



NOTICE OF MEETING

**Notice is hereby given of the Waste Advisory Group
to be held in the Council Chambers
Invercargill City Council
101 Esk Street, Invercargill
On Thursday 19 March 2020 at 9.30 am**

Cr N Davis
Cr C Bolger

Cr W Clark
Cr A Crackett

Mayor G Tong
Cr E Kremer

CLARE HADLEY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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3. **COMMITTEE IN PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION**

Moved, seconded and RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting; namely

- (a) *Minutes of the public excluded session held on 27 January 2020 and 9 March 2020*
- (b) *Emission Trading Scheme Landfill Price*
- (c) *Contract 650 Variation No.7 Fibre*
- (d) *Recyclables Acceptance Service*

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

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(b) Emission Trading Scheme Landfill Price	Section 7(2)(h) Enable any authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice, or disadvantage, commercial activities	Section 48(1)(a) That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

(c) Contract 650
Variation No.7 Fibre

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**MINUTES OF THE WASTE ADVISORY GROUP COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL
101 ESK STREET, INVERCARGILL ON MONDAY 27 JANUARY 2020 AT 2.00 PM**

PRESENT: Cr A Crackett (Chair)
Mayor G Tong
Cr E Kremer
Cr N Davis
Cr C Bolger
Cr W Clark

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs C Hadley
Mr C McIntosh
Ms D Peterson
Mr R Sharma
Mr I Evans
Mr M Russell
Mrs J Affleck (Committee Secretary)

1. APOLOGIES

Nil.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2019

Moved Cr Bolger, seconded Mayor Tong and **RESOLVED** that the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record.

3. BUDGET 2019-2020

A2874276

Mr McIntosh spoke to the report. As this is the first WasteNet meeting where ordinary business is being conducted, this financial budget is for the year we are already in.

Moved Cr Kremer, seconded Cr Bolger and **RESOLVED** that the report "Budget 2019-2020" be received; and that

1. The Waste Advisory Group approves the 2019-2020 budget; and that
2. Invercargill City Council continues to be contracted to provide the deliverables for WasteNet Southland.

4. PROCURING SERVICES FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN REVIEW

A2887597

Mr McIntosh spoke to the report. The Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) is a statutory requirement for all Territorial Authorities to have. Our Plan has expired as it was started but put on hold while other work was progressed. Now that the central government is progressing waste and recycles, it is important that work recommence on this Plan. Ideally WasteNet (WN) would do this work on

behalf of the three councils, however they do not have the resources so will seek external help.

Mayor Tong asked if any funds will come from central government so the \$100,000 in the budget could be spent elsewhere, to which Ms Hadley said the officers could stage the work, so it is an investment of work and not an expense, which will accommodate possible changes coming from the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) that have not yet been announced.

Cr Bolger agreed with staging the work but asked for separate sections for Gore and Southland in case a long term solution for regional recycling does not eventuate. To which Mr McIntosh said he is not an expert on how this Plan intersects with each Council's Long Term Plan but can say, there is scope for local variation within a Master Plan for the province which records where waste originates from and where it goes to. Ms Peterson said the WMMP is referenced in the Long Term Plan by way of a summary, and it can be broken down into regional sections, as each area has separate issues anyway.

Cr Kremer said his expectation was that the Scope of Work given to the external agent will be clearly defined so we achieve both overarching and separation.

Cr Davis asked how this work will be staged, to which Ms Hadley referred to the timeframe detailed in the report and said that in April 2020, when the consultant is reviewing the draft Waste Assessment, they can look at it geographically. This is also a good time for Councillors to ask the LGNZ for clarity and an update from MfE.

Moved Cr Bolger, seconded Cr Davis that the report "Procuring Services for Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Review" be received; and that

1. The Waste Advisory Group recommends that the WasteNet Councils agree to review and/or amend the joint Waste Management and Minimisation Plan as permitted by section 45 of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, and that WasteNet Southland carries out the review on behalf of the WasteNet Councils; and that
2. The Waste Advisory Group delegates authority and budget of \$100,000 (excluding GST) to the Waste Management Group to procure the necessary services to review and/or amend the joint Southland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

5. **DRAFT LANDFILL LEVY SUBMISSION** A2891229

Ms Peterson spoke to this report. This is the next stage of work that has come from the MfE. They wish to increase the revenue they receive into their Waste Minimisation Fund so a portion can go into a Levy Investment Plan and are asking for feedback on the rates increase and start date. They are proposing that rates are increased by July 2021.

This will have a significant impact on households and businesses. An extra \$10 per tonne applied to our Southland Regional Landfill is manageable, however 89% of landfills are not being charged at all. Ms Peterson instead suggested that the levy be spread over all sites (categories 1-4), effectively treating everyone fairly.

