

#### 4. REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION PLAN

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##### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present the draft regional waste minimisation plan for consideration.

##### BACKGROUND

2. As from 30 June 2006 both the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee and the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee have ceased to exist and as from 1 July 2006 have been replaced by an enlarged committee which includes ECan, called the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee (CWJC) to deal with regional waste minimisation issues and projects. Regional landfill issues will be dealt with by the separate Canterbury Landfill Joint Committee (CLJC).
3. Part of the proposed restructuring process during 2005 was the development of separate Constituting Agreements for the CWJC and CLJC. These were approved by all CWSC members and by ECan and therefore the new CWJC Constituting Agreement will apply in future. The new agreement included a provision potentially increasing the total annual amount contributed by member councils for regional waste minimisation projects from \$75,000 to \$150,000. This increased resource requires higher levels of regional waste minimisation planning and it was decided to develop a multi-year structured approach for the coming years.
4. On 14 November 2005 the Subcommittee therefore approved the commissioning of consultants to develop a medium-term action plan for the period mid 2006 -2010. SKM was the successful tenderer and their report is attached and will be presented to the Committee on 10 July affording the opportunity for questions and consideration.
5. The process followed in developing the draft action plan started with meetings across Canterbury with officers and where possible elected members from each member council as well as with ECan (then not yet a member) to gain an understanding of local issues, waste management plans and climate change initiatives. Meetings were also held with stakeholders such as Wastebusters and Terranova. A workshop with officers was held to discuss the structure, options and possible outcomes of the study, followed by ongoing email exchanges between SKM and officers as the project moved towards completion.
6. The Action Plan includes:
  - (a) Principles and objectives, to provide the direction and purpose for the programme
  - (b) A list of priority waste issues, and the methodology for prioritisation
  - (c) A programme of projects for implementation from 2006/07 to 2009/10
  - (d) Details of the projects, such as purpose, methods, outputs and costs
  - (e) Brief details on how the Action Plan will be implemented and reviewed
7. Proposed action plans fall into two categories – waste types (e.g. paper and cardboard; putrescibles and green waste; plastics etc), and waste management (sharing information; lobbying; policy and planning etc).
8. The report confirms that the three key waste types are paper and cardboard, putrescibles and green waste, and plastics. The key evaluation criteria used were:
  - Annual tonnages to landfill
  - Net savings of diversion alternatives, and
  - Net reduction in CO2 equivalent emissions.
9. Table 2 on page 8 of the report is a summary table on prioritised waste types and diversion scenarios. Table 3 is the proposed action plan for 2006 to 2010.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that

- (a) The Committee approve the actions identified for 2006/07 in principle, and that for those projects which have expenditure attached, that officers report to the next Committee meeting with detail to enable projects to be approved for implementation.
- (b) For those 2006/07 projects with no expenditure attached, that officers prepare a work plan to be presented to the next Committee meeting.