial authorities in the Wellington Region by October 2023. A review is a statutory requirement and if timeframes are not met, waste levy payments to Councils may be withheld.
18. 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.
19. 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.
20. The approved budget, covering the total cost over the whole-of-life of the project, exclusive of GST is up to \$500,000. The budget is sourced from the Ministry for the Environment Waste Levy funds that are allocated to each Council quarterly. Each

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Council pays a proportion of the costs for this project based on ratio of the population of each Council district. The project is to be phased across the 2022/23 financial year, with the below table outlining the proposed timeline.

Stage	Deliverable	Indicative date for delivery
Stage 1	Stakeholder engagement strategy. Note that this strategy will set out the details of all engagement for the project.	14 October 2022
Stage 2	A report setting out the changing context and implications for our WMMP	18 November 2022
Stage 3	A report setting out broader strategic outcomes required for waste management and minimisation over the next ten years	16 December 2022
Stage 4	Results of co-design processes with waste and resource recovery industry participants which includes likely investment in the sector and key NGO and educational providers.	17 March 2023
Stage 5	A report setting out options and indicative direction for WMMP	24 March 2023
Stage 6	Local Action Plans to be finalised	16 April 2023
Stage 7	A Draft WMMP – linking in all local action plans	28 April 2023
Stage 8	Supporting material and presentations for Council consultation processes	26 May 2023
Stage 9	Final WMMP	29 June 2023

21. The steps required to review and draft a new plan include:

a. Preparing a Waste Assessment (underway)

A waste assessment involves examining the current flows of solid waste in a district and where materials are reused, recycled, recovered, otherwise diverted and landfilled. The assessment informs plans for activities in an WMMP.

b. Carrying out a situation review

The situation review will cover:

- i. An assessment of the context for a new Waste Management and Minimisation Plan including information from the regional waste assessment, central government drivers for change in the Waste Minimisation Act and likely new performance standards in regulations.
- ii. Assessing progress with implementing the 2017 Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and implications for a new plan.
- iii. An analysis of the legislative drivers from central government including those for a circular economy, performance standards on recycling, resource recovery, levy regulations, resource recovery

investment changes, data, licencing, litter minimisation, behaviour change and product stewardship and how that refocuses requirements of the next WMMP.

- iv. Consideration of the linkages between waste minimisation and carbon reductions, and relevant requirements under the Climate Change Response Act
 - v. A brief analysis of how the Wellington Region benchmarks against other Councils
- c. Assessing options for the future

An assessment of options for the next WMMP that meet current statutory requirements and recent central government drivers of change set out in the NZ Government's Transforming Recycling discussion document is required.

Options will cover:

- i. Building on the current WMMP covering regional actions and local action plans.
 - ii. Developing an alternative approach to WMMP implementation to regional actions and local action plans.
 - iii. Developing a framework for ensuring consistent approaches to overall WMMP delivery for key projects by each territorial authority through local action plans.
 - iv. Developing a delivery approach to local action plans that provide opportunities for regional collaboration.
 - v. Discussion points on the likely scope of the plan and a vision, goals, objectives and targets
 - vi. Ensuring that an options assessment and review meet requirements of section 77 of the Local Government Act – considering all reasonably practicable options to achieve objectives, assessing the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages, including what the cost of the option is and how it may be funded.
 - vii. Ensuring that methods for achieving waste minimisation (and associated carbon emission reductions), drawn from the options review are clearly articulated, funding streams including the waste levy are addressed and meet requirements of section 43 of the Waste Minimisation Act.
- d. Working with stakeholders and our communities

Officers intend to have a comprehensive stakeholder engagement process as the WMMP is developed. Engagement will take the form of interactive workshops, briefings, engagement meetings and formal reporting to relevant Council committees and partner iwi.

A focus will be working with business and community groups to determine where they are likely to invest and support necessary waste minimisation activity over the future decade.

- e. Draft plan

A draft waste management and minimisation plan will be prepared covering:

- i. A high-level strategy (Part A of the WMMP)
- ii. An action plan (from each territorial authority) (Part B of the WMMP)
- iii. Supporting information drawing attention to any significant changes in a level of service or where new infrastructure is required (investment

requirements) drawn up in a statement of proposal if required (Part C of the WMMP)

- f. Special consultative procedures

A new WMMP will have to be consulted on and consultation is required to follow Special Consultative Procedures required under section 83 of the Local Government Act.

- g. Final WMMP

The last step is to prepare a final WMMP to meet statutory requirements and plan adoption at each Council. The last stage of this process includes

- i. Work necessary to review and deliberate on submissions
ii. Preparing final WMMP documentation for adoption by Councils

22. In terms of next steps, on behalf of the Regional Solid Waste and Waste Minimisation Managers Steering Group, Porirua City Council is leading a procurement project to engage a consultancy to carry out some of this work for Councils.

