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Corporate Plan Output: Regional Waste Coordination	

The purpose of this report is to seek support for a Canterbury wide regional waste management agreement.

The Canterbury Waste Subcommittee on 13 September 1999 resolved to seek the views of the constituent councils on the guiding principles of the draft Regional Waste Management Agreement (attached). The Agreement was prepared by the Solid Waste Staff Group.

The Canterbury Waste Subcommittee has previously requested that the Staff Group produce a Regional Waste Minimisation Strategy, and it was with this brief in mind that the project was begun. The Sub-group however considered that an agreement format is a better way to achieve the same outcome. The reason for this is as follows:

- Recognising a regional strategy should be a simple overarching document which complements each council's Waste Management Plan.
- Recognising that goals, visions, objectives and strategies relating to waste are all being debated by individual councils as part of their Waste Management Plan process and each will have their own circumstances and perspective.
- Recognition of the fact that the various councils are all at different stages of the Waste Management Plan process, and all have varying thoughts on key issues such as zero waste, implementation initiatives etc.

It is envisaged that the agreement document will be something that each council will feel motivated to sign up to, confirming the existing common regional approach to waste issues.

Recommendation: That the Council adopt the Guiding Principles contained in the Regional Waste Management Agreement.