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8 March 2019

Sir/Madam

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** is to be held in the **Council Chambers** on the 2nd Floor of the Council Administration Building, 45 Roderick Street, lpswich commencing at **11.30** am *or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Communities* **Committee, whichever is the earlier** on **Tuesday, 12 March 2019**.

MEMBERS OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE		
Greg Chemello (Interim Administrator) (Chairperson)		

Yours faithfully

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

11.30 am *or 10 minutes after the conclusion of the Communities Committee, whichever is the earlier* on **Tuesday,** 12 March 2019 Council Chambers

Item No.	Item Title	Officer
1	Recycling and Refuse Centre Fees and Charges	A/IWSM
2	Review of the Domestic Waste Collection and the Temporary Cancellation of the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Services Policies	A/IWSM

^{**} Item includes confidential papers

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE NO. 2019(03)

12 MARCH 2019

AGENDA

1. RECYCLING AND REFUSE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES

With reference to a report by the Acting Ipswich Waste Services Manager dated 4 March 2019 concerning the Recycling and Refuse Centre Fees and Charges.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

- A. That the 2018-2019 Ipswich City Council Register of Fees and Charges be amended to provide free disposal for:
 - (i) glass bottles and jars at the Riverview and Rosewood Recycling and Refuse Centres to Ipswich residents; and
 - (ii) paint and eligible products accepted through the Paintback scheme, in accordance with the limits specified in the Paintback scheme, to the general public and commercial operators.
- B. That from 1 July 2019, the following materials will be accepted at the Recycling and Refuse Centres from Ipswich residents at no charge:

Riverview and Rosewood Recycling and Refuse Centres

- Scrap metal and aluminium
- Car batteries
- Cardboard
- Motor Oil (20L limit)

Riverview Recycling and Refuse Centre only

- E-Waste
- 2. REVIEW OF THE DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION AND THE TEMPORARY CANCELLATION
 OF THE DOMESTIC REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES POLICIES

With reference to a report by the Acting Ipswich Waste Services Manager dated 4 March 2019 concerning a review of the Domestic Waste Collection and the Temporary Cancellation of the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Services policies.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

That a community consultation process be undertaken to seek community feedback on the proposed changes to the Domestic Waste Collection Policy as detailed in Attachment C to the report by the Acting Ipswich Waste Services Manager dated 4 March 2019.

** Item includes confidential papers

and any other items as considered necessary.

Environment Committee

Mtg Date: 12.03.19 OAR: YES

Authorisation: Bryce Hines

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4 March 2019

MEMORANDUM

TO: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (WORKS PARKS AND RECREATION)

FROM: ACTING IPSWICH WASTE SERVICES MANAGER

RE: RECYCLING AND REFUSE CENTRE FEES AND CHARGES

INTRODUCTION

This is a report by the Acting Ipswich Waste Services Manager dated 4 March 2019 concerning the Recycling and Refuse Centre Fees and Charges.

RELATED PARTIES

There are no related party matters associated with this report.

ADVANCE IPSWICH THEME LINKAGE

Caring for Our Environment

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

The current scheduled waste disposal charges for the Recycling and Refuse Centres do not provide residents with any financial incentive to sort their waste and use the recycling drop-off areas. Council's current Register of Fees and Charges specifies charges for all waste disposal at these Centres. (An extract of these charges is provided in Attachment A).

At the Recycling and Refuse Centres, there are some waste streams that are removed by recycling contractors at no charge or, in some cases, the contractor even provides a rebate for the collected material. For this to occur, the material must be unloaded at the appropriate drop-off areas rather than placed into the disposal pit at the Riverview site or skips at Rosewood.

There are two waste streams (glass and paint products) that are currently being accepted at the Recycling and Refuse Centres without charge. Council's Register of Fees and Charges needs to be updated to reflect this. Paint products are being accepted at the Riverview Recycling and Refuse Centre under the provisions of the national Paintback scheme. The scheme allows the general public and commercial operators to bring in up to 100 litres of paint in containers of no more than 20 litres capacity at no charge. Glass bottles and jars are also being accepted at both Recycling and Refuse Centres as an alternative to the previous arrangement of recycling the material through the yellow top collection service.

With the commencement of the Queensland Waste levy on 1 July 2019, Council will incur an additional \$75 per tonne waste levy to send the material that is placed in the disposal pit/skips to landfill.

