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Council decisions this week – Wednesday 9 October

At the final Council meeting of the triennium the Council agreed the following decisions

Rolleston intersection upgrades agreed

The Council has agreed to bring forward the upgrade of two intersections in Rolleston and the extension of Markham Way.

The Council voted to approve installing traffic lights at the Lowes Road/Tennyson Street, the extension of Markham Way to Dryden Avenue and the installation of traffic lights at the intersection that will be created there.

Both projects were scheduled for 2020/21 but will now go ahead in the current financial year.

The Markham Way extension will see the construction of a new section of road to realign Norman Kirk Drive to join Markham Way through to Rolleston Dr, along with installing traffic lights at the new intersection of Rolleston Drive with Markham Way and Dryden Avenue.

Both intersection upgrades will see traffic lanes and cycleways installed to cater for turning and through traffic. At Lowes Road/Tennyson Street this will support the increased use of the intersection by students cycling to Rolleston High School.

The Council approved a budget of \$3.2 million for the Lowes Road/Tennyson Street and 2.6 million for the Dryden Avenue/Markham Way extension and traffic lights.

The Council also agreed to defer planned traffic lights for the Rolleston Drive/Tennyson Street intersection until funding is available and to minimise disruption to traffic while the other works were ongoing. It allocate the funding that had been budgeted for that project in the Long-Term Plan, to the Lowes/Road Tennyson Street project.

Waste Management and Minimisation bylaw adopted

The Council has voted to adopt the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2019.

The new bylaw replaces the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw 2012. It updates the law to meet changes from the growing population.

The key changes in the new law relate to kerbside collections times, waste management plans for commercial or industrial resource and building consents, as well as events.

The new bylaw changes the times that wheelie bins, bags and crates need to be kerbside. From Monday 4 November, all Selwyn residents will need to ensure that all rubbish, recycling and organics are out by 6.30am.

It also requires people applying to run an event or for a commercial or industrial resource or building consent to include a plan on minimising waste as part of the consent.

Council committed to taking an education approach to work with businesses and event planners rather than an enforcement approach under the new bylaw.

Council submits on proposed national direction

The Council endorsed submissions to go to the Ministry of Environment on three proposed national policy statements.

The Council agreed to submissions to the proposed national policy statements on Urban Development, Highly Productive Land and Freshwater Management.

The Council also supported submissions by the Greater Christchurch Partnership on the Urban Development and Highly Productive Land national policy statements and the Canterbury Mayoral Forum submission on Freshwater Management.

The proposed national policy statements could impact on growth and development of townships in Selwyn and on the use of rural land.

The submissions outlined the Council's position as being broadly supportive of the national direction by central government across these national policy statements, but has concern about the detail within each statement, particularly for Freshwater Management.

Note: Full reports can be found in the Council meeting Agenda at:

https://www.selwyn.govt.nz/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/312229/PUBLIC-Agenda-Council-9-October-2019.pdf

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