



Christchurch City Council

CANTERBURY WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2006

AT 10.30AM

AT THE TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL, GEORGE STREET, TIMARU

Committee: Councillor Sally Buck (Christchurch City Council) (Chairman)
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council)
Councillor James Gibson (Waimate District Council)
Mayor Kevin Heays (Kaikoura District Council)
Mayor Garry Jackson (Hurunui District Council)
Councillor Ross Little (Environment Canterbury)
Councillor Pat Mulvey (Timaru District Council)
Councillor Lindsay Philips (Selwyn District Council)
Councillor Dave Pullen (Mackenzie District Council)
Councillor Bob Shearing (Christchurch City Council)
Councillor Bev Tasker (Ashburton District Council)
Councillor Judy Waters (Environment Canterbury)
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1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING - 10 JULY 2006**

Attached.

3. **GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	City Water & Waste Manager
Author:	Ian Thomson

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the attention of Committee members the need to ensure that all participating councils have properly adopted the Committee's Constituting Agreement, appointed their representatives and granted the appropriate delegations.
2. Resolutions that it is suggested should be made by the participating councils are also included.

BACKGROUND

3. In 2005, councils that were members of the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee and the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee resolved to replace them with a Canterbury Waste Joint Committee that included Canterbury Regional Council. A Constituting Agreement for the new committee was prepared and endorsed by all participating councils. The Committee came into effect on 1 July 2006.
4. Christchurch City Council has been advised that there are a number of issues that have arisen with regard to the establishment of the committee.
5. Firstly, clause 19 of the Constituting Agreement states that all delegations made by the participating councils to the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee are to record the functions, duties and powers that have been delegated in writing. The clause states that such delegations may set out:
 - (a) the extent to which each council may be bound in respect of those delegated functions, duties and powers that are delegated;
 - (b) the limit (if any) to which the Council can be committed to expenditure of funds in pursuance of those delegated functions, duties and powers; and
 - (c) the circumstances in which (if any) the council can withdraw those delegated functions, duties and powers in whole or in part.
6. Participating councils have resolved to endorse the Constituting Agreement and the document has been signed. However, it would appear that no resolutions have been made delegating functions, duties and powers specifically to the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee as required by clause 19. Christchurch City Council has been advised that delegations granted some years ago to the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee and its Canterbury Waste Subcommittee may not apply to the new committee formed with effect from 1 July 2006.
7. It is recommended that councils that are members of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee resolve that the following delegations be made to the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee:
 - (a) All matters relating to the reduction of the volumes of solid waste sent for disposal, through regional waste minimisation initiatives identified by the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee, including but not limited to the allocation of the annual funding of the Joint Committee as set out in the Constituting Agreement.
 - (b) The delegations made to the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee and the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee be revoked with effect from 1 July 2006.

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8. A further issue that has arisen is the appointment of representatives of the participating councils to the committee. It appears that some, but not all councils formally appointed representatives to the new committee and it is recommended that if this has not been done, then the appropriate resolution should be made. Again, resolutions appointing representatives to the previous standing committee and subcommittee are not sufficient to effect appointment to the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee.
9. Finally, councils have declared in the Constituting Agreement that they have each resolved that the Committee shall continue to function after a triennial election. Resolutions made in respect of the previous committees are no longer effective and therefore it is recommended that each council resolve as follows:

The Canterbury Waste Joint Committee is not discharged, nor are its delegations revoked following each triennial local election.

10. There is no certainty that by not taking the recommended steps decisions made by the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee can be successfully challenged. However, the advice given to Christchurch City Council is that there is a risk that an application for review may be successful and that it is prudent to ensure that any such risk is removed, if possible.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the councils that are members of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee make the resolutions referred to in this report.

4. ACTION PLAN UPDATE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	City Water and Waste Manager
Author:	Zefanja Potgieter

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.

5. FUNDING OF AGRICHEMICAL COLLECTION

General Manager Responsible:	General Manager City Environment DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	City Water and Waste Manager
Author:	Darren Patterson, ECan

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request continued support of the regional agrichemical collection by central government.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Over the past three years the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) has contributed towards the disposal of the majority of chemicals collected through the Canterbury Targeted Agrichemical Collection.
3. Staff have been informed that there will be no funding available to Canterbury councils for the 2005/06 financial year as it is MfE's wish to concentrate "*on working in regions which are almost clear of the legacy of unwanted agrichemicals and those councils we have not previously worked with*".
4. This loss of funding has significantly reduced the amount of chemicals we can collect, and therefore the number of people who can participate.
5. The councils have, over the past four years gained the trust of the rural community to participate in a collection and come forward with their redundant agrichemicals. This trust and our current momentum could be jeopardised by this sudden loss of funding and our subsequent failure to meet the expectations that have been raised due to the successes of previous years. Therefore staff consider that a letter be sent by the councils to the Minister for the Environment requesting that funding be provided for this and subsequent financial years.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. None required from the committee. However, in the 2005/06 year councils contributed \$218,000 and collected over 35 tonnes of material, with MfE funding the disposal of the majority of the intractable chemicals. This financial year the loss of this MfE funding means that although the participating councils have committed over \$197,000 we will only be able to collect 13 tonnes of material, a significant reduction.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the committee approve that the attached letter be sent to the Minister for the Environment requesting that funding be provided for this and subsequent financial years.

6. SUBMISSION ON THE GREEN PARTY'S WASTE MINIMISATION (SOLIDS) BILL

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	City Water and Waste Manager
Authors:	Tony Moore, and Darren Patterson from ECan

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. Attached are the formal submissions by Christchurch City Council and Environment Canterbury to the Green Party bill on waste minimisation that will be considered by a Parliamentary Select Committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

7. PRESENTATION BY ENVIROWASTE AND CLEANAWAY ON THE COMPOST SYSTEM INSTALLED FOR THE TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL

8. INFORMATION SHARING (IF TIME PERMITS)

The opportunity will be taken for all members to share any items of concern or interest.