



KOMITI KAUPAPA TAIAO CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

16 April 2024

Order Paper for the meeting to be held in the
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt,
on:

Tuesday 23 April 2024 commencing at 2:00 pm

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Membership

	Cr J Briggs (Chair)
	Cr C Parkin (Deputy Chair)
Mayor C Barry	Cr K Brown
Cr S Edwards	Deputy Mayor T Lewis
Cr A Mitchell	Cr N Shaw

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KOMITI KAUPAPA TAIAO | CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Chair:	Cr Josh Briggs
Deputy Chair:	Cr Chris Parkin
Membership:	Mayor Campbell Barry Deputy Mayor Tui Lewis Cr Keri Brown Cr Simon Edwards Cr Andy Mitchell Cr Naomi Shaw Refer to Council's Standing Orders (SO 31 Provisions for Mana Whenua)
Quorum:	Half of the membership
Meeting Cycle:	Meets on an eight-weekly basis or at the requisition of the Chair
Reports to:	Council

OVERVIEW:

The Komiti Kaupapa Taiao | Climate Change and Sustainability Committee has responsibility for oversight of Council's environment and climate change response.

The committee is aligned with the Environment and Sustainability Directorate.

Its areas of focus are:

- Oversight of Council's plan to reach Carbon Zero
- Collaborating with Mana Whenua, residents and businesses to decarbonise the city
- Developing and implementing climate and environmental policies and plans including ecology, biodiversity, forestry and biosecurity matters
- Climate adaption and resilience
- Treaty partnerships
- Waste and recycling
- Issues affecting the natural environment including streams, rivers and harbour
- Allocate funding for community climate action

PURPOSE:

To develop, implement, monitor and review strategies, policies, plans and functions associated with environmental and climate change activities to strengthen the long-term resilience and sustainability of the city through climate change awareness and action.

DELEGATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S AREAS OF FOCUS:

- All powers necessary to perform the committee's responsibilities including the activities outlined below.
- Develop required strategies and policies. **Recommend draft and final versions to Council** for adoption where they have a city-wide or strategic focus.
- Implement, monitor and review strategies and policies.
- Oversee the implementation of major projects provided for in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.
- Oversee budgetary decisions provided for in the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan.
- Oversee the development and implementation of plans and functions that promote environmental well-being, including Council's plan to reach Carbon Zero.
- Maintain an overview of work programmes carried out by Council's Environment and Sustainability Directorate.
- Address matters related to ecological protection, the protection of biodiversity and biosecurity.
- Address matters related to climate change, including raising awareness of climate-related impacts and issues, advocating for climate change impacts, issues and actions and championing initiatives that reduce carbon emissions.
- Advocate for strong relationships with Council's Mana Whenua partners as outlined in the Tākai Here agreements ensuring the outcomes of the committee are in line with the aspirations of the partners.
- Advocate for the best interests of Māori communities in Lower Hutt having regard to the committee's goals.
- Ensure the committee is operating in a way that is consistent with various pieces of legislation that provide for Te Tiriti o Waitangi.
- **Recommend to Council** the acquisition or disposal of assets unless the acquisition or disposal is provided for specifically in the Long Term Plan.
- Conduct any consultation/engagement processes required on issues before the committee.
- Approve and oversee monitoring of funding for community climate action.
- Approve and forward submissions (other than those delegated to the District Plan Review Committee).
- Any other matters delegated to the committee by Council in accordance with approved policies and bylaws.
- The committee has the power to perform the responsibilities of another committee where it is necessary to make a decision before the next meeting of that other committee. When exercised, the report/minutes of the meeting require a resolution noting that the committee has performed the responsibilities of another committee and the reason/s.
- If a policy or project relates primarily to the responsibilities of the Komiti Kaupapa Taiao | Climate Change and Sustainability Committee, but aspects require additional decisions by the Komiti Hapori Ahurea me ngā Rangapū | Communities, Culture and Partnerships Committee and/or Komiti Hanganga | Infrastructure and Regulatory Committee, then the Komiti Kaupapa Taiao | Climate Change and Sustainability Committee has the powers to make associated decisions on behalf of those other committees. For the avoidance of doubt, this means that matters do not need to be taken to more than one of those committees for decisions.

