

URGENT DECISION OF THE

Waitematā Local Board

Approve feedback on Reducing waste: a more effective landfill levy

AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THIS URGENT DECISION

Urgent Decision Process WTM/2019/259

- a) That the Waitematā Local Board:
 - i) adopt the urgent decision-making process for matters that require a decision where it is not practical to call the full board together and meet the requirements of a quorum
 - b) delegate authority to the chair and deputy chair, or any person acting in these roles, to make urgent decisions on behalf of the local board
 - c) agree that the relationship manager, chair and deputy chair (or any person/s acting in these roles) will authorise the urgent decision-making process by signing off an authorisation memo
 - d) note that all urgent decisions will be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the local board
 - e) agree that every effort will be made to ascertain the views of all board members prior to approving an urgent decision.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Ministry for the Environment is consulting on proposed changes to the landfill levy and waste data collection methodologies.
2. The waste levy, applied under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, is intended to raise revenue for waste minimisation and diversion opportunities while increasing the cost of waste disposal to recognise the costs of disposal on the environment, society and economy.
3. The consultation document proposes progressively increasing the landfill levy to higher rates, expanding the levy to apply to more types of landfills and making improvements to waste data collections.
4. Local boards can provide formal feedback on Council's draft submission. To be considered by the political working group before the submission is finalised this formal feedback needs to be received by Wednesday 22 January 2020 before the final submission is submitted by 3 February 2020.
5. The consultation memo was circulated, and views were sought from all board members to develop the board feedback.
6. An urgent decision is being sought from the local board to agree the board's feedback to the working party and Environment and Climate Change Committee to be included in Council's submission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Waitematā Local Board:

- a) approve the Waitematā Local Board feedback on Reducing waste: a more effective landfill levy.

REASON FOR URGENCY

7. Local boards must provide formal feedback by Wednesday 22 January 2020 to be considered by the working party included in the Council's draft submission before the final submission is submitted by 3 February 2020.
8. The Waitematā Local Board's next business meeting is not scheduled until the 18 February 2020 meaning the local board cannot wait until then to resolve.
9. The urgent decision will be reported to the local board at their 18 February 2020 meeting.

GENERAL

10. The recommendation contained in this report falls within the local board's delegated authority.

DECISION

AUTHORISED FOR RELEASE



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SIGNATORIES



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