5. UPDATE ON REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION ACTION PLAN

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress with the action plan.

BACKGROUND

2. On 14 November the Subcommittee approved the process for selecting and appointing consultants to prepare a draft action plan for 2006–2010. In terms of the approved process three consultants were requested to submit proposals and two followed through. A staff selection panel reviewed both proposals and the outcome of the selection process was that SKM (Christchurch) were appointed at a cost of \$32,700 (\$37,000 had provisionally been set aside for this purpose).

UPDATE

- 3. SKM has already held individual meetings with all Subcommittee member councils and with ECan. A workshop is planned for 10 April to which all staff have been invited. The preparation of the draft action plan is therefore on schedule to be presented to the Subcommittee at its July 2006 meeting.
- 4. It is suggested that the \$4,300 not utilised for the action plan be added to the \$8,000 already allocated to investigate options to find potential local markets for compost/soil enhancers produced in Canterbury.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

- (a) That the information be received.
- (b) That the reallocation of \$4,300 as set out in the report be approved.