



**1. RECOVERED MATERIALS FOUNDATION - UPDATE ON REGIONAL WASTE REDUCTION CO-OPERATION**

Mr Graeme King, CEO, and Ms Sarah Gordon, Publicity Information Manager, Recovered Materials Foundation, attended and updated members of the Subcommittee on progress made by the working group on regional waste reduction co-operation.

Details and background to the brief to the Recovered Materials Foundation from the Subcommittee, together with information on the key outcomes from the workshops which had been held, were circulated to members. Other information on the methodologies used, strategic path, current position of councils on waste minimisation on a per capita basis, and criteria for local regional/service provision was also circulated.

In summary Mr King indicated that the work being undertaken was a first in New Zealand. The opportunity was then taken to ask questions and these related to the production of compost and marketing of this and the Chairman explained the current position in respect to the Christchurch City Council's composting operation. It was noted that while composting was likely to be done on a local basis because of transportation costs there could be advantages in councils sharing equipment and marketing.