DISCUSSION

There is a financial benefit to Council if more material is directed to the recycling drop-off areas at the Recycling and Refuse Centres. It is therefore suggested that the following materials be accepted at the Centres from Ipswich residents at no charge provided that the material is not mixed with other waste material that will be directed for landfill disposal:

Riverview and Rosewood Recycling and Refuse Centres

- Glass bottles and jars
- Scrap metal and aluminium
- Car batteries
- Cardboard
- Motor Oil (20L limit)

Riverview Recycling and Refuse Centre only

- E-Waste
- Paint and eligible products accepted through the Paintback scheme.

At the Riverview Recycling and Refuse Centre, paint and eligible products accepted through the Paintback scheme should also continue to be accepted at no charge from commercial sources.

Charging should continue for recyclable materials that incur removal charges or additional handling costs such as tyres, dirt, concrete, chemical wastes and appliances containing refrigerant (degassing costs are incurred).

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed changes to the charging regime for recyclable materials at the Riverview and Rosewood Recycling and Refuse Centres will not have any negative impacts on current administrative processes at the sites. It is difficult to foresee the impact on future waste disposal revenue. It is not expected that many customers will visit the sites with only the free materials for disposal and will therefore continue to incur the current disposal charges for mixed waste loads. As previously mentioned there will be a financial benefit from a reduction in future waste levy costs if more material is diverted from landfill.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

There is the potential for waste disposal revenue to fall if a significant number of customers only bring in the free recyclable materials for disposal at the Recycling and Refuse Centres. As previously mentioned this is expected to be extremely unlikely.

LEGAL\POLICY BASIS

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:

- Local Government Act 2009
- Local Government Regulations 2012

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION

The contents of this report do not require any community consultation.

CONCLUSION

The current scheduled waste disposal charges for the Recycling and Refuse Centres do not provide residents with any financial incentive to sort their waste and use the recycling drop-off areas at the sites. There is a financial benefit to Council if waste streams that do not incur removal charges are directed to the recycling drop-off areas at the Recycling and Refuse Centres. This practice will reduce future waste levy costs and increase rebate revenue.

ATTACHMENTS

Name of Attachment	Attachment
Extract of Ipswich City Council's 2018-2019 Register of Fees and Charges	Attachment A

RECOMMENDATION

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

- A. That the 2018-2019 Ipswich City Council Register of Fees and Charges be amended to provide free disposal for:
 - (i) glass bottles and jars at the Riverview and Rosewood Recycling and Refuse Centres to Ipswich residents; and
 - (ii) paint and eligible products accepted through the Paintback scheme, in accordance with the limits specified in the Paintback scheme, to the general public and commercial operators.
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Riverview Recycling and Refuse Centre only

E-Waste

Kay Clarke

ACTING IPSWICH WASTE SERVICES MANAGER

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Bryce Hines

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (WORKS, PARKS AND RECREATION)

<u>Extract from the 2018-2019 Ipswich City Council Register of Fees and Charges</u> <u>for waste disposal at the Council Recycling & Refuse Centres</u>

6.3.1 Recycling & Refuse Centres

(a) Tyre Disposal

Passenger tyre – per tyre	\$7.00
Passenger tyre including rim – per tyre	\$11.00
4WD tyre – per tyre	\$9.00
4WD tyre including rim – per tyre	\$16.00
Light Truck tyre – per tyre	\$10.00
Light Truck tyre including rim – per tyre	\$16.00

(b) Riverview Recycling & Refuse Centre (only)

i. Domestic Users

Ipswich Residents Only - (Proof of residency required)

General waste: Cars, vans and utilities, including trailers: First 500kg	\$12.00	
General waste: Cars, vans and utilities, including trailers: Excess over 500kg per kg	\$0.20	

ii. Commercial / Industrial Waste

General Waste: Per tonne	By Quote
General Waste: Minimum Charge	By Quote

(c) Rosewood Recycling & Refuse Centre (only)

i. Domestic Users

Ipswich Residents Only - (Proof of residency required)

General waste: Cars, vans and utilities, including trailers: First 2 cubic metres of waste	\$12.00
General waste: Cars, vans and utilities, including trailers: Excess over 2 cubic metres per cubic metre or part thereof	\$70.00

