

## 5. WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS/STRATEGIES IN CANTERBURY

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The purpose of this report is to present a summary of existing Canterbury Territorial Local Authority Waste Management Plans and Strategies as requested by the Canterbury Waste Sub-committee in June 1999.

Information attached is summarised in the following documents:

- [Attachment A](#): Council Waste Management Plans/ Strategies and Community Activities in Canterbury
- [Attachment B](#): Community Group Programmes in Canterbury
- [Attachment C](#): Total Waste Tonnages and Composition in Canterbury 2000
- [Attachment D](#): Waste Tonnages in Canterbury 1999
- [Attachment E](#): Waste Charges in Canterbury for 1999/00

### POSSIBLE ACTION STEPS

The staff group will be agreeing common action steps to advance waste minimisation in Canterbury at its next meeting, on 20 July 2000. The following possible actions, have been listed in initial work but are yet to be discussed by staff.

1. Signage: Common/co-ordinated signage at resource recovery centres, refuse stations and other waste facilities in Canterbury where appropriate.
2. Education: Collation/Co-ordinator of existing educational, curriculum material available to maximise its use in schools/education programmes throughout Canterbury.
3. Target Zero: Develop cost effective method to maximise regional benefits of existing Target Zero programme, perhaps in association with Ministry for the Environment sponsored "Business Care" programme.
4. Fees/Charges: Develop simple effective method to calculate fees/charges, including an incentive/disincentive component.
5. Lobby Government: Pursue Local Government New Zealand remit process in conjunction with any new initiatives arising out of the recent Redesigning Resources Conference in Christchurch.
6. In-house Practices: Audit and report on the status of in-house practices in each Council operation together with suggestions for improvements.
7. Common Strategies/Synergies: Report **what** "vision" or "picture" each district has for its desired future and **how** it intends to get there, for example by contracting for specific services such as organic waste processing. Based on these two pieces of information, develop synergies between Councils in Canterbury.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received
  2. That the staff group report a draft action plan based on this information to the Canterbury Waste Sub-Committee in August 2000.

**Chairman's  
Recommendation:**

1. That a subcommittee of three, consisting of one representative from the Christchurch City Council, the Timaru District Council and one from the remaining Councils, supported by appropriate staff, be formed to investigate regional waste minimisation initiatives and report a draft action plan to the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee in September 2000.
2. That prior to developing the above action plan the subcommittee commission the Recovered Materials Foundation, using its existing business development funding, to assess and report back to the subcommittee in September 2000 on the following:
  - (a) The effectiveness of the various existing waste minimisation initiatives in Canterbury.
  - (b) The viability of a regional approach to recovered materials, having regard to a transport equalisation scheme and “coat tailing” onto any refuse transport systems which are currently being developed.
  - (c) Which materials would be appropriate to be processed by local groups and which would be better processed on a regional basis.
3. That a representative of the rural Councils on the Committee be appointed to the Board of the Recovered Materials Foundation.