

## 5. RECOVERED MATERIALS FOUNDATION (RMF) - TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS

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In a recent report the Subcommittee was informed that the RMF had amended its constitution to remove some provisions for trustee appointments which were redundant and to make provision for the appointment of two additional trustees by the Canterbury councils, other than Christchurch City Council (which already appoints two trustees), through the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee. Two issues arise from this:

1. As the RMF is defined in the Local Government Act 2002 as a Council Organisation, a policy for director/trustee appointments is needed.
2. The appointments process required under the RMF constitution should be implemented.

With regard to the policy for appointments, it is suggested that a similar policy to that recently agreed for director appointments to Transwaste Canterbury Ltd be adopted, with minor amendments only, for appointments of trustees to the RMF board. Such a policy is attached for approval.

As to the process for appointments, in discussion at the Subcommittee's last meeting, it was agreed that the northern Canterbury councils (Kaikoura, Hurunui, Waimakariri and Banks Peninsula) would confer together on the appointment of one of these appointments, and the southern councils (Selwyn, Ashburton, Timaru, Waimate and McKenzie) would confer on the other appointment.

The councils concerned are advised that the process under the RMF constitution is for the RMF board to be consulted on these appointments, so that the required range of skills can be achieved on the board. The attributes required for RMF trustees are similar to those required for the director appointments to Transwaste Canterbury Ltd as set out in the attached policy. It is suggested that in order for the RMF board to be able to assist in providing advice on an appropriate mix of skills needed for a well balanced board, and on which nominees would therefore be the most suitable, the councils concerned are requested, in conferring with each other on this matter to:

- (a) Have regard to the attached policy (to be adopted).
- (b) Nominate more than one person for each appointment, for consultation with the RMF board, so that there will be a number from which the board can make recommendations in respect of both new trustee appointments.

The RMF does not yet pay any remuneration for trustees other than a nominal meetings fee. The RMF is currently seeking professional advice with the intention of fixing a realistic rate of remuneration commensurate with the trustees' responsibilities. This will be advised in due course.

### **Chairman's**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the attached policy on trustee/director appointments to Council organisations be adopted.
  2. That the councils (other than Christchurch City), in conferring on the two appointments currently required:
    - (a) Have regard to the policy adopted in 1.
    - (b) Nominate more than one person for each position, for consultation with the RMF board
  3. That the Subcommittee receive the RMF board's advice and make a decision at the October 2003 meeting of the committee.