HUTT CITY COUNCIL

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ORDER PAPER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. OPENING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA TIMATANGA

Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te
tonga
Kia mākinakina ki uta
Kia mātaratara ki tai
E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tihei mauri ora.

*Cease the winds from the west
Cease the winds from the south
Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened
air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day.*

2. APOLOGIES

No apologies have been received.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Generally up to 30 minutes is set aside for public comment (three minutes per speaker on items appearing on the agenda). Speakers may be asked questions on the matters they raise.

4. 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

5. SIX MONTHLY INDIGENOUS BIODIVERSITY UPDATE

Report No. CCASC2024/2/79 by the Head of Parks and Reserves

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CHAIR'S RECOMMENDATION:

“That the recommendation contained in the report be endorsed.”

6. **UPDATE ON COUNCIL'S CLIMATE CHANGE WORK**

Report No. CCASC2024/2/80 by the Senior Advisor - Climate and Sustainability 10

CHAIR'S RECOMMENDATION:

"That the recommendations contained in the report be endorsed."

7. **UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE AND WASTE MINIMISATION MATTERS**

Report No. CCASC2024/2/81 by the Senior Advisor - Climate and Solid Waste 16

CHAIR'S RECOMMENDATION:

"That the recommendation contained in the report be endorsed."

8. **CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2024**

Report No. CCASC2024/2/82 by the Democracy Advisor 22

CHAIR'S RECOMMENDATION:

"That the recommendation contained in the report be endorsed."

9. **QUESTIONS**

With reference to section 32 of Standing Orders, before putting a question a member shall endeavour to obtain the information. Questions shall be concise and in writing and handed to the Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting.

10. **CLOSING FORMALITIES - KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA**

Unuhia!	<i>Release us from the supreme sacredness of our</i>
Unuhia!	<i>tasks</i>
Unuhia i te uru-tapu-nui	<i>To be clear and free</i>
Kia wātea, kia māmā	<i>in heart, body and soul in our continuing</i>
Te ngākau, te tinana, te	<i>journey</i>
wairua i te ara takatū	<i>Oh Rongo, raise these words up high</i>
Koia rā e Rongo	<i>so that we be cleansed and be free,</i>
whakairihia ake ki runga	<i>Yes indeed, we are free!</i>
Kia wātea, kia wātea!	<i>Good and peaceful</i>
Ae rā, kua wātea!	
Hau, pai mārire.	

Judy Randall
DEMOCRACY ADVISOR

08 April 2024

Report no: CCASC2024/2/79

Six monthly Indigenous Biodiversity Update

Purpose of Report

1. This information report provides the Committee with a six-monthly update on biodiversity activity undertaken by the Parks and Reserves team.

Recommendation

That the Committee receives and notes the information provided in this report.

Updates

Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy

2. In the current draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 consultation Council is consulting on increased investment (Opex \$0.18Mpa; \$1.6M over 10 years) to roll out the Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy (the Strategy).
3. This funding will be available from 1 July 2024, at which point officers will recruit a community ranger to initially focus on progressing the planting project being launched in April 2024 (see below).
4. The Strategy document has been finalised and published on Council's website: [Rautaki Kanorau Koiora Taketake – Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy 2023](#)

