

18. CANTERBURY JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE - REVISED CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the preparation of a new revised constituting agreement for the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee (CJSC) and to seek agreement on the process to be used for its consideration and adoption by the Council.

BACKGROUND

The existing constituting agreement for the CJSC was signed in 1999 by all the 10 local authorities from Waimate District Council in the south to Kaikoura District Council in the north. It has a current emphasis on matters relating to the joint venture company (Transwaste Canterbury Ltd) and the regional landfill.

At the initial meeting of the CJSC and Canterbury Waste Subcommittee (CWSC) in November 2001 it was agreed that there was a need to redraft the constituting agreement to more clearly reflect the distinction between shareholder and non-shareholder participating councils and the role the CWSC undertook in waste minimisation initiatives.

A working party consisting of elected representatives and staff was established following the November 2001 meeting and has met on several occasions to redraft the agreement assisted by Buddle Findlay and Co, solicitors.

At the meeting of the CWSC on 11 July 2002 a revised draft for the constituting agreement was adopted by the Subcommittee which resolved:

“That the revised constituting agreement be circulated to all participating councils for consideration, adoption and execution, and that two presentations on the revised constituting agreement be made to participating councils in late August or early September 2002.”

The new agreement more clearly separates regional waste minimisation matters from those relating to the joint venture company and is divided into two parts ‘A’ and ‘B’ to more clearly reflect the above differentiation including the different responsibilities of shareholder and non-shareholder councils.

As requested by the CWSC a copy of the revised constituting agreement is attached for consideration and adoption by the Council. A table prepared by Buddle Findlay and Co to provide a cross-reference between the existing and proposed agreements is also available (tabled).

It is intended that two presentations be made to participating councils on the revised agreement in Timaru for southern councils and Christchurch for northern councils including Christchurch City Council, Waimakariri District Council, Hurunui District Council and Kaikoura District Council.

It is suggested therefore that final consideration of the agreement be held over to the 12 September 2002 meeting of the Committee and the September Council meeting to allow interested members the opportunity to attend the presentations prior to consideration of this matter.

Staff

Recommendation: That consideration of the revised constituting agreement for the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee be held over to the 12 September 2002 meeting of the Committee to allow members to attend a presentation on the revised agreement prior to its consideration.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.