

STAFF REPORT

TO: Chairman & Members, Engineering Services Committee

FROM: Engineering Manager

REFERENCE:

DATE: 7 April 2005

SUBJECT: St Arnaud Street Litter Bins

PURPOSE

This report addresses a request and proposal from the Nelson Lakes Promotions Group.

BACKGROUND

In most of Council's urban areas and townships, Council provides and services street litter bins as part of its non subsidised roading operations through the major road maintenance contracts. Council has adopted policy as to the style and nature of these litter bins, their replacement and justification for providing additional new bins within townships.

Attached to the report is a letter from Mr Ted Krammer, Chairman of the Nelson Lakes Promotion Group outlining a proposal for the community to provide and operate a street litter facility and for Council to pick up the cost of disposing of the waste from this facility. It is understood Mr Krammer will attend the Committee meeting and speak to this issue at the public forum.

COMMENTS

Council currently does not have any street litter bins located in St Arnaud and therefore provides no service in this regard as part of its non subsidised roading activity. The proposal by the Nelson Lakes Promotion Group differs from most street litter bin requests in that there is no capital cost associated with providing and establishing the street litter bins. The community, through the local shop and the Department of Conservation are willing to provide suitable litter bins at two locations and to service these litter bins at their own cost. The proposal is that Council would meet the cost of collection and disposal of the refuse emptied from the bins.

As long as the refuse bags can be clearly identified, tracked and accounted for, this should require a minimal cost in terms of Council providing a street litter bin service in St Arnaud. It is expected that the cost of this service to Council will be well below the

average cost of providing, maintaining and servicing street litter bins in other urban areas.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council enter into a trial arrangement through the Nelson Lakes Promotion Group with the Department of Conservation, to meet the collection and disposal costs of waste from the two litter bins in St Arnaud and that this trial be reviewed after six months.

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