

19 July 2021

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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 8531298 (OIR: 2122-003)

I refer to your information request we received on 2 July 2021 for the following:

Can you please provide a breakdown of costs associated with the operation of the Waikanae recycling centre?

This breakdown includes any salaries paid, cost of transport of recyclables, distances travelled and other associated costs.

Below are the costs associated with the operation of the Waikanae Recycling Drop off (not the greenwaste) as per the Council's budget over the past 5 years:

Waikanae Recycling Drop off	Actual expenditure 2019/20	Actual expenditure 2018/19	Actual expenditure 2017/18	Actual expenditure 2016/17	Actual expenditure 2015/16
Operational contract to supervise and manage the drop off	\$57,341	\$51,297	\$52,129	\$46,551	\$48,819
Repairs & Maintenance	\$829 *	\$(162)*	\$7,363	\$3,835	\$9,297
Transport costs recycling	\$53,363	\$20,297	\$11,901	\$9,930	\$9,974

**maintenance was deferred to make up for the over expenditure in transport*

The expected annual expenditure for the 2020/21 year is similar to the 2019/20 year. For the Long Term Plan an overall budget of \$123,000 was estimated which would cover increased contract cost, transport cost and catch-up maintenance.

Regarding the green waste operation:

1. What is the gross revenue collected per annum from the green waste operation at Park Avenue Waikanae?

In 2012 Council stopped providing (contracting) greenwaste services in the district. At Waikanae, Composting New Zealand has been setting the charges for greenwaste since 2012 and has been receiving the revenue in full to run the greenwaste operation on site, transporting to Otaihanga and composting at Otaihanga.

The revenue information is held by Composting New Zealand, not by Council. On this basis I must decline this part of your request for revenue details as the information is not held by Council, and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, Section 17(g)(i) of the Act refers.

Regarding the glass recycling:

2. Does the glass recycling generate an income stream for council or another operation?

Council exited from all kerbside collections in 2012 including glass collections and other kerbside recycling. The recycling of glass in Kāpiti is provided by local collectors who transport colour sorted glass to Auckland where it is processed to produce new bottles.

Information on cost and/or potential revenue is held by each collector, not by Council as these are private operators. On this basis I must decline this part of your request for revenue details as the information is not held by Council, and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, Section 17(g)(i) of the Act refers.

3. If for council, what is the gross revenue from this recycling?

Please refer to our response above. Kāpiti's kerbside recycling is consolidated and transported to the recycling facility in Seaview where it is processed.

Information on cost and/or revenue is held by each collector. On this basis I must decline this part of your request for revenue details as the information is not held by Council, and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, Section 17(g)(i) of the Act refers.

4. If you are aware, what is the revenue obtained from another operation?

Council's resource recovery facilities in Ōtaki and Otaihanga are operated by a private operator under a lease agreement. The operator of the sites sets the gate fees, receives the revenue and operates the site at their cost. This includes providing recycling drop off and other waste minimisation opportunities such as the re-use shop in Otaihanga, tv-recycling, tyre recycling and metal recycling.

Information on cost and revenue is held by the Lessee, not by Council. On this basis I must decline this part of your request for revenue details as the information is not held by Council, and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation, Section 17(g)(i) of the Act refers.

The recycling drop off at Waikanae remained in operation under a standard operational contract which paid for supervision and management of the recycling drop off.

5. What is the name of any other operation?

MidWest Disposals operates both Ōtaki and Otaihanga facilities mentioned above.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sean Mallon', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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