

# **Council Briefing**

Date: Thursday 06 June 2019

Time: 9.30 am

Venue: Mangawhai Club - 219 Molesworth Drive, Mangawhai

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# Kaipara KickStart Programme

Meeting: Council Briefing
Date of meeting: 6 June 2019

Reporting officer: Diane Bussey, Kaipara KickStart Programme Manager

### Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To provide information regarding this establishment, including governance arrangements and Council involvement prior to commencing programme delivery.

# Context/Horopaki

On 03 February 2019, the success of the Kaipara District Council Provincial Growth Fund applications was announced. The Kaipara KickStart Programme was established to deliver the projects funded by the Provincial Growth Fund. The Funding Agreements between Kaipara District Council and Ministry of Innovation, Business and Employment are nearing completion.

# Discussion/Ngā korerorero

This briefing will include the following elements:

- Programme Purpose Strategic Outcomes
- Programme Structure Definition details of the three projects that constitute the programme
- Programme Scope Deliverables (what will be delivered by the programme)
- Programme Governance
  - Programme Structure
  - Summary Terms of Reference
  - o Role of Council
- Programme Funding
- Programme Funding Agreements
  - Summary of contractual obligations
  - Kai for Kaipara and Wharves Funding Agreements
  - o Roading Package Funding Agreement

# Next steps/E whaiake nei

- Council Resolution Roading Package Funding Agreement 27 June 2019
- Regular Kaipara KickStart Programme report to Council, Milestone Confirmations

Diane Bussey, 20 May 2019





# **Solid Waste Activity Consultation Direction**

Meeting: Kaipara District Council

Date of meeting: 06 June 2019

Reporting officer: Donna Powell, Solid Waste Officer

### Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To inform Council of options that will be investigated and presented during the 2019/2020 Solid Waste activity consultation.

# Context/Horopaki

Identified as part of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WWMP) and Solid Waste Asset Management Plan (AMP) review was the need to review and potentially change how we deliver the Solid Waste Activity (in particular kerbside collection and Transfer Station management). This will involve consultation with the public about how we currently deliver the solid waste service and propose alternatives with Kaipara residents getting an opportunity to have their say in the process.

Results have been reviewed after recent formative consultation that has been completed via the People's Panel (there were 523 responses), and from that options have been selected for more formal consultation later this year.

Summary of results below:

- 79% currently utilise the Council's refuse and recycling kerbside collection service;
- 22% currently do not utilise Council's refuse and recycling service and 10% of them use private providers;
- 73% find recycling very important;
- 71% would pay via targeted rate or sticker system;
- 76% spend between \$3 to \$10 per week with a further 12% spending more than \$10 per week on refuse and recycling disposal.

There were also numerous comments with regards to the inadequacies of the current system, education provision and how recycling should be free.

# Discussion/Ngā kōrerorero

After reviewing responses received during the recent People's Panel survey (**Attachment A**) the following options for consultation were identified:

- Stay with general refuse bags and introduce a bin for recycling (user pays for general refuse disposal, provide recycling bin and charge targeted rate for recycling making recycling free to drop off). Currently, users pay at transfer stations. Council would need better controls on pricing for bags e.g. potentially sell only at Council outlets, or perhaps Council could provide and sell rather than the contractor. Would look at alternative options for bags rather than plastic.
- Introduce wheelie bin for general refuse and a bin for recycling (consider weekly or fortnightly collection) with tag or sticker system for payment for general refuse rather than targeted rate. Targeted rate for recycling bins.



• Introduce fully targeted rate to cover all refuse and recycling disposal. Would need to expand collection areas to include more rural residents. This would require an expansion to the current collection routes and/or the introduction of mini transfer stations (recycling and refuse) in remote areas, and possibly urban centres.

# Next steps/E whaiake nei

The identified options and the various alternative methods to achieve them will be investigated and costed with advantages and disadvantages being documented. The finalised options with information will be presented to Council for approval prior to proceeding with the consultation.

Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

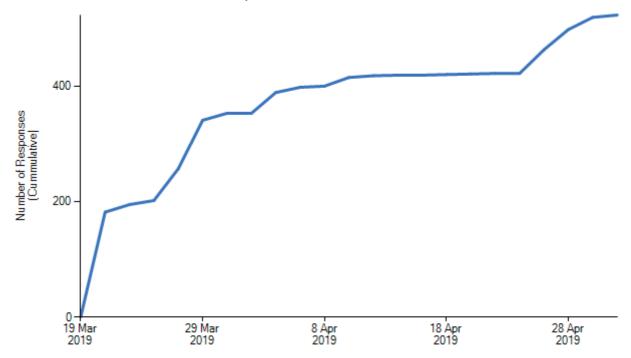
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| Α | Copy of People's Panel Survey Results |

Donna Powell, 17 May 2019

# **UbiQuity**

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• Rubbish and Waste Collection Summary



**Total Responses** 523

Average time to complete About 4 minutes

**First Response** Tue 19 March 2019, 4:05 PM **Last Response** Wed 1 May 2019, 7:50 AM

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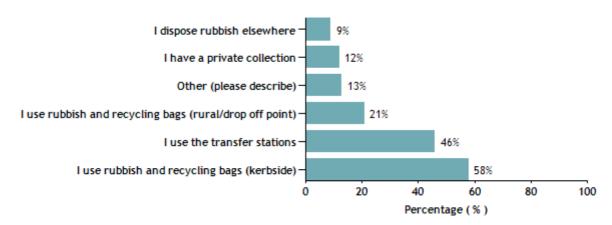
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Question 1A How do you currently interact with council's waste and recycling (tick all that apply)?

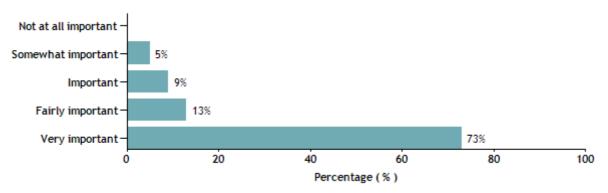


**Number of responses to this question** 516 (99%)

**Total number of responses for this survey 523** 

| Answer  | Count | <b>%</b> |
|---|-------|----------|
| I use rubbish and recycling bags (kerbside)             | 300   | 58       |
| I use rubbish and recycling bags (rural/drop off point) | 109   | 21       |
| I use the transfer stations                             | 236   | 46       |
| I have a private collection                             | 60    | 12       |
| I dispose rubbish elsewhere                             | 49    | 9        |
| Other (please describe)                                 | 67    | 13       |

Question Thinking about recycling of household waste, which of these statements best describes how important recycling is to you personally?

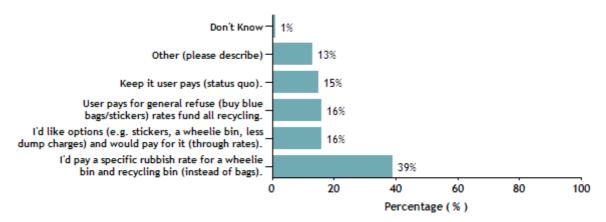


Number of responses to this question 496 (95%)

### Total number of responses for this survey 523

| Answer               | Count | <b>%</b> |
|----------------------|-------|----------|
| Not at all important | 2     | 0        |
| Somewhat important   | 23    | 5        |
| Important            | 45    | 9        |
| Fairly important     | 65    | 13       |
| Very important       | 361   | 73       |

Question 1C Council is going to undertake a review of the waste and recycling services that it provides across the district, currently we operate a user pays approach (you purchase bags, pay at the transfer station etc). Which of the below statements best reflects your views?



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Total number of responses for this survey 523

| Answer   | Coun | t % |
|--|------|-----|
| Keep it user pays (status quo).  | 75   | 15  |
| I'd like options (e.g. stickers, a wheelie bin, less dump charges) and would pay for it (through rates). | 84   | 16  |
| I'd pay a specific rubbish rate for a wheelie bin and recycling bin (instead of bags).                   | 201  | 39  |
| User pays for general refuse (buy blue bags/stickers) rates fund all recycling.                          | 82   | 16  |
| Don't Know   | 6    | 1   |
| Other (please describe)  | 66   | 13  |

Question Please finish this statement – The one thing Council could do now to make waste and recycling better is ...

#### Answer

Implement stickers that you can purchase, so I don't have to buy black bags and blue bags.

Have easier systems in place for recycling.

Make it easier and less expensive for people to dispose of their rubbish.

introduce recycling bins for home residences

Have recycling bins not bags.

#### **Answer**

Have a far more proactive approach to recycling (including recycling of compostables). Specifically set up council controlled (or public/private partnership) recycling businesses for ALL recyclable materials (including soft plastics and tyres). There is a great opportunity for the KDC to be a leader in working to help develop new ways of dealing with the mass of recyclable rubbish that is dumped into our landfills or shipped overseas. There are a myriad of technologies being researched and developed both in NZ and overseas but it needs local and central government to be involved in setting up these technologies in NZ, if rates are to be collected for the purposes of recycling they should be used for these purposes (not just for covering the costs of collection and shipping elsewhere in the country or offshore).

Stop the bags for recycling, they are a hassle and I always forget to buy them so recycling ends up in my wheelie bin.

Have wheelie bins for general rubbish & recycling.

Provide all with Wheeli bins - no more plastic bags.

Do things to educate on the importance of recycling and also provide options for more plastic processing.

Provide cardboard and paper recycling for businesses on Victoria Street and surrounds.

Look at the impact of cost to get rid of rubbish versus KDC expense of picking up illegally dumped rubbish...is there a connection ??

accept all recyclable plastics - not be choosy as to what you will accept so that the rest goes in the rubbish.

Educate businesses and communities about the environmental value of reducing, reusing and recycling and having waste, green and recycling options readily available in Tinopai.

As an interim measure have alternative recycling mini stations for glass cardboard paper etc with shoots to dispose of by locals. The recycling trucks could empty weekly. We always recycled when the station at the garden centre operated.

Make it cheaper

Get a bigger bag for recycling, stop changing what type of plastic can be recycled and make clear what items are able to be recycled.

Have a six month kerb side pick up for junk that gets dumped in reserves

Stop thinking you are solving the problem, you certainly aint. You need to take a step back and think of the bigger picture you want to create a solution that will last for years and years for my kids lets say. Ditch the bags completely get the kerb side wheelie bins. Taupo has one for green waste (which is green) one for recycling (think its yellow) and one for household waste (it is black) this is on your rates if you want more bins you have to buy them at your cost not back on the council as you will be forking out for them in the first place. We should be looking at how we can become the first town or region to be able to recycle everything and have practically nothing in the dump. it can be done just need more proactive people on board

Expand the recycle facilities and options. \$2 fee fair.

make rubbish recycling cheaper, still user pays. If it went into rates it would become just another cash cow that becomes misspent.

Overall the bag curb side collection works well but the issue is animals often getting into the bags

We are Mangawhai ratepayers. It is ridiculous that on long weekends (say Auckland Anniversary and Easter) that the rubbish collection is still scheduled for Monday. The large holiday population therefore put out their rubbish when they leave and it sits around (either until Thursday in peak holiday season, or the following Monday in normal season). Secondly, and this is slightly less obvious, some holiday makers just leave cartons of bottles out when their (very small) recycling bag is full. Please ask your collectors to take pride in Mangawhai and chuck them in rather than simply leaving them. I know it sets a bad precedent but sometimes it's just better to fix the problem.

Better enforcement of fly tipping breaches

Make it easier and cheaper

PUT bins and/or rubbish collection areas back at all the beaches and public areas

#### **Answer**

Make it available to ALL residents. I'm rural and the nearest drop off for rubbish bags is 6km away and the nearest for recycling is 11km away.

Promote recycling and waste minimisation more in the district.

have more rubbish bins and recycling bins for travellers who arrive in Dargaville and need to dispose of their rubbish - entry points in to Dargaville from each direction

Larger recycling contains - not a silly little plastic bag with is much smaller than the rubbish bag! Have bottle / can recycling bins in the popular areas - a good visible reminder to recycle instead of just a rubbish bin.

Look at utilising waste for power generation See: Global Olivine's Sustainable Resource Recycling Facility as an example http://globalolivine.com/2017/02/22/english-how-it-works/? fbclid=IwAR3vjwtrygoxFUnjjOhkNtlhb1xOe5rMymGECLc1vgE6BJXBXts5dtTHuJU

I would love to get rid of the plastic bags! Wheelies bins would be amazing!

To provide at gate services for rural customers not the ugly drop off points that have rubbish there all week.

Have people to help at recycling station

put pressure on government and industry to put more emphasis on reducing the use of plastics and using more environmentally friendly packaging and products rather than just being all about recycling which is more like the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff.

Currently the recycling bag is to small, and the rubbish to big. If nothing else changes, the ratio should be bigger recycling and smaller rubbish.

Doing something is better than nothing. In Mangawhai, nothing is done whatsoever. Referring to a supplier of plastic rubbish bags is old news and not economical at all.d\$6 a bag is a rip off. If you do what Auckland is doing...they supply a rubbish bin for general rubbish and a seperate bin for glass and plastic as part of the rates..not pinging extra. What also they do is have an annual organic and none organic collection as well...as part of the rates. So far KDC...fail 100%.

Better inform the public about what is recyclable and what is not. Have often encountered mismatches between the waste management website (for Hakaru) and reality!

Actually recycle plastics in northland - not just sort it.

to make recycling free. Too much rubbish is thrown anywhere in the district because people might find it too expensive to buy the special bags or having to pay at the transfer station. Whangarei provides free recycling of cans, plastics and paper. Also: council could encourage people to compost green waste.

No charge to drop off recycling at the transfer stations (can be funded by general rate).

Find better uses for rubbish (see above for a way to encourage this).

provide wheelie bins on a user pays for collection basis.

The blue bags need to be stronger and cheaper to buy have a recycle drives a few times a year free to dump at the station be specific e.g one drive scrap metal, one drive wood, one drive white wear etc, but people must take to the dump no roadside collection. This may stop people dumping roadside to make it easy for the ratepayers to do. If I want my staff to do something I have to make it easier for them to do it than not do it. It always gets done then. I think the rate for a wheelie bin etc in the question 1C would help that to happen.

Wheelie bins & recycle bins all the way I cringe having to buy plastic bags every week for rubbish & especially recycling!!! I buy corn starch bags for household rubbish which do decompose over time

Have a one size fits all for our rubbish. Currently we put everything in a blue bag, including recycling, and that does not sit well with me. But the alternative is to put out a half full blue bag that gets smelly if I leave it for another week, and is not cost effective. I would definitely recycle more if there were a more cost effective solution.

by allowing more things to be taken to the refuse/recycle depots. I went this morning only to be told that many of the things I thought I could recycle like plastic bottle were no longer being taken; so I put them in my rubbish bag (not good).

### Answer

Encourage recycling and keep the cost of that collection to ratepayers at a minimum. Get rid of plastic rubbishy bags and recycling bags. Offer incentives to keep kerbside rubbish collection to a minimum. Ie for those who don,t put out a rubbish bag weekly acknowledge that with lesser charges. Maybe allow the ratepayer to choose a fortnightly collection as opposed to a weekly collection for a lesser

Introduce wheelie bins effective/immediately. These have a larger capacity for recycling/waste to allow for the summer influx of holiday makers to Mangawhai. Which would take care of the issue of bags of waste/recycling laying around for days on end and then stray dogs ripping them apart for food.

.. make recycling free of charge. As there is no kerbside collection for recycling (glass, plastic bottles, cans, paper), there is already the effort to collect all different materials separately and then drive to the next refuse station. To pay a recycling fee on top of all the above effort does not really encourage

To provide some sort of proper recycling of glass, aluminium, paper

Stronger bags

prohibit retailers from selling plastic packaged goods. Butchers & fishmongers could go back to wrapping their goods in paper. We don't need cucumbers & lettuces wrapped in plastic! It would be great if Council would do an audit of the amount of unnecessary plastic being used in Kaipara retail stores & prohibit it's use in as many circumstances as possibe. THAT'S how you reduce waste & recycling! Don't have it here in the first place!

I currently use a wheelie bin for household rubbish and pay for that. I would like to see the transfer station at Hakaru stay open and keep the charges stable

Ensure that recycling is accessible to all, and more cost effective than throwing recycling in the rubbish. This includes recycling for our local schools, especially since we are often trying to teach our students about sustainability.

Having bins & having user pays don't leave it for the rate payers to pay for everything

Get rid of the plastic bags! I dont care about the cost, its despicable that we are using a nonbiodegradable or reusable product for our rubbish and recycling each week

To start using technologies that are available to minimize the size of the waste stream going into landfill. These include grinders/crushers that break the waste down to small sizes and then crush them into smaller blocks or also put into landfill and compact. These can reduce the size of the landfills required over time. These can be put into each transfer station to reduce the amount of movement of trucks to carry uncompacted waste to landfill areas.

Provide recycling bins at the gate

Provide numerous drop off points for recyclying Make it easy for visitors and tourists.

make it just as easy for people to recycle as it is to dispose through the waste system.

to find another avenue for recycling plastic containers with #3,4,5,6,7 on them. Also, an option for batteries and ink cartridges.

Cheaper fees at dump!!! No wonder our roads get rubbish! Have whiteware T Vs collection. Unsure if you have a recycle bay at dump-- should be. Green matter fees be much less.

Supply a free wheelie bin for recycling and council collect it, however with other rubbish it should be user pays

To provide plastic bins for rubbish and bins for recycling

In rural areas its easy to dump on farms etc. Make it accessible for whole of kaipara. Blue bags tear quite easily, would't oppose a wheely bin but wouldn't work rurally. Would still need bags. at least a free annual "E collection."

