

Agenda



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11. PEOPLE & BUSINESS PERFORMANCE REPORTS

11.4 Food Organics and Garden Organics Waste Collection Trial

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Purpose:

The purpose of this report is to provide Council an update on the food organics and garden organics trial and the future of the trial.

Officer's Recommendation:

THAT Council continue the food organics and garden organics trial in Gatton and Laidley until 30 June 2023.

Executive Summary

The Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) trial has been very successful in Gatton and Laidley with around 380 tonnes of organic material collected to date. The new contract for the collection of waste and recyclables will commence 1 July 2023 and this contract contains a provision for a FOGO service. It is suggested the FOGO trial be continued until 30 June 2023 to allow time for a project report to be submitted to Council on the outcomes of the trial with a suggested way forward.

Proposal

It is suggested the FOGO trial be continued until 30 June 2023. This will enable additional information and data to be collected and communication to be had with residents to improve yield and reduce contamination. The trial to date has been successful and there are opportunities to build on this success with a little more time.

Options

The current trial was scheduled to be complete at the end of August 2022. It is proposed to continue the trial while a project report is prepared for submission to Council for consideration of a FOGO service.

Previous Council Resolutions

Nil

Critical Dates

The current trial is due to be completed at the end of August 2022. The new waste and recycling collection contract will commence 1 July 2023 and this contract contains provision for a FOGO service.

Strategic Implications

Corporate Plan

3.5 Council and the community actively reduce waste, recycle and reuse more.

Finance and Resource

The Waste Services budget contains sufficient funds to continue the trial until 30 June 2023.

Legislation and Policy

The treatment system for FOGO is conducted under Council's Environmental Authority which is issued under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

Risk Management

Extension of the FOGO trial allows extended time for communication to residents to reduce contamination, a risk in the treatment process.

Consultation

Portfolio Councillor Consultation

Cr Cook was consulted at a Portfolio Councillor Meeting.

Internal Consultation

Council's Finance team was consulted, and the 2022/23 Waste Services budget contains sufficient funds to continue the trial.

External Consultation

Council's waste collection contractor, JJ Richards and Sons P/L has confirmed a willingness to continue with the trial.

Community Engagement

Council's Waste Services team continues to engage with the community on this project and provides regular updates to the community as well as follows up community members who need encouragement to participate correctly.

Attachments

There are no attachments for this report.