

Description of the activity		Community outcomes				
<p>The kerbside recycling and food waste activity supports and promotes recycling and reuse of resources in order to maintain the health and sustainability of our community and the natural environment and work toward a low-waste future. The activity is a new council activity following adoption of the council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2021 (Waste Plan 2021) which has a vision of "working towards a low-waste future". Two of the key actions in the Waste Plan to achieve this vision are to implement a kerbside recycling collection and a kerbside food waste collection.</p>		<p><i>Community</i> - provision of kerbside waste minimisation services for the community to divert waste from landfill and value the resource. Support our community through the transition of council taking a more active role in waste services. Giving residents the opportunity to contribute to community good through participation in enhanced kerbside services. <i>Environment</i> - moving towards a circular economy where waste is viewed as a resource to be valued. Limiting the amount of organic waste entering landfills to prevent methane discharges that contribute to climate change. Consider the environmental impact and public health implications of all kerbside services to ensure net environmental benefit. <i>Economy</i> -provision of kerbside collection services which assists residents to limit their residual waste disposal costs. Developing local kerbside service processes, where practicable, that contributes to local employment and development opportunities.</p>				
Who benefits?	Period of benefits?	Whose actions create the need?	Costs and benefits of funding separately?			
<p><u>District-wide?</u> Residents, businesses, visitors and tourists benefit from a clean and tidy district where waste is managed safely and sustainably, resources and the natural environment are valued, and community health and sustainability is promoted. The activity also supports the district's climate change objectives by reducing waste to landfill and therefore carbon emissions.</p> <p><u>Identifiable parts of the community?</u> The kerbside collection directly benefits households in the serviced collection areas.</p> <p><u>Individuals?</u> Those who utilise the kerbside collection service receive the major benefit from its provision.</p>	<p>The activity is an operational service delivery activity, with almost all costs being for the annual operation of the kerbside service.</p>	<p>Residents of the district who use the council-provided kerbside recycling and food waste service primarily create the need. If the service was not provided some people may not dispose of their refuse in a sustainable manner, contributing to additional waste to landfill. This would be contrary to the council's vision of working toward a low-waste future.</p>	<p>The benefits of the activity primarily accrue to those who receive the service. These properties will also benefit from reduced private waste disposal costs. The kerbside recycling and food waste service should be funded separately so that the council can specifically charge those who receive the service, and these properties can be readily identified.</p>			
Funding rationale		Proposed funding tools				
<p>2022/23 Costs related to the set-up of the service will be funded by borrowing, waste levies and general rates. Borrowing will allow the set-up costs to be repaid over a number of years. Waste levies are able to be used to fund a portion of the set-up costs. The remainder will be funded by general rates, as a targeted rate would not be appropriate to implement before the service is operating.</p> <p>From 2023/24 onwards Waste levies and borrowing will be used to fund the set-up costs of the service.</p> <p>We can clearly identify and charge those residential properties to which the kerbside recycling and food waste services are available, and those non-residential properties that choose to opt-in to the services. Targeted rates are preferred as a funding source as this ensures those who receive the service, pay for it. General rates were considered but the council believes that it would be inequitable to charge ratepayers who are unable to receive the service for it.</p> <p>The council has considered whether an opt-out option should be provided for residential properties in the serviced area who are able to receive the service but do not wish to. The council proposes that residential properties in the serviced areas will not be able to opt out of the kerbside services. Prices have been kept as low as possible through an all-in approach. This approach will also maximise the amount of material that households keep out of the landfill to ensure the district is able to meet its Waste Plan 2021 waste reduction objectives.</p> <p>Waste levies and other grants and subsidies may be available and will be maximised to offset the cost to ratepayers. Fees and charges may be used as a minor funding source e.g. for replacement bins.</p>						
			Operating		Capital	
	General rates		2022/23 for service set-up costs only			
	Targeted rates		Majority		Yes	
	Fees and charges		Minority		Yes	
	Interest and dividends					
	Borrowing		2022/23 and 2023/24 for service set-up costs only		Yes	
	Proceeds from asset sales					
	Lump sum contributions					
	Development contributions					
	Financial contributions					
Grants and subsidies		If available		If available		
Other		Minority (waste disposal levies)		Yes (waste disposal levies)		

Key:

Minority 0 – 33%	Partial 34 – 66%	Majority 67 - 99%	Full 100%
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