Environment Committee			
Mtg Date: 12.03.19		OAR:	YES
Authorisation:	Bryce Hines		

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4 March 2019

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (WORKS, PARKS AND RECREATION)

FROM: ACTING IPSWICH WASTE SERVICES MANAGER

RE: REVIEW OF THE DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION AND THE TEMPORARY

CANCELLATION OF THE DOMESTIC REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

SERVICES POLICIES

INTRODUCTION

This is a report by the Acting Ipswich Waste Services Manager dated 4 March 2019 concerning a review of the Domestic Waste Collection and the Temporary Cancellation of the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Services policies.

RELATED PARTIES

There are no related party matters associated with this report.

ADVANCE IPSWICH THEME LINKAGE

Caring for Our Environment

PURPOSE OF REPORT/BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the Queensland Public Health Act 2005, local government has been given the responsibility for managing public health risks associated with waste. In order to manage this risk, Council has a legal duty to ensure appropriate waste collection, waste disposal and regulatory controls are available in their jurisdiction to manage waste. Council, therefore, provides regular kerbside waste, recycling and green waste services, litter collection, street sweeping, dead animal collection, park and street bin collection services, removal of illegal dumping and public waste disposal facilities. The number of private landfills available in Ipswich means that Council does not need to provide landfill facilities in its jurisdiction.

Funding of Council's waste management services is provided from general rates revenue and the rated waste services utility charges. General rates revenue funds litter collection, street sweeping, park and street bin collection services and the removal of illegal dumping. Waste services utility charges fund the domestic kerbside waste, recycling and green waste collection services, roadside dead animal removal and public waste disposal site operations.

Council has previously determined that the provision of a mandatory weekly kerbside refuse collection service and a fortnightly recycling collection service is currently the best way to manage day-to-day household waste in a cost effective manner. The scale of the operation, with all households in the serviced areas contributing to operational expenses, provides Council with the ability to offer the service at a very low charge – less than \$7.00 per week. The current system charges households the same charge whether the household places a full bin out for service every week or if the household limits waste generation. The same charge is also applied if a household chooses not to use the service. Therefore the rated waste service charge should be viewed as an availability charge rather than a direct fee for service.

The primary purpose of Council's Domestic Waste Collection policy is to define the area where domestic waste collection services will be provided by Council. Under section 7 of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011*, if a local government wishes to provide waste collection services to its residents, it needs to nominate which premises will receive the service by designating a defined waste collection area. Premises within this defined area are known as serviced premises under this legislation.

There are households within Ipswich that cannot be provided with a waste collection service by Council. Some roads do not have suitable turnaround areas or are not maintained to a standard suitable for waste collection vehicle operation. This constraint is recognised in the current Domestic Waste Collection Policy and is an important operational consideration.

The legislation also provides requirements on the appropriate management of waste in unserviced areas. Section 81ZK of the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008* requires waste to be disposed at an approved waste disposal facility or under a special written approval by Council that imposes conditions on the place and disposal method. With the exception of compostable waste, the only practical legal means of disposing of household waste, other than by means of a domestic waste collection service, is at an approved waste disposal facility such as the Riverview or Rosewood Recycling and Refuse Centre.

Properties are also exempt from rated waste charges if there is no occupiable dwelling on site. These exemptions are provided if a house has been demolished, removed, is uninhabitable or has burnt down.

DISCUSSION

There are elements of the current Domestic Waste Collection and the Temporary Cancellation of the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Services policies that are inconsistent with Councils aim to provide a cost effective and equitable service to its households:

- **Eight hectare exemption:** The current Domestic Waste Collection policy allows residents with properties that are greater than eight hectares in area to have the right to abstain from a waste collection service. This exemption effectively removes the particular property from the designated waste collection area. According to the current policy, these residents are required to dispose of their waste at an approved waste disposal facility.
- Temporary cancellation policy: The current Temporary Cancellation of the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Services policy allows property owners to temporarily suspend their rated waste services charges if their house will be vacant for an extended period. A cumbersome administration process accompanies this process to ensure that the house continues to be vacant. There are currently three temporary cancellation approvals in place.

