

# Wellington Region: Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2017–2023



*Waste-free, together – For people, environment, and economy.*

(NOTE: This is an extract from the [Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan \(WMMP\) \(2017\)](#) which is a collaborative plan formed by 8 councils of the Wellington Region).

## Foreword

This plan is founded on an overall vision of working together as a region to become waste-free.

After working collaboratively over many months and with input from stakeholders and members of the public, councils have developed a comprehensive plan to work towards the waste free vision over the next six years. The first stage is to investigate the feasibility of a number of initiatives, including: the creation of a regional waste bylaw template to more effectively manage the collection and disposal of waste and recycling; improving kerbside collection systems to enhance waste diversion; and the development of a resource recovery network to promote product reuse, recovery and recycling.

Supporting the regional plan, each council has identified initiatives in their own local action plans to meet the needs of their individual communities. Initiatives resulting in significant changes to the way councils currently do things will be subject to further public consultation, following analysis of the environmental, financial and social costs and benefits.

Our key focus for this plan is to reduce the total quantity of waste sent to class 1 landfills from 600kg to 400kg per person per annum by 2026. We are confident that with residents, businesses and councils working together we can become 'waste free'.

## 10.4 Upper Hutt City Council

Upper Hutt City Council will work toward the regional targets by supporting and implementing the local actions set out below. Upper Hutt City Council will seek to improve its contribution to the regional targets year upon year. Some actions rely on investigations to take place to determine whether or not they are feasible and cost-effective for the Upper Hutt community.

#### 10.4.1 Upper Hutt City regulation

| Reference and title  | Description  | Time frame  | Funding options  | Strategic goals and hierarchy position  | Method and targets  |
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| <b>R.1: Investigate and if appropriate implement a regionally consistent bylaw</b> | If appropriate, ensure systems and resources are in place for updating or replacing our Solid Waste Bylaw and implementing, monitoring and enforcing its provisions. | Pending development of Regional Solid Waste Bylaw | Waste Levy<br>Licensing fees, General rate (if required) | Objective: To take actions that will improve information on waste and recovered material activities, including both Council-contracted and private sector activities<br>Hierarchy level: All levels | Action G: Implement and oversee monitoring and enforcement of the revised regional bylaw. |

Rationale: We will use bylaws to help ensure that households, businesses and operators make use of waste and recycling systems correctly, don't cause nuisance, and operate in a way that is consistent with the WMMP. This may include for example, but not be limited to, licensing of operators and facilities, specification of approved containers, and the setting of times and places for different types of collections.

#### 10.4.2 Upper Hutt City data

| Reference and title                          | Description  | Time frame | Funding options | Strategic goals and hierarchy position   | Method and targets   |
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| <b>D.1: Implement Waste Data Framework</b>   | Collect and manage data in accordance with the National Waste Data Framework. This includes working with waste collectors and operators to improve the quality and comprehensiveness of data reported to Council, as well as conducting SWAP surveys and other measures to improve data availability and management. | 2017       | Waste Levy      | Objective: To align data collection and reporting systems where possible across the districts, region and nationally.<br><br>Hierarchy level: All levels | Action H: Implement National Waste Data Framework and utilise the Framework to increase strategic information. |
| <b>D.2: Waste audit specific to industry</b> | Assist local businesses in reducing their waste to landfill through subsidising waste audits.  | Ongoing    | Waste Levy      | Objective: To work with local businesses and organisations to actively promote waste reduction at a local level.<br>Hierarchy level: All levels          | Action D: Deliver enhanced regional engagement, communications and education.                                  |

Rationale: TAs in the region have agreed to collect and manage data in line with the National Waste Data Framework. Action under this heading will give effect to the National Waste Data Framework in our district.

