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Request for Information under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of 27 March 2023 requesting the following information:

I would like to request information about your territorial authority's waste management contracts, to help me map out the various waste providers operating in the country, how much public funding they receive, and what they do. I have created a Google form to make it easier for you to answer the request, and for me to collate the answers as I am sending this request to 24 territorial authorities.

1. Could you please provide me a list of waste management providers contracted by your council over the last five years. Please use this form for each provider to tell me:

- Date when contract started***
- Date when contract ends***
- How much funding each entity has received each year for the last five financial years, and how much it is expected to receive in the next five financial years***
- A brief description of what the money is for***

There is a contract in place with JB's Environmental Limited for the transport of biosolids from our Wastewater Treatment Plant to the Silverstream landfill. The Council signed an initial contract with JB's Environmental Limited on 19 August 2019 for three years, which has now been extended for an additional two years.

The contract is funded from the Wastewater Treatment Plan operational budget, which means it is rates funded. No subsidies are received.

On 4 April 2023, you provided clarification regarding your request as follows:

- 2. Could I please refine the request to cover contracts dealing with all aspects of household waste management, including but not limited to, kerbside collection (waste, organics, recycling) and disposal of such waste either to landfill, recycling station or other processing facility. The same form I sent originally can be used for each contractor.**

Household wastewater is conveyed to our treatment facility, where it is treated to very high standards as per the resource consent conditions before it is discharged to the Mazengarb drain. The treatment plant is operated by full-time skilled and professional Council staff – we do not contract this service out.

In Kāpiti, kerbside household rubbish and recycling collection is not covered by Council rates. Each household may choose to arrange and pay for their own collection with an independent collector (business) or manage their own rubbish and recycling by reducing waste, composting or going to the transfer stations. Having this choice means households only pay for the rubbish they produce.

Council requires collectors to provide a combined rubbish and recycling collection service for their urban residential customers. This means all wheelie bin services for rubbish come with a recycling wheelie bin and glass crate. The price the resident pays for their rubbish service includes the cost of collecting recyclable materials.

- 3. In addition to this, could you please provide a list of all aspects of waste management your TA has an external contractor for. That way I can later come back to you with requests for specific information about the contracts that are relevant to my investigation.**

The Council awarded a contract to Conhur in April 2022 for dredging the oxidation pond at Ōtaki to remove biosolids and safely manage their disposal to an authorised landfill at Silverstream. This work is now complete and the cost of delivering this service was approximately \$1.1 million. The contract ended in March 2023.

These costs are funded from our wastewater treatment plant's renewals costs - no government funding is provided.

Ngā mihi



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