

#### 4. CANTERBURY WASTE SERVICES LTD - UPDATE

Sections 7(2)(h) and (i)

Mr Gareth James, General Manager, Canterbury Waste Services Ltd (CWS), attended and provided an oral briefing to the Subcommittee updating it on:

- The construction programme and negotiations with contractors for construction of the regional landfill at Kate Valley.
- The media release on the Tiromoana bush development.
- The possibility of establishing an educational facility at the landfill.

In respect to the landfill construction programme Mr James advised that a landfill management and operation contract was due to be signed on 21 May 2004 and that following ratification of that contract between Transwaste Canterbury Ltd and Canterbury Waste Services contractual arrangements would then be entered into with other parties in respect to the landfill construction, operation and transport arrangements.

Details of the contractors involved in construction and management were provided and it was noted that a registration of interest programme had been undertaken in order to establish available local subcontractors to work with the main contractors, with whom an "alliance" form of contract would be entered into. It was noted that tenders would be called for the non-critical path items, including the Mt Cass Road construction and bridge. These would be subject to Transfund subsidy and hence the Transfund competitive pricing tender arrangements.

Mr James advised that the current total estimated cost of construction was still within the original 2000 budget estimates after taking inflation into account and also provided details of the auditing arrangements which had been entered into to ensure transparency of the process in respect to:

- Legal aspects
- Costs
- Probity

Details of the transportation arrangements in respect to trucks and containers were also discussed together with the timelines for all aspects of the landfill establishment in order to achieve operation by May 2005, when the existing consents for the Burwood Landfill expire.

#### **MEDIA RELEASE - TIROMOANA BUSH RESTORATION**

Mr James briefed the Subcommittee on the proposal to establish a native bush restoration plan for the area in the lower part of Kate Valley which is to be retained by the company. The proposed Tiromoana bush redevelopment would involve some 410 hectares in the lower Kate Valley area, including restored coastal forest and wetlands and public access would be provided by walking tracks to significant features within the bush and to the coastal beach.

The development was estimated to cost some \$3 million over a 35 year period funded by landfill charges and thereafter by forestry returns and details of the development, the involvement of other agencies such as the Department of Conservation and ecological experts was also explained.

It is intended that a public media launch of the proposed Tiromoana bush restoration be undertaken on 20 May 2004 with 150 people invited to be followed by a site inspection.

The proposed draft media release prepared by the Chairman on behalf of the Subcommittee was also discussed by the Subcommittee and it was **resolved** that this be approved for release to the media.

In addition the Chairman undertook to bring back to the Subcommittee as soon as appropriate the real estate plan for TCL Ltd in respect to both Tiromoana Station and Mt Cass Station.

#### **EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY**

Mr James provided details of the office accommodation which was proposed to be provided on site for the CWS operation.

This will consist of "Portacom" units, which will be built off site, and located overlooking the landfill area. It was noted by the Chairman that opportunity existed for a third unit to be provided which could serve as an educational unit for school children who could view the landfill site as part of their studies on waste minimisation and could then visit the Tiromoana bush to see at first hand a native bush restoration project.

The Subcommittee indicated its support for the concept and it is agreed that an approach would be made to Transwaste Canterbury Ltd advising the support of the Subcommittee for further investigation of this concept. It was noted by Mr Stockwell, Christchurch City Council City Water and Waste Manager, that this should also be considered within the current educational programme for the Recovered Materials Foundation.