

As part of the overall review of Council's financial sustainability challenges, it was identified that the Domestic Waste Management (DWM) Charge needed to be adjusted by around \$4 million. In order to make this adjustment, the DMW charge which is currently \$795 per household would be reduced to \$550 per household in 2023/2024 (a reduction of \$245 per household).

The above adjustment is being considered due to a detailed review of Council's DWM fund. This identified that the corporate overhead and plant hire charges were in excess of the DWM fund requirements (around \$4 million). This amount had been recovered as part of general revenue to fund existing expenditure.

By making this adjustment, it means the cost allocated from the DWM fund to the general fund would be reduced by around \$4 million as a consequence of this cost reallocation. However, Council is unable to reduce its general funded expenditure by this \$4 million and therefore Council has included within its SRV application an increase in general rates of 20.3% (around \$4 million) to maintain current levels of general funded services. If the 20.3% component of the SRV is not approved, Council would be required to significantly reduce other general funded services in order to become financially sustainable.