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(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Andy

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Tēnā koe Andy

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: Food Scraps Collections Programme

Thank you for your email dated July 21, 2023, in which you requested information about the Food Scraps Collections Programme. The specific details of your request and our response are below.

The Food Scraps Collections Programme holds significant importance in fostering sustainable waste management practices, reducing landfill waste, and promoting environmental conservation. Recognizing the significance of this initiative, I am eager to better understand the underlying financial aspects to ensure its effectiveness and feasibility as a long-term solution.

Therefore, I kindly request the following information:

- A. Business Case: I request a copy of the business case or any relevant documentation that outlines the objectives, scope, and projected benefits of the Food Scraps Collections Programme. Please include details on the anticipated environmental impact and the expected benefits to the community.***

The business case is attached in the document called "AC BC Addendum food scraps UPDATED 220303".

We would also draw your attention to the central government's recently released Waste Strategy which has mandated collections from 2027 for councils, including Auckland Council. More information on the Waste Strategy can be found here:

<https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/waste/improving-household-recycling-and-food-scrap-collections/>

We have also attached a cost-benefit analysis of an organic waste collection service in Auckland prepared in 2017. Please refer to the document called "Food waste collection CBA following CE review final 20112017".

- B. Cost Benefit Analysis: I would like to obtain the comprehensive cost-benefit analysis conducted for the Food Scraps Collections Programme. This analysis***

should cover the financial costs, potential savings, and any quantifiable benefits, both in the short-term and long-term.

High-level benefits are outlined below, and additional information can be found in the Business Case (section 5.3) and the cost-benefit analysis attached.

- *Contribution to meeting the council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan target for reduction in residential waste to landfill (from 160 kg per capita per year to 110 kg per capita per year).*
- *Diversification of organic material from landfill per year.*
- *Reduction in carbon emissions from waste by 125,000 tonnes CO₂-equivalent per year.*
- *Recovery of energy and returning organic matter to soil through processing food scraps.*
- *Refuse collection and disposal cost savings.*
- *Waste Disposal Levy and Emission Trading Scheme cost savings.*

C. CAPEX and OPEX Costs: Kindly provide a detailed breakdown of the Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) and Operating Expenditure (OPEX) costs associated with the implementation and maintenance of the Food Scraps Collections Programme. It would be helpful to have a clear understanding of how these costs are being allocated and financed.

The operating cost for a full year of operation is dependent on the volume of food scraps collected. At this stage, we estimate that cost to be in the range of \$23 to \$28 million per annum.

Some information in the attachments is withheld under section 7(2)(i) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, namely it is necessary to withhold the information to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Decisions relating to the information that is being released to you were made by **Parul Sood, General Manager - Waste Solutions.**

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman if you believe we have not responded appropriately to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140012290.

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