Planting project

5. Work is progressing on a multi-year project which will see Council partner with community to increase planting across our city.
6. It will see the planting of a range of indigenous trees and shrubs including the trees Cordyline, Ngaio, Kanuka, Mahoe, Lemonwood etc. and a range of shrubs, including Harakeke, Shrubby Tororaro and Toe Toe. The full list is identified below.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Common name</u>	<u>Plant #</u>
<i>Coprosma robusta</i>	Karamu	860
<i>Cordyline australis</i>	Cabbage tree	820
<i>Hebe stricta var. stricta</i>	Koromiko	1000
<i>Myoporum laetum</i>	Ngaio	300
<i>Kunzea ericoides</i>	Kanuka	860
<i>Melicytus ramiflorus</i>	Mahoe	820
<i>Pittosporum eugenioides</i>	Tarata/Lemonwood	820
<i>Pittosporum tenuifolium</i>	Kohuhu	865
<i>Pseudopanax arboreus</i>	Five-finger	650
<i>Phormium tenax</i>	Harakeke/Lowland flax	1000
<i>Coprosma propinqua</i>	Mingimingi	840
<i>Muelenbeckia astonii</i>	Shrubby tororaro	66
<i>Austroderia toetoe</i>	NZ Toe Toe	1000
<i>Sophora microphylla</i>	Kowhai	50
<i>Pseudopanax ferox</i>	Toothed lancewood	50
<u>Total</u>		10,001

7. The project supports Council's goals around carbon-reduction, indigenous biodiversity and creating a liveable city. It will see Council increase its own planting over the key winter months (May-September) and partner with others to increase planting across the city, including existing and new community groups.
8. The project includes a media/social media campaign which will create a visible target and record progress, share stories about planting events and opportunities and encourage people to share their own stories and photos. The project is expected to get underway in April/May 2024 with an event for stakeholders. Future reports will be brought to the Climate Change and Sustainability Committee.
9. The campaign was due to be launched on Friday 19 April at 1pm at East Harbour Kindergarten (the kindergarten) in Eastbourne. There is a narrow 20m area in front of the kindergarten which the kindergarten wants to plant with a range of native species. The Mayor will gift the kindergarten 60 plants - one for each child attending. Their families will come along to help plant. As part of the campaign there will be the opportunity for other groups to apply for plants in a similar way.

10. Officers have identified four reserves which will be the focus of major planting projects. They are:
 - a. Arakura Park, Wainuiomata (Sports ground), approx. 2000 plants
 - b. Leonard Wood Park, Wainuiomata (Reserve), approx. 3500 plants
 - c. York Park, Moera (sports ground), approx. 3600 plants
 - d. Delaney Park, Stokes Valley (sports ground), approx. 1300 plants.
11. Between June-September there will also be community planting days which elected members will be invited to attend.

Deer Culling

12. The red deer control programme has been running since 2019/20. The culling work is overseen by officers at Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC). Between 2019 and 2023, a total of 204 deer were removed.
13. Best practice control methods are used with a balanced combination of day hunting with indicating dogs, thermal assisted night hunting and drone assisted day and night hunting. 4G remote trail cameras are now also being used to target ungulates in areas they visit sporadically to increase efficiency as historically abundant areas become less productive.
14. Operations are conducted by GWRC staff and an external contractor; Trap & Trigger (T&T). Two deer culls are conducted annually. Biannual culling reports are provided by both GWRC and T&T. From these reports, Council can gather kill locations (mapped by Council's GIS team), numbers of animals killed, and the hunting efficiency (kills per hunting day).
15. Reactive deer control is conducted on private properties by GWRC. Where agreed upon, cameras are set up to alert hunters in real-time of deer presence.
16. In 2023 this Committee agreed to increase the funding for this activity from 2024/25 due to reports from residents indicating a likely increase in the deer population.
17. The final report has not yet been received for 2023/2024. However officers are receiving increasing complaints about feral deer and pigs.
18. The next six monthly update will include data for 2023/24 which will inform options for increased investment in this area of work.

Climate Change Impact and Considerations

19. The matters addressed in this report have been considered in accordance with the process set out in Council's Climate Change Considerations Guide.
20. An increase in planting across the city will help mitigate the impacts of climate change. Significant and sustained pest animal control to protect and enhance natural ecosystem carbon stocks could also make a substantial contribution to achieving the country's goal of carbon neutrality by 2050.