As above, provide us with a wheelie bin for all recycling except glass every other week and a crate for

glass on the alternate weeks. Works perfectly well in the Palmerston North area where I moved from over 5 years ago and they were doing it back then.

Provide recycling stations that are easily accessible or provide households with bins as per Auckland/whangarei councils

### Answer

Recycling bins in dargaville etc

Not so expensive

Ban people from leaving bags on main roads when weekenders leave Mangahwai

provide a better system - use wheelie bins - rather than plastic bags Offer subsidised payment system to ratepayers who reside in residences in Kaipara.

Supply wheely bins, would stop animals and seagulls ripping open bags specifically Mangawhai Publicity

Supply wheelie bins for rubbish and all recycling. One for household rubbish one for glass, cardboard and plastic.

Recycle bins at transfer station, and look into the price when using transfer station for general refuse. Provide bins!

If the cost goes too high, people will put their rubbish in the town bins, which happens a lot.

More public bins around Mangawhai

Make it free to put at the dump

to encourage it by not making it a direct cost as it currently is because people are now dumbing rubbish in rural areas. because they can't afford the current system that is not working. The current bags are too small and also are contributing to the plastic problem. We own property in Australia and are provided yellow bins for recycling materials The cost is included in our rates. Rate payers are also given 4 tickets a year to use to take larger items directly to the transfer station. All this is included in our rates ,Our general rubbish is in a green bin and also included in our rates. And by the way our rates are half what we pay here and the town is Mandurah (80 k south of Perth)

Have recycling drop off stations particularly around Mangawhai Heads during the summer season.

Bins instead of plastic bags that rip....and are plastic.

Promote and educate people on things like compost and/or worm farms. We've had these for about a year now and we have quite a bit less general waste.

Sick of rrubbish and dog poo on the surf beach, alway picking up rubbish!

To ensure that every recyclable household product is actually recycled.

Reduce price of bags.

Have kerbside rubbish and recycling bins. I had these when I lived in rotorua and it was great. So much tidier too and cleaner as dogs couldn't get into it. I'd love for this to happen here. However I'm also aware that there is limited things that can be recycled these days which needs to be looked at.

I'm happy with the service

Information, information! Most people don't know that the only plastics being recycled are number 1. The rest is no longer taken by China or any other offshore nation, so goes to landfill.

Encourage rather than discourage recycling by increasing rather than decreasing the range of goods taken, and not charging at point of use.

Make it easier to recycle such as have a wheelie bin provided.

To actually recycle the plastic not just put it into landfill Kaimana is so behind Auckland and their recycling bins.

Allow cheap composting and recycling but pay more for rubbish disposal.HIGH PENALTIES for those that dump rubbish illegally and improved surveillance.

Stop people dumping rubbish on country roads

BE PRO-ACTIVE - your ratepayers pay a lot of money for what seems to be less and less responsibility by yourselves. It is Council responsibility to look after their district.

Recycle all plastic other District's do it In Australia you're paid for recycling. .

Make it easier to drop off at the dump

Better bins bench mark yourself against the bigger cities i.e. Wellington:)

Make it easy to use and appear to be free at the point of disposal.

#### Answer

A Council-provided drop-off location for paper, glass and plastic waste in the larger centres to start with.

offer regular recycling collection alongside rubbish.

Not include it in general rates

Increase the size of the recycling bags/bins and increase the options of what can be put into them I think you are doing s pretty good job already

Make landfill rubbish bags more expensive to incentivise people to recycle more.

find a way to make things out of the recycling

provide recyclable and rubbish bins, inclusive of current rates, as ours went up 40%

Find a way to recycle all plastics, too much is ending up in landfill. Encourage producers to use less packaging.

Encourage businesses in the whole District to separate their rubbish and make it obligatory for them to recycle their waste.

Have a recycle station

Not charge for recycling. Having to pay discourages people from doing it

Set up transfer stations that segregate articles for recycling at no cost to the individual and it will stop 'dumping'. This works well in the UK

To have it free built into the rates

Get wheelie bins

Recycling should be no charge or funded through rates to encourage more people to use this service and reduce the waste that goes into the dumps

not charge a fee through rates or any other means. bins have always been better than bags. and if there are bins for various purposes ie organic material, glass, plastic then each bin could have a bar code which is read automatically when the bin is collected kerbside. all councils nationwide should be recycling plastic. It wont make much difference to me for I will continue to use transfer stations and compost. it costs me around \$12 a year. perhaps you might consider giving support to transfer stations - they are truly useful and they are a must in any community

Let people use any rubbish bag but go back to having stickers Let people hire or choose to hire bins for rubbish people could pay weekly/monthly to a seperate company Council should supply recycling bins for people Most other places in the country manage to do this even with people who are rural Dargaville is very behind the times with rubbish and recycling (lots of other things aswell) The bags that u psy for now are so stupid they rip people end up using other bags then tie the council bags to them. Cause you are trying to do it as cheap as you can yet the cost for us is exspensive. Maybe look at other places that have got their rubbish and recycling sorted talk to them and make it work here. Dont make it so exspensive dsrgaville is behind the times so people will get stressed out if it cost to much thats why having the choice to either hire a bin for rubbish or keep using rubbish bags but with a sticker so people can use any rubbish bag should keep everyone happy. We need to really work on our recycling i grew up her and have been away for 17 years and comming back its pretty much just the same as when i left. Dsgraville has been stuck in the past while every other place has moved on and moved forward.

To have a wheely bin for recycle that each household would fill and put at our side the yellow bags are painful.

thorough survey of all ratepayers(farmers included) to assess (who & why). Do cost analysis of overall service then, consult your ratepayers of this. Indicative buy in from ratepayers is the way forward. (4).

Rubbish bins by Mangawhai estuary and bins for dog waste near beaches.

Free recycling and more recycling depot rurally, really promote recycling and rubbish disposal

#### **Answer**

move to a bin system, especially for the general waste, to reduce the vulnerability to spread of waste by dogs ripping bags open. This is a significant problem in the Mangawhai area. It would also better accommodate those persons who are not full-time residents and who regularly leave rubbish out several days before collection day if they are to be away. The difficulty with this system is that everyone will have to pay (through rates) even if they do not use the service every week. Also difficult to accommodate the extra volumes at peak holiday times other than by more frequent collections.

it must be affordable, paid by the user not thru the rates so that everyone pays for it.

Lower prices, at dump station for green waste, metal based products, wooden (broken chairs, cabinets and the like)

Use less food scraps in green garbage bags.

Perhaps a bit more education as to what can be recycled, and where the recycling is actually going and that it is being recycled.

Place a higher emphasis on recycling..eg lifting the profile of the need to recycle and somehow make it simpler to "do the right thing".

to make it more accessible so that those who do not consider the importance of protecting our environment find the cheapest/best option is to reduce and recycle. Burying/burning non-compostable waste should be outlawed. Encourage the Kaipara to go plastic bag free/manage our own waste (look at how Raglan manages their own waste system as a model).

inform the public where the plastics are recycled after being clollected. Even have own processing plant which could generate income for council, e.g. plastic pellets ready for manufacture of doormats, ground stabilisers, bungs etc. Also, ask manufacturers and retailers to use as little plastic packaging as possible and go for natural, and reusable alternatives. Bring back glass milk bottles and the 'finders fee' on clean glass jars and bottles, as there used to be.

Return to point of sale charge electronically.

Recycle bins instead of plastic bags as this adds to the plastic pollution. Offer three bins recycling, general rubbish and a 'green' waste (garden clippings/food scraps) the green waste can be turned into compost and used on council gardens and sold to public great project for Greenways Trust. If you have to have plastic bags please ensure they are compostable so we aren't adding to the worlds plastic pollution

The council should do more to discourage all shops from using plastic bags.

Have an overarching focus of Waste Minimisation rather than Waste Collection. Encourage, educate and incentivise public toward reducing waste... \* Organic household waste recycling initiative - community based, maybe work with schools, churches etc to have worm farm/compost bins that neighbourhoods can contribute food waste to

make the recycle bags cheaper. There are lots of plastics which cannot be re cycled and this is confusing. Need better education on what can and cannot be recycled.

Provide wheelie bins to rate payers. Single use plastic bags are damaging to the environment and should not be our only option for recycling.

Options for inorganic waste that is too big for a rubbish bag

Have the transfer station open for more hours. 9am too late to open up. Make green waste free when taking it for disposal to transfer station.

Make waste & recycling more accessible and easy to use. Having to go to the tip to recycle is so out of date and makes less people bother to recycle. Same for waste - make it simple & easy & affordable.

Have one collection only. Ridiculous that we have three trucks collecting in our area.

Accept all recycling, regardless of whether there's somewhere to put it right now. The council are in a better position than consumers to stockpile recycling until a solution is found. At the moment, most so-called recycling isn't accepted at all, which means that it's simply dumped, which is terribly irresponsible. I was so angered by the KDC's position that I wrote this piece for the Witchdoctor.co.nz site back in January: https://witchdoctor.co.nz/index.php/2019/01/when-is-recycling-not-recycling/

### Answer

Provide bins. Provide weigh stations at the tip so that pricing remains consistent. At the moment it's the guy at the gate guesstimating...

Make recycling free.

Keep everyone more informed about what is recyclable and what is not and how you would like it done. Also perhaps fines for people who put rubbish in their recycling.

Make recycling depots more available in rural areas, to easy to put recycling in blue bags and not worry about it.

recycling - not charge dump charges

Make it easier to dispose of waste recycle use wheelie bins. Shops are doing away with plastics bags yet council make us buy them

Local drop off site for separated recycling

Have more public rubbish bins. Encourage recycling

I would like to be able to recycle more. Larger range of plastics, that are able to be recycled. To please! please! make disposal of rubbish cheaper, easier, what ever it takes, so that people don't dump their rubbish down banks & other inappropriate places. Visitors get a shock when they visit & find the clean green NZ image is a mirage, only found on posters.

Up to date, informative, readily available information on what can and can't be recycled and educate locals to dispose of their waste correctly.

Remove charges at Xfer station for green waste which should be made into mulch to sell back to public... it is such a waste to just see it dumped and buried

Work together with other councils to look at ways we can recycle more or even repair and reuse. Government could look at helping community schemes to recycle electrical waste for example, repair and reuse some items.

Maybe put hidden cameras at spots where people dump their rubbish all the time

Have tougher fines for illegal dumping

use Weely bins and smaller bins for glass and plastic and paper this would lessen the need for sorters at the transfer station.

Cheaper

As above.

Provide a recycling bin for plastics, glass and papers. Perhaps a monthly collection.

Use bins rather than bags, seems to be contributing to waste otherwise. The recycling bags are too small.

Is to reduce charges, then people would not illegally dump rubbish.

More options of kerbside recycling

If you want people to recycle it should be free.

Make it more user friendly. Bigger bins, better signage indicating where to for easy disposal. The easier it is to get rid of rubbish for the consumer, the less will be dumped on the roadside.

Make it more cost-effective and achievable - provide bins as many other areas do

be bold, don't be afraid to do things differently

Have recycling of all plastic containers (ie ice cream and yoghurt containers) functioning at recycling centres. A facility that tourists at Ruawai Wharf could put their rubbish in. Rather than have them leave little bags of rubbish in the parking area.

Educate the public that we infact do very little recycling and aim to reduce the use of plastics. Council could set the example by stopping the use of bottled water, I see a lot of these at the re-sort with Kaipara District Council written on them! They are blue bottles and I was told that there is no blue recycling anymore. Council should not do this at all! Tax all producers of mass plastic packaging and seek real recyclable or biodegradable materials

Provide rural folk a service so they can do this.

#### Answer

Make recycling cheaper than sending waste to landfill ie. increase the cost to send waste to landfill Invest in recycling infrastructure Invest in a commercial compost operation to collect food waste and turn into compost to be sold Focus on business waste and educate them about services available

Look internationally at what is working around the world and investigate other council's wins/mistakes. There is a lot of innovation going on.

Better quality rubbish bags.

Make it simpler and fairer for all users so it is easier to get rid of rubbish to stop people dumping it wherever they like

Are there large commercial sized recycling bins in Mangwhai? Placing separate bins for glass, plastics, tin, paper etc, at a convenient site for the public would be fantastic. I have been told that alot of the kerb-side recycling in the bins (this is in Akld) are not able to be recycled because of the plastic bags we wrap them in? if this correct, public education would also be a huge help.

Stop transporting it to someone elses area. Surly the enviro effect on the enviro is far greater than disposing of it closer to the area of generation.eg fuel ,oil,rubber burnt by trucks, damage to roads.

Have recycling hours more flexible so people with normal working hours have a chance to do recycling during the week. an earlier opening for the transfer station to 8am would also help

In areas such as Pouto sufficient containers should be provided for the visitors and also the rubbish being diligently picked up from the beach by carers. Council to notify householders of exactly what is expected of them. Adequate instructive signage.

lower the cost of taking trailer loads of garden waste, eg grass clippings, branches etc, rubbish that will biodegrade into compost

Stronger blue bags.

provide free/cheap recycling bags

tell us how to recycle - I didn't know we could recycle in Tinopai.

Bring in community wheel bins another council have them about time we do

Listen to its ratepayers!!

Promote better behavior in the community about waste. E.g buying single use plastics, lobbying for shops to reduce the use of unnecessary plastic. Better engagement with community encouraging improving behavior around waste

Educate! Make sure residents know that the blue bag rubbish gets buried in our land. Teach people how to compost to reduce their landfill rubbish. Teach young families to use reusable nappies, and offer incentives for them to do so. Get rid of the bags. They get ripped apart by dogs and recycling glass in plastic bags is dangerous for the collectors. Should also include recycling in rates, we pay so much in rates, it is absolutely ridiculous that rubbish isn't included.

Establish wheelie bins for both rural and urban communities as this is better for the environment (no more rubbish bags)

Provide wheelie bins for recycling. This will encourage people to recycle and reduce landfill waste. to increase the size of the yellow recycling bags (not the price) which hold basically nothing to perhaps the same size as the blue bags or introduce a recycling bin with immediate effect.

Use bins instead of plastic bags. Seems silly to be putting our recycling in a single use plastic bag.

Leave it alone

Make it easier

Provide kerbside bin pickup at a reasonable cost (because we only put out one blue bag every 3 weeks). I hate having to put household rubbish into PLASTIC bags.

What are you doing about the plastic bags currently being used? The recycle bags are much smaller than the rubbish bags. Why? Make the recycle ones bigger please

Stop ripping the rate payers off, supply bins for waste and recycling that is covered off on our rates. No additional costs.

Provide recycling bins

#### Answer

Make recycling free as information currently put all bottles and canshe in the blue bags because the yellow bags are too small and expensive

Make it as user-friendly and accessible as possible while promoting it's use and process.

If bags stay make them cheaper

Look at their own purchasing and model a full circle economy to the community so that every item purchased isn't over-packaged and thought has been given to what to do with the item at the end of it's use.

Stop the use of plastic bags to collect recycling and introduce recycling bins immediately

Get rid of plastic bags for rubbish collections

Don't use bags. Put in recycling stations around towns. Open a dump shop at every refuse station. Advertising on how to reduce waste and what products to pick

Recycle more than you do at present

Less single use plastic bags for rubbish and recycling and invest in wheelie bins!

Issue wheelie bins for both household rubbish and separate one for recycling. Make green waste disposal at all dumps free or very low cost.

Provide options for curbside wheely bins both recycling and general waste. Keep the bags as well these might suit others better.

Replace rubbish and recycle bags with wheelie bins and recycle bins.

Bins like the bigger towns we often just throw recyclables in the rubbish bags we don't want to but the bags are a pain

Reduce the cost. Get rid of the stupid yellow bags and give out bins for recycling like other areas have.

Provide bins and wheelie bins. Lower refuse charges. Encourage and reward recycling, such as if we reach a overall increase in recycling in our respective areas then we all get a rates rebate for our area for that year.

Not use plastic bags

Provide recycling bins like every other council does at no cost!!

Make recycling free!!! Every other town has free recycling. Bout time Dargaville caught up.

don't waste money on recycling stuff that is not being recycled!

Provide solid bins for kerb side recycling at every house hold

Make recycling the cheapest option so that the people of Kaipara make it their preferred option. In a family of 5, we don't actually produce a lot of rubbish because we are conscious of our packaging choices and ensure that we recycle. I would prefer to keep rubbish as a user pays system to encourage more recycling practices.

Put more recycle bins out in high visibility areas.

Make it cheaper for low income families

Better recycling options.

Wheelie Bins!

Make the rubbish bags stronger or switch to a wheelie bin. The rubbish bags break at absolutely nothing. Weaker than the cheapest no brand rubbish bags at the supermarket. A wheelie bin would be great as it would mean less plastic going to the dump.

though I am happy with the current arrangement, it would be nice to see innovative approach to recycling for the environment and for future generations. I think I would not mind paying a little more in rates to see this happen.

Making recycling good metal free would stop people dumping it

To have a system for collecting rubbish where bags don't split or get opened by dogs overnight and all recycling can be taken.

#### Answer

Put more attention on preventing waste and the need to recycle in the first place. This may mean for example, among other things, working with suppliers in the area, supermarkets, businesses. Educating the public on the reality of waste and other possibilities. Building a forward thinking community. Making the alternatives much more attractive, beneficial and as easy as possible, and really discouraging mass waste.

Make it easier for rate payers to do the right thing and recycle. I cant be bothered taking to the tip and the yellow bags are so tiny id be spending hundreds a week. Instead i throw in the wheelie bin i get privately collecgted.

Reduce the costs or use our rates, and better quality rubbish bags. The blue bags tear far too easily.

