

CANTERBURY WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY 20 APRIL 2009

AT 10.45AM

IN THE CAMELLIA ROOM, CIVIC OFFICES

Committee: Councillor Sally Buck (Christchurch City Council)
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council)
Councillor Matt Henderson (Waimate District Council)
Councillor John Ransley (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 Pat Harrow (Environment Canterbury)
Councillor Mike Wall (Christchurch City Council)

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1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MINUTES OF THE CANTERBURY WASTE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10 NOVEMBER 2008**

**Held in Committee Room 3, Civic Offices,
on Monday 10 November 2008 at 9.30am**

PRESENT:

Councillor Sally Buck (Chairperson) (Christchurch City Council)
Councillor John Ransley (Kaikoura 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 Mike Wall (Christchurch City Council)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Sian Carvell (Environment Canterbury)
Mark Christison (Christchurch City Council)
Kevin Crutchley (Christchurch City Council)
Dave Hock (Selwyn District Council)
John McGartland (Mackenzie District Council)
Darren Patterson (Environment Canterbury)
Zefanja Potgieter (Christchurch City Council)
Kitty Waghorn (Waimakariri District Council)
Sean Rainey (Christchurch City Council)

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mayor Garry Jackson (Hurunui District Council), Councillors Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council), Matt Henderson (Waimate District Council), Pat Harrow (Environment Canterbury), Simon Collin (Christchurch City Council), and Brian Purcell (Waimate District Council).

Councillor Mike Wall was absent from 10.27–10.59am and from 11.12–11.35 am, and was absent for part of items 5 and 6.

1. **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 14 JULY 2008**

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee meeting of 14 July 2008 be confirmed as a true and correct record.

2. **UPDATE REPORT ON INTERACTIVE RESOURCE KIT FOR SCHOOLS**

(9.34 am)

Sian Carvell (Environment Canterbury) provided a presentation on the interactive resource kit for schools (Tip the Balance). The programme is currently funded for 15 classes per annum, and provides the resource kit to these schools. The Committee's consent was requested to spend the \$1,000 already allocated on marketing the kit to all primary and intermediate schools in Canterbury, with evaluation of the programme to be applied for in due course.. Feedback from schools has been positive, and the Committee indicated its support for the initiative.

The Committee **resolved**:

- (a) That the report be received.
- (b) That the pre-approved \$1,000 be used to promote the resource kit to all schools in Canterbury.

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3. HAZARDOUS WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

(9.45 am)

Councillor Ross Little provided a report to the Committee on the Hazardous Waste Subcommittee's 8 September 2008 meeting. The Subcommittee provided the Committee with a revised Terms of Reference for the former and information it considered at the above meeting.

The Committee discussed the use of alternates at Subcommittee meetings.

The Committee **resolved**:

- (a) That the report of the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Subcommittee meeting held on 8 September 2008 be received.
- (b) That the appointment of alternates be rejected and that the Chairperson of the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Subcommittee write to member councils inviting any Councillors to be present at meetings without voting rights.
- (c) That the revised Terms of Reference for the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Subcommittee, including the provision that the chair of the Subcommittee be a regional councillor, be adopted.

The Committee **noted** that:

- (a) The Hazardous Waste Subcommittee would report back to the Subcommittee on its meetings
- (b) Staff would notify the Committee when the Hazardous Waste Subcommittee is meeting in forthcoming agendas.

4. PRESENTATION BY SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES FUND TRUST

(10.17 am)

The Committee received a presentation from Arthur Williamson of the Sustainable Initiatives Trust Fund (SIFT). Points covered included:

- SIFT current funding model (approximately \$3.0 million), will hopefully evolve over the next 18 months to benefit from the national waste minimisation levy.
- Current initiatives include the use of brown glass for reflective mulch, recyclable nappies, and investigation into tire recycling.

The Committee **noted**:

- (a) Its thanks to Mr Williamson.
- (b) That it would be useful if SIFT could provide the Committee with annual updates on its initiatives.
- (c) That SIFT would circulate information on recycled products to members of the Committee.

5. UPDATE ON WASTE MINIMISATION ACT 2008

(10.29 am)

The Committee received an update report the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. Points discussed included:

Current levy funds do not accrue interest.
There is no territorial local authority representation on the Waste Advisory Board.
There should be a cap on administration costs.
That the production of guidelines be expedited.

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The Committee **resolved**:

- (a) That the report be received and noted.
- (b) That a letter be prepared by staff to the Ministry for the Environment regarding the following:
 - (i) Interest should accrue to all funds collected under the Act.
 - (ii) A cap be set on the cost of the administration of the fund.
 - (iii) That a Territorial Local Authority representative be appointed to the Board.
 - (iv) That guidelines be provided to Territorial Local Authorities urgently to enable funds to be applied for from 1 July 2009.
- (c) That, should the Ministry for the Environment request feedback on potential priority products or other issues mentioned in paragraph 45 of the report, staff be requested to prepare a coordinated reply on behalf of the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee.

6. FURTHER ISSUES

(11.10 am)

The following issues were raised from the member councils:

Ashburton District Council

Local recovery plant was damaged by fire – contained without toxic spread.

Waimakariri District Council

Recycling wheelie bins have been agreed for use in the District.
Green waste discussions have been taking place.