It is more equitable to require all serviceable and occupiable households to be rated for a waste collection service. Every household that is provided with an exemption from the designated waste collection area results in an increased cost burden on the remaining households that are funding the service. As previously mentioned, the charging mechanism isn't volume or user based – it is an availability charge – therefore it make no sense to allow some households to abstain from the service.

As well as the direct loss of revenue from rated waste services charges, there are costs involved in providing a subsidised waste disposal facility for unserviced premises. It is more cost effective to collect as much household waste as possible via the kerbside collection service rather than collecting the material at a public waste disposal facility. Every domestic waste disposal transaction at the Recycling & Refuse Centres costs Council \$26.80 per transaction. Current gate fees are \$12 per transaction. Households that do not pay for rated waste services charges are not contributing to the subsidised funding of the public Recycling & Refuse Centres and are therefore placing an unfair cost burden on households that are rated for waste services charges.

It is therefore recommended that the eight hectare exemption be removed from the Domestic Waste Collection policy and the Temporary Cancellation of the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Services policy be repealed. According to a Pathways extract of rateable properties without rated waste services, there are about 230 properties without a rated waste service that may be impacted by this proposal with the Local Government Code "Dwellings >0.4047 ha." There are also a further 280 properties that are listed as a Farming or Cattle breeding Local Government code that may have a residence on the property. All these properties would need to be audited, and contact made with the property owners, to confirm the existence of an occupiable premises, whether adequate turnarounds exist and if the quality of the road is adequate for the collection vehicles before any consideration could be made on potentially commencing a waste service on the property.

Amended Domestic Waste Collection policy

The following attachments detail the suggested amendments to the Domestic Waste Collection policy:

- Attachment A is the current adopted Domestic Waste Collection Policy;
- Attachment B contains the suggested amendments of the policy statement in tracked changes;
- Attachment C is the proposed policy in the updated corporate policy format; and
- Attachment D is the current Temporary Cancellation of the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Services policy

The following amendments are proposed including updates to current legal requirements and terminology as follows:

Domestic Waste Collection policy

- Formally designate the waste collection area in the policy.
- Remove the eight hectare exemption.
- Change the term "Certificate of Occupancy" to "Final Inspection".

Temporary Cancellation policy

 Repeal the Temporary Cancellation of the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Services policy.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The proposed changes to the Domestic Waste Collection policy will not provide any significant burden on administrative processes undertaken by Ipswich Waste Services and can be undertaken within existing roles and staffing levels. The above mentioned audit process is already undertaken to ensure that the commencement of new service also results in the commencement of charging on the rates system. There will be a slight increase in rated revenue if there is an increase in the number of serviced premises throughout Ipswich established as rated waste services.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The key risk to Council from the proposed changes to the Domestic Waste Collection policy is negative community feedback from ratepayers that do not wish to pay for a waste collection service. It will be important to clearly communicate the reasoning behind the proposed changes and its community benefits.

LEGAL\POLICY BASIS:

This report and its recommendations are consistent with the following legislative provisions:

- Environmental Protection Regulation 2008
- Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011

COMMUNITY AND OTHER CONSULTATION:

Due to the number of households that could potentially be effected by the proposal to remove the eight hectare exemption for the provision of a domestic waste collection service, it is suggested that a community engagement process be undertaken to seek feedback from the community.

CONCLUSION:

A review has been undertaken of Council's Domestic Waste Collection and Temporary Cancellation of the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Services policies. Proposed amendments to these policies recognise that the rated waste services charge should be viewed as an availability charge and that Council should offer waste collection services to all serviceable and occupiable households within Ipswich. Residents with properties that are greater than eight hectares in area should not have the right to abstain from a waste collection service and areas outside the current collection area that can be serviced should be included in the designated waste collection area. It should be Council's decision if a service is not provided to an occupiable dwelling based on road quality (maintained or not) and turnaround availability. It is suggested that a community engagement process be undertaken to seek feedback from the community to complete the review process.

ATTACHMENTS:

Name of Attachment	Attachment
Domestic Waste Collection Policy – current version	Attachment A
Suggested amendments of current Domestic Waste Collection Policy	Attachment B
Proposed Domestic Waste Collection Policy	Attachment C
Temporary Cancellation of the Domestic Refuse and Recycling Collection Services policy	Attachment D

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council resolve:

That a community consultation process be undertaken to seek community feedback on the proposed changes to the Domestic Waste Collection Policy as detailed in Attachment C to the report by the Acting Ipswich Waste Services Manager dated 4 March 2019.