Have Recycling Bins! The only reason we don't recycle is because forget to buy recycling bags and then there is the storage/seperate bin inside for recycling and rubbish...working with kids I would rather a system that I don't have to think about:)

Using wheelie bins and recycling bins as per other areas. Less plastic used!

Offer wheelie bins for rubbish and recycling. This is more convenient for us as a larger family. Also the amount of things you now cant recycle is ridiculous that it is getting to the point where we dont recycle anymore.

Have more ability to recycle different varieties of plastics. Eg plastic supermarket trays. Be thinking about how things can be reused not just recycled at a local level.

Provide all ratepayers with two wheelie bins. This should be included in our rates. One bin to be for recycling items and the other for standard rubbish. Standard rubbish bin needs to have a pre purchased rubbish sticker attached - however, recycling bin is free. The plastic bags that are being used presently burst open too regularly and are not ideal.

have bins available for recycling in the Kaipara District.

Make a wheelie bin for recycling available

Make it less expensive to take rubbish to the dump

Ditch the blue bags. Possible alternative is stickers. When I was a child in a different area the council delivered 52 bags annually to every household. If u created more rubbish you purchased more bags. Give each household a recycling bin. The street the I live in in Dargaville NEVER has a truck to collect recycling the yellow bags go in with the blue in the rubbish truck

Improve the quality of the bags! If we're paying\$4 for a bag it should be able to hold the rubbish otherwise it's a waste of money I am not paying for a black bag on top of a blue bag

Get rid of the bags

I don't think we have any recycling where I live at Maropiu. Have to put everything in the blue bags which are not very strong.

Provide recycle bins like WDC. Those plastic bags are small and useless. Too expensive. Easier to pay rubbish/recycle collection in rates.

Have a recycling bin for curbside collection

Add the cost of rubbish collection and recycling into our rates. That way everyone pays.

Accept more plastics for recycling and not just be restricted to categories 1 & 2

give us bins to put recycling in like other councils have..be heaps better

Let us have stickers instead of the blue bags as they're frail and tear easily causing rubbish to go everywhere even when left on the kerbside or pick up point and rodents or pests get into the bag.

Not increase the net cost to ratepayers.

Free recycling

Wheelie bins for both rubbish & recycling

Wheelie bins and set rate for the year

Have wheelie bins for in Dargaville. Dogs can get onto rubbish bags and tear them apart. Wheelie bins can take a lot more than rubbish bags.

To include free e-waste recycling.

Have rubbish and recycling bins

#### Answer

Give us bins

Inorganic waste collection annually from drop off points or maybe kerbside

Supply better bin options larger recycling bins to encourage recycling then have smaller general rubbish wheelie bins shifting rubbish mentality to recycling

Lower the tip fees!!! Why do people dump rubbish? Sure some are just plain lazy! I really believe its the tip fees. It is just so expensive. Please provide bins. Crazy having to buy and use 2 or three bags at a time, so expense and the bags are all plastic! HELLO!!! We were deceived in Australia. They were trucking all our recycling up to Queensland then dumping it!

For the time being make the rubbish bags bigger because its a damn rip off for \$3.15 and make them stronger. Same with recycle bags!! Also recycling should be free, it encourages people to recycle instead of illegally dumping. Lower the dumps prices also. \$10 for a microwave is horrendous

Provide wheelie bins the current blue bags are smaller and always break

Make it more convenient to do so.

Promotion and education

Reduce the fees at the transfer stations.

Cities have a small rectangular container in which they put their recycling which gets picked up. No plastic bags at all.

Take all bins away from beaches and parks and put signs up, IF YOU BRING IT HERE PLEASE TAKE IT WITH YOU WHEN YOU LEAVE

To include recycling bins free of charge and keep the general waste rubbish bags as they are.

Is to have one collection I believe in recycling but refuse to use the council endorsed bags as over priced and undersized I return all recyclable material to Auckland if the council wants to truly recycle they need to reduce the costs

Enable us to recycle more things. Having a wheelie bin and curbside recycling would be fantastic the current system doesn't work and sucks

Introducing wheelie bins and recycling bins. Less plastic wastage.

Provide us with wheelie bins for our rubbish instead of using bags and provide us a bin for recycling too.

Is make it more cost effective, make recycling free or at least provide bigger bags to recycle more for the same price.

Use wheelie bins for recycling

communicate with public as to system in place

not charge so much for commercial recycling

Provide wheelie bins to reduce the amount of plastic bag waste and to reduce roaming animals ripping open bags which leaves rubbish strewn around our streets. Rubbish can get picked up by the wind and thrown into the river. A wheelie bin is tidier and I'd happily pay for it through our rates.

Have clearer guidelines for what is recyclable and support community recycling

free recycling bins in unobtrusive places in the community, parks, car parks etc

Provide recycling bins

Promote cheaper rates as an incentive for those local businesses which currently sell consumables in plastic packaging, to become zero plastic packaging, switching to loose produce and recycled paper packaging solutions. To stop the plastic recycling bags and replace with funded small and larger bins for townies and extend the weekly collection zones for semi-rural (residents within a 15km radius from the centre of towns. I would also like to see an option for people to take recycling in themselves free of charge to the transfer stations. The aim is to get rid of plastics altogether over time from going into landfill. If it is possible to have recycling for all grades of plastics then that is a really important first step. The amount of stuff that Kaipara Refuse has to store because it can't be recycled is ludicrous and shameful...other districts manage to engage contractors who can collect and recycle or process for sending overseas...why can't KDC follow what they are doing right?

The use of wheelie bins would be the best! Using less plastic bags!

#### **Answer**

to provide more accessible bins to discourage roadside dumping and to provide more depots to take recyclable rubbish for free.

1. invest in a compost/greenwaste service. This would divert huge amounts from landfill. 2. make general waste more expensive than recycling. extra money can be used to clean up any illegal dumping.

Make cheaper for low income users

Get rid of one use plastic bags which rip when you look at them.

Have rubbish bins and recycling bins No charge for recycling bins as I know this worls well in Whangarei

Stop making us buy small plastic bags (therefore addding to the plastic bag problem) to our our rubbish and recycling in!

Possible annual inorganic collection

Implement low/no waste policies - reducing packaging on goods in the region and creating incentives for companies to work to a zero waste policy. What do we want Kaipara to stand for? status quo of a dumping ground for secondary and tertiary waste sources that essentially get shipped out of the region to be buried or if possible recycled. Another option is to nurture and grow a community based waste management scheme - ie. Raglan and what Waiheke used to be. a place that the community benefits from and educates residents and visitors on the true costs of commerce and what we can do about it. Northland waste is in the game of profiting from waste - their is no incentive to reduce what goes to landfill, and have increasingly made it less user friendly to recycle/reuse. At the Hakaru transfer station they used to defer a lot of materials from landfill with free pick up table and piles, that has all but ceased. They have also separated all the recycling into separate bins - adding complexity and time to the paying users drop off, increasing their profitabilty and still retaining the same charges. If this was run by the community/council then any gains in efficiencies would benefit the community either through lower charges or better waste management.

Make it cheaper Get rid of plastic bags all houses have a wheelie bins for rubbish One 4 recycling I don't recycle all my rubbish goes in blue bag at present cause I refuse to pay for yellow and blue bags Leave it how it is.

keep doing what you are doing, but always look for ways to improve services

Become more efficient. Put more effort into recycling systems. A effective recycling system could power the sewage system without to much cost.... I'm a retired Electrical engineer....crush incinerate extract energy... yes its that simple.

Cheaper rates for general rubbish at refuse transfer station

Change to bins for rubbish, rubbish bags are far too expensive and I would rather pay the one off fee to have a wheelie bin and recycling bin than keep paying weekly.

Subsidies on rubbish collection and recycling Illegal dumping is a problem for us who live rural and just out of town. When the dump fees go up we end up wearing it as rubbish is left on the road side. The other problem is when Whangarei dump fees are cheaper than ours locals end up driving to Whangarei and end up filling there trailer for the back load.... And in turn hurts local business This is a simple cause and effect scenario. It makes it difficult when the local council trying to save money hurts local trade

Expand the range of items it will recycle. Make recycling at the transfer station free to encourage people to recycle rather than dump

have covered areas at transfer centres where reusable building materials, furniture and other unwanted goods etc can be recycled by someone who can see a use for them. I was horrified to see three large wooden windows in very good condition being crushed by a front endloader and loaded into a skip at one of Kaipara's transfer stations.

open up more recycling plants for bottles eg. Pouto Point, Otamatea, Ruawai, Tinopai

They should supply bins for all different types of rubbish camping grounds need to include the cost of dumping rubbish in their camp fees Council need to supply bins at beaches so people don't dump a mixture of rubbish It's pretty simple just do it

User pays for preferred options

#### **Answer**

Introduce wheelie bins

Compost option at rubbish bins, parks, recreational areas.

Reduce the cost of household rubbish disposal.

Roadside wheelie bins and recycle bins - Like in Auckland, or at least little recycle bins like in Whangarei. I do not mind the cost whether yearly or added to rates.

Collect the recycling for no charge. I'm happy to pay for rubbish bags.

Making rubbish bags etc more affordable for a large family it can cost over \$10 a week and on a budget that can be very hard especially around times like birthdays and Christmas where a familys rubbish amount more than triples some weeks I see familys cant aford the amount of rubbish bags so they hang over until the following week or two this is bad for everyone as it intises tge likes of rats stray dogs.

continue to explore options and keep putting in front of its RESIDENTS, their responsibility to their children, families and our environment.

Get with the times, get rid of the bags! Give us a recycling wheelie bin to make it easy to recycle, we used to have more recycling than landfill when we lived in Ausy, here it's too hard so often recycling ends up in the landfill which is crazy!

Accept widet range of recycling Begin the nationwide change that is needed with packaging. EG put yoghurt in glass

Not charge so much for recycling and get rid of the terrible blue rubbish bags we have to use to dispose household rubbish in. The amount of times they get ripped into from wild cats, possums, dogs etc and the poor rubbish truck collector men have to pick it up!

Keep things as they are

Kaipara also needs recycle bin like AKL. Because trying to be plastic free but we still need to use plastic rubbish or recycle bag to use.

Incentives for the public to recycle. Bins for recycling Wheelie bins for rubbish. Inorganic days.

Have recycling bins as well as wheelie bins. You cant get much in those bags. Hence we buy big black sacks and travel to transfer stations to dispose and recycle. Kaipara needs to step up their game compared to other cities / districts I have lived in.

Amanda Orious Test

Get rid of the charges to recycle.

Make it easier by implementing bins. This will also drastically cut down single use plastic rubbish and recycling bags

Get wheelie bins for rubbish and recycling please

Make the yellow recycling bags much bigger and free. Recycling should be compulsory and free

Have an incentive for recycling ie the council fund recycling but not refuse. User pays for recycling is not an incentive for making better choices for our environment. Also the council need to clarify what can be recycled in terms of plastics. Small wheelie bins for recycling would be ideal. Larger wheelie bins for waste but user pays. Even if this is charged through the rates.

have recycling points available in each village/town for simple recyclables e.g. glass bottles, aluminium cans, plastic bottles

recycle all rubbish plastic paper glass green waste

No comment

Continue to promote recycling and other ways of reducing rubbish.

Provide sturdy bags the blue bags are total rubbish .. I would consider wheelie bins at user pays however this option encourages poor recycling practices because people abuse them.

Put more collection depots around town.

Include recycling in rates (not user pays) so an incentive. user pays for rubbish disposal.

Absolutely nothing...council doing a awesome job..just to many moaners and groaners...that got nothing better to do..I'm a beneficiary who can afford a couple blue bags..usually use 1 a week...ppl expect things for free...got news for them..grow up and pay your way..

#### Answer

Begin focusing on companies/offices that dont pay attention to recycling and waste

Have a wheeler bin for the rubbish the blue bags break quite easy or rip if to much in them

Decent price

Have a reliable system without using bags. I object to using bags as i feel they are unreliable, particularly for glass.

Supply recycling bins for plastic etc

At least wheelie bins. Blue bags are crap

Provide recycling bins like Other Councils do for separate items ie paper, plastic & bottles as an example especially for town rate payers. Also more frequent emptying of public bins

Have maybe 3 different bins 1 for general rubbish 1 for recycling And maybe a compost bin I.e food scraps

Bottles and plastic needs to be free to recycle to stop illegal dumping. Dargaville dump only takes certain colour bottles. Told put other bottles into rubbish bags that is not good enough

Provide betterbrecycling options. I want to be able to recycle everything and the yellow bags are useless. If I had a bin this would be much better i probably would have more recycling then rubbish Cheaper prices.

Suits me fine as it is....

Bins instead of plastic bags - for rural residents as well as townies. We have enough plastic bags to dispose of as it is. Or else biodegradable (eg cornstarch) bags

rethink the type of bag used as they do tend to rip/split easily. Keep communicating ways to recycle, reuse and reduce e.g. composting etc. Maybe a facebook page/section in newspaper specifically aimed at waste management. People could also advertise for free items they may want or would like rid of e.g. egg cartons, scraps for pigs, share a recycling load etc.. Maybe local businesses could be awarded with free advertising for a week, write up or trophy? to acknowledge their actions towards reducing waste e.g. the local butcher using paper instead of meat trays, coffee outlets who reward customers who use reusable coffee mugs etc.

Put pressure on Govt to reduce packaging in the first place.

Get rid of the poor quality plastic bags. Wheelie bins far more user friendly better on the environment have wheelie bins and recycling bins for tins plastics paper etc with consumers being trained how to recycle and be more environmentally friendly stop illegal dumping because it's too damn expensive to get your of household waste

Better Recycling options and at no cost at recycling centers. Lower cost at transfer stations to avoid illegal dumping. Look at education so dangerous items like batteries and chemicals don't end up in land fills.

The council should make all recycling free

Provide wheelie bins and add it on to the rates.

Is supply wheely bins. 1 for recycle. 1 for rubbish and 1 for grass clippings etched

By supplying bins for recycling separately.

change recycling bags to wheelie bins, can recycle more

If you are going to keep the bags, then please look into making them thicker! They are very expensive for what they are and personally think they are a waste of money!

Not have such small crap rubbish bags that split!

Give us a wheelie bin and a recycling bin or bags that will disintegrate. No more plastic bags please! Look at other ones, see how they work and how they keep the costs down. The prices here are very steep

make stickers an option so we can use double lined paper rubbish bags - less plastic

Allow household waste and recycling to be dumped free

Make it cheaper for businesses and commercial to recycle. We take a van of cardboard, broken down and we pay a different amount each time. We separate our plastic cardboard and waste diligently and get stung when we recycle.

### Answer

Make the dump charges cheaper!. The blue bags at present are useless and are smaller than they were .I would like the usage of wheelie bins and we put them out once a week. This would also be easier for the older people to wheel out a bun!. There is to much rubbish being thrown around in drains etc.. for some the price of going to the dump is astronomical!. Think of pensioners too!

Have more options

Give us something to put the rubbish in that the local animals don't pull apart all over the front yard and road. Depending who is running behind the truck, then they pick it up, but not all the time.

Provide kerb side recycling bins to all households.

Encourage waste minimisation, i.e. stop the waste problem from occurring in the first place (problem prevention rather than ambulance at bottom of cliff). Encourage compost/green waste collection. Increase environmental awareness. Become a 'zero waste Kaipara' (which would have great marketing benefits too).

Insure that there us a more broad range avalible to recycle not just the minimal amount!

Wheelie bins and free sorted and clean recycling

More accessible and up-to-date information on what can and can't be recycled.

Fund it through rates to make it easier/"cheaper" from the user point of view.

review the service contract for public rubbish bin clearances across the district. These bins are often overflowing. They need to be emptied on a more more frequent schedule..

invest in a well-funded, innovative and comprehensive District wide approach to reducing waste, recycling and reusing waste.

Reduce the fee to recycle currently charged and review the charges for the general waste. The focus should be on reusing items we can and reducing the amount that is sent to landfill. Accept free of charge any "green waste" at the transfer station that can be broken down for compost or garden mix. The council could use this for their own use or enter into a joint venture with garden supply companies.

provide wheelie bins. The bags are no good as dogs always get into the bags. Wheelie bins would resolve this nasty situation.

Rubbish bag sticker and cheaper or free recycling

Collaborate with all Northland Councils to apply for funding of an incineration plant to be built at North Port. Land fill is not an appropriate option now or long term. These types of plants have the potential to produce a profit back to the owners if they deal with waste from other area e.g. Auckland Provide wheelie bins!

Investigate long term local solutions for waste minimization and recycling. Partially fund recycling enterprise via rates levies or look at business opportunities with recycling locally. Insentivise recycling in some way to make it more appealing to industry.

to get rid of the plastic bags and use wheelie bins

Ensure resource is allocated to policing rubbish dumping.

Use recycling bins or wheelbins.

Use wheelie bins instead of bags - no charge for recycling

Provide more affordable options for greenwaste.

Have recycling bags for more rural areas

Make it more convenient for rural homes. Make it affordable and accessible

Have bins

Make recycling free or cheaper to help minimise people dumping on rural roadsides and reserves provide free recycling options that are more convenient. Currently it is more expensive for us to purchase a smaller recycling rubbish bag.

Definitely having curbside recycle bins would be a great step forward

Make recycling more user friendly - cost of yellow bags can be prohibitive and may prevent a great deal of recycling.

#### **Answer**

Apply Waste and Recycling costs to Local Rates. The uptake on the user pays scheme is clearly not at the level it should be when you see the amount of road side dumping and general litter in storm drains. Investigate a better scheme for disposal of large items. Perhaps include local scrap metal yards?

