



Christchurch City Council

CANTERBURY WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2005

AT 10AM

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC OFFICES

Subcommittee: Councillor Sally Buck (Christchurch City Council) (Chairman)
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council)
Councillor James Gibson (Waimate District Council)
Mayor Kevin Heays (Kaikoura District Council)
Mayor Garry Jackson (Hurunui District Council)
Councillor Pat Mulvey (Timaru District Council)
Mayor Bob Parker (Banks Peninsula District Council)
Councillor Lindsay Philips (Selwyn District Council)
Councillor Dave Pullen (Mackenzie District Council)
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1. APOLOGIES

2. MINUTES OF MEETING - 12 SEPTEMBER 2005

Attached.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. REVISED PROGRAMME OF ACTION 2005/06

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	City Water & Waste Manager
Author:	Zefanja Potgieter, DDI 941-8271

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to propose a revised programme of action for the 2005/06 financial year as well as proposing a programme of action/strategy for 2006 to 2010.

BACKGROUND

2. To date the Subcommittee has approved a programme of actions for 2005/06, allocating \$45,000 out of a budgeted \$75,000 to two projects, being
 - \$25,000 on a regional initiative to promote sustainable businesses, to be provided by Target Zero - approved April 2005.
 - \$20,000 towards a national construction and demolition (C&D) waste minimisation project - approved July 2005.
3. The C&D project is proceeding as planned. Target Zero has however advised that due to a lack of staffing resources it won't be able to undertake the sustainable business project this financial year. The project is still considered important and it is proposed to include the project for 2006/07.
4. The CWSC Officers Group met on 12 October to review the programme of actions for 2005/06. In the context of the issues discussed, officers felt strongly that there is a need for a regional waste strategy that would form the basis for prioritising regional waste actions over medium term - the next four years, and therefore resolved to propose to the Subcommittee that such a programme of action be developed. As there is no spare capacity amongst officers to do this, a consultant will be needed to prepare a draft report for consideration by the Subcommittee. It is therefore recommended that \$37,000 from the 2005/06 budget be set aside for development of such a programme of action. It is expected that the cost of producing such a report will be less than the budgeted amount, and then the balance would be reallocated by way of a future report to the Subcommittee.
5. The RMF report on used tyres (April 2005) recommended a survey of silage contractors and the role they play in absorbing used tyres. It is proposed to allocate \$5,000 to this study. An additional \$5,000 each from the Ministry for the Environment and other stakeholders will be available for this study.
6. After payment for professional advice (e.g. Constituting Agreement) \$8,000 of the budgeted \$75,000 remains unallocated. During the next seven months opportunities are likely to arise for the Subcommittee to consider additional smaller projects to advance regional waste minimisation. For example at the meeting Brian Gallagher of Timaru District Council will briefly discuss a current trial applying compost to vineyards, and advancing options to deal with e-waste are currently being looked at by staff and will be reported on at the next meeting.

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7. It is therefore proposed that the revised programme of action for the 2005/06 financial year be as follows:

Initiative No.	Description	Allocation
1.	Construction & Demolition project	\$20,000 (approved in July 2005)
2.	Development of regional waste programme of action	\$37,000 (to be approved 14 November)
3.	The role of silage contractors in the used tyres market	\$5,000 (to be approved 14 November)
4.	Possible smaller future projects	\$8,000 (to be approved in due course)
5.	Professional fees incurred (i.e. Buddle Findlay)	\$5,000 (estimate)
	Total expenditure	\$75,000, out of \$75,000 budgeted

8. The following is a proposed timetable for the development of a draft regional programme of action/strategy. It is proposed that three to four suitable consultants (to be identified by officers) be invited to submit proposals to develop such a draft strategy, for consideration by the Subcommittee in July 2006, by which time the outcome of the invitation of membership to Environment Canterbury and Waitaki District Council would be known, and all member councils could then participate in the decision making.

Actions	Dates
Resolution of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee to commission the programme of action	14 November meeting
Date for receiving costed proposals from invited consultants	9 December 2005
Evaluation completed and preferred consultant appointed	22 December 2005
Draft consultants' report received for review by officers followed by an Officer's Group meeting to provide feedback	22 March 2006
Final report delivered	19 May 2006
Submission of programme of action to Canterbury Waste Subcommittee	July 2006 meeting

The shaded items indicate proposed Subcommittee consideration – the other steps will be actioned by officers. Attachment A contains a draft brief to be sent to selected consultants for developing the programme of action.

9. It is anticipated that management of the different projects would be provided by staff from Christchurch City Council, and it is proposed that with the increased budget and therefore increased number of projects to be undertaken as from 1 July 2006, that Christchurch City's contribution to the annual CWSC budget of \$150,000 be reduced by \$5,000 to put this into effect.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Subcommittee adopt the revised programme of action for 2005/06.

5. KATE VALLEY RISK FUND ISSUES

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	City Water and Waste Manager
Author:	Zefanja Potgieter, DDI 941-8271

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to table a letter received from Hurunui District Council and to propose a course of action.

