

# Memo

19 December 2019

To: Members of the Finance and Performance Committee  
cc: Matthew Walker, Group Chief Financial Officer  
From: Nicola Mills, General Manager Financial and Business Performance

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**Subject: Quarter One performance reporting queries – Auckland Council**

This memo provides responses to questions raised by councillors regarding the quarter one performance of Auckland Council, included in the agenda of the 3 December 2019 Finance and Performance Committee meeting.

**1. Number of noise complaint calls received about fireworks (Cr. Casey)**

Fireworks complaints do not have their own statistical category. The following information is based on a text search for “Firework” on a report from the SAP noise complaints database.

- November 2018: 127 complaints between 1-10 November 2018 and a total of 152 complaints for the full month.
- November 2019: 80 complaints between 1-10 November 2019 and a total of 102 for the full month.

**2. Regarding illegal dumping: number of cameras, where those cameras have been located in the last six months, operating cost of cameras, enforcement costs relating to illegal dumping (Cr. Newman)**

There are 17 cameras operating regionwide with 9 of these in the South. Cameras, in the South, have been intermittently at the locations below over the last year: Fencible Dr, Inlet Rd, Gifford Rd, Tilberg St, Lawford Pl, Manuroa Rd, Castlebane Dr, Diversy Lane, Whakatapu, Ihumatao Rd, Takanini School Rd, Wastney Rd, Mayo Road

Camera costs:

- Supply of camera, case, cable, card, batteries (\$600 per camera)
- Installing, maintenance and downloading (approximately \$300 per camera per month)

Enforcement Costs (staff only):

The staff costs for enforcement for 2017/2018 were approximately \$663,000.

Infringements and Prosecutions:

There have been 175 infringement notices issued so far for this financial year across the Auckland region. 69 of these notices have been issued in the south.

Year to date there have been 3 prosecutions of which one offender was operating in the south, central and west. The other two were both in the north.

### Illegal Dumping Statistics

Date	Regional	South
Dec-18	111.2	77.2
Jan-19	121.8	75.3
Feb-19	95.4	55.1
Mar-19	110.2	66.3
Apr-19	92.6	46.3
May-19	100.6	64.5
Jun-19	111.3	70.0
Jul-19	130.2	59.6
Aug-19	135.8	54.0
Sep-19	120.8	58.0
Oct-19	101.7	47.0
Nov-19	114.6	61.3

### **3. Planned locations of any further expansion to the resource recovery centre network, particularly in south Auckland (Cr. Newman)**

In April 2019 a Request for Expression Of Interest (REOI) was released to the market requesting expressions of interest for two Community Recycling Centres in the south. The REOI invited proposals from organisations with a site in the south of Auckland and/or organisations who want to partner with Auckland Council to operate a re-use facility, and to work with the community to provide residents and local businesses in the south of Auckland with essential waste and resource recovery services.

There were three respondents to this REOI process, two of which were deemed to have potential. Negotiations with one of these suppliers for a site and operations of the facility in the Otara area is currently underway. The second potential operator doesn't have a site but discussions with them will focus on their ideas about finding a site in our preferred locations.

### **4. Where plastic recycling is being sent to (Cr. Walker)**

Plastics collected at Visy are currently distributed as follows:

- 50% PET to Flight Plastic in Wellington, the other 50% to Australia
- The remainder of the plastic is sent to Malaysia.
- Current market for mixed paper is India.

In response to the changing markets Auckland Council is proactively working with other New Zealand councils as well as central government, iwi and the recycling industry to find better, more sustainable long-term solutions to waste issues, including the option of on-shore processing.

## 5. The budget allocated to address waste from construction and demolition (Cr. Coom)

Construction and demolition (C&D) waste (e.g. rubble, concrete, timber, plasterboard, insulation materials) accounts for 40 percent of all waste sent to landfills. As Auckland's single largest waste stream, with high tonnages going to landfill and high diversion potential, C&D waste has been identified as a priority waste stream to achieve the targets of the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) – reducing total waste to landfill by 30 percent by 2027.

The council has limited influence or regulation over the construction industry's behaviour however have developed a three-pronged strategy to influencing C&D waste:

- a) Working across Council to influence and set targets for council's operational waste. (see information below on collaboration with Community Facilities for council's new builds, renovations and building removals)
- b) Working with large-scale developers, including Kaianga Ora to influence and support C&D waste diversion through policy development and wider uptake of deconstruction methods of demolition, and facilitating the recycle and reuse of materials
- c) Working across the community and with Maori and Mana Whenua to develop social enterprise opportunities, employment and training opportunities, a collaborative approach including with industry, and identifying community destinations for recycled materials

Waste Solutions' investment in C&D waste has been in people resource. This is funded through the waste levy not through rates.

Council's deconstruction projects:

- All the council's deconstruction projects that have been worked on to date are Community Facilities projects and as such, are funded within budgets allocated to Local Boards for new builds, renovations and building removals.
- The Local Boards approve the programme and the funding for each project. The Waitemata Local Board directed funding to the Argyle St Masonic Hall salvage, deconstruction and the subsequent addition of that space to Salisbury Reserve through its renewals budget.
- It is worth noting that there was a particularly long period of consultation with the Waitemata Local Board and the community regarding the fate of the Masonic Hall and its method of removal with the Local Board being in favour of a deconstruction.
- One exception to this was the Three Kings project where the Puketāpapa Local Board provided an additional \$5,000 for social outcomes. None of the projects worked on have exceeded the original set budget because of salvage or deconstruction apart from a minor variation in relation to the Birkenhead Grandstand.