



3. REGIONAL HAZARDOUS WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAMME

The Subcommittee received a report from Rachel Hargreaves and Eric Park, Waste Management Unit, Christchurch City Council, on the regional hazardous waste reduction programme which had commenced in January 2000. The report advised on progress to date and confirmed the assessment of priorities based on environmental risk, quantity and the potential for reduction of each hazardous waste type.

Working groups had already been established in respect to chlorinated solvents and pharmaceutical wastes and a network established amongst hazardous waste practitioners to allow information dissemination and idea sharing.

It was noted that the Christchurch City Council had already agreed to prepare a bylaw banning known hazardous waste from landfill dumping where alternative methods of disposal were in existence. The desirability of a common bylaw amongst participating councils was acknowledged. In recognition, however, of the fact that some differences in a bylaw might be required between urban and rural areas it was agreed that the bylaw to be produced by the Christchurch City Council be distributed in the first instance as a guide to other councils.

The Subcommittee received the information and **decided:**

1. That all participating councils be encouraged to prepare in the near future a bylaw banning known hazardous wastes from landfill dumping, especially where alternative methods of disposal are already in existence.
2. That a report be circulated amongst participating councils detailing the resources which were available.