

#### **4. INFORMATION SHARING**

Members were invited to share items of concern or interest:

##### **Timaru District Council**

Brian Gallagher advised that Southern Waste Services had been contracted to undertake all Timaru's solid waste services from July 2006, including the control, management and operation of the transfer station, the landfill and composting operation (the composting operation comprising a covered windrow system).

##### **Waimakariri District Council**

Councillor Robbie Brine advised that his Council had deferred further consideration of its solid waste management strategy until 2006, mainly because of the other time commitments associated with the review of the Council's LTCCP.

##### **Banks Peninsula District Council**

Chris Hopman advised that there was nothing to report at present in respect of Banks Peninsula, as his Council was awaiting the results of the 19 November dissolution poll.

##### **Selwyn District Council**

Dave Hock advised that the Council's in-vessel composting plant had recently been manufactured, and was currently being installed on site, for commissioning in January 2006.

##### **Ashburton District Council**

Councillor Bev Tasker advised that her Council had recently trialled the collection of kitchen scraps, which had proved extremely successful.

##### **Christchurch City Council**

Simon Collin referred to the legal challenge of the Council's waste minimisation levies mounted by Waste Management (NZ) Ltd, and advised that it was expected that the matter would be heard in the High Court in February 2006. Public submissions were currently being invited on the Council's draft Waste Management Plan, and a large number of submissions had been received to date. Three companies had been short listed as possible providers of suitable technologies for the Council's planned in-vessel composting plant.