

## 11. REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee of progress made by the Solid Waste Staff Group in advancing regional waste minimisation in Canterbury.

### BACKGROUND

The attached Regional Waste Management Agreement has been drafted for the Solid Waste Staff Group for the purpose of facilitating discussion at the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee by a sub-group consisting of Don Young (Mackenzie District Council), Kirsty Archibald (Kaikoura District Council) and Christine Byrch (Christchurch City Council).

The Subcommittee has previously requested that the Staff Group produce a Regional Waste Minimisation Strategy, and it was with this brief in mind that the project was begun.

### UPDATE

The Sub-group however considered that an agreement format is a better way to achieve the same outcome. The reason for this is as follows:

- Uncertainty as to the relationship between a regional strategy, and each council's Waste Management Plan.
- Unwillingness to redebate goals, visions, objectives and strategies relating to waste, given that these are all being debated by individual councils as part of their Waste Management Plan process.

- Recognition of the fact that the various councils are all at different stages of the Waste Management Plan process, and all have varying thoughts on key issues such as zero waste, implementation initiatives etc.

It is envisaged that the agreement document will be something that each Council will feel motivated to sign up to, and will give a basis for a common regional approach.

There has been some debate at staff level as to whether the document should be presented to each Council on an “Agreement” or as “Guidelines”.

The advantage of the former is that it is more definitive, and indicates a real commitment.

The advantage of the latter approach is that councils may feel some concern that by applying the Council seal, they are being overly bound to the principles.

The opinion of the Committee is sought in this matter.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the report be received.
  2. That the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee recommend the attached Regional Waste Management Agreement to constituent councils for their adoption.

**Chairman’s**

**Recommendation:** That the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee seek the views of the constituent councils on the principles contained in the attached draft Regional Waste Management Agreement.