

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE - COMPOST SUBCOMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval to an extension to the terms of reference of the Compost Subcommittee to include consideration of matters relating to green waste and refuse disposal fees.

BACKGROUND

The 11 July 2000 meeting of the City Services Committee agreed to amend the name of the Hazaka Subcommittee (established to negotiate with the Hazaka Corporation of Japan regarding an invessel composting plant) to the Compost Subcommittee.

The terms of reference of the Compost Subcommittee related to the investigation of proposals for the establishment of an invessel composting plant by the Christchurch City Council itself and reporting to the City Services Committee. Also included within these terms was consideration of the disposal of bulk supplies of compost from the existing plant.

Within today's agenda is a report on the establishment of a small "startup" invessel composting plant. This report recommends, inter alia, that green waste refuse charges should be increased to 60% of refuse charges over the next three year period. Also the Waste Manager intends to report (in November) to this Committee on the need to progressively increase refuse charges to align with the new regional landfill anticipated opening in 2004.

AMENDMENT TO TERMS OF REFERENCE

It is desired to expand the terms of reference of the Compost Subcommittee to also include fees for green waste and refuse disposal to allow for elected member input at an early stage in the formulation of any proposals. The Subcommittee would in due course then make recommendations on this matter to the City Services Committee and would not have delegated authority to act.

Recommendation: That the terms of reference of the Compost Subcommittee be extended to include consideration of fees for green waste and refuse disposal.

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Recommendation: Not seen by Chairman.