



15. INVESSEL COMPOST PLANT

The Committee considered a report from Mr Mike Stockwell, Waste Manager, advising the Committee of the Compost Subcommittee's deliberations concerning the establishment of an invessel compost plant.

The report provided background to the negotiations over the past two years and noted that the basis of the negotiations had changed from an offer of supplying 100% of the capital costs of plant set up, to the point where the Christchurch City Council would be expected to provide all of the capital.

The report noted that there was a need to move from open air windrowing to invessel composting for the following reasons:

- to enable the processing of putrescibles (food wastes, offal and the like) into compost instead of disposal to the landfill;
- to further the Council's goal of zero waste to landfill by 2020;
- to enable the processing of biosolids so as to eventually add more value than forest application;
- to substantially reduce dust and odour problems which are on the increase at the compost plant site and which are a concern under our resource consent operating conditions.

Having regard to the change in stance by Mr Hazaka, his insistence on processing all wastes including biosolids and the desirability of a more cautious approach to the establishment of plant the Compost Subcommittee has requested the Waste Manager to write to Mr Hazaka advising him that they do not intend to pursue negotiations and that the Council would be proceeding independently. In addition the Waste Manager will pursue the option of whether Mr Hazaka would consider franchising his technology for use by the Christchurch City Council.

A proposed action plan was detailed in the report.

The Committee **received** the information and **decided** that the Waste Manager report back to the City Services Committee through the Compost Subcommittee with the results of a feasibility study on the establishment of a small start-up invessel compost plant later this year. The report would indicate future operational and capital budget requirements for such a plan.