

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.

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.