

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee

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**REFERENCE:** R391

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**SUBJECT:** **REFUSE COLLECTION, KAITERITERI – HOLIDAY PERIOD**

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## 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to identify a preferred option for refuse collection in Kaiteriteri over the Christmas/New Year holiday period.

## 2 BACKGROUND

In previous years, the Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board provided a building at the camping ground which could be used by the general public for the disposal of their refuse. Council paid a fee for this service. Approximately two years ago, the Board decided to sever this arrangement. Council instigated the normal kerbside pick-up of Council's refuse bags.

During the 2005-2005 Christmas/New Year period large piles of refuse were being dumped at specific locations within the township. Council arranged to collect these piles of refuse on a reactive basis.

For the Christmas/New Period of 2005-2006, Council managed and intensively notified residents of a twice-weekly refuse pick-up for Kaiteriteri on Tuesdays and Fridays. This collection covered approximately 550 rateable properties from Stephens Bay to Honeymoon Bay over the period 30 December 2005 to 10 February 2006.

This more frequent collection slightly improved the situation over the previous period, however large piles of refuse continued in two main areas of the township and at other spots. These piles of refuse resulted in numerous complaints and a presentation to the Engineering Services Committee from local residents.

The Engineering Services Committee requested that staff discuss the issue with the Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board and ask them to review their previous decision to stop collecting refuse from the township.

Staff have discussed the issues of the collection of refuse with the Reserve Board Manager and Chairman. The Kaiteriteri Recreation Reserve Board is very clear that it does not wish to be involved with the storage of refuse from the township.

### 3 FUTURE OPTIONS

Staff have considered the following options for collection of refuse over the Christmas/New Period.

With the exception of Option 1, all other options would need to be implemented for the period commencing 21 December 2006 and concluding 15 February 2007.

Option	Service	Comment	Cost
1	Provide weekly refuse collection as at present	This option has not been successful in the past. Further public education may help.	No direct effect on existing budgets, other than illegal tipping responses.
2	Provide a "free" skip for bag collection at Martin Farm Road corner. (Recyclables collected as normal on Tuesdays)	This option is as above, however the skip would be available 24 hours/day. The skip would need to be cleaned daily and cleaning of the site would also be required. This option will require a resource consent and may need to be manned.	Estimated total cost \$30,000 incl. GST  Estimated cost per property \$55
3	Provide a "free" skip for bag collection at Martin Farm Road corner, removed daily. (Recyclables collected as normal on Tuesdays)	This option would provide a refuse bag drop off point for the public. The skip would be available for 12 hours (7am to 7pm) daily over the Christmas / New Year period. The skip would be removed each evening and an empty skip placed each morning. This option will require a resource consent and may need to be manned.	Estimated total cost \$37,000 incl. GST  Estimated cost per property \$67
4	Provide a daily refuse kerbside collection (7 days per week). Recyclables collected as normal on Tuesdays. Issue all houses in the Kaiteriteri service area, 15 TDC refuse bags in advance of special services.	This option would permit the public to put out their refuse on the day they want. The refuse would be collected at a similar time each day. This may not stop the public placing rubbish into piles at set points; the piles however, would be limited to the day of collection only.	Estimated total cost \$18,000 incl. GST  Estimated cost per property \$33

#### **4 BUDGET**

Option 1 would be accommodated within existing budgets and would have no effect to Council's annual budget, although increased illegal dumping may increase compliance costs.

Options 2, 3 and 4 will have a significant effect on the refuse expenditure, but would be accommodated within contingency budgets. It is proposed that a specific Kaiteriteri refuse rating area would need to be developed through the 2007-2008 Draft Annual Plan process so that:

- a) any deficit created by the 2006-2007 extra work could be recovered;
- b) if the proposed option is successfully implemented, the work is sufficiently funded in 2007-2008.

#### **5 RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT Option 4 (a daily refuse collection) be implemented for the period 21 December 2006 to 15 February 2007 between Stephens Bay and Honeymoon Bay, Kaiteriteri.**

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