

**Environment and Sustainability Forum**  
**Tuesday 18 February 2020, 1.30-3.30pm**  
**The Kollektive, 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mawhero Room 1**

<b>Forum Members Present</b>	Mary Dillon (Acting Chair / Envirohub), Eddie Orsulich (Aongatete Forest Restoration Trust), John Garwood (Fruit Growers Association), Gray Southern (Carbon Action Group), Glen Crowther (Sustainable Business Network), Erin Kennedy (Toi-Ohomai Institute of Technology), Jean-Paul Thull (Living Streets Aotearoa), Vicktoria Blake (BOP District Health Board), Julian Fitter (Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society)	
<b>SmartGrowth</b>	Megan Rumble (SmartGrowth Coordinator)	
<b>Partner Staff</b>	Virginia Bashford (Tauranga City Council)	
<b>Apologies</b>	Paul Hickson (Surf Break Protection Society), Dean Tully (Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology), Julian Fitter (for lateness)	
Previous minutes and actions		The minutes of the 3 December 2019 meeting were accepted as a true and correct record. All previous actions have been addressed.
Tauranga City Council (TCC) proposed kerbside collection update	Update	<p>Virginia Bashford from TCC provided an update on the proposed kerbside collection survey results. Virginia's role is to look after the communications for the proposed services. Part of that was the Talking Trash survey which has now wrapped up. Council received over 9000 responses. All responses are available to view at <a href="http://www.talkingtrash.co.nz">www.talkingtrash.co.nz</a>. The next step is to receive the proposals from the private waste providers through the RFP process – due March 4. Councillors will then review the options and decide in June. It was positive to note that a large percentage of people who took part in the survey said they are happy with fortnightly waste collection, fortnightly recycling and weekly food waste collection. You can still have your say at any time through TCC <a href="#">‘Have your say’</a>.</p> <p><u>Discussion and questions followed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It was noted the positive response rate and buy in must be good guidance to councillors around what the community is asking for.</li> <li>- Will there be contractual controls in place to provide security so that the recent glass recycling example doesn't occur again? Virginia confirmed yes, by council taking this on themselves this is the goal.</li> <li>- Being rates funded – how is that fair on the zero wasters? It was noted the size of the waste bin issued to the property is one way to monitor the charges. Virginia confirmed there are 9 different cost tiers proposed. Also looking for anyone, through the RFP process, who has ideas around how to make this fairer.</li> <li>- Major terms of the RFP? Anything specifically outlined to be included by the providers through the RFP process? Status quo will remain given in terms on what is on offer in NZ recycling wise etc. Virginia to confirm with the team.</li> </ul>

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	Action	<p>Virginia to come back to the forum after clarifying queries raised with the TCC waste team <b>post note:</b> See responses below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can the E&amp;S forum see the contents of the RFP document? Or at least know the context it was issued under – e.g. was it issued to support the overarching principles of the WMMP? How narrow/open is it? <i>We can share council's objectives for the project, and yes it does align with TCC's WMMP. It's really hard to share RFP content as at the moment it is confidential, only suppliers have access to the information.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>The following objectives have been defined for the kerbside activity. Ultimately Council are seeking to implement an outcomes focused approach.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Keep it simple: so level of service is achievable and realistic</i></li> <li>• <i>Customer first: to ensure the best solutions are provided to residents</i></li> <li>• <i>Do it right: to encourage customers and contractors to support the outcomes of this project</i></li> <li>• <i>Be consistent with the LTP outcomes: reference to the key messages presented during the LTP 2018-2028</i></li> <li>• <i>Meet environmental outcomes: reduce the amount of waste going to landfill (the common WMMP vision across the two Councils), reduce the number of service vehicles for certain services, and ensure there is a long-term sustainable business solution for Tauranga and the Western Bay</i></li> <li>• <i>Provide services that achieve broader social outcomes: in particular the services protect worker and customer wellbeing to ensure a safe and incident free service.</i></li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The E&amp;S forum are worried Council isn't going to get enough control over the resulting contracts in terms of how residents would be charged ongoing, and how the waste would be processed ongoing (e.g. how private companies just decide to stop collecting/processing things) <i>We don't have this information to share yet as we are not down to a preferred supplier or even know what suppliers will be offering (responses are due today 4<sup>th</sup> March), however this is a risk that has been highlighted, and once we see and evaluate the proposals we can determined how this will be addressed and provide further detail. We do have an</i></li> </ul>