Make it a free bin collection service which includes rubbish as well as recycling which would decrease rubbish being dumped on side of road

Make ratepayers more responsible. Charge by weight in a wheat bun instead of plastic bags that add to the problem. Provide reduced cost worm bins for food scraps. Have a soft plastics recycling scheme. Ensure you are completely transparent around where and how things get recycled. Educate the public that reduction is the answer not recycling.

Having previously lived in districts that have Wheelie bins, I really think they are the answer. They also stop the problem of cats and dogs tearing them open

Have paper and cardboard collection, buckets for bottles/tins, instead of plastic bags

It works fine by me. dont change

\* educate people of importance, and if it is in rates people would do it more? (since the already paid for it?) \* incentives to encourage recycling, or even better encourage reuse and reduce! \* lobby businesses to recycle and accepting back unrecyclable packaging. (and they soon will change their packaging \* green and organic rubbish options

leave it to the market

Provide bins. Reduce costs at the dump,making it easier for people to get rid of rubbish which would make their sections tidier or have three monthly inorganic rubbish collections.

make it cheaper, with better options ie Bins instead of bags that invariably rip. Dump charges need to be less to stop dumping in areas

Our rates are already higher than similar sized or even bigger areas than the Kaipara region. Yet we do not get the same perks e.g free rubbish bags/wheelie bins. The current rubbish bags are a joke and now we have to pay for recycling since the recycling depot down beach road has gone.

To keep it simple

recycling bins in towns/parks not just rubbish bins!

Get Wheelie Bins. 1 for waste, 1 for recycling, 1 for lawn clippings etc the same as they use in Auckland we should go with the times

Charge less to dump rubbish at the transfer station.

Do green waste collection to stop illegal dumping of noxious weeds.

I don't know what council does with collected recycles but I notice that when I take green waste to the transfer station it just goes into a landfill. Why could n't a green waste composting plant be set up at the station to produce good quality compost that could be sold onto the public and also used by the council for the gardens they maintain to make our wonderful town more beautiful.

find a better way to make use of the 'recycled' items. We could be leaders in Kaipara, not followers or do-nothings.

Make sure there is weekend receiving stations open in the afternoons. For people who work M to F the open tips are needed after rubbish has been readied for disposal on the morning of your 1st day off.

Talk to me about a solution to the plastics and glass.

to set up designated areas where recycling can be taken by residents in each town to be disposed off, to encourage a district that is environmentally responsible regardless of residents income.

Actually make true recycling work. Currently recycling is still backwards 20+ years ago. ALL plastic needs to be circular. If we don't do this we are fudging the problem and not creating great solutions. Plastic needs to stop at the retail level and be returned to the manufacturer.

Bins for recycling

#### Answer

I would like to see kerbside pick up outside our place along Baldrock Road, as we currently have to drive down the road to drop outside other peoples places as local pickup does not pass us. If we miss it, we have to drive further, dropping off at the transfer station instead. (We are located at 306 Baldrock)

lessen the charges at the dump sites. Why should we pay for recycling when it is sold on?

To make it more fees able for people out of town and included composting

Make recycling bins and wheelie bins a option

Not use plastic bags for recycling

For Tinopai and Kaipara, have allocated rubbish drop off areas for all people to use regardless of whether they are local or not. This option will be for holiday makers, tourists, anyone to use. Some people may not have transport to drop off points, or can afford the rubbish bags, this method will give an option to encourage people to do the right thing and not allow rubbish to blow in winds or sit attracting rodents and dogs. The bins should be emptied twice a week in holiday season at least. For Tinopai, I notice lots of beer bottles around the car parks and marina. Sometimes smashed on the road. The bins should be in a lit up area with easy access.

To bring in the wheeling bins

More public rubbish bins throughout the district. Make sure they are are emptied regularly (Daily) and encourage recycling by removing charges for recycling. Then start lobbying Government to introduce a compulsory buy back scheme for plastic and glass containers.

Wheelie bins

Greater advertising. A huge amount of waste comes from marae as well and comm7nity halls etc, there are well over 20 marae in the Kaipara alone, encouraging and providing recycling wheelie bins and collection service with a rewards system to encourage proper sorting into bins, laminated posters, and information would assist users to start thinking recycling. The reward system could be something like 6 months paid bin hire for the marae who is most proactive in sorting and contributing.

Provide education about better ways to recycle ie promote the recycling of cans for the Scouts (or other organisation), teach people how to put vegetable scraps into compost which, in turn, can be used to grow their own vegetables, ways to reduce waste, promote options for sellers to use recyclable or compostable bags or containers. Countdown has started with no plastic bags but there are so many items we take home in our robust cloth bags which are rubbish - in a plastic tray and wrapped with metres of cellophane. I'm not mentioning Countdown as the solution but I believe that the smaller businesses in our town do consider packaging options when ordering stock.

Not make any

Waste to energy plant Recycling of farm plastics through encouraging AgRecovery to do more in Kaipara.

Take a look at other councils, start with where they're at then do better. Maybe you should also look a being more financially responsible as a council, it's our money you're spending not yours.

Not comfortable paying for a plastic bag - more plastic - to recycle. Would probably prefer stickers to coloured plastic bags for rubbish - unless the bags could be made out of something that composts.

Make recycling compulsory and should be free

Have a recycling system that can take more than just plastics numbered 1 & 2, as I have to sort everything and then dispose of another way (I usually take them down to Auckland for recycling).

Provide wheelie bins

The way the transfer stations are designed seem to work from a public perspective, maybe a look at how others do it could provide a spark of inspiration

Accept more types of plastic. Especially soft plastics

We would use wheelie bins rather than bags but it's to hard to get them into the car to take up to the drop off point. Also prosecute those that leave non regulations rubbish at roadside points.

Recycle it properly

### Answer

Have a collection point for people who need the service on days other than the collection day. This would stop people putting their rubbish out a couple of days early, cause this is when they are leaving the area.( being a high proportion of holiday homes in our area). We have a problem of the rubbish being spread by dogs or sea gulls.

Be more proactive in the marketing/sales of produce/items/goods & packaging of all types of supplies made available for sale in this township, equates to less waste to deal with at end of it's usage. Alternative ways to take home purchased goods, return of cane baskets, reusable recycled shopping bags, etc.

Create a more comprehensive recycling centre where greenwaste is converted to compost to be sold back to the public. Ideally extend to items being "rescued" and repaired where possible and sold in an op shop type store.

Should be signs everywhere with fines that you can get for dumping rubbish and a hotline to report people dumping or throwing rubbish out the window

NB Give a grant to Kauri lands to up-grade their operation.NB It is EXTREMELY important to me that the "Real" disadvantaged and vulnerable,( as opposed to "Perceived Disadvantaged" such as Fabianites, Feminists, Terrorists, Religosumpremacists, NAZIs, Stallinists, Narcotic Barons/Gangs, etc...

Make ZERO WASTE a KAIPARA journey! DO this: Have rates funded household battery collection points (AA batteries). Make kerbside recycling a charge in the general rates. Make the transfer station recycling free. Employ someone at the Second Chance Shop to refurbish items for resale. Continue to promote zero waste. Ensure all commercial events have recycling systems in place, including compostables. Promote plastic use REDUCTION. Educate the public about the resources that can be recovered from recycling eg aluminium, cardboard & Paper glass steel tins.

make it free

Research the Swedish incinerating methods - which not only get rid of waste without landfill, but produce energy during the process. Sweden are now taking other countries rubbish, and earning good money from it. Kaipara could be the innovative, forward-thinking district, which I understand would mean a huge initial financial outlay, but could reap long-term income from other districts, while reducing the hideous effects of landfill.

Look at systems for e-waste and hazardous waste.

Sell bigger recycling bags.

begin a long term educational campaign to educate the public on the necessity of recycling. Looking into the future our society will need to accept that a zero waste policy must be the way to go. Looking forward it must be acknowledged that dumping stuff in landfills is a dreadful waste of resources. One person's waste can be another person's raw materials. Things that can be recycled and reused profitably for the good of us all.

Give us bins

provide a composting facility! I'll help run it...

Have a wheelie bin for all recycling such as other councils have, and a monthly cardboard collection.

Find the solution for rubbish and recycling problem.

To make it free for people to recycle

Not use plastic bags for recycling

Make it cheaper at refuse stations.

Make it clearer what can and can't be recycled e.g which numbered plastics

Get wheels bins in place

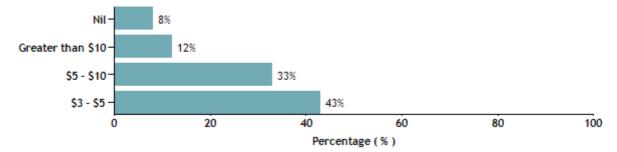
Wel the plastic bags arent recyclable so removing those and providing bins is a good start.

Number of responses to this question 453 (87%)

Total number of responses for this survey 523

Question

How much do you currently spend per week on recycling & refuse disposal (blue bags, yellow bags or trips to transfer station)



**Number of responses to this question** 513 (98%)

Total number of responses for this survey 523

| Answer                   | Count | <b>%</b> |
|--------------------------|-------|----------|
| \$3 - \$5                | 219   | 43       |
| \$5 - \$10               | 169   | 33       |
| <b>Greater than \$10</b> | 59    | 12       |
| Nil                      | 42    | 8        |

Question 1F Is there anything else you would like to add?

#### Answer

I have lived elsewhere where each house had 3 wheelie bins. Rubbish, recycling, and green waste. This made disposing of rubbish very easy and it also made recycling very easy. We may not need the green waste bin but I think the other two would help the Kaipara do better with rubbish disposal and also with getting on board with recycling. If this was included with rates I think we will have less problems with rubbish and more buy in with recycling.

no

Do we not already pay for rubbish collection in our rates???

There should be a disincentive for those who do not recycle. At the moment it is cheaper to put recycling in the bigger blue bag than the yellow recycling bag, which is surely counterproductive in getting people to recycle. Blue rubbish bags should be at least twice as much and should be used fund a proactive locally-based recycling programme.

Prefer wheelie bins, bags animals can get into no good for rural properties.

I currently take my business and domestic waste to Whangarei as it offers more options, is cheaper and is more accessible

Make the bags stronger

no

Recycle brown and green plastic and tetra packs. Lobby for an eco tax on plastic water bottles.

PUT bins and/or other rubbish collection areas back on all the beaches and public areas

Council needs to educate farmers on rubbish disposal. Far too many of them think it's ok to burn or bury rubbish including baleage wrap and chemical containers. Many people are put off disposing of their rubbish and recycling responsibly by the high cost of doing so. More education around waste minimisation should a priority. Bringing in bins will be a huge improvement on the current single use, one way trip to the tip, plastic bag system.

The council should set an example and promote a plastic free district!

KDC needs to be clearer about what products are accepted for recycling and what aren't. I would suggest using clear visual aids to illustrate what is accepted and what isn't.

Your current provider has a lack of understanding around health and safety. Kaipar Refuse should not be riding on the back of their trucks as they complete collections particularly rural roads. As the primary you should be informing them not to do it.

It would be great if the council looked at ways to create industry that could utilise our rubbish/recycling ie.. future posts, plastic pellets etc....

It's about time KDC did something positive without screwing the ratepayer.

#### **Answer**

Not right now.

We think the rubbish bags are quite expensive and some people may not be able to afford it, hence the dumping of rubbish illegally? Perhaps there should be an increase of waste management funding from council's budget so the bags can be subsidised to an affordable level.

Inluding rubbish in a general rate may help reduce fly tipping. The fees are too high for low income households.

An Aucklander was trying to start a new process for remaking plastic at Ruakaka. Have not heard how that was going, suggest enquiries. We have become too scared of maybe making smoke.... Double/triple burning and Pyrolysis can burn much of what we bury cleanly and produce electricity and/or Process Heat which does have value. Brett Keane

KCC should provide the facilities/services for recycling, garbage collection and transfer on a user pays basis, not services provided at ratepayers expense.

The staff at the awakino rd site are great, they do a great job and are helpful and pleasant. They need some credit dealing with the public

Maybe one or two more transfer stations. From Maungaturoto we often go over to the Ruakaka Tip Road one. Something a bit closer would encourage the use of them instead of roadside dumping which we sometimes see around here.

Please improve rubbish collection & recycling and less expensive please

Your miles behind Auckland's recycling strategy.

Get rid of plastic bags!!!!!!!!!!!! Absolutely ludicrous that the current recycling bag is smaller than the rubbish bag!

I'd like to see something productive come from this as it's been a bone of contension with the Mangawhai community for years. We as rate payers need to see a return from the latest 25% rates hike...please!

This is a very important part of looking after our environment. We need a better way to recycle, and maybe that should be built into rating, as it is in Auckland city

More don't litter or dump signs more Rubbish bins in public places

Please find an alternative to plastic rubbish & recycling bags!

Hoping to see positive change here - thank you for the opportunity to voice concerns/opinions - it's been bugging me for a while, (see above notes).

The yellow recycle bags are hopeless at containing recycling, especially larger boxes such as a beer box. We end up making a pile then taking to the transfer station which is very inefficient. We need wheelie bins or another type or reusable storage device for our rubbish and recycling to be stored in for collection

See previous comment.

Dont have a rubbish pick up on a Stat holiday. Have Village and/or Heads drop off for blue bags that miss collection. Have something (user pay) set up for visitors/tourists especially those in motor homes etc. Travelling in SI in a caravan makes you realise what other places have that we dont.

Organise free recycling for glass, cardboard, paper, clothes etc in every local centre. Provide more bins for rubbish around shopping centres

On the Dargaville Transfer Station website it states that green, brown, blue plastic bottles are accepted. We have been told that now the aren't. We would like to recycle these locally rather than take these to Whangarei.

We appreciate our reliable rubbish collection at Pahi.

I think we should be getting rid of plastic bags for recycling

Appreciate having a refuse centre in Awakino Road.

Please provide the wheelie bins and crates asap:)

On top of our crazy expensive Rates this equates to a further \$560 a year minimum. No wonder we have people dumping rubbish In our town and countryside

I buy my bags from the Hub office, but very few people are aware of this service which is marginally less expensive that the dairy...

#### **Answer**

Currently I pay for a wheelie bin where I lump both my recycling and household waste altogether. Why? I used to pay for blue bags and yellow bags. They are too expensive and why is the yellow bag so little. So glad you're doing this survey as improvement definitely needs to be made. Suggest you look at Bay of Plenty region who offer free drop off of recycled materials.

Do not recycle as have doubts as to final destination

Make it free for green waste at transfer station and charge for hard waste. Eg old furniture fridges tvs etc

Tidy up the transfer station and install recycle bins, I am sure more would use it.

Reducing recycling costs and increasing rubbish costs may encourage recycling. Why are we paying for recycling, but Uretiti and Rosedale are free. Why are we penalized because we are rural? said most of it above

Rates are very expensive .. for what we get here.

Recycling and paper, cardboard should be free, like whg council!

Overall I think KDC are doing a great job.

Think about the behaviours you would like to encourage

Anything like recycling, most people want some incentive. So wheelie bins are a great idea as a plastic bag means having to hang it somewhere in your kitchen and you can't fit a lot in, so we tend to only recycle things we have too at this stage. The rest goes in the bin. Giving people an incentive like a sticker or card left on the wheelie after everytime they recycle ..once they have so many stickers cards they can use them to get a bit off their rates or some reward would encourage others to recycle perhaps?

Encourage recycling as well as composting

The system you use right now is ok, but people always ask for more

Stop trying to pass the buck so to speak. Once upon a time it was Councils job to look after their community now its all user pays - well guess what isn't that what we pay high rates for. All the jobs in a community that a Council once did now they out source everything......how's that working out for them......try asking the rate payers.......Councils need to get off their high horse and start working for the community with pays them, your there to protect and serve the rate payers but also preserve and care for the community as a whole without destroying the integrity of what Mangawhai use to be......so far the council isn't doing a very good job of that.

More rural collection areas

Thank you for your services!

We practice no food waste using Dogs, Hens and Cows and compost other organic waste. I recycle aluminum cans as they are worth money to me.

We take our recycling to the Whangarei recycling station once a month at no charge. A service like that in Hakaru would be amazing!

I think Kaipara refuse and the disabled people they support do an excellent job. Wheelie bins will not work in a rural district

Being proactive, solution based and forward thinking in creating/supporting industries in Kaipara that are based around the business of recycling. Ie Tyres and plastics recycled for roading and building construction Take the initiative to become self sufficient in recycling our within our region and make money within our region by charging others to transform their waste into profit.

Live long and prosper

I think the rubbish is managed well.

We pay b\$72 every 3 months for a large green/rubbish bin. I use yellow bags, and go to refuse station.

Composting, Recycling and zero waste policies must be implemented throughout the Kaipara district without further delay. The earth is facing a climate change catastrophe of the highest proportions and we must support sustainability and off grid options at every opportunity.

#### Answer

Wheelie bin is a good option, with perhaps small wheelie bin for the elderly at less cost, larger bin for families etc. With stickers there would be no control on bag size,(?) We used to live in Napier City. The recycle centre is in the industrial area and is all open, there are different bins with cages type things where you sort your recycling all on one platform, we really liked this idea, fuss free and clean, and happily recycled to reduce waste into rubbish bags.

No

Nope

Hopefully this changes and its not just a survey so people think its going to change.

recycling is not a problem if it starts in classrooms(education). Council should make it a priority to have an educational aspect to waste in each of its boundarys....teaching kids gives them responsibilty from an early age on how to care for thier"home" long term. It appears we (baby boomers)have dropped the ball!!...perhaps Kaipara could lead the way ①.hope so co's our harbour is telling me this is not currently so!!.

