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**CANTERBURY WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
11 APRIL 2005**

**A meeting of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee
was held on Monday 11 April 2005 at 10am**

PRESENT: Councillor Sally Buck (Christchurch City Council) (Chairperson),
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council),
Mayor Garry Jackson (Hurunui District Council),
Mayor Bob Parker (Banks Peninsula District Council),
Councillor Lindsay Philips (Selwyn District Council),
Councillor Bob Shearing (Christchurch City Council),
Councillor Bev Tasker (Ashburton District Council) and
Councillor Sue Wells (Christchurch City Council).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Councillor James Gibson (Waimate District Council),
Councillor Pat Mulvey (Timaru District Council) and
Councillor Sue Wells (Christchurch City Council) for lateness
(arrived at 10.30am).

The Subcommittee reports that:

**PART C - REPORT ON DELEGATED DECISIONS
TAKEN BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE**

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 7 FEBRUARY 2005

It was **resolved** that the minutes be confirmed as a true and correct record.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence from Transwaste Canterbury Ltd, dated 22 February and 7 March 2005, concerning the Kate Valley Regional Landfill and landfill charges previously circulated with the agenda was **received**.

In addition the Subcommittee resolved to **receive** supplementary correspondence from Transwaste Canterbury Ltd, dated 6 April 2005, relating to the Kate Valley landfill hydrocarbon allegation and also a table of key events in relation to the Kate Valley hydrocarbon allegation prepared by the Hurunui District Council.

3. NEW ZEALAND STANDARD FOR COMPOSTS AND SOIL CONDITIONERS

The Subcommittee considered a report from Zefanja Potgieter, Senior Solid Waste Planner, Christchurch City Council, relating to a request from the Ministry for the Environment for a financial contribution from the Subcommittee towards the costs of a programme to develop a New Zealand Standard for compost and soil conditioners. Consideration of this report had been held over from the previous meeting in February 2005.

The Subcommittee **resolved** to contribute \$5,000 to the Ministry for the Environment towards the costs of developing a composting and soil conditioner standard for New Zealand.

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4. DRAFT REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN - UPDATE

The Subcommittee considered a report from Zefanja Potgieter (Senior Resource Planner Solid Waste, Christchurch City Council) providing information on regional waste minimisation issues to be addressed in the 2004/05 and 2005/06 financial years.

The report provided background to the previous resolutions of the Subcommittee regarding regional waste minimisation actions, regional waste statistics, updates on specific projects and an overall programme of action with anticipated costs.

Prior to consideration of the report, Mr Richard Lloyd, Chief Executive Officer, Recovered Materials Foundation, attended and provided a PowerPoint presentation in respect to the work being undertaken for the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee by the Recovered Materials Foundation.

The report provided information relating to:

- Background/Update
- Facts/Figures
- Project Brief
 - external environment
 - tyres
 - wood
 - barriers
- Summary

(Note: Councillor Sue Wells arrived at 10.30am)

The opportunity was taken at the conclusion of the presentation for questions from members and the Chairperson commented that she would like members of the Subcommittee to give further thought to the issue of construction/demolition waste. It was also agreed that a further report providing information on construction and demolition and the available options, be presented back to a later meeting of the Subcommittee.

Members noted that national data was being obtained from a study on construction and demolition waste undertaken by the Ministry for the Environment and data from this should be available for the next meeting.

Mr Eric Park, Sustainable Christchurch Leader, Christchurch City Council, then provided a brief presentation in respect to the Canterbury Business Recycling and Advisory Service.

In respect to the draft programme of action, contained within the report, members requested the addition of further item "9" relating to construction and demolition, with further details to be defined.

The Subcommittee then **resolved**:

- (a) To adopt the Programme of Action as set out in the body of the report on the basis of spending \$24,500 from the 2004/05 budget and \$25,000 from the 2005/06 budget.
- (b) That staff assess the current format of reporting waste data in each district, and consider possible ways to improve it.
- (c) That staff report back to a subsequent meeting of the Subcommittee with additional information on construction and demolition waste and options for dealing with this.
- (d) That staff report back on the possibility of Environment Canterbury being included as a member of the Subcommittee.

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5. CHANGE OF DATE JUNE 2005 MEETING

Members noted that the date of Monday 13 June 2005 originally scheduled for a meeting of the Subcommittee would now clash with the date set aside by the Christchurch City Council for consideration of its draft 2005/06 Annual Plan.

The Subcommittee therefore **resolved** that should a meeting of the Subcommittee be required this be held on Monday 20 June 2005 at 2pm.

6. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

The Subcommittee **resolved** that the draft resolution to exclude the public set out on page 41 of the agenda, relating to clause 12 "Oral Briefing Mr Gil Cox - Transwaste Canterbury Ltd - Short Term Management Contract", be adopted. The presentation by Mr Cox was then taken at that stage of the meeting and at the conclusion of the presentation the public were readmitted to the meeting.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

7.1 Hurunui District Council

Mr Garry Jackson, Mayor, Hurunui District Council, spoke further to the table of key events received at the meeting, and previously separately circulated to members, detailing the key events in respect to the Kate Valley Regional Landfill hydrocarbon allegations. Mayor Jackson advised that information relating to the actions being taken by the Hurunui District Council together with Environment Canterbury had been previously copied to Mayors of the shareholder councils and he also noted that copies of the correspondence involved were contained within the papers separately provided by Transwaste Canterbury Ltd.