Kaikoura District Council

Trial of kitchen waste in biodegradable plastic bags underway for 15 per cent of residents.
The reduction of use of plastic bags has been successful.

Timaru District Council

Brian Gallagher has resigned from the Council.

Selwyn District Council

Nil.

Mackenzie District Council

John McGartland has resigned.

Environment Canterbury

Floods in North Canterbury resulted in excess water run-off at Kate Valley landfill. This tested emergency measures, which were successful.
Noted local concern regarding flooding.

Christchurch City Council

Zero Waste Working Party conducted site visits of waste facilities.
Wheelie bins currently being dispatched throughout Christchurch.
Bio-solids drying facility tenders closing before the end of the year.

The Committee **resolved** to write a letter to Brian Gallagher thanking him for his long service to the Committee and noting his exceptional knowledge and enthusiasm.

The Committee **noted** to visit the new Christchurch waste facilities in 2009 once they are completed.

The meeting concluded at 11.35am.

3. SUBMISSIONS ON THE MINISTRY FOR THE ENVIRONMENT REPORT “WASTE MINIMISATION IN NEW ZEALAND”. GUIDANCE FOR TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES ON PREPARATION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLANS

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Officer responsible:	Mark Christison, City Water and Waste Manager
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The report recommends that the Canterbury Joint Waste Committee make submissions on the Ministry for the Environment report “*Waste minimisation in New Zealand*” which was released in March, with a closing date for submissions on 15 April 2009.
2. For information the report also refers to the guidance document on preparing statutory waste management and minimisation plans (WMMP) as required by the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

BACKGROUND ON THE “WASTE MINIMISATION IN NEW ZEALAND” REPORT

3. The “*Waste minimisation in New Zealand*” report comprises proposals from Ministry for the Environment regarding the following areas of interest, brought to the fore by the introduction of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (the Act). The proposals are set out in five parts:
 - (a) **Part 1** - Revising targets for the New Zealand Waste Strategy: The *New Zealand Waste Strategy 2002* is a non-statutory, non-binding waste strategy for New Zealand which inter alia contains waste minimisation targets which were formally reviewed in 2006. Part 1 offers a more drastic Revision that changes and reduces the number of targets.
 - (b) **Part 2** - Identifying products that are priorities for product stewardship: The Act sets out options for mandatory or voluntary product stewardship schemes for priority products.
 - (c) **Part 3** - Identifying funding criteria for the Waste Minimisation Fund: Part of the waste minimisation fund will be open to contestable applications and criteria for such applications are presented.
 - (d) **Part 4** - Monitoring waste in New Zealand: The issues of nationally consistent and reliable data on waste and diverted materials streams is again on the agenda, with proposals on making progress.
 - (e) **Part 5** - Improving the operation of the waste levy: Current wording in the Act relating to the \$10 waste minimisation levy at landfills means that the \$10 per tonne waste levy will also be imposed on all landfill cover materials.
4. Staff have made copies of the consultation document available to elected members for consideration, and **Attachment A** to this report contains staff recommendations to the Committee, following a staff workshop held at Environment Canterbury on 30 March 2009.
5. On 1 April 2009 the Ministry for the Environment held a day long workshop on the consultation document, attended by some staff and elected members. This workshop afforded participants the opportunity to ask questions of clarification.
6. **Attachment A** is structured around the five parts of the consultation document, listing the relevant text from the report, plus proposed comments which for ease of reference appear underlined. The consultation document does not mention that any hearings will be held to advance submissions.

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BACKGROUND ON THE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT FOR PREPARATION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLANS

7. The Ministry for the Environment is in the process of finalising a guidance document for territorial authorities on preparing statutory waste management and minimisation plans (WMMP) in terms of the provisions of the Act. The motivation for the report was to bring together the various requirements in the Act relating to WMMPs and to clarify possible areas of uncertainty. The final guidance document will also include a template for a WMMP which should be useful for all territorial authorities when they review their current waste management plans. By 2012 all existing waste management plans need to be replaced by a WMMP and the process of preparing the new plan includes doing a formal waste assessment in terms of the Act.
8. The guidance document was prepared by Morrison Low Consultants in Auckland, assisted by a group of territorial authority staff drawn from across New Zealand. Staff from Christchurch and Waimakariri were part of the advice panel.
9. The final guidance document is expected to be released by the end of May 2009 after which it will be presented to the committee for information and consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. There are no direct financial implications relating to making submissions.

SUMMARY

- 11 **Attachment A** contains recommendations on the Ministry for the Environment's 2009 report "*Waste minimisation in New Zealand*" for consideration by the committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee consider the draft submissions in **Attachment A** relating to the Ministry for the Environment consultation document.

4. FUTURE MEETING DATES FOR THE CANTERBURY WASTE AND CANTERBURY REGIONAL LANDFILL JOINT COMMITTEES FOR 2009

1. The Canterbury Waste and Canterbury Regional Landfill Joint Committees generally meet four times per annum. To minimise travel, staff are cognisant to hold Joint Committee meetings together wherever possible. In addition, the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Committee will follow meetings of the Joint Committees where possible.
2. Staff have investigated possible meeting dates following the 20 April Joint Committee meetings. The following indicative meeting dates are recommended for the remainder of 2009:
 - Monday 8 June
 - Monday 10 August
 - Monday 9 November
3. Please note that these dates are subject to change.

5. ROUND THE TABLE DISCUSSION

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