Perhaps start in schools and work up, educate

Don't get me started on this it would take to long to type.

Nope..

Raise the profile to every person in Kaipara of the need to recycle particularly plastic and make it simpler ..ie more convenient.

Encourage minimising waste at government level. Producers should be responsible for recycling end product waste. Once this cost is included in the purchase price of items we should see less of the throw-away culture that has greatly contributed to our waste problems.

KDC should lobby for Huntly powerstation to be converted so it to burn rubbish from Auckland and Northland and other regions to generate power and get rid of waste, as they do in some European countries. This avoids having to have the (planned and consented) landfill in the Dome Valley which can endanger the ecological environment of the Kaipara Harbour which we all try to keep clean as it is a breeding ground for many fish species around NZ. It is ludicrous to have an outdated concept of landfill still being resorted to in the 21st century when incinerators/ power generators are much cleaner, as long as filters are installed and maintained!

There was an Auckland Businessman setting up a plastics re-purposing factory in Ruakaka last year. Using some new process..... Worth checking out. Modern combustion technology can remove pollution from the burning process. CO2 by the way scarce is plant food not pollution. They use fluidised bed/pyrolysis/double-burning etc. techniques and can produce electricity and useful process heat for manufacturing. Point of sale would energise youth to make money collecting rubbish, as I was once, and be valuable for Community fundraising again. Modern electronics can do it. It also encourages lateral thinking and competition among producers of waste - that is how we progress rather than by edict.

Council could introduce a plastic policy and ban all single use plastic bags and take away containers in the region this would see less plastic waste going into general rubbish collection.

Work at national and local level with supermarkets, businesses and individuals to keep reducing packaging and wrapping to a minimum. Returning waste to those that create it, returning the cost of disposal to them will encouraging adoption of more sustainable packaging

Cheaper recycling would make sure that rubbish is not dumped elsewhere or people burning plastics.

Keep up the excellent work in our districts.

Focusing on industrial as well as domestic waste would be good. As a dairy farmer, we are appreciating the option that Kaipara Refuse is providing with our on farm wheelie bin. Advertising more options of safely disposal of agricultural waste would be beneficial. Thank you. PS Kaipara Refuse is doing a marvelous job and their recycling drop off option is well organised and simple. Much appreciated

Rubbish bags are so dangerous for the runners who have to pick them up as not all householders wrap up their broken glass or sharp objects that are put in the bags and can cause serious injuries - I have seen it when I worked for a waste company in Auckland. Definately change the bags to bins.

#### **Answer**

The KDC could be taking the lead in this and encouraging recycling by not charging consumers. Ultimately, producers and supermarkets will have to shoulder some of the cost, and ideally, we'd get everything in compostable bags or boxes, but that's years away. At the moment, so few categories of recycling are accepted that it's not worth using the yellow bags. Ultimately, as with Auckland, the sensible way to go would be to combine recycling and refuge in wheelie bins rather than easily ripped soft plastic bags.

Why would we continue asking the residents to buy plastic bags while the central government is calling to ban them? We need to stay more relevant.

Add yellow bags to the TK weekly blue bag pick up.

I probably spend \$3 a fortnight on a rubbish bag which I put out fortnightly and once every three months I take all my recycling to the tip which cost me \$3 50. I would greatly appreciate some wheelie bins though

No

I generally spend less than \$3 as I only use a blue bag once every 2 or 3 weeks, and I usually accumulate my recycling and take it down to Auckland and dispose of it in the Auckland City recycling collection. I am a Mangawhai resident but travel to Auckland at least once a month. I would use a local recycling collection site in Mangawhai Village.

We need some businesses processing recycling.

Yes! The guys on the rubbish trucks & those that empty & clean the rubbish bins around town & up at the tip, are a great example of willing & conscientious workers. They have a great attitude to work. Thank You guys!!

I lied on question 1E because I spend more than NIL but less than \$3 because I'm lucky if I go through 1 blue and 2 yellow bags a month, but there wasn't an option for that.

This issue is bigger than Councils. The government needs ti invest in receycling stations and processing plants like other countries have and do eg Copenhagen in Denmark. Can't just always be user pays ideology... need ways to reduce, reuse, recycle not just dump-pay, dump-pay. Life's already exponentially expensive in NZ without paying to 'do the right thing' with waste

Tough job to get everybody to take responsibility for their own rubbish. If we could only get rid of all bags and just use the standard black bag nationwide to dispose of rubbish and price the bag accordingly.....Bit of a pipe dream but has to be a focus right across the country.

if delivering to transfer station there should be NO charges!

I believe it's important to encourage individual responsibility and adopt/continue a user pay system but also be intelligent about the whole process and create incentives for households to maybe halve their weekly rubbish. E.g buy loose carrots rather than prepackaged. Buy meat from the deli rather than prepackaged with a polistyrene tray.

I like that our recycling company is a small local business and supports challenged people into employment

I would like to see a break down of council expenditure of our rates on the rates demand so we can see where the money is allocated.

I have changed from blue bags to green bags because since late last year the blue bags split very easily - even without protruding objects - and then they were difficult to tape back together.

think big in terms of solutions... lead the way instead of catching up...

I only spend \$2 now and then when I take recyclable rubbish to the centre in Ruawai.or Ag recovery. Otherwise we compost or burn or bury. We recycle as much as we can.

Put in a water filter at the council building and use tap water, be an example

Expecting rate payers to pay over and above their rates is hardly the way to encourage engagement in this initiative

Community and business recycling education is ongoing and needs to be included as a constant line item in budgets. Investment should also focus on helping businesses transition to using less or finding alternatives that don't need recycling or to be sent to landfill.

#### Answer

I have a business at The Hub in the village and I would like to see recycling bins and normal bins and compost bins in the village because I'm always cleaning up (daily) around The Hub and I know it's the worst effected when I help with the monthly rubbish clean up organised by The Tavern.

More respect by the council & contractor re road side recycle bags. Often seen, yellow bags are dump in with the blue bag on the collection truck - does not look good from a council / public point of view when there a commitment to recycling. It would be handy to have waste vegetation dump site located in the district by council to reduce road side dumping & farmer land fill holes. Encourage people to dob in others who drop litter from vehicles onto the road side + a heavy fine.

Look around to other places eg New Plymouth. Separate wheelie bins.

Question 1B I meant to click "very important". I am unable to change it here on this form.

Recycling containers like every other council provides its ratepayers wd be good. Then less plastic bags are used for recycling and less in the environment. Easy

I hope this isn't KDC's only means of engagement with the community

Our family puts out 1 blue rubbish bag every 2-3 weeks, so options above don't apply.

Leave the rules alone!

No

We would like bin options - household rubbish (non-recyclable) | glass | plastic | tin. We burn paper and cardboard in an incinerator, and compost organic material - but other people might like to hve these options as well.

Recycling and waste reduction should be the focus of any change

The blue bags get collected from my gate but the yellow recycling ones do not. If you collected them from my property I would be more inclined to use them

I'd prefer the cost to be in my rates than have to come up with the money each week, and try and remember bags. For me it's really inconvenient rubbish collection - and that's on me not Council, because of my lifestyle (single mum, working full-time, needing to be in multiple places at once, ALWAYS forgetting rubbish bags in time for rubbish day). I buy convenient (for me and thicker) rubbish bags for my rubbish bins inside the house and then remove them and place them inside blue rubbish bags. Not having blue bags would mean I could put my household rubbish bags directly outside. (probably SO not environmentally friendly:()

Paper waste should be free and recycling plastic at rubbish dump

As above

No. Just get it together and make it work

It would also be great to see a recycling bin in the village.

I have a seperate wheelie bin that I pay for - only recycling through yellow bags ling through council bags

It would be great to have the option of wheely bin access to both forms of waste (recycling, general) as the blue bags are two small and rip easy same with the yellow bags, way to small for bigger families. I'd be happy to pay a weekly fee (lived in Dunedin and paid around 22.50 per month for wheely bin general waste). Also it creates an opening for jobs?.. people could go round waterblasting peoples bins for a small fee. Lets get Dargaville up with the play! Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this.

I've thought this needed addressing since I moved here that is all 😂

Catch up with the times. Encourage recycling by moving away from those stupid yellow bags.

Promote bio toilet systems, solar power, to name a few. Have a awards competition for the most eco friendly marae you have some 14 in your district.

Provide recycle bins please

Blue bags have gotten smaller and weaker. Seems like our council is trying to profit from waste collection.

Buy a farm and set it up for a mega refuse centre for the future. get all the consents done early. Then charge auckland to use it, subsidizing Kaipara rate payers. Invest in modern technology (proven tech) to dispose of rubbish.

#### **Answer**

Having people buy plastic bags to put their rubbish in is seriously bad. Maungaturoto needs wheelie bins and recycling bins at affordable prices

It seems a little backwards that I live in Maugatūroto but recycle at the Uretiti dump as there are no charges for plastic there. The recycling processes there are much easier too than our local Huarau Station Rd dump.

I think that we should have ways of reducing our use of packaging as well as good ways of recycling. I'm not sure what those are but I'm sure that other organisations out there inNZ will have already done some research and have some ideal solutions.

Just that slightly altering the current approach to waste may please a few folk temporarily but doesn't really implement the necessary change for the bigger picture of country, planet and humanity. Somehow redirecting people's mindset is of prime importance. Away from the current denial of responsibility and 'someone else will take care of it' thinking

I think we are from reaears one of the only districts that does not have a recycling bin system...

Too many visitors to Mangawhai fill their bags and leave them outside for several days before they are collected. This leads to the bags often being broken into by dogs, possums or other vermin. Having a wheelie bin system would be more hygienic and would enable householders to put it out for collection when they choose to. Some households would possibly put out only once a fortnight however, it is less likely to end up being littered. Perhaps bags could still be utilised as a back up for those that choose to put out a smaller amount of rubbish more regularly. This is the system that we have in Auckland now and it seems to be working well.

Free recycling at the dump and cheaper dump charges would see less rubbish being dumped roadside See 1D. Remove the charge for recycling. Be HONEST about what can be recycled, UPDATE the website regularly, it seems each time we go to the transfer station there are more items that aren't accepted

User pays is great but do away with bags/stickers as it just adds to the rubbish. We should be able to hire a wheelie bun and pay only when we put it out maybe tookens purchased and displayed on rubbish day? We are a family of 7 and only put a bag out every 3 weeks but I just hate the wastefulness of the bags

Need to reduce the cost as we pay enough in our rates anyway.

It's too expensive to have to pay for recycling I have lived in lots of other regions and have never had to pay to recycle

No thanks you

A specific rate would need to be able to be removed if a household chose to remain with a private provider.

Please and thank you

Usually less than \$3-\$5 as we are s two person household and minimise our landfill use. We do however and unfortunately create a fair bit of recycling - 1 yellow bag every 3 weeks approximately.

I would like the option to purchase stickers for bags like Whangarei district. A more streamlined approach to bag colours too. I still do not understand the difference between blue and green rubish bags in the district.

Sent an email regarding these issues earlier today via the council website I would like that as part this questionnaire

Plastic is killing animals and wildlife and the earth. How many plastic bags would the council pick up every week and then dump I wonder?

I usually have to use a black rubbish bag and blue bag because of the breakage or double up on blue bags

Providing the option of wheelie bins is a great idea, especially for families like mine who use multiple rubbish bags each week with nowhere to store them. They smell if kept inside, roaming dogs rip them up outside.

You guys rock!

We need to get rid of plastic bags

#### Answer

No

Get recycle bins and ditch the yellow bags.

If we could recycle more then our general rubbish would reduce

don't like wheelie bins they just create more waste to landfill as people think they need to fill them up-- crates for recycling is not the way as the crates are not big enough and you end up putting more to landfill Maybe paper bags for waste -- recycling bags are multi use as are recycled back into more recycling bags so would keep using those

We also have a retail business in Dargaville and have a lot of cardboard and general packing to get rid of, We go to great lengths to seperate recycle from non recycle items yet get charged plenty as commercial users and also depending estimation of council employees at transfer station. Doesn't seem fair that we try to offer a service to the town then get charged so much when it is already hard to make ends meet.

Yes to Wheelie Bins!

I would like to see more support for recycling.

Large cardboard is a problem to recycle when you rely on the yellow bag system and can't get to the refuse station - some local drop off places would be grear

Reducing stuff that needs recycling or is bad for the landfills should be the primary aim. I feel that Countdown and other such food chains need an incentive to change from plastic packaging, e.g. meat trays to compostable packs for a start and wrapped in cellulose clear film instead of plastic, bring back glass bottles for milk and have loose produce and paper bags, have deli meats wrapped in wax and brown paper and salads in compostable or reusable and recyclable pots...variety goods to be cardboard packaging and packing materials made out of natural compostable substances! Imagine if all councils and central government backed an incentive for large chains to do this! It would reduce the waste 100 fold and help councils and their ratepayers to save huge costs! I would like to see active and loud lobbying from KDC for this!

Council could look at improving waste disposal habits by providing ratepayers with free stickers for any new services that may be established.

Kaipara is so behind other councils in waste management. It would be great to see this prioritised. There are many great examples of ways to divert resources from landfill, this is more important that recycling.

Why is recycling not free like it seems to be in most places in New Zealand?

Holiday makers and locals have differing requirements for rubbish/recycling services. What works for one might not necessairly work for others. Would be interesting to see some figures on rubbish/recycling, and what happens to recycled materials.

All councillors should be held accountable for there spending. You see so much wasted money due to lack of knowledge and budgeting. Eg if we don't spend it this year we won't get it next year mentality. Roading in this area that is so way out of control it almost needs a inquiry.

The cost for taking rubbish to the dump has gotten out of hand, I recently found out that it is \$25 to take a tv there. I've always thought that dump prices were reasonable (Eg \$10 for a boot load of rubbish) but with costs being put up you can only expect more people dumping rubbish, whiteware, tvs etc. on the side of the road. Obviously this ends up costing the council more having to employ people pick up it up, so I feel like the council should intervene and lower the cost of dumping rubbish.

Think beyond the simple \$ and cents Look at the bigger picture

It has already been shown that single use plastic bags are detrimental to the environment. Whatever else council does it MUST stop the use of plastic bags for the disposal of rubbish and for recycling. To continue to do so in the face of the overwhelming evidence against the use of them would be criminally negligent.

A local power station with chimney scrubbers, powered by plastics and other burnable refuse.

Congratulations on the current levels of recycling... The councillors have really made a big difference in the ways we treat and handle our rubbish from households in the Kaipara. Keep up the good work

Address the marine parade road it's a disgrace

No

#### Answer

Encourage and educate locals on composting. It saves money, rubbish doesn't smell, puts back into nature etc.

N/A

Please use wheelie bin and recycle bin like whangarei as a rate payer it would be more than worth it please wheelie bins would also stop dogs coming and tearing up bags. Thankyou

I think that Kaipara Refuse do an excellent job as contractors to council and would like to see them have continued input into servicing our communities needs. thank you for the opportunity to respond to this survey. Please consider my earlier response I'd like to see user pays but know that this is part of the reason we continue to have so much illegal tipping of rubbish around the countryside. so it may well be a combination of user pays for the refuse that goes into the landfill and the recycling is paid through rates, this would mean that rental property owners would have to pass the cost onto their tenants in their rates.

Definitely would love to see wheelie bins and a recycling bin for each house good come into play!! I would like things to stay as they are

Just sort the rubbish and recycling out, sick of seeing TVs, rubbish just dumped on side of roads.

Amanda Orious Test

The Council should be making services for the collection of AA batteries (household batteries). These can be recycled if they are collected, but there is a charge (\$45 per bucket). It would be good to establish a commercial composting facility. At commercial events like the FIeld Days it should be mandatory for event organisers to collect recyclables and recycle.

Get rid of bags completely! We don't need them !!

We don't use the waste and recycling network at all as being rural the waste and damage to the environment of driving a vehicle on a set date that we don't ever travel on 15 minutes each way to deposit bags (that we have paid for on top of the diesel/petrol cost) at the roadside pickup location is bonkers. Having recycling facilities in town would be a brilliant starting point to recycling for the rural communities. When visiting town we could then recycle.

any type of rubbish that can be recycled should go to the proper place

As bach owners we can make the current system work for us

Wheelie bins need a good education and advocacy strategy to ensure people don't throw everything and anything in them

It would be better if more things could be recycled locally.

Need more rubbish bins around town, and possibly empty them on weekends. It's a real eyesore for visitors to our town to see over flowing rubbish bins at the band rotunda, and boating club.

Community compost bin. No plastic bags for recycling. More public water fountains. Get rid of plastic water bottles. More public recycling bins in public places and events.

Nil...Kaipara council your doing a awesome job..

Transfer station- should be free of charge for recycling.

No thanks

We prefer wheelie bins because they are cleaner, easier to take down our hill and we don't have to keep buying bags, stickers etc. I would much prefer having recycling wheelie bins provided as the volume for recycling is almost the same as for normal rubbish.

Good service. Thank you

Keep up the good work!

I think we are very fortunate to have a rubbish collection service, transfer station and recycling depot. I do understand the convenience of bins for rubbish and recycling but feel that the cost to implement and maintain this is not a priority for our district. I believe that a user pay system encourages people to minimise their waste and make more conscious choices towards what they buy and where they buy from (hopefully locally). One last thing - we must make it clear that people who are caught disposing of their waste illegally in public places will be held accountable but we also must make sure that people who are struggling financially (or any other reason) are supported in ways that they can reduce their waste and dispose of what they need to appropriately. I hope that makes sense? Nga mihi nui.

