## 19. The future of organic waste processing in Christchurch

## Council Resolved CNCL/2021/00001

## That the Council:

- 1. Request staff cancel the current Request for Proposal as part of the tender process for the Organics Plant Upgrade Project.
- 2. Request staff to work with Living Earth to take actions necessary to ensure that there are no offensive and objectionable odours beyond the boundary of the site, by 31 January 2022, including ceasing all outdoor processing of material where possible, including the removal of immature outdoor compost with urgency.
- 3. Request staff investigate building a new organics processing facility. The investigation should include:
  - a. A detailed assessment of processing technology options;
  - b. A detailed assessment of potential locations for a new facility and planning, consenting and cost requirements;
  - c. An assessment of the impacts of each option on greenhouse gas emissions; and
  - d. A review of partnership models, including the options of:
    - (i) a jointly funded and co-designed facility in collaboration with the Council's partners in the Greater Christchurch Partnership;
    - (ii) procurement of the new building under a design-build-operate or build-operate contract with a contractor; and
    - (iii) investment from the private sector to provide organic waste processing services to the Council.
- 4. Request staff report back to the Council by March 2022 with:
  - a. Options for building a new organics processing facility and upgrading the existing organics processing plant; and
  - b. Further information on future engagement with the community about the Council's preliminary preferred option.
- 5. Notes that the proposed interim measures are expected to result in full compliance with the resource consent conditions related to offensive and objectionable odour at the boundary, but if these are not sufficient, requests staff report to the Three Waters Infrastructure and Environment Committee on any further measures that are required to meet full compliance and seeks a decision from that Committee on the further measures prior to them being implemented.
- 6. Note that regular briefings will be provided as part of the Tuesday Council briefing schedule.
- 7. Refer the 20/20 Organics Composting project to the sustainability fund for funding, and if funding is approved request staff report back on the outcomes of the 6 month trial with a view to Council partnering in the project if successful.
- 8. That following notification to Environment Canterbury, the decision on this matter be released from public excluded following the meeting.

