4. ACTION PLAN UPDATE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the regional waste minimisation projects for 2006/07 and recommend approval for implementation.

BACKGROUND

- 2. At the 10 July 2006 meeting the Regional Waste Minimisation Plan was presented by SKM, and the Committee resolved:
 - (a) That actions identified for 2006/07 be approved in principle, and those projects with expenditure attached be reported to the next Committee meeting with detail, for final approval regarding implementations.
 - (b) That those 2006/07 projects with no expenditure attached, be the subject of a work plan for presentation to the next Committee meeting.

PROJECTS UPDATE

- 3. The following attachments are relevant
 - Attachment 1 sets out the amended 'master' list of projects recommended for implementation for 2006/07;
 - Attachment 2 provides more information on project 5.3.1 for a processing trial of polypropylene bags, sacks and twine by Canterbury Wastebusters, which is supported for implementation;
 - Attachment 3 provides more information on project 5.6.1, for the collection of furniture foam by a commercial contractor for recycling, at no cost to transfer stations, which is also supported for implementation;
 - Attachment 4 provides information on a new project proposed by Environment Canterbury (5.12.2) for the development of an interactive web based resource tool targeting waste reduction which is also supported for implementation, the cost of \$20,000 to be funded through reallocating funds within the 2006/07 budget – see Attachment 1.
- 4. At the 11 September meeting a report from Crop and Food Research will be tabled relating to the work done in 2005/06 in preparation for the putrescible and green waste projects 5.2.1 and 5.2.2. A report back on the completed projects for 2005/06 will be reported to the next meeting of the committee.

COSTS/EXPENDITURE

5. No expenditure has occurred to date. By approving the projects set out in Year 1 of the Action Plan in Attachment 1, the budget of \$150,000 for 2006/07 will be committed accordingly.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That staff proceed with arrangements to implement the projects identified in Attachment 1 for the 2006/07 financial year.