2. REGIONAL RECYCLING INITIATIVES UPDATE

Mr Graham King, CEO Recovered Materials Foundation, attended and provided an update on progress made with the regional waste minimisation working group (see Appendix B attached).

The waste minimisation working group had reviewed its report and supported its conclusion that saw merit in an increased regional approach to waste minimisation.

Details of possible criteria which could be used to define local or regional waste minimisation initiatives were provided and the next step was seen as development of a programme for regional initiatives. The proposed timeline for the project over the period August 2001 to April 2002 was detailed, and members noted that the timetable for consultation in March-April 2002 was extremely tight and it was therefore subsequently agreed that this be extended through to May 2002.

In response to a question, Mr King agreed the presentation of the draft business plan to the subcommittee scheduled for November 2001 would included details of any financial contributions required to allow participating councils to factor these into their annual plan process.

The Subcommittee received the information.