



20. FOOTPATH BATTENS

The Committee considered a report on the potential savings from a recycled plastic equivalent to timber battens used in footpath resurfacing.

The report noted that presently 98.5 km of footpaths are scheduled for resurfacing each year and that in June 1999 the Committee had passed a resolution to enable the more extensive use of wooden battens in conjunction with this work.

The report noted that the Recovered Materials Foundation has instigated an investigation into the use of recycled mixed plastic for batten work and the aim was to produce a product which is approximately 10% cheaper than wooden battens which would equate to a \$10,000 per annum saving on the footpath programme.

The Committee **received** the information and confirmed that the Recovered Materials Foundation be advised:

1. The Council will favourably consider the use of the mixed plastic battens when a design is available.
2. That this should be at a cost not significantly greater than the use of wooden battens.