

Open Briefing: Silverstream Landfill and Resource Recovery

Wednesday 10 August 2022 at 4.00pm

Attendees

Elected Members: HCC: Mayor Barry (until 4.55pm), Deputy Mayor Lewis, Cr Briggs, Cr Dyer, Cr Edwards, Cr Mitchell, Cr Shaw, Cr Sutton, UHCC: Mayor Guppy (from 4.28pm), Deputy Mayor Swales, Cr Bentley, Cr Carson, Cr Griffiths, Cr Lambert, Cr McLeod, Cr Newell, Cr Taylor, Cr Wheeler, Gabriel Tupou, Chair Wainuiomata Community Board, Frank Vickers, Member Eastbourne Community Board

Staff: HCC: Jo Miller, Chief Executive HCC, Andrea Blackshaw, Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities HCC, Alison Geddes, Director of Environment and Sustainability HCC, Bruce Hodgins, Strategic Advisor HCC, Jörn Scherzer, Head of Climate and Waste HCC, UHCC: Helen Hamilton, Director Planning and Regulatory Services UHCC, Richard Schouten, Waste Minimisation Officer UHCC, Kate Glanville, Senior Democracy Advisor HCC, and Annie Doornebosch, Democracy Advisor HCC

Apologies / Absences

Elected Member Apologies: HCC: Cr Hislop, Cr Barratt

Elected Members Absent: HCC: Cr Milne, Cr Brown

Key Objectives of the Briefing

The purpose of the briefing is to update elected members on resource recovery developments and operations at Silverstream Landfill Transfer Station.

Discussion

Slide 1: Cover

Slide 2: Update on Resource Recovery at Silverstream Landfill Transfer Station.

Slides 3 and 4: Resource recovery at Silverstream pre-2021.

Slide 5: In 2019 HCC commissioned Akina Foundation to create an impact framework. This framework considered positive impacts of increasing the focus on resource recovery at the transfer station, rather than just disposal of waste and revenue recovery.

Slide 6 (including slides 7, 8, 9, 10, 11): Changes to Resource Recovery to Silverstream Landfill Transfer Station since July 2021.

Slide 7: Green waste area increased and resurfaced.

Slide 8: Upgrades made to the hazardous waste drop off point, updated signage and key materials separated.

Slide 9: Change to load-out direction made to create more space in the new load-out area and roundabout.

Slide 10: The pit has now been filled in and relocated along with some resource recovery bins to the lower part of resource recovery area.

Slide 11: Pay by weight was introduced for all vehicles from 1 July 2022. This provides an incentive to separate out green waste.

Slides 12/13: Resource Recovery at Silverstream Now.

Slide 14: Future plans – need to conclude the procurement process of the next landfill operations and the transfer station contract. Also work underway for the business case. Key requirement for this would be a private partner willing to invest then both councils could collaborate with them.

Slide 15: Further improvements at Silverstream. Next steps if a decision is made to upgrade Silverstream further then the resource recovery area could be further upgraded. A clean fill drop off waste area could be developed.

Slide 16: A State of the Art Resource Recovery Park?

Questions and discussion points

The Head of Climate and Waste, HCC said he would check records for any increases or decreases in concrete waste. He said there had been some complaints regarding the change in processes and price increases. He noted these changes enabled resource recovery to be more economic. He said the changes to fees at the landfill had been included in the consultation for HCC's Annual Plan. He said he would check what other advice had been given to the public with HCC's Communications team. It was noted the Composting New Zealand site in Upper Hutt was closed due to health and safety issues and they were now looking for a new site.

The Head of Climate and Waste, HCC advised officers could promote the hazardous waste facility to members of the community online. He said officers were developing a system to ensure people pre-sorted their waste before arriving at the landfill, and messaging for this would be increased. He advised a discount voucher was one of the initiatives being considered. He noted the potential for a free resource recovery area would be included in the business case. He said if people had a mixed load of waste then charges would apply for the full load. He noted approximately \$2.5M had been allocated in HCC's Long Term Plan to provide resource recovery and transfer station improvements. He also highlighted this was subject to officers completing a business case and procurement plan. He said it was expected a resource recovery centre would compliment the existing landfill facility, rather than compete with it. He said the operator of an external recovery park would process and send excess to the landfill.

Next Steps

- Finalising the procurement of the next landfill operations and transfer station contract.
- Development of the business case.
- Plans for a significant upgrade to improve traffic flow and layout, and consideration of moving into recovery of commercial waste. This would be subject to completion of a business case.
- Cr Briggs noted an update report on the Silverstream Landfill would be provided to the Hutt Valley Services Committee to be held on 26 August 2022.

Briefing Materials

Attachment: Visual presentation on Resource Recovery at Silverstream Landfill Transfer Station

The briefing closed at 5.01pm.