



2. HAZARDOUS WASTE STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to update Councillors on the development of the Hazardous Waste Management Strategy and seek the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee's endorsement of the document to allow it to be presented to the territorial local authorities in Canterbury.

The inaugural meeting of the Hazardous Waste Working Party was on 18 October 1999. Since then they have met on three occasions to review components of the draft Hazardous Waste Management Strategy (tabled).

The Strategy was developed in several parts that have now been merged into a single document of three parts: a policy framework, the implementation programmes, and methods of monitoring the Strategy and improvements in waste management practices that result from its implementation.

At their last meeting, on 16 May, they agreed:

That the Working Party recommends to Environment Canterbury and the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee that the "Canterbury Hazardous Waste Management Strategy" be accepted and approved for release for public consultation in accordance with the agreed consultation strategy.

The document must be presented to Environment Canterbury and the participating territorial local authorities in Canterbury before it can be released for public comment. The timetable for doing so is outlined in the attached Consultation Strategy that was endorsed by the Working Party in their 12 April meeting.

The Consultation Strategy identifies the target stakeholders groups to whom the document will be sent along with a simple 2 to 4 page users' guide that is yet to be finalised. Stakeholders, including each Council, has the opportunity to comment on the document as part of this process.

Note that the high priority to manage hazardous waste requires that a number of the programmes will be being implemented concurrently with seeking comments on the Strategy.

Recommendation: That the strategy document be referred to the Canterbury territorial local authorities for their consideration.