BACKGROUND

2. Attachment A is a copy of a letter dated 18 October 2005 received from Hurunui District Council, also sent to individual shareholder councils. For ease of reference Attachment B is Clause 5.5 of the Memorandum of Understanding referred to in the letter.
3. As Hurunui District Council requested a response by 31 October 2005, before the next meeting of the Subcommittee, letters have been sent by Christchurch City Council on its own behalf and by request on behalf of Selwyn and Banks Peninsula District Councils, and separately by Ashburton and Waimakariri District Councils advising that consideration of the issues raised will require considerable time, making a response within the requested time frame unachievable.
4. Hurunui District Council has since reported that a Hurunui District LTCCP meeting is to be held on 14 November and Mayor Jackson won't be able to attend the CWSC meeting, and therefore a request has been made for consideration of this matter to be held over to the next meeting of the Subcommittee.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. Christchurch City Council has requested clarification from Transwaste Canterbury Ltd on this matter. Once received, a meeting of representatives of the territorial authorities to whom Hurunui District Council sent the letter will be held to discuss the issues.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Subcommittee receive the information.

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6. TRANSWASTE CANTERBURY LTD: QUARTERLY REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS FOR QUARTER ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2005

General Manager responsible:	Director of Strategic Investments
Officer responsible:	Director of Strategic Investments
Author:	Richard Simmonds, Financial Analyst, DDI 941-8817

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to briefly review and comment on Transwaste Canterbury Ltd's ('TCL') first quarterly report to 30 September 2005 (attached).
2. In the interests of conciseness, a summarised one page review of the financials is attached for the information of the Subcommittee. Generally, operations appear to be proceeding well, and financial performance at or ahead of budget in most respects.
3. Once there is a greater track record of operations, we will also attach graphs to track financial and operational performance to facilitate overview by the Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDATION

That the TCL interim report for the period ended 30 September 2005 be received.

7. UPDATE ON AUTO SHREDDER WASTE (CAR FLOCK)

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	City Water and Waste Manager
Author:	Zefanja Potgieter, DDI 941-8271

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Subcommittee on developments since the previous meeting.

BACKGROUND

2. On 12 September Messrs Gareth James of Canterbury Waste Services Limited and Martin Ripley, Operations Manager for Sims Pacific Metals, were in attendance and the Subcommittee was advised that the flock material arising from the car and light gauge metal recovery process undertaken by Sims Pacific in Christchurch for the entire South Island area appeared not to meet the waste acceptance criteria in respect of zinc content going to the Kate Valley Landfill. The Subcommittee was also informed that Canterbury Waste Services Limited and Transwaste Canterbury Limited were seeking to find a suitable and timely solution to the disposal of the residual flock material including discussions with Environment Canterbury on resource consent related matters.
3. As the issue had the potential to create serious environmental issues across Canterbury if not resolved soon the Subcommittee resolved:

“That the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee acknowledges the issues raised and asks that Transwaste Canterbury Limited along with any needed input from staff, explore all options and work urgently and constructively with all parties on the matter”.
4. Attached is an update from Canterbury Waste Services Ltd on behalf of Transwaste Canterbury Ltd, and Mr James will be in attendance at the meeting. The outcome is that Environment Canterbury has subsequently advised Transwaste that it agrees with the views put forward by Transwaste’s consultants and advisers, and that shredder flock is able to be accepted at Kate Valley Landfill as general refuse.
5. This is a very positive outcome for Canterbury and all parties should be congratulated.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Subcommittee congratulate all parties involved on the very good outcome achieved.

8. UPDATE ON NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment
Officer responsible:	City Water and Waste Manager
Author:	Zefanja Potgieter, DDI 941-8271

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress with the new draft Constituting Agreement.

BACKGROUND

2. At the 12 September meeting the Subcommittee adopted the following resolutions:

“That member councils be requested to endorse:

- (a) the adoption of the submitted draft new constituting agreements for two separate joint committees, the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee and the Canterbury Regional Landfill Joint Committee.*
- (b) extending a formal invitation to the Canterbury Regional Council to consider the approved version of the new draft constituting agreement as a basis for possible future membership.*
- (c) extending a formal invitation to the Waitaki District Council to join the Canterbury Waste Joint Committee upon its formation.”*

UPDATE

3. To date advice has been received from officers from nine out of the ten member councils that their respective councils have endorsed the recommendations, with the remaining council to consider the matter on Tuesday 15 November. Letters were also sent to Environment Canterbury and to the Waitaki District Council informing them of the invitation from the Subcommittee. As soon as all councils have endorsed the recommendations a follow up letter will be sent to Environment Canterbury and to the Waitaki District Council informing them accordingly, and it is expected that these respective councils would then in due course consider the invitation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the information be received.

9. INFORMATION SHARING

The opportunity will be taken for all members to share any items of concern or interest.