

# Solid Waste Update

**Meeting:** LTP Briefing  
**Date of meeting:** 07 April 2020  
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## Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To update Councillor's on the current position of the Solid Waste Activity in particular planned consultation around proposed changes to levels of service and funding options.

## Context/Horopaki

During the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017/22 (WMMP) and the Solid Waste Asset Management Plan (AMP) 2017 review we identified that there is need to review and potentially change how we deliver the Solid Waste Activity (in particular kerbside collection).

At a Council Briefing on 01 August 2019 we presented to Council the results of formative consultation that was carried out via the people's panel and the Council agreed with the 4 options for more formal consultation that were presented. Staff proposed that these would be consulted on as part of the upcoming Annual plan consultation that was scheduled for March 2020.

## Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

Proposed changes from Central Government in regard to refuse and recycling activity will affect how we undertake solid waste. Given that we are not engaging on the Annual Plan and that the need for any changes to be included in the upcoming Long Term Plan (LTP) review, staff have rescheduled the consultation to Aug/Sept 2020, this will form part of the Long Term Plan early engagement with the community.

The Ministry for the Environment is proposing the changes below. The ministry is still to confirm when and to what degree these will be put in place. The changes will have an impact on the Solid Waste Activity delivery. Deferring the consultation will give Council more time to realise the full impact of these proposals.

Known proposed Central Government changes are as follows:

- Waste Levy increase and expansion to include other Landfill Classes
- Introduction of Container Deposit Schemes
- Product Stewardship of certain products (6 key products identified)
- Standardisation of recyclable products and the way they are collected
- Review of the NZ Waste Strategy
- Transitioning towards a Circular Economy

## Next steps/E whaiake nei

Investigate and cost options for early LTP consultation/engagement;  
Confirm facts and time frames around Central Government initiatives;  
Review of the WMMP so all potential changes are included.