#### **Answer**

Plastic bags are a disgrace clean green Nz what a joke

if Ratepayers are going to finance this process I do hope it is a fair process it's about time council looked at this seriously and made some further changes for the long term wellness of our communities

Yes the Council should go with the time and not stay in the dark ages

Rates should cover recycling bins

Coming from Auckland, having wheelie bins for both recycling and general waste was so much better for kerbside collection as cats and dogs didn't get into the bags and with the high amount of wandering dogs around this is a big concern for me. Also with the amount for products that CAN be recycled, that needs to be looked at too for sheer volume of what people will be recycling e.g for two people, we easily could fill a large wheelie bin if we recycled EVERYTHING

No

Bring in wheelie bins, I lived in Auckland and saw the introduction of them,made the place cleaner and looked better on rubbish day with no torn bags blowing every. One big green wheelie per house and a small recycling bin that could be sorted roadside by the truck ,works well else.

Bins for rubbish and recycling please for home.

Just that the people of Dargaville are sick of blue bags breaking!.. wheelie bins would be great especially ones for rubbish and ones for recycling.. makes sense!

I couldn't choose multiple options above but would pay a flat rate for wheels bins, or would be happy for it to be included in rates - either way wheelie bins where possible available to everyone where the rubbish truck currently goes.

I already pay annually for a wheelie bin. Wheelie bins are better than buying a naughty blue bag which is contributing to the big plastic waste problem. Also, wheelie bins are better for those in town as dogs can not rip them open. A lot of people put their recycling items in wheelie bins instead of buying the yellow recycling bags which are expensive and small. If recycling bins were provided, people would be more motivated to recycle.

Kaipara has an opportunity to be a world leader and act sensibly and proactively on issues such as waste. As said above, try and stop/minimise the waste problem occurring in the first place by encouraging the R principles such as refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle. A waste incinerator, while controversial, in my opinion is a good idea for Kaipara, as it would provide economic stimulus, while decreasing landfill into our beautiful environment. In Europe, sending batteries to landfill is illegal due to extremely toxic leachage. KDC should provide battery collection points (which are very cheap, run through an Auckland company). Lastly, why is KDC completely silent on the mega-landfill proposed for the Dome Valley? This will wreak environmental havoc on our harbour, and destroy a pristine environment. We don't want Auckland toxic waste run-off.

I think letting people consult on the options, and how each option will impact on rates is a really good idea.

Ever since I moved here I've thought it was insane that recycling is user pays. In Auckland it's covered by rates so there are no barriers to it (however small). I very strongly support funding recycling through rates (whether a targeted rate added on to those properties with a collection or a general rate to cover all recycling in the district). I strongly support keeping rubbish collection user pays to discourage it (& encourage recycling). I would love to have a wheelie bin rather than having to buy bags too. Thank you for doing this survey, I hope we see some change soon!

As a Council, more efforts to improve waste management and protect the environment is a really key issue for me as a ratepayer. Support plastic free and sustainable businesses, support innovative waste reduction and recycling or reuse and be a leader in this area please.

I would like to see more rubbish bins in the urban areas to encourage people to bin the litter and not leave it scattered around our towns. Any fee increases need to realistic to stop people from fly-tipping which leads to greater costs to clean up these polluted areas.

Inorganic collections once or twice a year would be great

regarding question 1E, I am very careful with what I buy and only need to go to the transfer station every 6 weeks or so. Fully support Vistoria's initiatives and endorse KDC support

#### **Answer**

please keep the collection date for Mangawhai as of now (every monday regardless of public holiday --except xmas day--

You need to look at the bigger picture like environmental impact of farming.

I really would like a better option for greenwaste. I am not the only one, as I see green waste constantly dumped along the stopbank road in Ruawai where I live. The average back yard produces far more greenwaste than a compost heap can handle so it would be great if there was somewhere to put it where it could perhaps be burnt occasionally or mulched into compost. Thank you for asking.

Recycling bins for homes is a good idea. Waste management coming down rural roads. If I leave my bin at the end of the road someone will steal it. I would like to see coloured recycling receptacles at the supermarket or warehouse

The blue bags are hopeless They break easily and are small Replace them with a better more environmental friendly or biodegradable option. The Kaipara Refuse are charging locals on saleable items which they don't dump but put in their store for resale. This seems unethical to be charging someone to dump waste then profiting from selling it later.

Please ensure these changes cover all of the kaipara district not just Mangawhai and Daragaville I have not used blue bags for some months as their quality was inferior - breaking really easily without too much pressure.

The service I get is excellent I use the council blue and yellow bags. Every effort should be made to catch and punish illegal dumping. All landfill dumping is hazardous for the future. Incineration is far superior and it was appalling that the proposed use of the old power station at Meremere some years ago was blocked

It can't be expected that Council bares the full burden for solving issues with waste and recycling. As an over-seer for the community you should see it in your role the responsibility to encourage industry that can solve these bigger issues.

Rubbish bins on public beaches, coin operated jumbo bins for tourist and holiday makers to put their rubbish in at anytime

ensure those who generate rubbish pay for its disposal

Would love to see more community/council initiatives to minimises waste and teach skills on waste-minimal living for both rural and town communities!

Yes the transfer station is looking very tidy and well run at the moment. The girls apparently have a lot of pride in what they do. Keep it up.

The chaps at Hakaru do a great job thanks. We do all our own composting at home and would never want to see a charge in the rates for 'composting' as that would be manifestly unfair.

Just keep prices down. Superan doesnt expand

Paper bags for refuse.

In an area that would be benefit from 'job creation' it would be great to be innovative and source the technology that transforms waste products into usable items or energy. For investment in creative recycling ideas and biotechnology. For a competition for creative recycling ideas, biotechnology patents, and to promote local artists, entrepreneurs and engineers. Kaipara needs to be invested in its greatest resource which is the people that have invested to live here.

Make the recycling depots more user friendly. These absolutely need to RECYCLE EVERYTHING. Where is the recycling of household light bulbs and batteries, e-waste-computer recycling of toxic metals etc... vehicle batteries, engine oil etc. Currently its an appalling situation. Burying is like sweeping everything under the carpet. It doesn't go anywhere.

#### Answer

Plastic bags should not be banned altogether just made more sustainable using biodegradable materials. We could go back to recycling glass bottles, including milk bottles and beer bottles as an option. Encourage the good behaviour. Remind people to do the right thing. Plastic in the ocean is a major priority. If we can't stop it polluting, then at least have biodegradable materials less harmful to sea life. There are always going to be careless people and plastic bags and bottles etc will still blow into the ocean even more so with the crazy weather events. We need to act now and put resources into this as a priority, we only have one world. Ban all imports and manufactured plastic at a certain date to give the option to manufacturers to prepare for the change. Those who act now will have the benefit of the market share, reward these businesses by advertising them to the public as options to use. Tip Top, Coke etc should be encouraged to begin the process.

No tjanks

Bring them Wheelie bins on

The bags are not degradable, or animal proof. Time to change to bins and play our part in Kaipara.

I live in a rural area and drop my rubbish at a collection point in blue bags. It amazes me how many people put rubbish bags at the location the day after the collection day. But I have not suggestion of how to fix this. I believe that education and community inclusion is the best way to get the message out there. By community inclusion I mean people need to know what happens to their rubbish (the journey as it were), what it costs to process one blue bag of rubbish and how that equates to one blue bag per week for a year - making individuals think about being responsible and accountable for their rubbish.

Currently I use the plastic bags that groceries come in - e.g. cat food, toilet rolls, etc, as rubbish bin liners - no they don't fit but it doesn't matter - so that reasonably large bags of all sorts have a second use - and aren't just rubbish. I never buy plastic bags of any sort - apart from council rubbish bags. In some areas people are doing clever things to use recycled stuff - maybe investigate that.

Make rubbish bags and recyling bags free

A fortnightly recycling bin would be fantastic. That is what we had in Auckland and it worked well.

The council should purchase hidden cameras for the worst illegal dumping sites and prosecute offenders in the same way as MAF prosecutes illegal fishing. ie confiscate cars, trailers etc and apply a minimum fine of \$2000 as deterrent and clean up fee. Get tough, most people would agree.

We need less plastic. Imagine being the first no single use plastic bag town!! Now theres a goal.

Prosecute dumpers that leave household waste and beer bottles at roadside deposits sites.

We probably only spend \$2 monthly as 2person household.

A more comprehensive recycling centre may not be something the council wants to be responsible for. But it could be a business opportunity for an individual that council subsidisizes or financially backs to assist with set up?

Encourage/teach people how to compost.

Stop putting up the rates just better manage

Further to 1D and on a non satirical note Intellectually Impaired People need all the help and support they can get. I would support the current collection arrangement and think it should not be tendered to able bodied commercial interests, as a matter of COUNCIL POLICY.

I only put out one bag per 2 months. I shop for zero waste so I am aiming to reduce that further. Waste minimisation is very important to me and my family.

Please consider incineration

Have a pick up rubbish point at the end of our lane, Kereru Lane, Kaiwaka.

The burden of waste products, especially all the plastic which is part of this, is not going to disappear . It should not be regarded as an end product but part of resources that can be reused and reused again for the good of our community and the good of the planet. Up front there is a cost to all this but it should be regarded as part of an economic cycle that eventually benefits us all.

diverting food waste from landfill makes significant savings in both \$ and greenhouse gases!

I am so glad that this is something that the council is exploring.

No

#### Answer

Encouraging manufacturers to reduce plastic packaging.

Number of responses to this question 257 (49%)

Total number of responses for this survey 523

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#### Draft Annual Plan 2019/2020

Meeting: Kaipara District Council briefing

Date of meeting: 06 June 2019

Reporting officer: Sue Davidson - GM Risk, Information Technology and Finance

**Jason Marris - GM Governance, Strategy and Democracy** 

#### Purpose/Ngā whāinga

To provide the Draft Annual Plan 2019/2020 document, prior to adoption at the June 2019 Council meeting.

#### Context/Horopaki

Council is required to deliver an Annual Plan, adopted by the end of June each year. The approved Long Term Plan (LTP) is used as the basis for the Annual Plan, and any adjustments that need to be made are included in the Annual Plan process for that year.

Council received a briefing on the draft Annual Plan 2019/2020 (the Annual Plan) on 06 December 2018 and a formal report for decision at the 20 December 2018 council meeting.

The following context was taken into account when discussing the Annual Plan in relation to the approved LTP:

- Additional costs (such as insurance, Mangawhai accommodation) of \$544,000 needed to be incorporated in the Annual Plan.
- Operational savings of \$544,000 were identified by staff (such as reducing the year's District Plan budget by \$100,000) to nullify the additional costs above.
- Staff highlighted that at the current budget and staffing levels, high resource consent demand would mean that council would not meet required statutory timeframes. The estimated additional funding to meet that need was estimated at \$520,000.
- Staff made adjustments to capital budgets (e.g. some bridges funded by loan) resulting in accommodating an estimated \$321,000 of that \$520,000 amount, leaving a \$169,000 shortfall.
- Council decided that the \$169,000 shortfall be funded with a reduction in the Chief Executive's legal services budget.

After agreeing to the savings, council directed that the Annual Plan be aligned with the total rates increase of 5.26% (after taking into consideration 1% growth and exclusive of water supply rates) that was set via consultation on the LTP.

Council also agreed that there were no significant or material differences to the LTP for the draft Annual Plan, so consultation was not required.

Council received a further briefing on 09 May 2019 which covered:

- What we said in the Long Term Plan.
- Big picture highlights of this Annual Plan.
- Draft Annual Plan financials.
- Treatment of Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) in the Annual Plan.
- Capital projects and changes.
- Engagement Plan.

Council provided direction at the briefing that staff continue to prepare the Annual Plan as proposed.



#### Discussion/Ngā korerorero

#### Look and feel

The draft Annual Plan is provided at **Attachment A**. The section relating to rating has been omitted at this stage as it is still to be finalised. In preparing this document, the following changes have been made to the look and feel of the document:

- Improved layout and graphics to make the information easier to navigate for the reader.
- Increased number of new photographs to add interest to the document and make it more relevant to Kaipara.
- Use of simple language to make it more readable.
- Shortened the document by avoiding repeating information from the LTP, and focusing on the environment Kaipara is working under in year two.

Note that the document is still in draft form and will go through editing and formatting checks before being presented to Council at the June 2019 meeting. The required rates information will also be added.

#### Key messages

The draft Annual Plan includes the following high level messages:

- Supporting growth. Recognition that our district is growing and the need to adjust to this growth.
- The increase in financial contributions means more projects which has allowed Council to create a contestable fund for the next two years.
- Summary of the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF), the projects that have been agreed to be funded and how it fits in with the Annual Plan.
- Continuation of the District Plan work and what is planned in that area.
- Managing key growth projects in Mangawhai through the Mangawhai Community Plan and supporting the Mangawhai Central development.
- Discussion of key Infrastructure projects occurring in the year, and changes from the LTP.
   For example, Tomarata Bridge on Insley Street being brought forward in the work programme.
- Reviewing the management of waste and recycling.
- The community planning occurring, highlighting the two projects being completed as a result of partial funding from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund (TIF).
- Improving our services and what is planned for this year such as IT services, regulatory management changes and Dargaville Town Hall remediation.

#### Financial summary

The LTP stated that the rates increase would be 5.26% (after taking into consideration 1% growth and exclusive of water supply rates). There have been changes made to the plan at Forecast One and more recently, however, the 5.26% forecast rate increase has been retained.

The PGF projects of \$20.18 million are all funded by third parties (with the exception of \$10,000), either by the PGF or the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA), so there is no impact on council resources. The immediate effect will be our balance sheet assets will have increased at year end.

Eventually there will be an impact on maintenance requirements. Our auditors confirm that only where the council has to provide a share of previously uncommitted or planned expenditure could lead to consultation requirements.



The Auditor-General expects councils to utilise best financial practice in providing for renewals and fund depreciation unless there are good reasons not to. In this Annual Plan council is increasing rates funding of depreciation from 67% to 83% on our stormwater, wastewater and water supply assets. Ultimately the council needs to be able to meet the cost of renewals when they fall due. At the present time some renewal reserves are negative.

Some capital expenditure planned for this year, for example, the Kaiwaka reticulation renewals and Mangawhai wastewater projects have been deferred to 2020/2021. Capital projects in 2019/2020 will now total \$25 million as it is likely \$6 million of projects will need to be carried forward from 2018/2019. Additional resource has been provided in planning and management of capital projects so delivery should not be as challenging as it has been this year.

#### **Key Capital Projects**

- Remediation of the Insley Street bridge.
- Start of the Mangawhai Coastal cycleway and walkway.
- Intersection upgrades in Mangawhai to mitigate increased traffic.
- Improvement of access, parking, and ambience of Wood Street, Mangawhai.
- Further investment in Mangawhai wastewater system for growth.
- Kaiwaka and Te Kopuru wastewater to fix compliance issues.
- PGF Kaipara Kickstart package.

#### **Key parameters**

|                                | LTP Year 2 (2019/20) | Annual Plan proposed |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                                |                      | 2019/20              |
| Rates take                     | \$37,147             | \$36,884             |
| Rates increase                 | 5.26%                | 5.26%                |
| Total Revenue                  | \$57,496             | \$78,745             |
| Total Expenses                 | \$48,342             | \$55,145             |
| Capital Expenditure (excl PGF) | \$19.9 million       | \$25 million         |
| PGF projects (operating and    | N/A                  | \$20.18 million      |
| capital)                       |                      |                      |
| Closing debt 30 June 2020      | \$47,416             | \$48,257             |

While the council has now budgeted for capital expenditure of \$45 million, debt will only increase approximately \$1 million over that anticipated in year two of the LTP. This is because most capital projects will be financed by grants, subsidies or from reserves.

Public debt will reach \$48.3 million at the end of June 2020. The debt increasing on that forecast in the LTP is primarily due to the Tomarata bridge project being brought forward from 2021.

Council is well within the key debt ratio of "Net interest as a percentage of annual rates "at 7.5% whereas our policy limit is 20%.

#### Next steps/E whaiake nei

The draft Annual Plan will be finalised and reported to the 27 June 2019 Council meeting for adoption.

The Rates resolution will be presented to the same meeting, for approval, once the Annual Plan has been adopted.

The Engagement Plan will continue to educate the community on the Annual Plan and its impacts.



## Attachments/Ngā tapiritanga

|   | Title                       |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Α | Draft Annual Plan 2019/2020 |

Jason Marris and Sue Davidson, 23 May 2019





### Welcome to Kaipara District Council's Annual Plan 2019/2020.

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### Welcome to Kaipara District Council's Annual Plan 2019/2020.

The Annual Plan process, sets out the direction Council and staff will be undertaking for the 2019/2020 year. The upcoming year brings with it both challenges and opportunities.

In the ever growing strain on wallets, we are put in the position of supplying a broad range of services to constituents, with only one major mechanism to fund this, the collection and setting of rates.

This plan before you sets out the work to be undertaken in the 2019/2020 year. We've already made significant efficiency gains to address funding shortfall while still meeting agreed levels of service.

The average rates rise for the 2019/2020 year is 5.26%, as was proposed in Year Two of the Long Term Plan 2018/2028. The cost of running council and providing the services council are to provide is not getting cheaper. Though a rates increase is never welcome, or desired, serious questions will be faced by council and elected

members in the near future.

The journey ahead will look to balance the requirement of work needed to lift Kaipara as a whole. We're working to future-proof communities through infrastructure and investment while maintaining a strong lead in the financial realities of a district of this size and population.

