

4. DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL WASTE MINIMISATION PROGRAMME

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The purpose of this report is to recommend that work proceed with a strategy and budget for regional waste minimisation in Canterbury.

BACKGROUND

At the 11 July 2002 meeting the Subcommittee resolved that the revised Constituting Agreement be circulated to participating councils for consideration and adoption. Subsequent to this the City Council's Legal Services Unit suggested changes to Section 26 to substitute the reference to delegation of regional waste minimisation with the development of a strategy for regional waste minimisation. Once the strategy has been developed and approved by members, additional delegations would be required to implement it.

On 30 August 2002 a seminar for Councillors to discuss the proposed new Constituting Agreement was held in Christchurch. All councils will now consider the adoption of the Agreement.

In the meantime it is important to make progress with the development of a draft strategy and budget as members would need advance notification of costs of proposed regional waste minimisation programmes in order to budget for it in the 2003/04 budgets. It is proposed that the working party that reviewed the Constituting Agreement be requested to this. The members are Mr Brian Lester (Ashburton District Council) Councillor Ron Wright and Councillor Denis O'Rourke (Christchurch City Council), Mr Don Young (Waimakariri District Council), Mr Zefanja Potgieter (Christchurch City Council) and Councillor Lee Burdon or Mr Ashley Harper (Timaru District Council).

WAY FORWARD

It is suggested that the working party detailed above prepare a draft Strategy and budget for consideration by the Subcommittee at its November 2002 meeting.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Constituting Agreement Review Working Party be requested to prepare a strategy and budget for regional waste minimisation, and that it report back to the November 2002 meeting of the Subcommittee.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.