

6. REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION WORKING PARTY UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the first two meetings of the Regional Waste Minimisation Working Party.

BACKGROUND

On 20 July 2000 the Subcommittee resolved to establish a Regional Waste Minimisation Working Party consisting of Councillors Lee Burdon (representing Timaru, Waimate and Mackenzie District Councils), Denis O'Rourke (Christchurch), and Bev Tasker (representing Ashburton, Banks Peninsula, Selwyn, Waimakariri, Hurunui and Kaikoura District Councils).

The Working Party has met on two occasions, 21 September and on 13 November and the confirmed minutes of each Working Party meeting is sent to all Subcommittee members. At the 21 September meeting Councillor Lee Burdon was elected Chairperson.

The Working Party has refined the proposed Action Plan (attached). Once the Recovered Materials Foundation's review report has been made available to the Subcommittee, the Action Plan will be expanded to include resources required and a time-line. The final report will be presented to the Subcommittee in February 2001. Due to the importance of the report, and the fact that it covers all the participating council areas, it is highly recommended that all committee members attend the February meeting (date still to be determined).

The Working Party resolved to refer the following issues on the Action Plan to the Subcommittee for consideration:

- Regional cooperation on a landfill tax to fund regional waste minimisation initiatives.
- Regional support by all participating councils for the *Redesigning Resources* approach in order to turn wastes into resources and jobs – within councils' own operations and in their communities.

It is suggested that after introductory discussion of these issues by the Subcommittee, reports be prepared for future detailed discussion.

SUMMARY

The Working Party has commenced meeting and is now awaiting the outcomes of the Recovered Materials Foundation study due February 2001 in order to finalise the Regional Waste Minimisation Action Plan. This will include resources required and a time-line.

Recommendation: That following the report in February from the Recovered Materials Foundation reports on the two issues mentioned in the body of the report be prepared in due course.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.