Kay Clarke

ACTING IPSWICH WASTE SERVICES MANAGER

I concur with the recommendation/s contained in this report.

Bryce Hines

CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER (WORKS, PARKS AND RECREATION)



DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION POLICY

DOCUMENT NO: A4982560

Objectives:

It is the policy of the Ipswich City Council to endeavour to provide waste collection services to all of its residents, in the interest of public health and environmental protection. The Council recognises however that such services will be limited in some rural and remote areas of the diverse City geography.

Specifically, the Ipswich City Council will:-

- 1. Provide waste collection services to residents in all serviceable areas, with only those residential properties of area greater than 8 hectares, being granted an optional right to commence or abstain from the service.
- Continue to provide waste collection services to all residential land of area greater than 8 hectares, once such service has been commenced, irrespective of the property ownership at the time the service was commenced.
- 3. Provide all newly constructed dwellings on any road currently included in Council's Waste Collection Service, with a wheelie bin or bins for both waste disposal and recycling, and will commence rating for such service as soon as practicable after the issuing of a Certificate of Occupancy for such dwelling."
- 4. Council requires residents of un-serviced properties to utilise its network of waste disposal and recycling facilities for the disposal of solid waste which cannot be disposed of on site, in an environmentally sound manner.
- 5. That the relevant Divisional Councillor be consulted before implementation of any new extensions to the wheelie bin service.
- That waste collection services only be provided to premises that are located on maintained roads and roads with adequate provision for the turning of waste collection vehicles.
- 7. Residents on roads deemed unsuitable for collection vehicle operation have the option of receiving the service on the condition that the waste containers are placed at an approved location on a nearby collection road.

Date of Review: 26 July 2018

Date of Council Resolution: 24 April 1996

Committee Reference and Date: Health and Sport Committee - 15 April 1996

No. of Resolution: 06.02

Date to be Reviewed: 26 July 2020

Date of Council Resolution: 28 January 1998

Committee Reference and Date: Health and Sport Committee – 20 January 1998

No. of Resolution: 06.02

DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION POLICY

Objective:

The objective of this policy is to nominate premises within the City of Ipswich that will be provided with a domestic waste collection service by designating a defined waste collection area.

It is the policy of the Ipswich City Council to endeavour to provide waste collection services to all of its residents, in the interest of public health and environmental protection. The Council recognises however that such services will be limited in some rural and remote areas of the diverse City geography.

Specifically, the Ipswich City Council will:-

- 1. Council will establish and maintain a Waste Collection Service Area Register.
- 1.2. Council will endeavour to provide waste collection services to all of its residents in the interest of public health and environmental protection. Provide waste collection services to residents in all serviceable areas, with only those residential properties of area greater than 8 hectares, being granted an optional right to commence or abstain from the service.
- 2. Continue to provide waste collection services to all residential land of area greater than 8 hectares, once such service has been commenced, irrespective of the property ownership at the time the service was commenced.
- 3. Nerovide all newly constructed dwellings within the waste collection area will be provided with a waste collection service and rating for the service on any road currently included in Council's Waste Collection Service, with a wheelie bin or bins for both waste disposal and recycling, and will commence rating for such service as soon as practicable after the issuing of thea Final InspectionCertificate of Occupancy for thesuch dwelling."
- 4. Residents that cannot be provided with a waste collection service are required Council requires residents of un-serviced properties to dispose of their household waste at a Council Recycling & Refuse Centre.utilise its network of waste disposal and recycling facilities for the disposal of solid waste which cannot be disposed of on site, in an environmentally sound manner.
- 5. That the relevant Divisional Councillor be consulted before implementation of any new extensions to the wheelie bin service.
- 6.5. That wW aste collection services willonly be only provided to the frontage of properties premises that are located on maintained roads and roads with adequate provision for the turning of waste collection vehicles.
- 7-6. Residents on roads deemed unsuitable for collection vehicle operation will be provided with waste containers, and a collection service, at the nearest practical location to their property if possible. have the option of receiving the service on the condition that the waste containers are placed at an approved location on a nearby collection road.