The Ministry would like to increase their data collection, so may ask us to have weighbridges at all facilities. Of the 9-10 sites in the region, we only have two weighbridges (Invercargill and Gore), yet some areas have a significant amount of

waste coming through (e.g. Te Anau), and other areas have added expense due to their remote locations (e.g. Stewart Island and Chatham Islands).

Unfortunately there wasn't enough time to workshop this submission as it was received just before Christmas and is due on 3 February 2020.

Mayor Tong said the submission had been very well put together.

Cr Crackett asked if the proposed increase in landfill levy would help fund on-shore recycling through new ideas or process facilities, to which Ms Peterson confirmed that this is a new work programme called on-shore resilience, as MfE are aware that the majority of our recyclables are not reprocessed in New Zealand.

Cr Crackett thanked the staff for pulling this submission together in such a timely fashion.

Cr Clark asked if commercial were exempt, to which Ms Peterson clarified that they were not.

Moved Cr Crackett, seconded Cr Kremer and **RESOLVED** that the report "Draft Landfill Levy Submission" be received; and that

1. The Waste Advisory Group receive the draft Landfill Levy submission (A2884771); and that
2. The Waste Advisory Group approves the WasteNet Landfill levy submission.

6. **RECYCLING ACCEPTANCE SERVICES**

A2888127

Mr McIntosh took the meeting through the report. The existing recycling contract ends in June 2020 and there isn't presently a plan forward. A process was entered into, to go to the market to procure services, and that has ended with no award being made. The recycling commodity situation is a lot more complicated and uncertain than what it was, and the information from MfE indicates how dynamic that has become.

Mr McIntosh reminded everyone that WN is more than just a recycling contract administrator, as it also looks after collections, transfer stations and landfills for Southland. As there are many options moving forward, the next step is for the WN councils to go back to their respective councils for their view. This report does not propose to procure an alternative arrangement, but rather gives an opportunity to discuss what some of those guiding principles might be. The three Councils working together had been beneficial for the Solid Waste activity, and working on a shared service basis has enabled all three Councils to meet their obligations more easily than if they had been doing it on their own. Staff are now asking WN if we will continue to move forward using a collaborative approach, or not.

Mayor Tong said that due to the world market and where we are at nationally, these are good principles to address. We need a consistent approach across the nation and a level of service provided, regardless of the colour bin used.

Cr Crackett asked if these discussions were being had at a central government level to generate consistency throughout New Zealand, to which Ms Peterson said a national model for kerbside service contracts is one of a number of actions the Ministry is looking at.

Cr Kremer said he was concerned these principles could tie them into certain outcomes, in particular those that referred to contract renewal dates, and asked that the report be noted instead of received. Mr McIntosh said that WN has several contracts with varying renewal dates and the idea of moving towards an alignment might mean that at a future date there could be a service provision that encompassed everything, including collections.

Cr Davis agreed that the report should be only noted until the Councils had a chance to discuss this and report back.

Cr Crackett said the purpose of this report was to outline principles to see if there was an alignment between the Councils, and to see if we can agree to work together. Cr Bolger said these principles are founding principles already employed by WN but believed Invercargill City have departed from them. Mayor Tong said that although we are not here to discuss Contract 650, this contract may have an impact on how some of our members address the regional approach in the future.

Cr Davis abstained from voting, saying it would be better to discuss this at the respective Councils.

Moved Cr Bolger, seconded Mayor Tong and **RESOLVED** that the report "Recycling Acceptance Services" be received; and that

1. The Waste Advisory Group confirm its position on the preferred principles guiding the future provision of recycling services with regard to:
 - A regional approach to service provision
 - Consistent with National initiatives
 - Moving towards aligning contract renewal dates
 - Consistent Levels of Service for all regional users
 - Recognition that there is no economic value in the collection and processing of recyclables which are subsequently landfilled; and that
2. The Waste Advisory Group seek guidance from Invercargill City Council, Southland District Council and Gore District Council on the preferred principles and options for the future procurement and service delivery for recycling processing.

7. COMMITTEE IN PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

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Meeting was moved into public excluded at 2.48 pm

Meeting was moved back into public at 3.18 pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.18 pm

Next meeting: Monday 9 March 2020, 9.30 am at Invercargill City Council

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Cr W Clark
Mayor G Tong
Cr E Kremer

IN ATTENDANCE: Cr I Pottinger
Mrs C Hadley
Mr C McIntosh
Ms D Peterson
Mr I Evans
Mr M Russell
Mrs J Affleck (Committee Secretary)

Note: Meeting started at 9.38 am

1. APOLOGIES

Cr Davis, Cr Bolger, Mr Sharma, Mr Parry

Moved Mayor Tong, seconded Cr Kremer and **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted.

2. COMMITTEE IN PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.46 am

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