Much of the challenge we face is due to growth and a growing population is a good problem to have. As more people decide to call Kaipara home, it boosts the fund we receive to upgrade reserve and shared spaces, allows communities to thrive and grow with influxes of new ideas and fresh thinking.

It's an exciting time in Kaipara, and I look forward to the year to come.

Louise Miller
Chief Executive

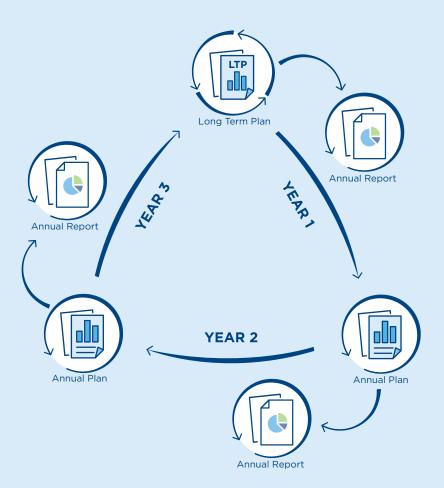
#### What is an Annual Plan?

Every three years we develop a Long Term Plan (LTP) in consultation with the community. This sets our vision, direction, budgets and work plans for the following 10 years. The LTP 2018 - 2028 was finalised in June 2018, following substantial community input. The LTP is our lead document and provides detail on all our activities. It sets out a Financial Strategy, details our performance measures and provides the rationale for delivery of our activities, amongst other things. This should be the first port of call if you require additional information.

In the two years between adopting an LTP, we develop Annual Plans. Essentially this is an update to what we agreed through the LTP, highlighting the changes to our budgets and work plans for each specific year. Any significant or material changes are consulted on with the community. For 2019/2020 there were no significant changes proposed, and council worked to ensure we met the adopted average rates increase, and the work programmes detailed in the Long Term Plan 2018/2028 for year two. This process allows us to make sure that our budgets and work plans are flexible enough to respond to the needs of our community and the demands of growth.

All these documents are available on our website www.kaipara.govt.nz in the 'Council' section

#### **Council Planning and Reporting Cycle**



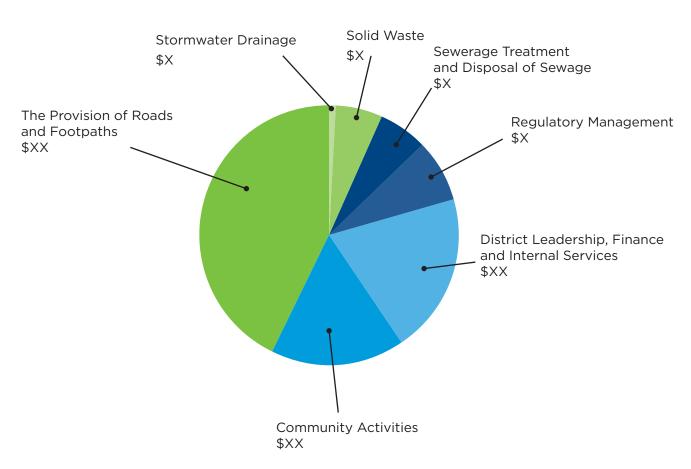
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This section provides you with an overview of the Long Term Plan Year Two 19/20 and the work we'll be undertaking. It covers details on the larger issues and projects that have been taken into account in this Annual Plan.

### **\$ Funding per Activity for every \$100 of General Rates for 2019/2020**

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Each \$100 of general rates funds approximately \$XX of the Provision of Roads and Footpaths, \$XX towards Community Activities and \$XX towards District Leadership, Finance and Internal Services.

General rates that are paid by the whole district accounts for \$XX.X million of the \$XX.X million rates collection.

Note: Localised targeted rates (\$XX.X million in total) are not represented in the pie chart. These are in addition to the district-wide rates.

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### **Key financial information**

2019/20 is the second year of the Long Term Plan 2018-2028 (LTP), which sets Council's financial strategy, based on financial prudence. This Annual Plan presents some minor changes from the budgets estimated in the LTP, primarily as there has been significant growth. For the past 3 years we have processed 750 building consents and an average of 450 resource consents. We see this trend continuing. To put this in perspective Whangarei District Council is processing 50 more resource consents than Kaipara District Council a month and Kaipara is processing about a third of the volume of Queenstown, the fastest growing district in New Zealand.

There has been mounting pressure on our rates increase from unplanned expenditure since the LTP was produced in June 2018. Primarily this has been from the increasing cost of processing consents, insurance, and software licences. In addition, council had to bring forward capital expenditure of \$1.5 million to enable remediation of the Insley St/Tomarata Bridge in this year. Another \$250,000 was added for the Kaiwaka treatment plant to enable Council to meet statutory compliance of the plant.

Council was determined to keep the rates at 5.26% to ensure affordability (as detailed in the LTP) and found savings and efficiencies

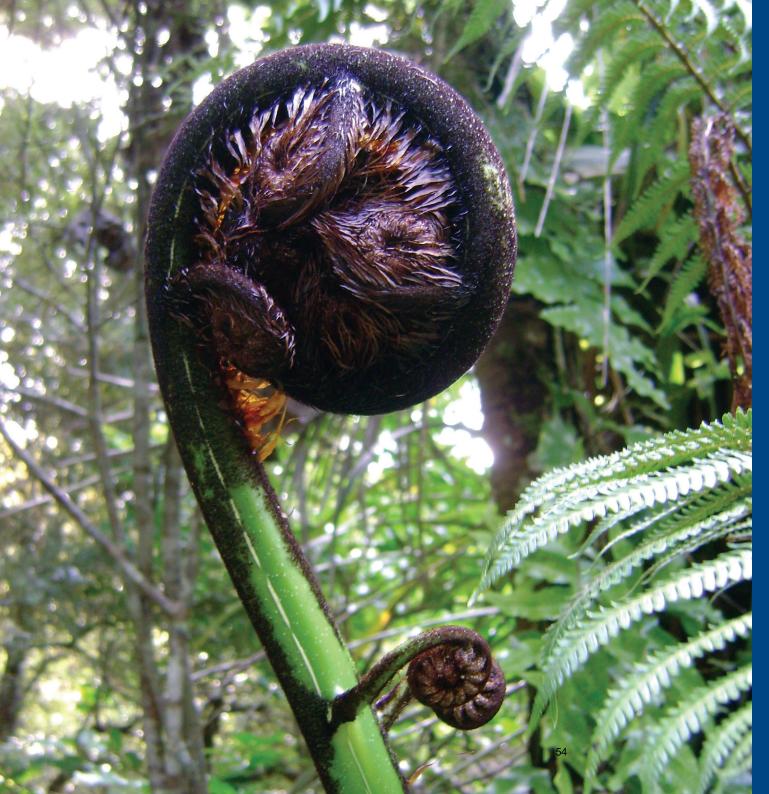
internally. Rates affordability will continue to be challenging in future years with the mounting pressure on our overall residential growth, staff and finances.

Council have increased our investment in infrastructure to accommodate this growth. We're also providing for planned renewals and upgrades to existing plants to meet their resource consents.

Council is well within the key debt ratio of "Net interest as a percentage of annual rates" at 7.5% (The KDC policy limit is 20%). While the Council has budgeted for capital expenditure of \$38.3 million, debt will only increase by just over \$1 million. Most capital projects will be financed by grants, subsidies or from reserves. Public debt will reach \$48.3 million at the end of June 2020, however, repayments are continuing to be made annually to internal debt. The general debt relating to the Mangawhai Wastewater Scheme will have reduced to \$1.4 million at June 2020.

## **Key Financials**

| Operational summary                               | LTP Budget 2019/2020<br>(\$000s) | Annual Plan 2019/2020<br>(\$000s) | Notes/Addendums   |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Rates   | 37,147                           | 36,884                            | This total includes water by meter which has reduced due to less water expenditure.   |
| Other revenue (including financial contributions) | 8,195                            | 9,856                             | Increased Resource and Building consent activity, Increased financial contributions   |
| Subsidies and grants received for capital         | 12,154                           | 32,005                            | This includes NZTA and Provincial Growth Fund grants/subsidies  |
| Total operating revenue including grants          | 57,496                           | 78,745                            | This includes NZTA and Provincial Growth Fund grants/subsidies. Grants relating to PGF projects total \$19,180,000.   |
| Operating expenditure                             | 48,342                           | 55,145                            | Additional staff and consultants to cope with increased Resource and Building consents and includes Provincial Growth Fund operating projects. The total of PGF operating projects equals \$4,840,000.                    |
| Surplus/(deficit)                                 | 9,155                            | 23,601                            | Surplus is greater as the grants need to fund increased capital expenditure   |
| Rates increase average after growth               | 5.26%                            | 5.26%                             | Increase is net of a 1% growth factor and excludes water rates  |
| <b>Debt Summary</b>                               |                                  |                                   |   |
| Closing balance net debt at 30 June 2019          | 47,416                           | 48,257                            | Each year approximately \$650,000 of debt repayment is funded by rates. The rest is funded by development contributions or user fees  |
| Capital investment                                | 19,900                           | 25,000                            | This includes increased capital expenditure costs including Provincial Growth fund capital projects   |
| PGF projects (operating and capital)              | n/a                              | 20,180                            | There are operating projects totalling \$ 4,840.000 and capital projects totalling \$15,340,000. The net cost to Council is \$1,010,000 however \$1,000,000 had already been provided in the LTP for the Tomarata Bridge. |



# **Key Projects 2019/2020**

The Annual Plan process serves to update the work plans and budgets that we had set through the Long Term Plan, so that we're able to accommodate new projects and address emerging needs and issues in the coming year. In the main, we are sticking to what was decided through the Long Term Plan.

This section gives you an overview of the changes we've made to the Long Term Plan for the period 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020. It brings together the key decision we made in the development of this Annual Plan. Additional financial information can be found in the "Financials' chapter of this plan.

#### **Supporting Growth**

Kaipara as a district continues to grow in population and residential properties and this puts the onus on council to ensure its basic services can be provided. Key projects will occur with our roading, water and waste. These are all key issues that will be worked on in the 2019/2020 year.

A strong increase in new residents and those wishing to call Kaipara home, has driven a surge in Resource and Building consents. Consents are increasing in both complexity and volume. Council needs to meet its statutory timeframes for processing. We're providing more staff and consultants to meet these deadlines.

Mangawhai Central will be one of the largest growth projects undertaken in Kaipara, and we're looking to assist this wherever possible. There will be a variety of complex resource and building consent requirements, construction supervision, potential changes to roads, roundabouts and more. As Mangawhai grows we're wanting to make sure it's managed well.

Increased development also means increased Financial Contributions. These are taken to improve our recreational spaces in the relevant areas. Council has also created a contestable fund for community reserve projects and it's

aimed to be ready to receive applications in July 2019.

#### **District Plan**

A district plan is designed to manage the district natural and physical resources so that we maintain our cultural, social, environment and economic well-being. It includes areas of control and where activities can occur, how land can be used or developed and what natural and social assets should be protected for future generation. Our district plan is being prepared for a review as changes in central government legislation and in Regional Policy Statement and the Regional Plan has meant our plan now needs to encompass these changes. As part of the review council will look to address and respond to the growth pressures and provide additional areas for growth.

Currently meetings have been undertaken across the community to find out what people and communities value and hold important. In 2019/2020 the review team will be focusing on:

- Spatial planning,
- Significant Natural Areas,
- Rural,
- Heritage and Mana Whenua input,
- · Outstanding Natural Features, and
- Coastal Environment Overlay.

#### **Mangawhai Community Plan**

The Mangawhai Community Plan was adopted in the Long Term Plan 2018/2028, and the projects form a basis of the ongoing work in the community. These projects are divided into work streams, and you'll see more signs showing the plan in action in 2019. Work will be focused on the following areas;

Open Spaces – a feasibility study for Mangawhai walkways (connections) to identify opportunities for development of improved access routes. We'll look to develop short-term action plans with community place-making involvement to upgrade Wood Street so that parking and traffic flow can be more streamlined. Leading into future planning we'll be looking at sporting facilities and what we currently provide.

Water Services - Addressing storm water issues in Eveline Street. Rewatering the original wetlands in Mangawhai Community Park

Roads - The Stage One projects for the Transport work stream, have been scoped and identified to be a shared path along the causeway from Old Waipu Road to Moir Point Road to create an enhanced and safer walking connectivity around the network and two intersection upgrades within Mangawhai Village at Insley St - Moir St intersection and Moir St - Molesworth Drive

Intersection to cater for the traffic demand with the increase in growth for Mangawhai and the congestion that occurs in the holiday seasons.

#### **Infrastructure**

As detailed in many plans before, infrastructure services are the core council spend. 1700km of roads, XXXkm of pipes, XX bridges, all needing maintenance, repair and upgrades.

Roading - The majority of the roading spend will be in our business as usual maintenance and upgrades, grading when the weather allows, and working through seal and pavement upgrades. There will be safety improvements, guard rails and bridge replacements around the district. There is a large scale district wide programme to work on improvements outside schools to better improve safety. This could include cross walks, sight line improvement, speed limit signs and more.

Water Services - There will be upgrades to the

Mangawhai Community Wastewater system pump stations and treatment plants to increase capacity, for our growing community.

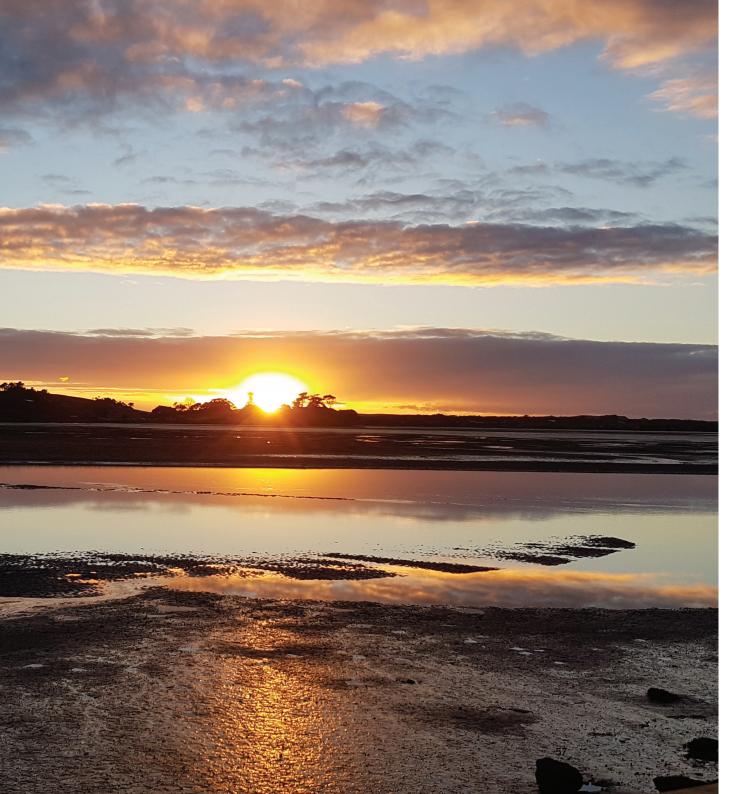
**Treatment plants** at Kaiwaka and Te Kopuru are not meeting their resource consents so capital projects have been planned to remedy this.

Provision has been made to de-sludge the wastewater ponds in Dargaville to make the process work more efficiently.

Solid Waste - more commonly known as rubbish and recycling, is a focus for the council moving forward. We undertook some information gathering in 2019 about how you'd best like to see improvements in this service area, and how important recycling and waste minimisation is to the community. We'll be investigating proposed service changes in 2019/2020 that can then be effected when our contract comes up for renewal in 2021



Key Change from the LTP: The Tomarata Bridge on Insley Street is undergoing a significant maintenance and improvement earlier than planned. Strengthening of this bridge has become urgent following engineering assessments. Funding for the project was brought forward from future years as a key change from Year Two of the Long Term Plan 2018/2028. This bridge has been one lane for some time and will be strengthened and remediated to two lane.



# Improving our Community

Community Planning - Along with supporting the implementation of the Mangawhai Community Plan, initiatives from the Dargaville Placemaking Programme and the Kaiwaka Township Improvement Plan, our community liaison team will be working with communities to inform our next Long Term Plan.

Two projects that will support our growing tourist numbers will be underway this coming year. Partial funding has been obtained from the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.

Baylys Beach Boardwalk - a 100 metre boardwalk that connects the Baylys Beach carpark to the toilets, then continuing on to the beach, will not only keep our beachgoers safe by providing a separation from traffic accessing the beach, it will also provide a visually appealing entrance to one of Kaipara's flagship locations.

Maungaturoto Toilets - New toilet facilities are planned for Maungaturoto. This project hopes to create much needed additional car-parking as part of the project.



## Improving our Services

Council is a service business, and we're continuing to look for efficiencies and areas to improve our services to make a more streamlined and digitally ready organisation.

Libraries - 'One Card for Kaipara' provides you access to all Kaipara libraries collections. This service is gaining traction and staff continue to focus on increasing uptake of this offering. It is recognised that Dargaville and Mangawhai have a growing need for an improved library service and building - work continues on exploring options that will feed into our next Long Term Plan consultation in 2021/ 2031.

IT Services - We are working with Northland Regional Council to develop a mapping system for staff and our communities to use. This GIS system will mean this GIS Shared Service is delivered at a lessor cost due to the combined approach. Our goal is to further improve modernise our IT systems and to enhance the customer experience... Under investment in recent years has limited what council has been able to achieve in this regard. This year will see delivery of online services that will provide

options for how council interact and do business with customers. We will also be making it easier for customers to access our District Plan by putting this online.

