



6. REGIONAL ORGANICS

The Subcommittee considered a report from Brian Gallagher, Timaru District Council, on regional organics in Canterbury.

The report provided information on the recommendations of the 19 February 2001 meeting of the Regional Waste Minimisation Working Party. The report provided information on the provision of a "strategic template" to provide a structure to help determine the most suitable options for organic waste management for the various councils in the region as a whole.

As part of this a ban on the disposal of organics to landfill by December 2005 had been suggested so that all councils within the region would have an agreed target date.

The possibilities for organic collection processing and details of current collection contracts were contained within the report.

The Subcommittee **decided**:

1. That the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee adopt a target of zero disposal of organics to landfill by 31 December 2010.
2. That it recommend to the Canterbury councils the future timing of kerbside collection contracts be aligned where possible to achieve a range of economies.
3. That a seminar on greenwaste reduction be held to allow participating councils to present information on what their areas were undertaking in greenwaste reduction and programmes for organics.
4. That existing relevant information pertaining to organic management be collected from the respective councils for establishment of a database for dissemination of information back to the various councils.