Hutt City Update

Procurement for landfill operations and resource recovery park

23. In late 2021, Council commenced a process to find an experienced and motivated partner to operate Silverstream Landfill and the associated Refuse Transfer Station and Resource Recovery activities with services commencing from early 2023.
24. A Request for Proposals (Stage 2 of this process) was released on 4 April 2022 and closed on 3 June 2022. Three suppliers submitted tenders, which is in line with what we expected to see following the Registration of Interest stage. The evaluation of tenders has been completed, and formal notification of the successful supplier is imminent.
25. Note that the operation of the transfer station was procured as a separable portion, with operation guaranteed for two years from the commencement of the new contract (until early 2025).
26. This approach provides flexibility in light of the potential options to either
- a. make further changes to the transfer station at the landfill, in order to improve upon 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
 - b. focusing instead on the development of a state-of-the-art Resource Recovery Park (RRP) at a completely new site somewhere in the Hutt Valley. Such RRP could have a focus on both domestic and commercial resource recovery. However, this option is reliant on private parties investing and initiating.
27. Once the new landfill operations contract is in place, Hutt City officers are aiming to re-look at the draft business case for options around resource recovery at Silverstream, in order to have more certainty on the way forward by early 2023.

Recycling behaviour change

28. Following the roll-out of its new rubbish and recycling service in 2021, Hutt City Council is continuing to focus heavily on addressing contamination, by way of recycling ambassadors / bin inspector that inspect bins and provide direct feedback to households, and by way of a behaviour change campaign.

29. Based on the bins inspected so far, more than 90% were assessed as “uncontaminated”. Less than 10% of bins were found to have some or significant contamination. This confirms that much of the contamination originates from a relatively small number of households.
30. Hutt City Council plans to launch a city-wide behaviour change campaign in September 2022. This will focus on increasing awareness of materials appropriate for recycling, reasons for recycling and the environmental impacts. The campaign aims to build better recycling habits amongst Lower Hutt residents by increasing awareness, efficacy and thereby increasing recycling and reducing contamination.

Kāpiti Coast District Update

31. There have been several staff changes at KCDC. Emma has stepped into the Waste Minimisation Advisor Role. Eilish is now Senior Waste Minimisation Advisor. Robbie Stillwell is the new Waste Project Manager, and a new Project Support Officer starts in September 2022.
32. Expressions of Interest for the Otaihanga Resource Recovery Hub have now closed, with four applications received.
33. KCDC’s new advisor attended The Zero Waste Education Programme training, and the programme has resumed in early childhood education centres and schools. There has been a good initial response from preschools interested to have to programme delivered.
34. Pakihi Toitū o Kāpiti - Sustainable Business platform has been launched by KCDC’s Economic Development team. A local group of Kapiti Businesses (manufacturers, tourism, retail, hospitality etc.) work together to support each other and make progress towards waste minimisation and carbon reduction goals. Waste minimisation staff are involved in providing resources and developing projects addressing business soft plastic and food waste.
35. Large events are recommencing, and KCDC has started to receive and approve event waste plan applications from larger events. Staff are working with organisers to develop their plans, access its free waste infrastructure resources and to complete their post event waste analysis reports.
36. KCDC’s annual Waste Levy Grants opened in July and closed in August 2022. KCDC received twelve applications across the grant categories (Community Projects, Businesses Waste Reduction and Seed Funding), and officers are currently processing these.

Porirua City Update

37. Business case and options for food waste management (PCC + HCC + WCC) - Porirua City, Hutt City, and Wellington City are collaborating on the development of a business case for managing food waste in their areas. Tonkin+Taylor have been engaged to undertake the business case which is to be delivered in June 2023. Work has begun on stakeholder engagements with the direct councillor engagement in September with Porirua City.
38. Resource Recovery Network – this is a group of facility based projects to enable waste diversion through 3 proposed facilities: Construction and Demolition Waste facility, Organic Waste facility, and a Community Resource Recovery Park. Early scoping and design work is being undertaken with a view to having the first facility, C&D open in 2024

39. Recycling Ambassadors – PCC has resourced a recycling bin inspection crew (the Recycling Ambassadors) to inspect contents of recycling bins in an effort to reduce contamination in our kerbside recycling collection. The overall initiative is the 3-Strikes Project where repeat contamination may result in removal of the recycling bin service. To date almost 20,000 inspection with just over 40 bins removed (strike 3). The graph below shows the period February (Month 1) to August (Month 8) 2022.



