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REPORT:

Background

During 2008 Council received representations from residents in the St Albans area, via a petition, for them to be provided with a household kerbside clean up service similar to that which operates in the urban residential areas of the Hawkesbury.

The principle reason for this request is that the Hornsby Council owned and operated a waste disposal facility at Wisemans Ferry which they closed, leaving Hawkesbury residents with the Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility at South Windsor as the only option to dispose of bulky waste.

Council resolved to investigate providing a kerbside cleanup service, including indicative costing, for the St Albans area and for this to be reported back to Council with recommendations.

Due to the nature of the area and issues related to extending the service it has been difficult to obtain an indicative costing from Council's current contractor (Cleanaway) performing the residential area household cleanup service. However, these have now been provided and are provided on the basis that they are only indicative costs at this time, and that more accurate figures would need to be calculated if an extension of the existing service or a new tender or quote was required.

Cleanaway has quoted on providing two types of service. The first is to provide a similar service to the current service known as "On Call" and the second is a "Zoned" service where people leave materials out on the roadside during a particular period, usually over a two week period, and the contractor systematically collects all the materials presented during this period. The latter service type is more expensive and has the potential to create visual pollution, and possible dangerous situations with material being on the side of the road for extended periods of time.

There are approximately 312 properties that would be entitled to the service as these properties are already receiving a waste collection service as Council's garbage vehicle is able to access their site. Properties can only be provided with a bulk waste service if the collection vehicle is able to service the frontage of the property. The estimated costs for the two services are as follows:

On Call:	\$24.87 per service	\$49.74 per year for 2 services
Zoned:	\$37.62 per service	\$75.24 per year for 2 services

The current levied charge for the existing service is \$15.00 per year for 2 services or \$7.50 per service.

Public Consultation

Prior to introducing such a service, Council should undertake a public consultation process to determine if the St Albans community are willing to accept the charges for the service. If the majority of the community was accepting, then the service could be introduced as a cross subsidising availability system, as is done with the current service. The provision of the service to St Albans will introduce the issue of whether the service should also be provided to other similar areas such as Bilpin, Colo Heights, Ebenezer, Lower

Portland, etc, or eventually to the whole of the Hawkesbury where a collection vehicle can access the properties.

Whilst servicing the whole city may be a positive aspect to consider considerable public consultation would need to be undertaken as there was significant criticism from the community who did not want to pay anything for the current service when it was introduced. Public consultation may also reveal that the majority of the community do not want the service to be provided, and consideration may need to be given to ceasing the clean up service at the expiration of the current contract.

There is an opportunity to carry out the public consultation, as the current kerbside cleanup service contract has an extension Clause of two years from the 1 September 2009, that Council could take up whilst it considers:

- a) extending the service to all garbage serviced residential properties in the city,
- b) extending the service to only the St Albans area,
- c) providing the service under the same terms as it is currently provided, or,
- d) ceasing the service at the end of the contract, if this is the preferred option, from the consultation process.

Should the consultation results favour providing the service across the City as previously mentioned, then a new tender would need to be called prior to the extended current contract ending. The timing of this would be:

Public Consultation: Commence August 2009 – Completed June 2010

If favourable: Tender for whole of city service September 2010 for commencement 1 September 2011 when the current contract expires.

If not favourable: Dependent on the results of the consultation, tender for the service:
(a) as it is currently provided
(b) as currently provided with an extension to the St Albans area, or,
(c) cease to provide a service from 1 September 2011.

An alternative

As an alternative, Council may wish to consider commencing a public consultation process with the St Albans community now, to gauge the acceptance of the indicative prices that Cleanaway has given, and if accepted, extend the service to this area only, lasting for the remainder of the extended contract period i.e., until 1 September 2011, and then include St Albans in the new tender process, using one of the options previously mentioned in this report.

Extension of the current contract

As previously mentioned the current contract has a two year extension Clause, that requires Council to give notice to the contractor, should it wish to extend the contract period by this length of time.

The current contractor Cleanaway, has provided a trouble free service to Council during the past five years, and have indicated that they would take up the extension should Council make this offer.

Conformance to Strategic Plan

The proposal is deemed to conform with the objectives set out in Council's Strategic Plan i.e:

"Objective: Investing and planning the City's future in consultation with our community, and co-ordinating human and financial resources to achieve this future."

Funding

Funding for the provision of the service chosen through the consultation process would be levied against those properties that benefit from the availability of the service.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council:

1. Offer Cleanaway the two year extension to the kerbside household collection service contract under the current terms and conditions.
2. Investigate, by public consultation, providing the service to all properties in the city that are serviced by the domestic garbage truck to their property frontage (ie., not where bins are left at a street corner as there is insufficient access to get the truck to the property frontage) in accordance with the time schedule detailed in the report.
3. Defer any decision on servicing St Albans with a kerbside collection service until the entire consultation process has taken place.

ATTACHMENTS:

There are no supporting documents for this report.

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