Consultation

21. There was public consultation on the Indigenous Biodiversity Strategy during July and August 2023.
22. The Draft Long Term Plan process provides another opportunity for the community to submit on Council's intention to increase funding for this activity.

Legal Considerations

23. There are currently no legal considerations.

Financial Considerations

24. In the current draft Long Term Plan 2024-34 consultation, Council is consulting on increased investment (Opex \$0.18Mpa; \$1.6M over 10 years) to roll out the Strategy.

Appendices

There are no appendices for this report.

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Report no: CCASC2024/2/80

Update on Council's climate change work

Purpose of report

1. Officers provide a regular update on key climate change work to implement Council's organisational carbon target and [Council's Carbon Reduction and Climate Resilience Plan \(CRP\) 2021-31](#), facilitate a reduction in city-wide emissions in line with the [Lower Hutt Climate Action Pathway](#), and address climate change impacts.
2. To avoid duplication, some work with climate change implications is reported in separate reports and/or other committees. This includes work on waste minimisation, Council's kerbside service, project-specific updates for RiverLink, and the new Naenae Pool.

Recommendations

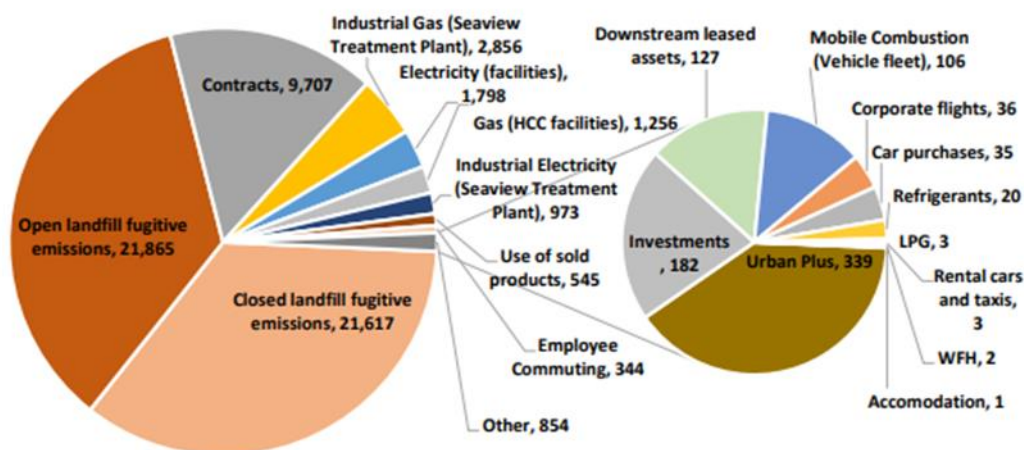
That the Committee:

- (1) notes the update on climate change work streams currently underway; and
- (2) notes that some work streams are new or are not explicitly covered in Council's Carbon Reduction and Resilience Plan 2021-31 or the Lower Hutt Climate Action Pathway.

