

4. REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the recommendations of the Regional Waste Minimisation Working Party held on 20 February.

PROJECTS FOR REMAINDER OF 2002/03

At the working party meeting of 20 February it was recommended that work proceed on a study on Regional Organics (Appendix A - attached) at a cost of \$40,000, and that a contribution of \$2,500 be made towards a national study on restricting the use of Clopyralid – a chemical used on lawns to kill broad leaf weeds that affects the quality of compost. Formal endorsement by the Subcommittee is required and it is therefore recommended that the Subcommittee confirm the recommended expenditure of \$40,000 on the regional organics, and \$2,500 on the Clopyralid study, for the 2002/03 financial year, subject to participating councils agreement.

In terms of the Constituting Agreement all 10 councils contribute towards regional waste minimisation costs only after each council has resolved to do so, based on specific projects proposed as part of the regional waste minimisation strategy. At the working party meeting staff indicated that funding for the \$42,500 mentioned above is available from existing budgets for 2002/03 as per the table below:

	Percentage Contribution as per Constituting Agreement	Expenditure for 2002/03
Christchurch	65.9	28,008
Timaru	8.8	3,740
Waimakariri	7.7	3,272
Selwyn	5.7	2,422
Ashburton	5.3	2,253
Hurunui	2.1	892
Banks Peninsula	1.6	680
Waimate	1.5	638
Mackenzie	0.8	340
Kaikoura	0.6	255
TOTAL	100	\$42,500

STRATEGY FOR 2003/04

At the 20 February meeting it was recommended that the proposal by City Solutions and the Recovered Materials Foundation for a study on regional construction and demolition materials (with a proposed cost of \$50,000) be postponed to the 2003/04 financial year and that it include a specific focus on proposals on getting wood waste out of the waste stream. The final proposal for this project will be submitted to the next meeting of the Subcommittee for consideration.

It was recommended to the Subcommittee that \$75,000 be provided for regional waste minimisation initiatives for 2003/04 financial year as per the following table

FUNDING AND EXPENDITURE FOR REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION 2003/04

	% Contribution	Amount
Proposed Funding:		
Christchurch	65.9	49,300
Timaru	8.8	6,600
Waimakariri	7.7	5,800
Selwyn	5.7	4,300
Ashburton	5.3	4,000
Hurunui	2.1	1,600
Banks Peninsula	1.6	1,200
Waimate	1.5	1,100
Mackenzie	0.8	600
Kaikoura	0.7	500
TOTAL	100	\$75,000
Proposed expenditure:		
Regional Construction and Demolition study (to be confirmed)		50,000
Projects not yet identified		25,000
TOTAL		75,000

In addition the working party resolved to recommend to the Subcommittee that two regional waste minimisation seminars (one each for the northern and southern parts of the region) be convened during September/October 2003 to facilitate discussion between elected members and staff on regional waste minimisation strategies, including issues such as landfill standards, levies and their role in waste minimisation cross-border dumping of refuse, transportation etc.

SUMMARY

The Regional Waste Minimisation Working Party has recommended that the Subcommittee confirm the recommended expenditure of \$40,000 on the regional organics project, and \$2,500 on the Clopyralid study for the 2002/03 financial year. For 2003/04 it recommended that members budget a total of \$75,000 as per the table in the report and specific projects include (A) further work on a study on construction and demolition materials focussing on wood waste be requested, and (B) two regional seminars. Member Councils need to individually agree to the proposed expenditure.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Subcommittee confirm the recommended expenditure of \$40,000 on the regional organics, and \$2,500 on the Clopyralid study for the 2002/03 financial year.
 2. That member Councils budget \$75,000 for regional waste minimisation initiatives as set out in the report.
 3. That for 2003/04 two regional seminars (as discussed in the report) be held during September/October, and that a proposal on addressing wood waste in Canterbury be requested from City Solutions and the Recovered Materials Foundation.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.