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**Refuse Bin at Glenavy Recycling Site**Submission Date: 2 Mar 2009  
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**Overview** As one of the outcomes from the 7 October meeting at Glenavy, a refuse wheelie bin is being requested for the local Recycling Drop-Off Site.

**Background** In 2007 a drop-off recycling site was established at the corner of Morven Glenavy and Fisheries Rds. The site is emptied weekly and has regularly attracted small quantities of non-recyclable waste. The number of wheelie bins for different recyclable streams has grown to 18.

In considering this request a number of potential issues should be evaluated:

- This may give precedence to extend refuse bins to the other 5 drop-off sites and would result in greater cost.
- The bin may attract larger volumes of general waste from throughout the area / district making it a 'dump' site, leading to resource consent issues.
- Diverts attention from eliminating refuse from the site to accepting and providing for it.
- A refuse bin would change the service level and may require contractual changes.
- It is impossible to implement true users pays, ensuring individual responsibility for refuse deposited.
- This may encourage increased waste to landfill, when landfill charges are proposed to rise to \$140 per tonne from 1 July.

It is likely that because of the large catchment area, including south of Waitaki Bridge, any provision of a solid waste bin that is not individually paid for, will become overloaded. Once a refuse bin is known to exist on the site and it is not easily monitored, household residual waste is likely to be attracted. This has already been evident with the drums at the Glenavy rest area, north of the Waitaki Bridge. While the SH 1 site is more visible, the drop-off site is less easily monitored.

With a new solid waste contract due to commence later this year, it may be more appropriate to address this issue with a planned approach under the new regime.

**Proposal** That a wheelie bin for residual waste be supplied to the Glenavy Recycling Drop-off site and emptied weekly. The direct operational cost of supplying one bin, emptied weekly, is \$235 including GST per annum, using the refuse collection contractor. This would require a slight route extension.

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- Options** Options available are:
- Provide one grey 240 litre wheelie bin. Staff suggest the bin be marked with a sticker "non-recyclable litter". The bin refuse rate should be added to a targeted rate for the area, the hall rate may be appropriate.
  - Status quo, with any residual waste not able to be attributed to an individual, being removed as soon as practicable.
- Obstacles** If the bin attracts more waste one bin will be insufficient  
It is difficult to make a truly user pays community refuse bin.  
This measure may extend to other drop-off sites, increasing cost further.  
It would lead to an increased cost of service when overall budget is already likely to be exceeded.
- Budget Details**
- i) Solid Waste Manager is the budget holder
  - ii) Activity affected:  
Collection (User Pays), at least \$235 incl. GST p.a.
- Budget Considerations (for Council)** The Waste Management budget will almost certainly be overspent for the 2008 / 2009 financial year, mainly because of increased contractor prices and the world financial crisis affecting markets for recyclable materials.
- Recommendation** *THAT COUNCIL RESOLVE TO:*
1. *MONITOR THE CONTAMINATION AT THE GLENAVY RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITE.*
  2. *CONSIDER HOW THIS ISSUE WILL BE SATISFACTORIALLY ADDRESSED UNDER THE NEW SOLID WASTE CONTRACT(S).*