MINIMISING HAMILTON’S WASTE

What’s your vision?

Hamilton City Council is seeking feedback on its proposed Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-2024 (Waste Plan). The proposed Waste Plan will guide all the work the Council does in managing and minimising rubbish and recycling in Hamilton.

The proposed Waste Plan outlines:
- Hamilton’s vision for rubbish and recycling.
- The outcomes we are seeking to achieve in the short and medium term.
- The actions the Council propose to take over the next six years.
- Four waste minimisation targets.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY WASTE?

Waste is everything we are throwing away – it’s household rubbish bags, it’s the leftover material from building sites, old phones and computers.

WHAT DOES WASTE MINIMISATION MEAN?

Waste minimisation includes all the actions we can take to divert waste from landfill. This includes reducing the waste we generate and then reusing, recycling and recovering the value of our waste.

WHY DO WE NEED A NEW PLAN?

The figures for rubbish and recycling are not looking good for Hamilton.
- Hamilton is generating more waste now than in 2012.
- Hamilton is growing much faster than originally predicted which is increasing the volumes of construction and demolition waste.
- The Council has poor quality data on where and how our waste is being managed.

The Council is required to review the Waste Plan every six years. When the Council reviewed its 2012 Waste Plan it was identified that many of the actions still need to continue but there were some additional actions the Council needed to include in the plan.

Have your say: Pull out the submission form on the back page of this Statement of Proposal, fill it in and either post it to us, drop it into the Council offices in Garden Place or any city library.

HAVE YOUR SAY AT FIGHTTHELANDFILL.CO.NZ

@CouncilHamilton
ARE WE WASTEFUL IN HAMILTON?

How much are we throwing away to landfill in Hamilton?
The Council has estimated in 2016 we sent 120,099 tonnes of waste to landfill for disposal.

120,099 TONNES = 7500 BUSES

How much are we throwing away in our household rubbish?
In 2016, each household threw away 429kg of rubbish and recycled 162kg.

How much are we recycling?
We estimated in 2016 we reused, recycled or recovered 125,583 tonnes of waste. This is only around half of the total waste generated.

What are we recycling?
Our kerbside recycling only accounted for 7 per cent of what was diverted from landfill in 2016.
The majority of the waste (73 per cent) was diverted from private facilities and services, this includes construction and demolition, landscaping and other household wastes.
About 20 per cent of the diverted material went to composting or worm farming (vermicomposting).

OUR PROPOSED WASTE PLAN 2018-2024

Our vision for the future
By making it easy for everyone to do the right thing the Council wants waste minimisation to become a part of daily life for Hamiltonians. To achieve this we will need to change the way waste is currently managed, and we will need to encourage a growing and innovative resource recovery industry here in Hamilton.

VISION Hamilton: where waste minimisation and resource recovery are an integral part of our lifestyle and economy

GOALS What we want to achieve in the medium term

1. Reduce quantity of all material entering the waste stream, and increased resource recovery.
2. Increased innovation and opportunity from waste resources.
3. Hamilton community is a leader in waste minimisation.
4. Waste and resource recovery infrastructure meets Hamilton’s growing needs.
5. Recognise and celebrate innovation in waste minimisation and avoidance.

Targets
We are setting four waste minimisation targets for Hamilton over the next six years.
The Council’s proposed action plan outlines how we propose to achieve these targets.

5% REDUCTION IN THE PER CAPITA AMOUNT OF RUBBISH TO LANDFILL FROM HAMILTON

10% REDUCTION IN THE PER CAPITA KERBSIDE RUBBISH TO LANDFILL FROM HAMILTON

10% INCREASE IN THE PER CAPITA AMOUNT OF MATERIAL DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL IN HAMILTON

10% INCREASE IN THE PER CAPITA KERBSIDE RECYCLING TO LANDFILL FROM HAMILTON
Options

**Option 1 - status quo – retain our existing Waste Plan**

The Council continues to provide the following waste services in Hamilton:

- Kerbside rubbish and recycling collection, processing and disposal for households outside of the CBD.
- Litter bin servicing and illegal dumping collection across Hamilton.
- Ongoing monitoring of closed landfills to ensure resource consent conditions continue to be met.
- Waste minimisation promotion and education.
- Waste grants for the purpose of promoting or achieving waste minimisation.

**Option 2 - a new Waste Plan that extends our waste minimisation activities**

This Plan supports delivery of our current services and focuses on additional activities across nine key themes:

a) Services:
   - Implementation of a new rubbish and recycling kerbside collection.
   - Review central city waste services to identify and implement opportunities for improved waste minimisation in this area.

b) Partnerships:
   - Partner or work with key sectors and groups including Iwi, business, health related organisations, the community sector, the construction and demolition industry, local government organisations, non government organisation’s and other key stakeholders to undertake research and actions on various waste issues.
   - Identify and support community and business champions in waste reduction and avoidance.

c) Events:
   - Improve waste minimisation at events held at Council facilities.
   - Support event organisers to implement waste minimisation at events.