### 10.4.3 Upper Hutt City engagement

| Reference and title  | Description   | Time frame | Funding options | Strategic goals and hierarchy position  | Method and targets  |
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| <b>E.1:Enviroschools programme is supported</b>  | Encourage local schools to take part in the Enviroschools programme and continue to provide funding to the schools that agree to take part.   | Ongoing    | Waste Levy      | Objective: To engage the community and provide information, education and resources to support community actions.<br>Hierarchy level: All levels  | Action D: Deliver enhanced regional engagement, communications, and education |
| <b>E.2: Kerb side recycling and education marketing campaign</b>   | Develop and implement a marketing and education campaign to increase the number of households using kerbside recycling  | Ongoing    | Waste Levy      | Objective: To reduce the total quantity of waste to landfill, with an emphasis on wastes that create the most harm.<br>Hierarchy level: Reduction   | Action D: Deliver enhanced regional engagement, communications, and education |
| <b>E.3: Zero Waste and Community Gardens Fund</b>  | Provide support to schools, early learning centres and community gardens to reduce waste, for example, through the provision of compost bins.   | Ongoing    | Waste Levy      | Objective: To engage the community and provide information, education and resources to support actions.<br>Objective: To engage the schools on the issue of waste and provide information, education and resources to support action. | Action D: Deliver enhanced regional engagement, communications, and education |
| <b>E.4: Supporting community based and other organisations and groups to promote and undertake waste minimisation.</b> | Support organisations and groups to promote and undertake waste minimisation, for example Love Food Hate Waste, Green Parenting workshops, Marae, Charity groups, Schools and Sports organisations. | Ongoing    | Waste Levy      | Objective: To engage the community and provide information, education and resources to support actions.<br>Hierarchy level: All levels  | Action D: Deliver enhanced regional engagement, communications, and education |
| <b>E.5: Promoting and supporting waste minimisation at events and festivals</b>  | Promoting and supporting waste minimisation at events and festivals e.g. March Madness, school galas, community events and council-led events   | Ongoing    | Waste Levy      | Objective: To engage the community and provide information, education and resources to support actions.<br>Hierarchy level: All levels  | Action D: Deliver enhanced regional engagement, communications, and education |
| <b>E.6: Support waste and</b>  | Support waste and recycling services and facilities through the provision of  | Ongoing    | Waste Levy      | Objective: To engage the community and provide  | Action D: Deliver enhanced regional   |

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| <b>recycling services and facilities</b>                   | appropriate information to encourage participation and correct use.  |                   |            | information, education and resources to support actions.<br>Hierarchy level: All levels  | engagement, communications, and education                                      |
| <b>E.7: Optimise regional communications</b>               | Work collaboratively with the WMMP partner councils on waste related communications. For example (but not limited to), creation of a regional recycling directory                          | Ongoing           | Waste Levy | Objective: To engage the community and provide information, education and resources to support community actions.<br>Hierarchy level: All levels | Action D Deliver enhanced regional engagement, communications, and education   |
| <b>E.8: Support marae and iwi groups to minimise waste</b> | Support iwi and marae to promote and undertake waste minimisation by the provision of information, services and events. For example (but not limited to), support the Para Kore programme. | From 2017 onwards | Waste Levy | Objective: To engage the community and provide information, education and resources to support community actions.<br>Hierarchy level: All levels | Action D: Deliver enhanced regional engagement, communications, and education. |

Rationale: In addition to work undertaken as part of the Regional Waste Education Strategy, Council will continue to support local education initiatives that have a positive impact.

#### 10.4.4 Upper Hutt City collections

| Reference and title                          | Description   | Time frame | Funding options             | Strategic goals and hierarchy position  | Method and targets   |
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| <b>C.1: Support private sector operators</b> | Support private sector waste minimisation operators (e.g. nappy recycling and green waste collection)   | Ongoing    | Waste Levy                  | Objective: To work with local businesses and organisations to actively promote waste reduction at a local level.<br>Hierarchy level: All Levels       | Action E: Collaborate on and lobby for waste minimisation policies and strategies, for example product stewardship                       |
| <b>C.2: Undertake a waste assessment</b>     | Complete a city-wide waste assessment to assess rates of recycling and diversion of waste from landfill. Use this information to investigate options for improvement. | 2021       | Waste Levy.<br>General Rate | Objective 2: To increase diversion of waste that is currently disposed of to landfill for reuse, recovery or recycling.<br>Hierarchy level: Recycling | Action A: Determine and commit to implementing optimised kerbside systems that maximise diversion and are cost-effective to communities. |

Rationale: Council is committed to implementing an optimised kerbside system that maximises diversion and that is cost-effective for our community.