In response to a question Mayor Jackson confirmed that the Hurunui District Council was about to go out to public consultation on its Waste Management Plan.

7.2 Christchurch City Council

Mr Tony Moore, Senior Analyst, Solid Waste, Christchurch City Council, then spoke regarding the proposed collection of methane gas from the Burwood Landfill to supply gas to the QEII complex, in replacement for the LPG gas currently being used for heating that facility.

This would result in substantial reductions in cost and had been awarded carbon credits from the Ministry for the Environment in accordance with the Kyoto Protocol.

Mr Moore also spoke regarding the trial collection of organic materials being undertaken involving 530 households and demonstrated the various sizes of the collection bins and containers under consideration.

In addition Mr Simon Collin, Solid Waste Manager, Christchurch City Council, spoke regarding the approaches that had been received from a company interested in polystyrene recycling and the issue of special waste, post 31 May 2005, and dispatch of this to Kate Valley.

7.3 Selwyn District Council

Mr Dave Hock provided an update regarding the Resource Recovery Park being constructed by his Council and advised that tenders for site works were currently being called. Tenders had been let for other major components of the park such as the weighbridge and compactor.

7.4 Ashburton District Council

Councillor Bev Tasker advised that from July 2005 the last rubbish dump within the Ashburton District Council area would close and that her Council, and Aoraki Waste Busters, had also been successful in recently obtaining four Zero Waste awards.

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7.5 **Waimakariri District Council**

Councillor Robbie Brine advised that they had recently completed, in conjunction with the RMF, a study on a "Super Shed" operation which was under consideration and were also considering composting which was a big issue for his district. Asset Management Plans were currently out for public consultation including solid waste.

8. **CERTIFICATION OF WASTE SENT TO KATE VALLEY LANDFILL**

The Subcommittee considered this report which recommended that all shareholder councils adopt a uniform approach when certifying that waste sent to the Kate Valley Landfill complies with the requirements of the resource consent conditions.

The report noted that the suggested draft recommendation previously obtained from Buddle Findlay had now been amended and strengthened and an amended form of resolution was contained within the report.

The Subcommittee **resolved** to recommend to shareholder councils that each respective council use the proposed resolution contained within the report in respect to the certification for waste sent to the Kate Valley Landfill as from 1 June 2005.

9. **TRANSWASTE CANTERBURY LTD - INTERIM REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2004**

This item was carried forward to the next meeting.

10. **ORAL BRIEFING - TRANSWASTE CANTERBURY LTD - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Mr Denis O'Rourke, Chairman, Transwaste Canterbury Ltd, attended and provided an oral update in respect to:

- **Kate Valley Regional Landfill Construction**

He advised that construction was on time and within budget with the exception of the access road bridge which was at present behind schedule.

- **Landfill Charges**

Full details of landfill charges had been advised to shareholder councils and these were in line with the original projections made at the commencement of the project, allowing for inflation over that period.

It was suggested that the Subcommittee visit the landfill site in July or August 2005 once it was fully operating.

- **Waste Acceptance Criteria**

It was noted that this item was being dealt with by the Subcommittee and shareholder councils and Mr Yates, Hurunui District Council, advised that he expected his Council would have a Waste Management Plan in place by 30 June 2005.

- **Establishment of a Community Trust**

Details of the community trust structure and role were explained. It was noted that in the first year of operation some \$80,000 would be available for distribution within the area of benefit.

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- **Green Gate Ltd - Hydrocarbon Allegation**

Mr O'Rourke explained details of the shareholding for this company and explained that Transwaste Canterbury Ltd would be discussing with them the establishment of restricted areas for petroleum exploration. Dr Jarg Pettinga, University of Canterbury, also attended and confirmed to members that it was considered any prospecting regime would not constitute a risk to the landfill. Copies of the correspondence on this issue had been previously circulated to members and as noted were tabled at the meeting.

- **Tiromoana Bush**

Fencing and stock removal was being completed and an advisory group was being established. Additional external funding options for planting were currently being explored.

- **Land Rating Revaluation**

Details of the revised revaluations for Tiromoana Station, Mt Cass Station and the Mt Cass Road areas were explained to members and it was noted that the sale of surplus land was likely to proceed in approximately two years time.

- **Risk Management Financial Modelling**

Risk management evaluation was currently under way and also Transwaste had now developed their own financial model.

- **Sustainability Reporting**

This was currently being discussed by the Board and would be considered as part of the Statement of Intent.

At the conclusion Mr O'Rourke was thanked for his presentation by the Chair and it was agreed that he should attend meetings of the Subcommittee on a quarterly basis to provide a briefing to shareholder councils, with the next briefings being in July and October 2005 and February 2006.

The meeting concluded at 12.45pm

CONSIDERED THIS 28TH DAY OF APRIL 2005

MAYOR