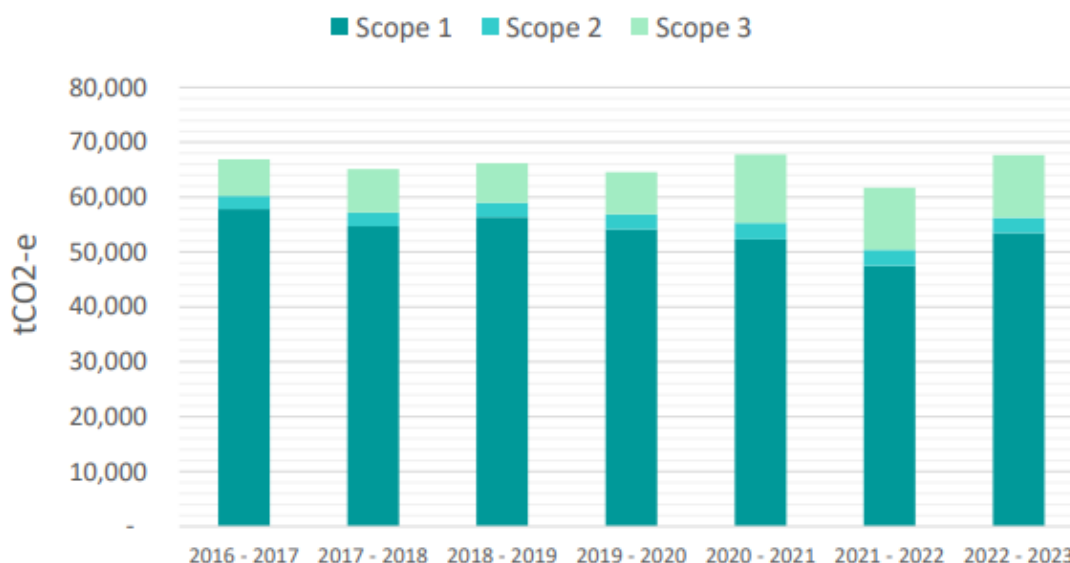
Reducing Council's organisational carbon emissions

Council's organisational footprint

3. An organisational greenhouse gas inventory report for 2022/23 was completed and is now publicly [available on Council's website](#).
4. Emissions from Council's landfills remain the dominant emission source (in tCO₂-e), as shown in the figure below.



5. Compared to the previous year, increases in emissions have been recorded for Silverstream Landfill (associated with an increase in the amount of waste received due to development activity in the city), the closed Silverstream Stage 1 landfill (insufficient gas extraction and destruction, despite the existing supplementary flare), and to a much lesser extent for corporate flights, and employee commuting post the Covid-19 pandemic.
6. There has also been a significant increase in emissions associated with contracts, which includes Naenae Pool as a major building and construction project.
7. However, note that the majority of emissions associated with contracted services is still estimated by applying industry-wide emission factors to the amount of money spent in various categories. Hence, there is significant uncertainty associated with those estimates.
8. Reductions in emissions have occurred in the use of electricity to heat and power our facilities, and in Council's transport fleet.
9. Overall, Council's emissions have not shifted significantly yet, as shown in the figure below, notwithstanding the significant changes for some emission sources (e.g. fleet due to electrification, energy used at facilities, etc). The figure below references emissions by scope, which includes the following emission sources:
 - a. Scope 1 comprises fugitive emissions from open and closed landfills, and emissions from fossil gas used in facilities, fuel used in fleet vehicles, and loss of refrigerants.
 - b. Scope 2 comprises emissions associated with production of electricity used in Council's facilities
 - c. Scope 3 comprises indirect emissions, such as those associated with contracted services, staff air travel, taxi use, employee commuting, and more.



Council facilities

10. With the new Naenae Pool scheduled to open later this year, it was agreed that any significant upgrades or changes at the Huia Pool should be carried out when the new pool opens. This is to enable service continuity.
11. To prepare for these works, design work is underway for various upgrade and repair work, including replacing the moveable pool floor and upgrades to various plant, including the heating systems.
12. Regarding the project to replace the gas boiler and associated systems with heat pumps at the Dowse, while detailed design has been completed, the project is currently paused until a project manager has been confirmed. The next step is to undertake a procurement process to identify a suitable supplier for the heat pumps and installation works. In terms of timing, the heating plant change is not likely to be completed until 2025.

Vehicle fleet

13. As at 31 March 2024, the Electric Vehicle (EV) share in Council's vehicle fleet remains at 69% (46 out of 67 vehicles).
14. Note that no further increase in Council's EV share is expected until later in 2024. A key current constraint on further electrification is the lack of availability of 4WD electric utes or vehicles with similar capability.