d) Education:
   - Develop targeted waste minimisation programs.
   - Promote food waste reduction and the beneficial reuse of organic material.

e) Litter and illegal dumping:
   - Develop and implement a plan to reduce illegal dumping and littering.

f) Grants:
   - Evaluate the current grant model and investigate and implement opportunities for low interest loans and/or targeted grants.

g) Data:
   - Ensure access to information on waste from the Council, private waste collectors and facilities. Capture data on quantities, composition, origin and destination, and the use of the service, in line with the National Waste Data Framework. Monitor and report on waste related activities.

h) Council management:
   - Implement best practice waste avoidance, reduction and minimisation within the Council’s sites and operations, and share knowledge and experience gained from such activities.

i) Regulation:
   - Update the Solid Waste Bylaw for regional consistency, to facilitate data collection and to ensure it supports the changes in kerbside service and implement waste licensing for operators and collectors.

The Council has considered the proposed Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018-2024 and determined it is consistent with the requirements of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

**HOW ARE WE PLANNING TO PAY FOR IT?**

Funding for the Waste Plan largely comes from our waste levy funding. We will fund some of the Council waste management services from rates.

**Waste Levy Funding**

The Council receives a share of national waste levy funds from the Ministry for the Environment. It is estimated, at the current rate of $10 per tonne, the Council’s total share of waste levy funding will be approximately $570,000 per annum.

We intend to use our waste levy funds for a range of waste minimisation activities and services as set out in the action plans – including participating in regional, sub-regional and national activities.

In addition, we may make an application for contestable waste levy funds from the Waste Minimisation Fund, either separately, with other Councils, or with another party. The Waste Minimisation Fund provides additional waste levy funds for waste minimisation activities.

**Rates**

Some of the actions in the proposed Waste Plan will require funding from rates. This includes the collection of the kerbside rubbish and recycling, litter and illegal dumping clearing and closed landfill management.

Decisions on which actions are funded through rates will happen through the development and consultation on the 2018-2028 10-Year Plan.

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Last year the Council asked Hamilton residents what changes they think should be made to the kerbside rubbish and recycling service. Your feedback has informed the choices we’re currently making on your kerbside collection service.

This Waste Plan lays out Hamilton’s overall intentions on how we deal with all of our waste as a community now and into the future.
HAVE YOUR SAY

We all generate rubbish and recycling through our daily activities, at home, when we are at work and when we are out and about. We should all have a say in what happens to our rubbish and recycling and the Waste Plan is the best place to have your input.

We want your views so we can ensure we have the right plan in place for Hamilton for the next six years.

Copies of the Statement of Proposal, proposed Hamilton Waste Plan and feedback forms are also available:
- online: fightthelandfill.co.nz
- at any of the Council’s libraries
- the Council’s Ground Floor reception
- by phoning 07 838 6699 and requesting a copy

You can write to us with feedback from Monday 9 October 2017 to Sunday 19 November 2017.

FEEDBACK

PROPOSED WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN

SECTION 1

Please print clearly

1. Do you think we should be doing more to reduce, reuse and recycle our waste in Hamilton?

☐ Yes ☐ No

2. We are proposing to focus on nine key themes in delivering the Waste Plan. For each of the themes do you think the Council should be focusing on these activities more, about the same or less than we currently do?

Refer to Option 2 for details of these nine key themes

☐ Do more ☐ About the same ☐ Do less

- Services
- Partnerships
- Event waste
- Education
- Litter and illegal dumping
- Waste minimisation grants
- Data
- Council management
- Regulation

To help us understand, can you give us some reasons for your choices. Where possible please reference which of the nine key themes.

SECTION 2

Can you tell us about yourself:

4. Are you answering as a:

☐ Individual or household
☐ Business/organisation

5. Where do you live?

Suburb:
I live outside the Hamilton boundary, my district is:

6. Can you tell us your age group?

☐ 16-24 ☐ 25-35 ☐ 36-50
☐ 51-64 ☐ 65-80 ☐ 80+

7. Which of the following best describes your household?

☐ Living alone
☐ Family or couple with dependents (children or other family)
☐ Family or couple with no dependents
☐ Living with others that are not family

SECTION 3

8. The Regulatory and Hearings Committee will hear any verbal submissions that the community and organisations wish to make in support of their written submissions and feedback in February.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission or feedback?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you do not tick a box we will assume that you do not wish to speak at a hearing.

If you wish to be heard, we will contact you once a hearing date for the policy has been finalised.

9. Contact details:

☐ Name: Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms
☐ Organisation:
☐ Address:
☐ Phone: (day)
☐ Phone: (evening)
☐ Email:

Feedback can be:

- completed online at fightthelandfill.co.nz
- posted to: Freepost 172189, C-Strategy Unit, Hamilton City Council, Private Bag 3010, Hamilton 3240
- dropped off to a Council library or the main reception, ground floor of the Council (Municipal) Building, Garden Place

All feedback must reach us by Sunday 19 November 2017.

Please note all submissions will be treated as public documents and will be loaded on to the Council’s website with the names and contact details of submitters included.