7. UPDATE ON AUTO SHREDDER WASTE (CAR FLOCK)

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Subcommittee on developments since the previous meeting.

BACKGROUND

- 2. On 12 September Messrs Gareth James of Canterbury Waste Services Limited and Martin Ripley, Operations Manager for Sims Pacific Metals, were in attendance and the Subcommittee was advised that the flock material arising from the car and light gauge metal recovery process undertaken by Sims Pacific in Christchurch for the entire South Island area appeared not to meet the waste acceptance criteria in respect of zinc content going to the Kate Valley Landfill. The Subcommittee was also informed that Canterbury Waste Services Limited and Transwaste Canterbury Limited were seeking to find a suitable and timely solution to the disposal of the residual flock material including discussions with Environment Canterbury on resource consent related matters.
- 3. As the issue had the potential to create serious environmental issues across Canterbury if not resolved soon the Subcommittee resolved:

"That the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee acknowledges the issues raised and asks that Transwaste Canterbury Limited along with any needed input from staff, explore all options and work urgently and constructively with all parties on the matter".

- 4. Attached is an update from Canterbury Waste Services Ltd on behalf of Transwaste Canterbury Ltd, and Mr James will be in attendance at the meeting. The outcome is that Environment Canterbury has subsequently advised Transwaste that it agrees with the views put forward by Transwaste's consultants and advisers, and that shredder flock is able to be accepted at Kate Valley Landfill as general refuse.
- 5. This is a very positive outcome for Canterbury and all parties should be congratulated.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Subcommittee congratulate all parties involved on the very good outcome achieved.