

**CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA NO 2**

**TUESDAY 8 JUNE 1999  
AT 2PM**

**25. CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL:  
PARTICIPATION WITH CANTERBURY WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE**

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Corporate Plan Output: Regional Landfill	

The purpose of this report is to submit for consideration a request by the Canterbury Regional Council with regard to a working party model to address hazardous waste management issues in Canterbury.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Council together with nine other Councils in Canterbury has established the Canterbury Joint Standing Committee and the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee and delegated to it the functions, duties and powers relating to participation in the operation of the joint venture company formed to select, develop, own and operate a Canterbury Regional landfill and associated transport and collection systems. The delegation to the Joint Standing Committee/Canterbury Waste Subcommittee also included the following under the constituting agreement clause 3(c):

*“To investigate and make recommendations to the Councils on a solid and hazardous regional waste management strategy (including waste minimisation) that is mutually acceptable to the Councils provided that the Committee shall not commit the Councils to expenditure exceeding an aggregate \$100,000 in any financial year in performing these duties.”*

The Canterbury Regional Council, not a member of the Joint Standing Committee/Canterbury Waste Subcommittee, approached the Subcommittee in December 1998 and requested that consideration be given to the Regional Council membership of the Subcommittee for the purposes of establishing policies on the solid and hazardous regional waste management strategy. The Subcommittee in response noted that the Regional Council must by necessity maintain a measure of independence from the Subcommittee if it is to perform its quasi-judicial role as consent authority under the Resource Management Act on these issues and also on the landfill issues which will be determined by the Subcommittee. It was considered that the Regional Council would be approached in a consultative and advisory role to assist the territorial authorities in developing appropriate strategies.

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The Regional Council made a further approach to the Subcommittee in March 1999 seeking more direct participation by Regional Councillors (rather than in the advisory/consultative role proposed). Taking account of the necessity to maintain a measure of independence of the Regional Council, the Subcommittee sought legal advice on options by which the Canterbury Regional Council could participate or contribute to discussions on hazardous waste.

### **LEGAL OPINION:**

Buddle Findlay's reply to the request was considered by the Subcommittee on 18 May 1999. After extensively canvassing the issues involved Denis Sheard of Buddle Findlay concluded:

*"It is my recommendation that, of the options available a working party between the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee and the Canterbury Regional Council seems best to fit that prescription."*

The Canterbury Waste Subcommittee resolved:

1. That the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee and the Canterbury Regional Council establish a joint working party to develop integrated hazardous waste management strategies, supported by the existing Hazardous Waste Staff Group.
2. That the working party membership be two representatives of the Canterbury Regional Council, one member representing northern local authorities, one City Council representative and representative of southern local authorities.
3. That the respective local authorities arrange their appointments to the working party.

### **PROPOSED WORKING PARTY MODEL:**

The proposed structure and reporting process for the Hazardous Waste Working Party is set out in the attached diagram and agreed at the Subcommittee meeting. The southern territorial local authorities have advised that Councillor Stan Scoringe of Mackenzie District Council will be their representative and northern territorial local authorities have appointed Councillor Bill Woods.

The Canterbury Regional Council has some concerns about the model proposed by the Subcommittee. They consider that it may not provide sufficient scope for representation from individual territorial local authorities. The Regional Council considered it may be an indirect method for Councils to work together and at the meeting on 27 May 1999 the Regional Council resolved that:

- (a) The Regional Council confirms its support for a co-operative approach to addressing hazardous waste management issues in Canterbury by the establishment of a local authority Working Party to oversee the development of a Regional Hazardous Waste Management Strategy.
- (b) That Regional Council's preferred Working Party model is one that includes a representative appointed by, and reporting back directly to, each local authority in Canterbury with the Regional Council representative chairing the Working Party.

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- (c) If there is insufficient support from territorial authorities for the above model, then the Regional Council supports a Working Party between the Council and the Canterbury Waste Sub-Committee and nominates Cr Waters and Cr Little (Cr Shand as alternate) as its representatives on the Canterbury Hazardous Waste Management Working Party.”

### **REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROACH TO CANTERBURY TERRITORIAL AUTHORITIES:**

The Chairman of the Regional Council has forwarded a letter to all Canterbury local authorities requesting that Councils formally and urgently consider this issue and advise which working party model the Council prefers.

It will be noted that the Regional Council’s proposal provides for the appointment of a representative of each local authority in Canterbury to a working party with the Regional Council representative as chair. The Regional Council has sought a reply by the end of June.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Canterbury Waste Sub-committee which is a standing committee of all the Canterbury Territorial Authorities has recommended that a Hazardous Waste Working Party be set up to deal with regional hazardous waste (including waste minimisation).

This working party would have five members, two from the Canterbury Regional Council, one from the Christchurch City Council and one each from the northern and southern territorial authorities respectively. The working party would report jointly to the Canterbury Regional Council and the Canterbury Waste Standing Committee. See attached diagram. The Canterbury Regional Council has recommended an alternative model with one representative from each territorial authority and one from the Canterbury Regional Council as the chair, with the working party reporting to each authority separately

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council support the working party model proposed by the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee.
  2. That the Council appoint a representative to the working party.

### **Chairman’s**

**Recommendation:** Not seen by Chairman.