

10 June 2021

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 27 May 2021 for information regarding the new rubbish collection system.

For ease of reference we have included our response below each of your questions.

1. How much did it cost to purchase all the recycle crates for glass

Answer: The cost of each blue crate for glass is \$12.04 +GST. We purchased 40,500 crates so the total cost is \$487,620 +GST.

2. the cost of all the wheelie bins

Answer: The estimated cost to purchase the wheelie bins is \$4,103,000 +GST.

3. the total cost of the new Rubbish system

Answer: The total cost of the new rubbish service for the 2021/22 financial year is estimated to be \$4,983,000 and for the recycling service \$3,293,000.

4. how many extra staff and what is the cost, both permanent and contractors.
separate cost please

Answer: Council has employed one extra staff member to help manage the contract with Waste Management Limited at a cost of \$80k which includes associated costs. This is for an additional permanent FTE position.


5. Cost of any consultants employed to advertise the new system

Answer: We have engaged a communication agency to provide us with educational and promotional content for the roll out of the new services at a cost of \$206,400.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jörn Scherzer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jörn Scherzer
Head of Climate & Solid Waste