Building Improvements - with a growing workforce space, in both council offices, has become a premium concern and council are looking at premises options in the medium term. Council has to ensure an attractive place to work, to ensure we continue to get great candidates for jobs by having a value driven organisation.

#### Property decisions to follow

Dargaville Town Hall - Remediation of weather tightness issues will occur this year. This is a well patronised building and is being planned with little impact on visitors using the building.

# **Funding of Depreciation**

Council needs to fund its depreciation in order to be able to fund its renewal programme. Currently only 67% is funded. To keep in line with Councils commitment this has been increased for 2019/2020 to 83% for storm water, wastewater and water supply. The Auditor-General expects Councils to utilise best financial practice to be able to fund renewals of our infrastructure.

This work helps keep our future finances healthy, as we'll need this money for larger renewals and remediation of our assets as they continue to age.

## Kaipara's Future

As a district coming off the back of slow external economic investment and growth, the 2018/2019 year has seen Kaipara accelerate into the spotlight by being recognised as the largest growing regional district in the North Island. Council has also managed its historic issues and is now progressing the backlog of rates overdue.

This was solidified by central government investment through the Provincial Growth Fund. With a number of projects to focus on, council will still look for areas where external funding can help grow Kaipara, manage growth and have minimum financial impact on the rate payer.

NZTA are underway on township planning for Dargaville, with community input and the Government's Rural Broadband and Digital initiative will continue to improve services offered in the Kaipara.

PGF decisions to follow



| For the year ended: | Annual<br>Plan | LTP       | Annual<br>Plan (draft) |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 30 June             | 2018-2019      | 2019-2020 | 2019-2020              |
|                     | \$'000         | \$'000    | \$'000                 |

## **Prospective Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense**

| Revenue  |        |        |        |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Rates  | 35,029 | 37,147 | 36,884 |
| Subsidies and grants   | 12,860 | 12,154 | 32,005 |
| Activity income  | 5,204  | 5,319  | 6,499  |
| Contributions  | 2,494  | 2,531  | 3,019  |
| Investments and other income   | 340    | 346    | 339    |
| Total revenue  | 55,926 | 57,496 | 78,745 |
| Expenses   |        |        |        |
| Activity costs   | 22,287 | 24,117 | 28,662 |
| Employee benefits  | 10,828 | 11,022 | 12,692 |
| Finance costs  | 2,950  | 2,780  | 2,780  |
| Depreciation   | 9,882  | 10,423 | 11,010 |
| Total expenses   | 45,947 | 48,342 | 55,145 |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the period   | 9,979  | 9,155  | 23,601 |
| Other comprehensive revenue and expense (Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to surplus or deficit) |        |        |        |
| Gain/(loss) on revaluation   | 13,036 | 13,311 | 13,311 |
| Total comprehensive revenue and expense  |        |        |        |
| for the period   | 23,015 | 22,466 | 36,912 |

|                     | Annual    |           | Annual       |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| For the year ended: | Plan      | LTP       | Plan (draft) |
| 30 June             | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2019-2020    |
|                     | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000       |

## **Prospective Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity**

| Balance at 1 July                                      | 616,072 | 639,087 | 624,708 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|
| Comprehensive revenue and expense for the period       |         |         |         |
| Surplus/(deficit) for the period                       | 9,979   | 9,155   | 23,601  |
| Other comprehensive revenue and expense for the period |         |         |         |
| Surplus on revaluation of infrastructure               | 13,036  | 13,311  | 13,311  |
| Total comprehensive revenue and expense                |         |         |         |
| for the period   | 23,015  | 22,466  | 36,912  |
| Balance at 30 June                                     | 639,087 | 661,553 | 661,620 |

| For the year ended:                                  | Plan      | LTP       | Plan (draft) |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 30 June  | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2019-2020    |
| 30 June  | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000       |
| Prospective Cash Flow Statement                      |           |           |              |
| Cash Flow from Operating Activities  Receipts:       |           |           |              |
| Rates  | 35,029    | 37,154    | 36,884       |
| Fees, charges and other                              | 8,017     | 8,176     | 9,837        |
| Grants and subsidies                                 | 12,860    | 12,154    | 32,005       |
| Interest received                                    | 20        | 20        | 20           |
|  |           |           |              |
| sub total  | 55,926    | 57,504    | 78,746       |
| Payments:  |           |           |              |
| Suppliers and employees                              | 33,055    | 35,082    | 41,290       |
| Interest expense                                     | 2,950     | 2,780     | 2,780        |
| sub total  | 36,005    | 37,862    | 44,070       |
|  |           |           |              |
| Net Cash Flow from/(to) Operating Activities         | 19,921    | 19,642    | 34,676       |
| Cash Flow from Investing Activities<br>Receipts:     |           |           |              |
| Sale of Property, plant and equipment                | 175       | 179       | 175          |
| sub total  Payments:                                 | 175       | 179       | 175          |
| Property, plant and equipment purchases              | 23,529    | 20,904    | 38,597       |
| sub total  | 23,529    | 20,904    | 38,597       |
| Net Cash Flow from/(to) Investing Activities         | -23,354   | -20,725   | -38,422      |
| Cash Flow from Financing Activities  Payments:       |           |           |              |
| Loans (repayment)/drawn (net)                        | -1,969    | 1,146     | 3,809        |
| Net Cash Flow from/(to) Financing Activities         | -1,969    | 1,146     | 3,809        |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | -5,402    | 63        | 63           |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period     | 5,902     | 500       | 500          |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period           | 500       | 563       | 563          |
| ,  |           |           |              |

**Annual** 

Annual

|         | Annual    |           | Annual       |
|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| As at   | Plan      | LTP       | Plan (draft) |
| 30 June | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2019-2020    |
|         | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000       |

## **Prospective Statement of Financial Position**

| Net assets/equity                |         |         |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Accumulated comprehensive        |         |         |         |
| revenue and expense              | 412,449 | 423,221 | 425,697 |
| Asset revaluation reserves       | 238,230 | 251,542 | 245,084 |
| Restricted reserves              | 5,427   | 5,524   | 5,389   |
| Council created reserves         | -17,019 | -18,735 | -14,550 |
| Total net assets/equity          | 639,087 | 661,552 | 661,620 |
| represented by                   |         |         |         |
| Current assets                   |         |         |         |
| Cash and cash equivalents        | 500     | 563     | 563     |
| Trade and other receivables      | 6,778   | 7,013   | 6,548   |
| Accrued revenue                  | 2,875   | 2,875   | 3,438   |
| Other financial assets           | 115     | 115     | 115     |
| Non current assets held for sale | 186     | 186     | 186     |
| Total current assets             | 10,454  | 10,751  | 10,849  |
| less                             |         |         |         |
| Current liabilities              |         |         |         |
| Trade and other payables         | 10,015  | 10,313  | 13,329  |
| Provisions                       | 145     | 145     | 148     |
| Employee entitlements            | 458     | 467     | 1,111   |
| Public debt                      | 226     | 606     | 600     |
| Total current liabilities        | 10,845  | 11,531  | 15,188  |
| Working capital/(deficit)        | -391    | -780    | -4,340  |
| plus                             |         |         |         |
| Non current assets               |         |         |         |
| Property, plant, equipment       | 693,086 | 716,699 | 720,724 |
| LGFA Borrower notes              | 643     | 643     | 704     |
| Biological assets                | 500     | 500     | 1,017   |
| Other financial assets           | 276     | 276     | 278     |
| Total non current assets         | 694,504 | 718,117 | 722,723 |
| less                             |         |         |         |
| Non current liabilities          |         |         |         |
| Public debt                      | 46,044  | 46,810  | 47,657  |
| Provisions                       | 4,786   | 4,779   | 4,679   |
| Derivative financial liabilities | 4,196   | 4,196   | 4,427   |
| Total non current liabilities    | 55,026  | 55,785  | 56,763  |
| Net assets                       | 639,087 | 661,552 | 661,620 |

| For the year ended: |
|---------------------|
| 30 June             |
|                     |

| Annual<br>Plan |
|----------------|
| 2018-2019      |
| \$'000         |

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| 2019-2020 |
| \$'000    |

| Annual       |  |  |
|--------------|--|--|
| Plan (draft) |  |  |
| 2019-2020    |  |  |
| \$'000       |  |  |

## **Prospective Depreciation Summary**

#### by Groups of activities

| 182   | 192   | 319  |
|-------|---|--|
| 14    | 15  | 51   |
|       |   |  |
| 465   | 673   | 565  |
| 8     | 25  | 0  |
| 6,251 | 6,442   | 7,020  |
| 371   | 384   | 434  |
| 104   | 106   | 165  |
|       |   |  |
| 1,360 | 1,432   | 1,449  |
| 1,126 | 1,155   | 1,007  |
| 9,882 | 10,423  | 11,010   |
|       | 14<br>465<br>8<br>6,251<br>371<br>104<br>1,360<br>1,126 | 14 15  465 673 8 25 6,251 6,442 371 384 104 106  1,360 1,432 1,126 1,155 |

|                     | Annual    |           | Annual       |
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| For the year ended: | Plan      | LTP       | Plan (draft) |
| 30 June             | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2019-2020    |
|                     | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000       |

## **Prospective Funding Impact Statement**

Whole of Council

#### **Operating funding**

| Sources of operating randing                 |        |        |         |
|--|--------|--------|---------|
| General rates, uniform annual general        |        |        |         |
| charges, rate penalties                      | 22,930 | 24,412 | 24,669  |
| Targeted rates                               | 12,099 | 12,735 | 12,214  |
| Subsidies and grants for operating purposes  | 4,584  | 4,899  | 8,786   |
| Fees and charges                             | 5,204  | 5,318  | 6,498   |
| Interest and dividends from investments      | 20     | 20     | 20      |
| Local authorities fuel tax, fines, infringe- |        |        |         |
| ment fees and other receipts                 | 320    | 326    | 320     |
| Total operating funding                      | 45,156 | 47,710 | 52,508  |
| Application of operating funding             |        |        |         |
| Payments to staff and suppliers              | 33,548 | 35,576 | 41,690  |
| Finance costs                                | 2,950  | 2,780  | 2,780   |
| Other operating funding applications         | 0      | 0      | 0       |
| Total applications of operating funding      | 36,498 | 38,356 | 44,470  |
| Surplus (deficit) of operating funding       | 8,658  | 9,354  | 8,037   |
| Capital funding                              |        |        |         |
| Sources of capital funding                   |        |        |         |
| Subsidies and grants for capital expenditure | 8,276  | 7,255  | 23,219  |
| Development and financial contributions      | 2,494  | 2,531  | 3,019   |
| Increase (decrease) in debt                  | 1,038  | -226   | 919     |
| Gross proceeds from sale of assets           | 175    | 179    | 175     |
| Lump sum contributions                       | 0      | 0      | 0       |
| Other dedicated capital funding              | 0      | 0      | 0       |
| •  |        |        |         |
| Total sources of capital funding             | 11,983 | 9,738  | 27,332  |
| Applications of capital funding              |        |        |         |
| Capital expenditure                          |        |        |         |
| - to meet additional demand                  | 5,593  | 3,036  | 4,772   |
| Capital expenditure                          |        |        |         |
| - to improve the level of service            | 5,969  | 6,204  | 18,666  |
| Capital expenditure                          | 44 522 | 44 224 | 4.4.024 |
| -to replace existing assets                  | 11,532 | 11,224 | 14,821  |
| Increase (decrease) in reserves              | -2,454 | -1,373 | -2,890  |
| Increase (decrease) of investments           | 0      | 0      | 0       |
| Total applications of capital funding        | 20,641 | 19,092 | 35,369  |
| Surplus (deficit) of capital funding         | -8,658 | -9,354 | -8,038  |
| Funding Balance                              | 0      | 0      | 0       |

Most capital projects funded by grants, reserves or subsidies

Increased financial contributions has reduced the reserves deficits

Increased capital expenditure has increased creditors at the end of the year

|                   | Annual    |           | Annual       |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| For period ended: | Plan      | LTP       | Plan (draft) |
| 30 June           | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2019-2020    |
|                   | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000       |

## Reconciliation of Prospective Funding Impact Statement to Prospective Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense

#### Revenue

| Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense          |        |        |                      |
|---|--------|--------|----------------------|
| Total revenue   | 55,926 | 57,496 | 78,746               |
| Funding Impact Statement                                |        |        |                      |
| Total operating funding                                 | 45,156 | 47,711 | 52,508               |
| Total sources of capital funding                        | 10,770 | 9,786  | 26,238               |
| add Provisions  | 0      | 0      | 0                    |
| Total revenue   | 55,926 | 57,496 | 78,746               |
| Expenses Statement of Comprehensive Revenue and Expense |        |        |                      |
| Total expenses  | 45,947 | 48,342 | 55,145               |
| Funding Impact Statement                                |        |        |                      |
| Total applications of operating funding                 | 36,498 | 38,356 | 44,470               |
| deduct Internal charges and recoveries                  | -435   | -440   | -337                 |
| add Depreciation expense                                | 9,882  | 10,423 | 11,010               |
| add Provisions  | 2      | 2      | 2                    |
| Total expenses  | 45,947 | 48,342 | <sub>67</sub> 55,145 |

| For the year and do | Annual    | LTD       | Annual       |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| For the year ended: | Plan      | LTP       | Plan (draft) |
| 30 June             | 2018-2019 | 2019-2020 | 2019-2020    |
|                     | \$'000    | \$'000    | \$'000       |

## **Prospective Statement of Financial Reserves**

#### **Restricted Reserves**

| Mangawhai Endowment Lands Account |         |         |         |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Opening Balance                   | 5,326   | 5,426   | 5,291   |
| Transfers in                      | 169     | 172     | 172     |
| Transfers out                     | -68     | -74     | -74     |
| Restricted Reserves               |         |         |         |
| Mangawhai Endowment Lands Account | 5,427   | 5,524   | 5,389   |
| Council Created Reserves          |         |         |         |
| Opening Balance                   | -14,222 | -17,019 | -12,290 |
| Transfers in                      | 7,910   | 8,607   | 8,976   |
| Transfers out                     | -10,707 | -10,322 | -11,236 |
| Council Created Reserves          | -17,019 | -18,734 | -14,550 |

#### Annual Plan disclosure statement for year ending 30 June 2020

The purpose of this statement is to disclose Council's planned financial performance in relation to various benchmarks to enable the assessment of whether Council is prudently managing its revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities, and general financial dealings. Council is required to include this statement in its Annual Plan in accordance with the Local Government (Financial Reporting and Prudence) Regulations 2014 (the regulations). Refer to the regulations for more information, including definitions of some of the terms used in this statement.

| Benchmark   | Quantified limit          | Planned                   | Met      |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| Rates affordability benchmark  - income (quantified limit on rates excluding water by meter and penalties)  - increases (quantified limit on rates increases) | \$32.507 million<br>4.20% | \$36.153 million<br>5.26% | No<br>No |
| Debt affordability benchmark (quantified limit on borrowing)  | 170%                      | 61%                       | Yes      |
| Balanced budget benchmark   | 100%                      | 137%                      | Yes      |
| Essential services benchmark  | 100%                      | 296%                      | Yes      |
| Debt servicing benchmark  | 10%                       | 4.0%                      | Yes      |

#### Rates Affordability Benchmark-

The Long Term Plan 2018/2028 forecasts the ceiling to be exceeded in each of the first three years. Over the 10 year long term plan period cumulative increases will be less than the ceiling.

#### Notes

- 1 Rates affordability benchmark
- (1) For this benchmark:-
  - (a) the Council's planned rates income for the year is compared with a quantified limit on rates contained in the financial strategy included in the Council's long-term plan; and
  - (b) the Council's planned rates increases for the year are compared with a quantified limit on rates increases for the year contained in the financial strategy included in the council's long-term plan.

- (2) The Council meets the rates affordability benchmark if—
  - (a) its planned rates income for the year equals or is less than each quantified limit on rates; and
  - (b) its planned rates increases for the year equal or are less than each quantified limit on rates increases.
- 2 Debt affordability benchmark
- (1) For this benchmark, the Council's planned borrowing is compared with a quantified limit on borrowing contained in the financial strategy included in the Council's long-term plan.
- (2) The Council meets the debt affordability benchmark if its planned borrowing is within each quantified limit on borrowing.
- 3 Balanced budget benchmark
- (1) For this benchmark, the council's planned revenue (excluding development contributions, vested assets, financial contributions, gains on derivative financial instruments, and revaluations of property, plant, or equipment) is presented as a proportion of its planned operating expenses (excluding losses on derivative financial instruments and revaluations of property, plant, or equipment).
- (2) The Council meets the balanced budget benchmark if its revenue equals or is greater than its operating expenses.
- 4 Essential services benchmark
- (1) For this benchmark, the Council's planned capital expenditure on network services is presented as a proportion of expected depreciation on network services.
- (2) The council meets the essential services benchmark if its planned capital expenditure on network services equals or is greater than expected depreciation on network services.
- 5 Debt servicing benchmark
- (1) For this benchmark, the Council's planned borrowing costs are presented as a proportion of planned revenue (excluding development contributions, financial contributions, vested assets, gains on derivative financial instruments, and revaluations of property, plant, or equipment).
- (2) Because Statistics New Zealand projects that the Council's population will grow slower than the national population growth rate, it meets the debt servicing benchmark if its planned borrowing costs equal or are less than 10% of its planned revenue.

The full benchmark analysis, including graphs for each measure for the ten year plan are included in Part 2 of the LTP 2018-2028, under the Prospective Financial Statements section.

Want to see what the LTP set? See the full document a www.kaipara.govt.nz/longtermplan

