

9. DRAFT CANTERBURY HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to recommend the seeking of public submissions on a Draft Hazardous Waste Strategy for Canterbury.

BACKGROUND

On 11 July 2000 City Services Committee appointed a subcommittee consisting of Councillors O'Rourke, Buck and Stonhill to review a draft hazardous waste strategy for Canterbury. The draft strategy had been prepared by staff from all local authorities in Canterbury, with input from the Regional Hazardous Waste Working Party.

The Regional Hazardous Waste Working Party has sought support from all territorial local authorities for it to seek public submissions on the strategy. All territorial local authorities have had an opportunity during August to comment on the strategy and all have recommended it for the next phase – that of seeking public submissions which is planned to take place during October.

Environment Canterbury staff will co-ordinate the public submissions after which the Regional Hazardous Waste Working Party will consider submissions in November, and recommend a final strategy to all the Canterbury territorial local authorities. It is planned to complete this process by the end of this year.

THE STRATEGY ITSELF

The Subcommittee spent considerable time reviewing the whole of the strategy during a meeting held on 31 August 2000, and has suggested various improvements – all of which have been included in the Strategy. The Strategy has a vision of zero hazardous waste by 2020, with a long-term objective of eliminating the adverse effects of hazardous wastes on the environment.

SUMMARY

The draft Hazardous Waste Strategy for Canterbury has been improved substantially by input from the Subcommittee. The Strategy will ensure that action on hazardous waste issues in the region are planned and executed in a co-ordinated way to ensure minimum environmental effects with a long term objective of eliminating the adverse effects of hazardous wastes on the environment.

The Strategy should therefore be supported in its amended form (separately circulated), and be made available to business and the community for submissions.

Recommendation: That the draft Hazardous Waste Strategy for Canterbury be supported in its amended form, and be made available to business and the community for submissions.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.