

8. DIRECTOR TRAINING COSTS

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Officer responsible:	City Water and Waste Manager
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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to comment on the correspondence received from Councillor Robbie Brine regarding possible financial assistance from the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee towards the cost of directorship training.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Included in the correspondence section of the agenda is a letter from Councillor Robbie Brine seeking consideration of funding towards the cost of attending a five day director training course entitled "The Company Directors Course" in Christchurch in September 2005, conducted by the Institute of Directors (IOD).
3. Councillor Brine was appointed from 18 March 2005 to the Board of Transwaste Canterbury Ltd (TCL) as one of the four directors appointed by the Subcommittee. In addition he also represents the Subcommittee on the Board of the Recovered Materials Foundation.
4. If the Subcommittee is of a mind to support Councillor Brine in developing his skills as a director it could either:
 - (a) Recommend to the TCL Board that it assist in meeting a share of the costs involved.
 - (b) Make payment from the funding budgeted for 2004/05, which is not expected to be fully expended, as a charge against the shareholder council members only.
5. As Councillor Brine represents the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee on the Board of TCL it is likely that the view of that Board would be that the costs of such training should be more properly met by the Subcommittee. The Director Strategic Investment, Christchurch City Council, Mr Bob Lineham, has commented that there is a precedent for such financial assistance and that the Christchurch City Council has met training costs for its Council appointed directors on the boards of companies in which it holds shares.
6. As a degree of private benefit would accrue from attendance at such a course, Councillor Brine has suggested that the costs be apportioned on a 50/50 basis with half the cost paid by himself.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. As Councillor Brine has now enrolled in the IOD at his own cost the \$4,550 attendance fee could be apportioned on the basis of 50% of the cost being met by the shareholder councils in accordance with their shareholding in TCL as follows:

Council	Shareholding	Cost
Christchurch City Council	75.7%	\$1,722
Waimakariri District Council	7.8%	\$178
Hurunui District Council	2.4%	\$55
Selwyn District Council	6%	\$136
Ashburton District Council	6%	\$136
Banks Peninsula District Council	2.1%	\$48
Total		\$2,275

8. As this is a matter relating only to the landfill joint venture voting is to be in accordance with clause 22(c)(i) and (ii) of the Constituting Agreement ie:

"Only members appointed to represent councils who are shareholders in joint venture may vote on the basis that the Christchurch City Council is entitled to 50% of the votes able to be cast."

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That a contribution of \$2,275 be made by the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee towards the costs of Councillor Robbie Brine's attendance at an IOD course to be funded as detailed in the above report, by the shareholder council members of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee.

CHAIRMAN'S RECOMMENDATION

That the Subcommittee support a contribution of \$2,275 as recommended above.