Heavy EV Charging Hub at Silverstream Landfill

15. Phase 1 will involve a couple of 'fast' DC charging stations for equipment that Waste Management has already agreed to electrify, as part of their new contract with Council that commenced in April 2023. Phase 2 would involve a larger charging hub, to enable the electrification of a wider range of vehicles.
16. Current work focuses on the establishment of a new power connection, and confirming an order for a 1MW transformer, in order to power the site.

Council is working closely with Wellington Electricity on this part of the project. Detailed design for the civil works is also under way in parallel.

17. At this stage, Phase 1 is scheduled to be operational by the end of 2024, albeit this is heavily dependent on the timeline for the transformer, due to the long lead times involved.
18. Appendix 1 shows the draft design of the EV Charging Hub.

Reducing city-wide emissions

Low Carbon Acceleration Fund (LCA Fund)

19. The [first round of the LCA Fund opened in February 2024, and closed on 14 March 2024](#). A number of applications were received, and these are currently being evaluated by the panel. An announcement on the successful applicants is scheduled for May 2024.

Electrifying homes and businesses

20. By electrifying homes and businesses in Lower Hutt, [the city's emissions associated with the use of fossil gas could be reduced](#). And if new developments can avoid fossil gas, an increase in emissions can be avoided.
21. A business case was produced in early 2023 regarding options to reduce emissions associated with fossil gas use. Regarding the option to regulate new gas connections, two legal reviews were commissioned, but the latest advice from August 2023 suggests that the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) is best placed to regulate this matter. Officers have discussed this with GWRC, but there is currently little appetite to commence work on this, in part because the revision of the Regional Policy Statement is nearly completed.
22. In response, Hutt City Council officers considered what Council could do on its own and are now focusing on an education-first approach. In order to achieve this, and building on the existing [free eco design advice service](#), we are encouraging developers to consider going electric whenever there are opportunities for engagement. A key opportunity for making changes is at the consent application stage, and at any pre-consent engagements.

Regional Emissions Reductions Plan

23. A Regional Emissions Reduction Plan was completed and is [now publicly available](#). It has a focus on regional opportunities and a coordinated approach to fast-track the uptake of emissions reduction actions.
24. The actions most relevant to Hutt City Council are as follows:
 - a. Action 10: Supporting our community to reduce their reliance on fossil gas.
 - b. Action 12: Change procurement practices to include a requirement for emissions reduction plans as part of major projects.

Adapting to climate change impacts

Climate change risk assessment

25. Council collaborated with other councils in the region to develop a Wellington Region Climate Impact Assessment (WRCCIA), to provide a consistent approach to climate change risk assessment across the whole region. The report is scheduled for public release within the next few weeks.
26. The risk assessment will inform the development of a Wellington Regional Climate Change Adaptation Plan. Work on the scope of that potential plan is currently underway.

Climate Change impact and considerations

27. This report responds directly to the need to reduce carbon emissions and respond to climate change, by providing a regular update on Council's key carbon reduction and climate change response initiatives.

Consultation

28. Not applicable.

Legal Considerations

29. There are no legal considerations at this time.

Financial Considerations

30. There are no financial considerations at this time.

Appendices

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02 April 2024

Report no: CCASC2024/2/81

Update on solid waste and waste minimisation matters

Purpose of Report

1. To provide the Committee with an update on various solid waste management and minimisation matters.

Recommendation

That the Committee receives and notes the update on various solid waste management and minimisation matters.

Background

2. This report consolidates information on the status of Council's solid waste management and minimisation initiatives.
3. Detailed and regular information on the ongoing development, operation and performance of the Silverstream Landfill is covered in a separate report to the Hutt Valley Services Committee. The latest report from March 2024 is [available online \(page 32\)](#).

Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP)

4. Development of the WMMP implementation plan by officers of the Wellington region councils is underway. Multiple upcoming workshops with the Project Steering Group have been scheduled, including with the Joint Committee in May.
5. A draft implementation plan is scheduled to be presented to the Wellington Region Joint Committee on 10 June 2024.
6. Council's implementation planning for our Local Action Plan is also underway and will be complete in line with the regional plan by June 2024.

