

14. HAZAKA COMPOSTING PLANT PROGRESS REPORT

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The Waste Manager presented a report updating the Committee on progress with the possible establishment of an undercover invessel Hazaka Compost Plant in Christchurch. The Hazaka team has taken information from their visit to Christchurch in July back to Japan. It has become clear to the Hazaka team that for this project to be economically viable it is essential that all costs be kept to a minimum – for example, that construction details are designed to match New Zealand practices, staffing requirements are minimised and so on. For this reason the project manager, Mr David McLernon (of Octa Associates), travelled to Japan with Mr Mark Bartlett (Global Foods Solutions Ltd) at Mr Hazaka's cost, to provide relevant advice on New Zealand costs and practices.

PROPOSED TIMETABLE

The proposed timetable for reporting on this project to the Council is as follows:

- Further discussions between the Council team, Hazaka team and Living Earth Company; prepare preliminary plans and costings for Hazaka plant; prepare draft feasibility report for Council Seminar including options on alternative composting methods etc. August & September 1999
- Present draft proposals with options to City Services/ Environmental Strategy & Resources Seminar Tuesday 21 September 1999 (now Thursday 30 September 1999 at 12 noon)
- Fine tune and finalise feasibility report including relevant input from seminar and negotiating team October 1999
- Present final proposal to City Services Committee for approval Tuesday 9 November
- Final Council decision on whether or not to proceed with project Thursday 25 November 1999

The Committee has asked the Waste Manager to continue to lead this project along the lines of and to the timetable outlined above. It has been noted however that at this stage approval will be dependent on the project being cost neutral.