40. Spicer Landfill Resource Consent – work continues on the preparation of an application to renew the resource consent for Spicer Landfill and enable capacity through to 2052

Upper Hutt City Update

41. Waste Wise/Mōhio Papa, Upper Hutt’s Waste Education platform, now has a downloadable Recycling Guideline PDF.
42. The Battery Collection trail has finished with 360Kg of used battery’s collected. UHCC will be continuing with the collection but streamlining the collection locations as some locations did not fill a collection bucket while others filled several collection buckets.
43. UHCC’s recycling station collected 882 tonne of material during the 2021/22 financial year, an increase of 105 tonnes compared to the previous year. UHCC is also collecting Tetra Pak type packaging at the station as part of a project to provide feedstock to SaveBoard. Four tonnes of Tetra Pak have been collected so far.
44. Work with Brewtown to implement a waste minimisation strategy is underway, Brewtown hosts most of the major events and a Sunday market in Upper Hutt.

Wairarapa Districts Update

45. No progress update has been provided.

Wellington City Update

Zero Waste Programme update:

46. The overall Zero Waste programme has been establishment and is taking shape. Projects plans are now in place and we are working with WCC Strategy to

refresh the Waste Minimisation Roadmap and include this in the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. This work will result in refinement of the overarching strategy and importantly, ensure alignment with organisational and Central Government strategy.

47. A Councillor Briefing took place on 16 August to provide an update on the Zero Waste Programme, strategy refinement, communications and engagement plan and the Southern Landfill Expansion Piggyback Option context. The update was well received by Councillors. The high-level programme completion date has been adjusted to late 2027. This is to allow for the Rethinking Collections (formerly known as Kerbside Services Review) and Organics Processing Facility implementation projects to align with the 2024 Long Term Plan process. We have assembled a strong external group to sit on the Waste Programme Steering Group with significant skills in waste, environment, commercial, strategy and infrastructure areas, and expertise with local and central government, iwi, and the private sector.
48. The following projects are included in the programme:
- WCC Waste Action Plan
 - Regional Waste Assessment
 - Redesigning Rubbish and Recycling Collections
 - Resource Recovery Network Expansion
 - Section 17a Waste Services Review
 - Southern Landfill Extension Piggyback Options
 - Organics Processing Facility and Collection
 - Construction & Demolition Landfills Strategy
 - Biosolids Reuse Strategy

Battery recycling

49. The domestic battery recycling trial has been underway since February 2022. As at the end of the financial year the scheme had diverted 1,700kg of batteries from landfill across the seven participating sites. Public feedback has been positive, with regular requests for additional sites to be added. Results from the trial will be monitored over the coming year. This project supports the Controls for the Solid Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2020 which restricts the disposal of batteries to landfill.

Waste minimisation seed funding

50. Almost \$200,000 was awarded in waste minimisation seed funding in the 2021/22 financial year, from smaller projects supported by the <\$2,000 seed fund, through to larger projects awarded up to \$25,000, and one large organics project supported via the new organics diversion pot. Funded initiatives ranged from enabling reusable serveware to food waste prevention, and upskilling the community on repair and sustainable wood working.
51. Our grants programme provides support to individuals, businesses and community groups to develop initiatives and opportunities aligning with our strategic priorities. In line with our circular economy aspirations, it is encouraging to see an increase in initiatives focussed higher up the waste hierarchy.

Keeping electrical equipment in use

52. Following a successful trial the Tip Shop is now testing and tagging electrical equipment for resale, a significant improvement on previous practices where items were de-plugged and sold for parts, or recycled as ewaste. This workstream not only

increases diversion and keeps items in use rather than recycling as ewaste, but offers a great opportunity to engage with customers on the importance of the waste hierarchy and changing our consumption habits.

Wellington Waste Action Plan

53. We are continuing to develop the Wellington Waste Action Plan as part of the Regional WMMP. This work is being carried out in partnership with Mana Whenua and Waste Free Welly and engagement with community and industry organisations as well as resident associations. The basis of the Action Plan will be to set the framework by which Wellington will transition to a zero waste future and circular economy working in partnership regionally, where possible.

MUD Waste Storage Calculator

54. Officers from local TAs met in early August 2022 to run through the waste calculator template and discuss next steps. The points for discussion included ways to enable developers/agents to access the calculator, and if designing the MUD Waste Plan application form as a collaborative effort would be the way forward.

Event Waste Management and Minimisation Plans

55. Our team has developed a draft Post-Event Waste Analysis Report template, which will be discussed at the upcoming hui with other councils.

Waste Minimisation

56. The team promoted Plastic Free July through multiple channels. Digital information packs were sent to libraries, community spaces, schools, and ECE's. Competitions, posts and articles shared through Council channels reached 170,000 people. In addition, we are collaborating with WasteMINZ national LFHW research to understand what and how New Zealanders waste and the effect of different messaging on food waste behaviours. A number of research participants are engaged through the month of August.

Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei | Next actions

57. Work will remain ongoing to progress the local and regional actions contained in the Wellington Region WMMP.

Attachments

Nil