Diversion of construction and demolition (C&D) waste

7. Officers have begun building a partnership with Civilshare in order to promote Civilshare to the Lower Hutt construction community. Civilshare is an established community marketplace app that deals with C&D waste and is already operating successfully, primarily in Auckland. Civilshare connects construction companies and suppliers with others in the industry to maximise the reuse of resources that would otherwise be sent to landfill.
8. Waste Management is still working on identifying cost effective alternatives to landfill disposal for treated and untreated timber. We expect to have some options provided by them within the coming months so that timber collection and diversion can begin at the transfer station.

Food and green organics (FOGO) processing and kerbside collections

9. The potential implementation of a new FOGO service is being consulted on as part of the new draft Long Term Plan.
10. Officers continue to be in discussions with the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) regarding potential funding toward the roll out of kerbside FOGO collections, and a processing solution.
11. Procurement for the processing solution is being led by Wellington City Council on behalf of the three participating councils. The figures attached as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 show the process and the procurement schedule.

Resource recovery changes at Silverstream transfer station

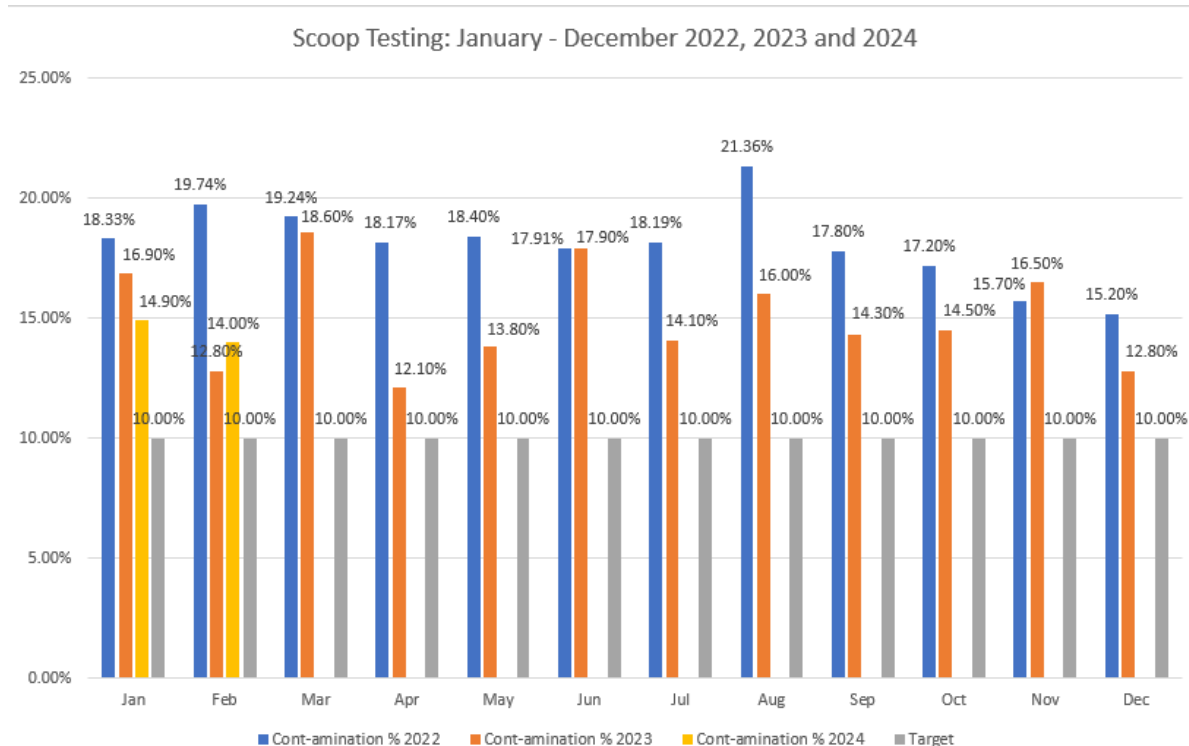
12. Subsequent to the success of the diversion scrum day at the transfer station (refer to the waste minimisation update in February 2024 to this committee), officers have been working with Earthlink on a revised operating model. Operational changes are expected to be in place from May 2024.
13. Work continues with Waste Management NZ on ensuring the transfer station concierge function is adequately supporting our focus on diversion and complements the revised model for Earthlink operations on site.