		<p><i>independent Procurement specialist (Morrison Low), who are very familiar with these sorts of risks as they have been involved with many council kerbside service procurements around New Zealand and they will be giving there independent advice and guidance on contractual matters. Final outcomes will be given to councillors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June to vote on. Over the next couple of months we will be keeping councillors updated with progress to enable them to make an informed decision on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The E&amp;S forum want to make sure we’re lobbying central government about product stewardship. <i>Yes, council is in favour of product stewardship and we are involved in groups that submit proposals on the various issues, recent ones is the waste levy and packaging submissions. Central government identify that all of these things combined need to be used to get a good outcome, council also support this approach.</i></li> <li>• The E&amp;S forum want to make sure we’re working regionally with not just WBOPDC but other’s like Whakatane to solve some of our bigger waste processing challenges – like having a sustainable commercial composting facility and long-term investment in infrastructure. <i>Council regularly submit joint application for proposals as well as individual ones and have done so for a number of years. Council identify we have the same waste challenges that other councils in the region do, by working together, as opposed to silo’s produces better outcomes and where we can produce better outcomes we will. Hence we have done a joint Kerbside RFP with WBOPDC.</i></li> </ul>
<p>Discussion paper from Gray Southon of the Carbon Reduction Group on Climate Change Emergency</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Gray spoke to his discussion paper and provided an overview noting we need much stronger support from our political leaders, particularly local political leaders around giving legitimacy to climate change to encourage people to take this seriously. The Carbon Reduction Group is working with EnviroHub, as part of Sustainable Backyards, who have provided a venue at ‘Our Place’ in the CBD for the period of one month during March. Encouraging people to engage and share their thoughts and suggestions around climate change. See here for details <a href="https://www.facebook.com/events/664732060952148/">https://www.facebook.com/events/664732060952148/</a> The opening night (Sunday 1 March) will include councillors and other guest speakers. Mary also noted the climate change and the economy speakers forum event being held by EnviroHub as part of Sustainable Back Yards at The Holy Trinity Church on March 26. See details on this event and all events <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Vicktoria noted the interesting Guardian article regarding animal feed leading to CO2 issue. <a href="#">Read here</a>.</p> <p>The reality with climate change is we need everyone on board, politicians, public, everyone in order to make a difference.</p>
	<p>Action</p>	

<p>2020 Environment and Sustainability Forum work programme and priorities</p> <p>Urban Form and Transport Initiative Discussion</p>	<p>Discussion</p>	<p>Mary proposed that the 2020 work programme and priorities discussion be held for now with an UFTI discussion taking priority. Lisa Hickling will be available as a resource to note specific forums views and feedback on the Interim report. It was suggested that clear 10 year, 30 year and 50 year carbon reduction targets that align with the central purpose of the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act be incorporated and be very clear from the outset to assist with informing everything else. So that they can be monitored.</p> <p>It was noted that the forum do not see that climate change is addressed at all effectively through the UFTI process.</p> <p>Views on the UFTI process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- They explicitly changed their approach and didn't obtain a technical report on emissions – instead obtaining a target</li> <li>- Some facilitators of the UFTI workshops were reluctant to note down key feedback</li> <li>- Facilitators couldn't answer questions due to not being aware of some of the technical details</li> </ul> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Concerns around UFTI workshop around the need for humility among facilitators</li> <li>- Concerns around the engagement approach and the modelling not being done as agreed</li> <li>- It was suggested the Sustainable Business Network funding from Regional Council be looked at as funding to run a well facilitated workshop?</li> <li>- Cycle ways are not built into the maps at all. It was noted UFTI is looking at the function only at this stage</li> <li>- The community focus missing? Freight focus in terms of roading only. Port focus – the Port is not the city – it's the other way around.</li> <li>- Ringfencing urban sprawl is key.</li> <li>- At risk of losing more and more versatile land. It was noted 6% of NZ's 30% arable land is in our western bay subregion and reports already exist exploring this issue.</li> </ul> <p>We need to work on the key things that are the fundamental building blocks around the options.</p> <p>In summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is concern about the vision for the future</li> <li>- Questions around how rail fits in</li> <li>- What is going to happen with intensification and how it will fit in</li> </ul>
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General Business	Discussion	Mary read a quote from a 1997 TCC document. We were concerned then about continuing overconsumption of the earth’s resources. Twenty-three years later we are starting to see that this issue is real and destructive if not addressed really urgently.
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<b>Key message for SLG</b>		Nothing to note.

Meeting closed 3.42pm. Next meeting Tuesday 14 April 2020 1.30-3.30pm, The Collective, 17th Avenue, Mawhero Room 2

### Environment and Sustainability Forum Outstanding Actions – February 2020

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