

3. REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION WORKING PARTY UPDATE

The Committee considered a report providing an update on the first two meetings of the Regional Waste Minimisation Working Party. A copy of the proposed action plan agreed by the Working Party was circulated for the information of members. It was intended that, following the report on the Recovered Materials Foundation on waste minimisation initiatives, the action plan be further expanded.

Members noted that a discussion document from the Ministry for the Environment, "Towards National Waste Minimisation", had been released for discussion, and it was agreed that a submission should be made on this document by the subcommittee.

The Committee decided:

1. That following the report in February 2001 from the Recovered Materials Foundation, reports on the issues mentioned in the body of the report, ie:
 - regional co-operation on a landfill tax to fund regional waste minimisation initiatives
 - regional support by all participating councils for the *redesigning resources* approach in order to turn wastes into resources and jobs – within councils' own operations and their communities

be prepared in due course.

2. That the submission on the Ministry for the Environment document, "Towards National Waste Minimisation", be made by the subcommittee following consideration by the Waste Minimisation Working Party.