#### 10.4.5 Upper Hutt City infrastructure

| Reference and title   | Description  | Time frame  | Funding options            | Strategic goals and hierarchy position   | Method and targets   |
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| <b>IN.1: Investigate developing a drop-off recovery centre at Silverstream Landfill, with Hutt City Council</b> | In conjunction with Hutt City Council, investigate whether an opportunity exists to develop a resource recovery centre at the Silverstream Landfill that contributes to the region-wide resource recovery network.   | Considered as part of the region-wide resource recovery network investigation | Waste Levy<br>General Rate | Objective: To increase diversion of waste that is currently disposed of to landfill for reuse, recovery or recycling.<br>Hierarchy level: Reuse, Recycling | Action B: Investigate and develop a region-wide resource recovery network – including facilities for construction and demolition waste, food and/or biosolids, and other organic waste |
| <b>IN.2: Provision of recycling drop-off facilities</b>   | Provide recycling drop-off facilities, including the recycling drop-off point that was funded as part of the Annual Plan 2016-17.<br>An assessment to determine its success will be made at the end of the trial period. Any ongoing commitment by Council will be made at that stage. | Ongoing   | Waste Levy                 | Objective: To increase diversion of waste that is currently disposed of to landfill for reuse, recovery or recycling.<br>Hierarchy level: All levels       | Action B: Investigate and develop a region-wide resource recovery network.   |
| <b>IN.3: Provide yearly hazardous waste disposal drop-off day</b>   | Council to provide a hazardous waste collection day once a year Annually Waste   | Annually  | Waste Levy                 | Objective: To increase diversion of waste that is currently disposed of to landfill for reuse, recovery or recycling.<br>Hierarchy level: All Levels       | Action B: Investigate and develop a region-wide resource recovery network.   |

Rationale: Council is committed to investigating, and where feasible, developing facilities that can form part of a region-wide resource recovery network. This initiative looks to develop our local transfer stations in line with regional standards to increase the quantity of materials that can be economically recovered for beneficial use.

#### 10.4.6 Upper Hutt City leadership and management

| Reference and title  | Description   | Time frame | Funding options | Strategic goals and hierarchy position  | Method and targets  |
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| <b>LM.1: Collaborate with private sector and community</b> | Work with local groups and businesses to investigate opportunities to enhance economic development through waste minimisation | Ongoing    | Waste Levy      | Objective: To work with local businesses and organisations to actively promote waste reduction at a local level.<br>Hierarchy level: All Levels | Action E: Collaborate on and lobby for waste minimisation policies and strategies, for example product stewardship. |

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| <b>LM.2: Internal waste minimisation</b>                | Council will continuously look for opportunities to reduce waste coming from its facilities. All successful opportunities will be used to promote to other local organisations and encourage them to use learnings to minimise their own waste. | Ongoing | Waste Levy       | Objective To engage the community and provide information, education and resources to support community actions.<br>To work with local businesses and organisations to actively promote waste reduction at a local level.  | Action E: Collaborate on and lobby for waste minimisation policies and strategies, for example product stewardship.<br><br>Action D: Deliver enhanced regional engagement, communications and education.  |
| <b>LM.3: Professional development and subscriptions</b> | To ensure Council can provide leadership, they will have appropriate memberships (e.g., WasteMinz and Wellington Waste Forum) and undertake relevant professional development and networking opportunities (e.g. WasteMinz conference).         | Ongoing | Waste Levy       | Objective To engage the community and provide information, education and resources to support community actions.   | Action D: Deliver enhanced regional engagement, communications and education.   |
| <b>LM.4: Shared Services</b>                            | As appropriate, investigate shared service options for waste management and minimisation initiatives.   | Ongoing | Waste Levy Rates | Objective: To consider both short and long term cost impacts of all actions across the community including economic costs and benefits.<br><br>Objective: Consider the environmental impact of all options and ensure that the overall environmental impact is taken into account in decision making | Action A: Determine and commit to implementing optimised kerbside systems that maximise diversion and are cost effective to communities.<br><br>Action B: Investigate and develop a region-wide resource recovery network – including facilities for construction and demolition waste, food and/or biosolids, and other organic waste. |

Rationale: Council will work to facilitate and encourage local businesses, community and central government to establish measures that meet the visions goals and objectives of the WMMP. Commercial waste makes up an estimated 35% of the waste produced in our district. Council has no direct control over waste produced by businesses and other organisations. We will look to work with local groups and businesses and promote initiatives that assist in enhancing economic development through reducing and recovering waste.