

BEHAVIOUR CHANGE SECTOR GROUP STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: 13th May

Time: 10am -12pm

Location: teleconference

Present: Danielle Kennedy (Auckland Council); Donna Peterson (Invercargill City Council); Marty Hoffat (EERST); Neil McKenzie Hall (Envirowaste); Simon Calcinai (Kapiti District Council); Sunshine Yates (Waste Not Consulting)

Facilitator: **Jenny Marshall (WasteMINZ)**

Apologies: Angela Atkins (Hastings District Council); Caitlin Scott (Auckland Council); Mariana Tyler (Waikato Regional Council);

No.	Agenda item	Action point	Person responsible	Deadline	Status
1.	Welcome Introduction Apologies				
2.	Previous minutes of accepted	Moved: Donna Peterson Seconded: Sunshine Yates			
3.	Review of Status of Actions/ Matters Arising	Contamination of recycling bins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna Peterson spoke to Christchurch City Council (CCC) about their system to reduce contamination. • Christchurch’s contractor only gives them a monthly report on contamination in bins, so letters advising householders that their 			

		<p>recycling bin was contaminated are going out a month later than they would like. Ideally letters would go out daily or weekly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bin is stickered then the data goes into a database sent once a month to CCC. It then takes them a week to go through the data. • Households receive a first, second, then third letter warning letter. • Then CCC sends a staff member round to talk to the household after which if the contamination still continues the bin is pulled and there is a three month stand down. • Because of the delay in getting data from the contractor 9 collections can go passed before the problem is addressed. • The contractor is trying to engage with collection drivers to encourage them to get out of the truck. They have initiated a fly-buys style reward scheme with drivers receiving points for every contaminated bin stickered. They can use their points at the end of the month to select for a range of products. • In Timaru District Council their contractor notes contamination but they also have a council staff member on the ground, who goes round and inspects bins. They aim for once a year a visual inspection of every household once a year. They have very low rates of contamination. • Invercargill City Council (ICC) wanted to use the Wastedge program to report contamination. The drivers are encouraged to press a button in the truck if they see as a bin is being emptied that there is contamination. This information gets sent back automatically to council. However it has been a struggle to get the drivers to do this. • If it's obvious that there is contamination we want the drivers to get out of the truck and tag the bin straight away. If it is only apparent when the bin is emptied then they press the Wastedge button. • There are health and safety issues to consider in terms of drivers getting out of the truck. 			
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4		<p>Elections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently the Behaviour Change Sector Group Steering Committee is an interim committee. Elections will be held to appoint a permanent committee in June. • The call for nominations will begin on the 23rdth of June and will run for two weeks. • People can self nominate or can nominate someone else. • Current committee members are eligible for nomination • Every individual who is a member of the BCSG at the time the election process commences i.e. 23rd June, will receive a nomination form from WasteMINZ and be entitled to vote for up to eight candidates of their choice. • Ideally nominees will have an interest in the current projects of the Steering Committee which are household food waste minimisation and colours or waste containers and recycling symbols. • For further information about the election or nomination process please contact Jenny@wasteminz.org.nz • The next meeting of the Steering Committee will occur after the elections, so WasteMINZ would like to thank the interim committee for all their hard work. A huge amount has been achieved in the space of a 			

		year.			
5		<p>National Food Waste Prevention Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The technical working group reported back to the Steering Committee on their progress to date. • Two out of the three research tools have been finalized. • The kerbside bin audits have been trialled in Auckland with the food waste from 99 households being investigated over three days. Audits in the Wellington region will start at the end of May. • Two forms of Kitchen Diary have been developed and the diaries are being trialled down in Nelson and Tasman this month. • The working group recommended that a national survey be conducted into attitudes, barriers and behaviours to minimise food waste. This would complement the information being collected through the bin audits and the kitchen diaries. • The working group also recommended that the questions from the national survey be made available for councils to use who may want to conduct the same survey at a local level. • The steering group accepted the recommendations of the technical working group and commended them on the huge amount of work that had been achieved since December. A big thank you to Simon Calcinai of Kapiti District Council, Roderick Boys from Upper Hutt City Council, Sarah Langi from Nelson Environment Centre, Sunshine Yates from WasteNot Consulting, Lindsey Du Preez and Caitlin Scott from Auckland Council. • The Behaviour Change Steering Committee will now invite all other councils in New Zealand to join this project by contributing to funding the national survey and / or undertaking one of the other research tools. • All information from this project will be collated and shared to provide national statistics with the intention of applying to the Ministry of the Environment Waste Minimisation Fund in 2015 for funding to undertake a national food waste minimisation campaign. • For more information about this project or to take part, please contact jenny@wasteminz.org.nz or any member of the Behaviour Change 			

		Steering committee.			
6		<p>Colours of Mobile Bins and Recycling Symbols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting was held in April of key industry stakeholders to discuss standardizing the colours of mobile waste and recycling containers, and to discuss the use of the RONZ and other international recycling symbols. • At the meeting it was agreed that standardizing the colours of mobile containers in line with the Australian Standard and the Public Place Recycling Scheme would promote recycling and reduce confusion for the public. • A working party has been set up to standardise the colours and promote their use. If you would to be part of the consultation process, please email your details to jenny@wasteminz.org.nz. • For more information about the colours in the Australian Standard please click here. • The use of recycling symbols was also discussed. There was a recognition that some of the RONZ symbols needed updating, but other options such as using the new WRAP symbols from the UK were also discussed. • It was agreed that this was a more complex issue and therefore the colours of bins and symbols would be addressed initially and then a second working party set up to look into symbols. 			
7		<p>WasteMINZ Conference</p> <p>The theme is [re]sourceful thinking which ties in well with Behaviour Change. What would we like to see at conference? It would be good to promote the work</p>			

		<p>we have been doing on food waste prevention. Ideas included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present initial results on food waste project • Sunshine is happy to put together a paper on the food waste audits. • Invite a chef into one of the sessions to demonstrate cooking with leftovers / food scraps • Tour of catering kitchens at the conference to view how much food waste is created and how it is dealt with. On that note this year all leftover food from the catering will be donated to Kaibosh. • There should be a card on the catering tables that tells you what will happen to the leftovers to raise awareness • Auckland's organic food waste collection trial • Dorte Wray presenting the results of Waiheke food waste minimisation trial. • Markets for organic composts: discussion around if food waste collections increase around the country are there markets for the compost? Do manufacturers have the capacity to cope with increasing volumes? • Waste to energy is this the future? <p>It was also discussed whether the Behaviour Change Sector Group should have a stand or a place to promote the projects that are going on? Danielle Kennedy in a previous conference had a Waste Wall. Jenny will discuss possible options with Nic Quilty.</p>			
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