Date of Council Resolution: 24 April 1996

Committee Reference and Date: Health and Sport Committee - 15 April 1996

No of Resolution: 06.02

Date of Amendment to Council Resolution: 28 January 1998

Committee Reference and Date: Health and Sport Committee - 20 January 1998

No of Resolution: 06.02



DOMESTIC WASTE COLLECTION POLICY

Version:

Document No.:

1.1 Objectives:

The objective of this policy is to nominate premises within the City of Ipswich that will be provided with a domestic waste collection service by designating a defined waste collection area.

1.2 Regulatory Authority:

- Environmental Protection Regulation 2008
- Waste Reduction & Recycling Regulation 2011
- Local Government Act 2009

1.3 Policy Statement:

- Council will establish and maintain a Waste Collection Service Area Register.
- Council will endeavour to provide waste collection services to all of its residents in the interest of public health and environmental protection.
- Newly constructed dwellings within the waste collection area will be provided with a waste collection service and rating for the service will commence as soon as practicable after the issuing of the Final Inspection for the dwelling.
- Waste collection services will only be provided to the frontage of properties that are located on maintained roads and roads with adequate provision for the turning of waste collection vehicles.
- Residents on roads deemed unsuitable for collection vehicle operations will be provided with waste containers, and a collection service, at the nearest practical location to their property if possible.
- Residents that cannot be provided with a waste collection service are required to dispose of their household waste at a Council Recycling & Refuse Centre.

1.4 Scope:

The core matters addressed by the policy include:

- designation of the defined waste collection area within Ipswich; and
- waste disposal options available for residents of unserviced premises.

1.5 Definitions:

Serviced premises: Premises in a local government area are serviced premises if
the premises are in an area designated by the local government as an area in
relation to which the local government has arranged for removal of general waste
from premises in the area.

1.6 Policy Author:

Works, Parks and Recreation Department

Date of Council resolution:

Committee Reference and date: THIS WILL BE FILLED IN ONCE THE POLICY HAS

No of resolution: BEEN ADOPTED AT FULL COUNCIL BY THE CORPORATE

Date to be reviewed: GOVERNANCE ADMIN TEAM



TEMPORARY CANCELLATION OF THE DOMESTIC REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICE POLICY

DOCUMENT NO: A3755842

1.1 Objective:

To specify the eligibility criteria that must be met to enable a ratepayer to suspend their rated waste services charges.

1.2 Regulatory Authority:

This policy is consistent with the following legislation:

- Public Health Act 2005, Chapter 2, Part 1 Local Government responsibility for managing public health risks associated with waste.
- Environmental Protection Regulation 2008, Chapter 5A Waste Management by Local Governments.

1.3 Policy Statement:

Council will allow the temporary cancellation of the domestic refuse and recycling collection service for unoccupied properties provided the cancellation is for a minimum period of six (6) months and that the service recommence after six (6) months unless a further application is received from the ratepayer; and that the adjustment apply as a credit to the rates account.

1.4 Scope:

The core matter addressed by the policy is to provide the ability for ratepayers to suspend their rated waste services charges when a property is unoccupied for a minimum period of six (6) months.

1.5 Roles and responsibilities:

The key stakeholders of this policy are the ratepayers of City of Ipswich.

1.6 Definitions:

As defined in the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008* and *Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011*:

domestic premises means any of the following types of premises—

- (a) a single unit private dwelling;
- (b) premises containing 2 or more separate flats, apartments or other dwelling units;
- (c) a boarding house, hostel, lodging house or guest house.

domestic waste means waste, other than domestic clean-up waste, green waste, recyclable waste, interceptor waste or waste discharged to a sewer, produced as a result of the ordinary use or occupation of domestic premises.

green waste means grass cuttings, trees, bushes, shrubs, loppings of trees, bushes or shrubs, or similar matter produced as a result of the ordinary use or occupation of premises.

recyclable waste means clean and inoffensive waste that is declared by the local government to be recyclable waste for the area.

1.7 Policy Author: Works, Parks and Recreation Department

Date of Review: 26 July 2018

Date of Council Resolution: 30 June 2015

Date of Review: 26 July 2016

Committee Reference and Date: Policy and Administration Board No. 2015(05) of 11 June

2015 - City Management and Finance Committee No. 2015(06) of 23 June 2015

No. of Resolution: 4

Date to be reviewed: 26 July 2020