

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee
FROM: David Stephenson, Utilities Asset Engineer
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SUBJECT: **SOLID WASTE SCHEDULE OF FEES – ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to recommend two additional charges for disposal of recyclable materials at Council's Resource Recovery Centres (RRC's).

2 BACKGROUND

Following the publication of the draft Ten Year Plan with a proposed multi-bin waste, recycling and organic kerbside collection, a number of commercial operators have enquired about the acceptance of greenwaste and recyclable materials (in particular glass and paper/cardboard) at Council's RRC's.

Operation of RRC's is contracted to Council's kerbside collector Smart Environmental Ltd (SEL) through Contract 613. Acceptance of commercial quantities of recyclables was not anticipated in the original scope of work and appears to be outside the scope of the contract.

3 PROPOSAL FOR RECYCLABLES

Council staff have discussed acceptance of recyclables with the contractor and have agreed:

- Kerbside recyclable materials from domestic customers will be accepted free of charge.
- Paper, cardboard, plastics and metal cans will be accepted free of charge at the Richmond RRC, subject to materials meeting acceptance criteria advised by SEL. Waste contractors will be advised to make arrangements with SEL prior to commencing delivery.
- Paper and cardboard will be accepted at the Takaka RRC free of charge subject to the material meeting acceptance criteria advised by SEL. Council will assist with the transport of paper and cardboard to the Richmond RRC.
- Where quantities exceed 1.0 m³ glass bottles will be accepted at the Richmond, Mariri and Takaka RRC's at a cost of \$18.00 per tonne (incl GST) or \$6.00 per m³ (whole).
- Acceptance of other recyclable materials from commercial customers (above 1.0 m³) will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

It is proposed to amend the schedule of fees and charges to formalise the acceptance of these materials.

4 RECOMMENDATION

THAT the schedule of Solid Waste fees and charges be amended to include:

- **a threshold of 1.0m³ for free disposal of commercial recyclables at all sites;**
- **a charge of \$18.00 per tonne for glass bottles at the Richmond, Mariri and Takaka sites (when a Council provided weighbridge is available);**
- **otherwise a charge of \$6.00 per m³ for whole, loose glass bottles**
- **acceptance of paper and cardboard free of charge at Richmond and Takaka RRC's; and**
- **acceptance of other recyclable materials by arrangement.**

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