Kerbside rubbish and recycling service

City-wide recycling contamination and behaviour change

14. The contamination rate for February was 14%. The average contamination rate for 2022 was 18.10% compared to 15.03% in 2023. Rates continue to trend below the 15% mark which incurs less cost to Council. However, the KPI target rate of 10% is proving difficult to reach.
15. Officers have worked to ensure that as of February, the OJI processing facility began separating coloured #1 plastics (PET) during scoop testing. Coloured PET typically represents around 1% of material collected. This portion was previously counted as waste and is now included in the recyclable materials component.

16. VML have successfully concluded their summer campaign focused on altering people's recycling habits and minimising contamination. Presently, they are preparing the next phase to take our better recycling messaging through to June 2024.
17. The bin removal scheme for households with instances of repeated contamination has led to the removal of over 260 recycling bins since its implementation in November 2022. However, officers have observed a concerning trend of residents failing to place their bins at the kerbside for reinspection for several weeks after being red stickered and therefore avoiding their bin being removed. This behavior has led to our contractor having to make repeated visits to properties in an attempt to recheck bins, and if required, remove bins. To deal with this issue, we are working with Waste Management on ways in which bins can be checked by collection vehicle drivers, and if found contaminated, attached to their trucks and removed at the time of collection rather than by the follow-up inspections team.



18. Officers, in collaboration with the Council research and evaluation team, are currently conducting a survey of residents to evaluate the effectiveness of double bin latches. During strong winds, bins not securely closed are blown open, resulting in windblown litter. To address this issue, affected households were provided with double bin latches. This survey aims to assess the effectiveness of the double bin latches. If the results are positive, the solid waste team plans to expand the distribution of bin latches, with the aim of reducing windblown litter in the environment.

Climate Change Impact and Considerations

19. The matters addressed in this report have been considered in accordance with the process set out in Council’s Climate Change Considerations Guide.

20. Minimising waste, diverting recyclables from landfill and recovering reusable materials (such as the potential addition of C&D diversion opportunities, diverting biosolids, etc.) contribute to a more circular economy. These activities reduce the need to extract further resources from the environment and the associated energy use in doing so.

Consultation

21. Not applicable

Legal Considerations

22. Not applicable

Financial Considerations

23. There are no current financial considerations in terms of decisions for Council, however the following items have potential financial impacts in the future:
- a. improvements to the Silverstream transfer station (e.g. Earthlink resource recovery drop off, potential addition of C&D diversion opportunities) have the potential to divert an increased amount of material from the Silverstream Landfill. A reduction in waste to landfill involves a short-term decrease in landfill revenue to Council but a long-term reduction in capital expenditure due to extending the capacity and life of the landfill.
 - b. reducing kerbside recycling contamination has a direct benefit on the cost under contract for this service as any contamination rates under 10% do not incur penalty fees for Council.

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13 February 2024

Report no: CCASC2024/2/82

Climate Change and Sustainability Committee Forward Programme 2024

Purpose of Report

1. To provide the Committee with a Forward Programme of work planned for the Committee for 2024.

Recommendation

That the Committee receives and notes the Forward Programme for 2024 attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Background

2. The Terms of Reference for the Committee require the Committee to assist Council in developing, monitoring and reviewing strategies, policies, plans and functions associated with environmental and climate change activities.
3. The Forward Programme for 2024 provides a planning tool for both members and officers to co-ordinate programmes of work for the year. The Forward Programme is attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Forward Programme

4. The Forward Programme is a working document and is subject to change on a regular basis.

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