

6. INFORMATION SHARING BY MEMBERS

COUNCILLOR BRONWEN MURRAY, MACKENZIE DISTRICT COUNCIL - PUTRESCIBLE WASTE

Councillor Murray reported that the Mackenzie District Council had now achieved zero putrescible waste to landfill utilising their vertical composting unit (VCU) and the opportunity was taken by members to discuss details of the collection system undertaken by the Mackenzie District Council. It was noted that their plant was located in Twizel with putrescible collections being undertaken in the townships of Fairlie and Tekapo with Mt Cook transporting their own waste to Twizel and that a three bag collection system was used providing:

- One bag (biodegradable) for putrescibles
- One bag for recyclables
- One bag for waste to landfill

It was advised that their rubbish collection was funded by a mixture of rates and a “waster pays” system with a charge of \$3 for a small rubbish bag.

In respect to greenwaste their council encouraged composting or worm farming with the balance of greenwaste being transported to landfill.

An invitation was extended to members to visit the plant at some stage in the future to view its operation.

COUNCILLOR ROBBIE BRINE, WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor Brine advised that the Waimakariri District Council had now released its Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan for consultation.

MAYOR TONY ARPS, HURUNUI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mayor Arps advised that his council was commencing on the process of “waster pays” for rubbish collection with either a tag for rubbish bags or bag payment system. Councillor Lee Burdon advised that Timaru District Council was still utilising wheelie bins on a rates-funded basis.

COUNCILLOR BEV TASKER, ASHBURTON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Councillor Tasker advised that the Ashburton District Council was also moving towards “waster pays” with a six monthly supply (25 rubbish bags only) being issued for the current financial year with additional bags having to be purchased and with no rubbish bags being issued in the following financial year. She advised that a small reduction in rates had been possible in compensation for this change which had facilitated acceptance within the community.

COUNCILLOR DENIS O’ROURKE, CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

The Chairman advised that the Christchurch City Council intended to select an invessel composting plant this year but that significant additional expenditure would be required to be funded by Christchurch ratepayers to provide for both the plant and for the domestic collection of putrescibles.