

#### 4. REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION PROJECTS UPDATE

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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To report back on approved regional waste minimisation projects for the 2007/08 year.

#### BACKGROUND

2. On 13 August 2007 the Committee approved an action plan for the 2007/08 year. The action plan was subsequently amended by the Committee on 10 March 2008 and 14 April 2008 due to changed circumstances, and funding was reallocated to other projects. By 30 June 2008 the actual expenditure was \$78,164 and member councils were invoiced accordingly.
3. The table below sets out the financial status of each project, and Attachment A contains further information on the projects. Service providers for the projects will attend the 14 July Committee meeting to report back and respond to questions.

Approved Project	Service Provider	Budget \$	Actual \$	Comments
Business Resource Efficiency and Paper and Cardboard communications campaign	SKM	15,000	15,238	Attachment A
	Target Sustainability	35,000	8,631	Attachment A
Compost product development and marketing and compost facility resource consent guides	Crop and Food Research	40,000	31,150	Attachment A
REBRI C&D industry guidelines	SKM and Twelfth Knight	24,500	13,145	Attachment A
Timber to Energy	Working with Holcim	17,000	0	This project could not proceed due to lack of reliable information on current and long term treated timber waste volumes and long term trends to base action on.
Regional Operators Forum	META NZ	500	0	Member council have no need to proceed with this project.
Interactive web-based resource	ECAN and Hot Pyjamas	5,000	5,000	Already presented to the Committee at the 10 March meeting.
Plastic bag free Kaikoura	Kaikoura District Council	5,000	5,000	Attachment A
<i>Contingencies</i>		8,000	0	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>150,000</b>	<b>78,164</b>	

4. At the 14 April meeting the Committee reallocated funding likely to be unspent on approved projects to a proposal for worm composting (\$18,000) and an additional Target Sustainability project outside Christchurch (Pegasus Township \$15,000). Neither re-allocation was spent. For the worm composting project there was too little time to implement and assess the project in two months once schools reconvened after the school holidays. (A new worm composting proposal is proposed in the action plan for 2008/09.) Despite promising potential for a house builders waste reduction cluster at Pegasus Town, only one house builder formally applied to join the project out of a target of 5 house builders therefore the project was cancelled.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5. Due to financial rules unspent budget cannot be carried over to the following financial year. All members have again budgeted to provide funding (as per the Constituting Agreement) for the full \$150,000 for the 2008/09 financial year.

## **SUMMARY**

6. The second year of implementation of the regional waste minimisation strategy was highlighted by the success of the composting trial which is set to continue, the completion of the interactive web-based resource for schools, and completion of the plastic bag free Kaikoura project. Proposed projects for 2008/09 are set out in a separate report on the agenda.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Committee receive the report.