

2025-34 Long Term Plan Kerbside Refuse Collection

Elected Member workshop
14 October 2024

Purpose of today's workshop

- Provide information on assumptions used for 2025-34 LTP baseline budget for the 16 October.
- Provides opportunity to ask questions.
- More detailed information to be presented at a later workshop.

What we already know

- Refuse collection has been a private sector service for over 20 years.
- Several real/perceived negative impacts from Council not providing the service.
- During consultation on the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, Council was asked to explore a refuse collection.

'Pay as you throw' model

- Initial options explored 'pay as you throw' models.
- Works well in some areas.
- Pay as you throw may not address high rates of recycling contamination and illegal dumping
- Due to this, staff have developed a scenario which provides a service upon which a provisional estimate can be included in LTP modelling.

Food waste service

- Current government is reviewing the requirement for councils to provide the service.
- 10 September LTP workshop – Elected Members requested that the food waste budget be reallocated to a new refuse service.
- Seen as more beneficial and providing greater value to households.
- Food waste will be reassessed through next LTP.

Why introduce a refuse service

- A Council contracted service should be cheaper for the majority of residents.
- More influence over performance of kerbside services and diversion.
- Expectation that Council should provide a service.
- Synergy to tender at same time as recycling contract which ends 30 June 2026 - opportunity to reduce costs for both services.

Assumptions - service parameters

- A wheelie bin (size to be determined), collected weekly or fortnightly.
- Service designed to suit majority of households.
- Cover urban and properties on the fringes of residential areas (approx. 21,000 households).
- Start 1 July 2026.

Exclusions

- Not a rural service due to cost.
- Not for retirement villages and body corporates.
- Not a 'pay as you throw' scheme.

Assumptions - cost estimates

Cost is in three parts:

- Establishment:
 - Project and systems set up and tendering \$900k;
 - Bin purchase \$1.86m +\$60k/year for replacements.
- Annual staff management and overheads \$475k.
- Contracted service \$3.2m +5%/year for inflation.

These costs are an estimate and not an exact cost.

Next steps

- 2025-34 LTP baseline budget workshop – 16 October.
- Detailed information on refuse service incl. options, presented at a later workshop.