

4. CHRISTCHURCH CITY - CHANGES TO WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to inform members of the Subcommittee of the recent decision by the Christchurch City Council to change important parts of its waste management plan.

BACKGROUND

At the 14 May 2001 meeting of the Subcommittee a report was tabled setting out the changes that were proposed for the City's waste management plan. On 28 June 2001 the City resolved as follows:

- “1. That the Council reconfirm its commitment to waste minimisation and a zero waste goal.
2. That the following vision, goal and targets, and definition of Real Costs, as proposed in this report be adopted.

Vision

That the whole community will manage solid waste in ways that:

- ✓ *avoid irreversible damage to the physical environment*
- ✓ *minimise the adverse effects of solid waste management generally*
- ✓ *use waste as a resource.*

Goal

- ✓ *Zero Residual Disposal of solid waste.*

Real Costs

- ✓ *The Real Costs are constraints that will impact on achieving the targets which are set in the Waste Management Plan as milestones towards attainment of the goal.*
- ✓ *They include environmental, social, economic and legal costs.*

Targets

That taking account of Real Costs, per capita waste to residual disposal be reduced as follows:

- ✓ *90% of green waste and kitchen putrescibles received by the Council, by 2010*
- ✓ *80% of kerbside waste collected by the Council, by 2010*
- ✓ *65% minimum, 100% maximum, of the waste stream overall, by 2020.*

Base year: 1994.

Target period: 25 years

3. That the waste management plan be reviewed in 2002 incorporating the following:
 - *a division between commercial and domestic targets;*
 - *targets for different types of waste stream materials (eg construction and demolition waste, hazardous waste, paper, putrescibles etc);*
 - *five yearly review of targets or sooner should circumstances so require;*
 - *how the outcomes sought will be achieved;*
 - *a target for materials recovered;*
 - *measures of the effectiveness of actions taken to avoid or minimise environmental damage;*
 - *The requirements of, or the opportunities offered through, legislative change;*
 - *A general review of the plan.*
4. That the Council develop a communications process to advise the public on recycling and waste disposal issues and receive feedback.
5. That the Council support the Recovered Materials Foundation proposal to establish and facilitate a forum for community organisations and commercial firms to provide ongoing input on recycling and waste issues. “

A copy of the accompanying report is attached for further information.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.