ZWN Board of Trustees Meeting Summary 14th May 2018

Members of the Zero Waste Network Board of Trustees attended one of three face-to-face meetings planned for 2018. The meeting was held in Auckland on the 14th May 2018

Karen Driver led a discussion about the ewaste recycling and product stewardship, following the recent workshop with Pascal Leroy from the WEEE Forum.

The board approved a proposal to investigate a impact measurement project for the network. This will be led by Dorte Wray and will initially focus on gathering information about the need for such a project from members, with the aim of forming a working group and finding on-going funding.

Dorte Wray provided an update on the Strengthening Communities Hui. This will be held on the 17th -18th October at the Silverstream Retreat Centre in Lower Hutt.

The board approved a proposal to instigate a business development project for the network. This will be led by Matthew Luxon and will focus on the development of a strategy for supporting community enterprises in the regions to enable them to get contracts.

The board discussed opportunities for product stewardship projects nationally.

Paul Evans, CEO of WasteMINZ, joined the Board for an open discussion about the political climate in regards to the waste sector in NZ and provided an update on WasteMINZ upcoming events and priorities, including the June Networking event in Wellington, and an event bringing Zero Waste advocate Bea Johnson to Auckland in July.

The Board discussed ZWN membership, looking at:

- An approach to joint membership, due to our ongoing collaboration with the Community Energy Network and Environment Hubs Aotearoa
- Fledgling Status of new members
- Member alignment with network values

Matthew Luxon provided an update on the sector engagement strategy he has been working on as part of his secondment to Akina's Impact Initiative.

