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**CANTERBURY WASTE SUBCOMMITTEE
14 NOVEMBER 2005**

**A meeting of the Canterbury Waste Subcommittee
was held on Monday 14 November 2005 at 10am**

PRESENT: Councillor Sally Buck (Christchurch City Council) (Chairperson),
Councillor Robbie Brine (Waimakariri District Council),
Councillor Pat Mulvey (Timaru District Council),
Councillor Lindsay Philps (Selwyn District Council),
Councillor Bob Shearing (Christchurch City Council) and
Councillor Bev Tasker (Ashburton District Council).

Councillor Bob Shearing arrived at 10.40am and was absent for
clauses 1, 2, 3 and 4.

IN ATTENDANCE: Denis O'Rourke and Stephen Watson (Transwaste Canterbury Ltd).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from
Councillor James Gibson (Waimate District Council),
Mayor Kevin Heays (Kaikoura District Council),
Mayor Garry Jackson (Hurunui District Council),
Mayor Bob Parker (Banks Peninsula District Council),
Councillor Dave Pullen (Mackenzie District Council) and
Councillor Sue Wells (Christchurch City Council).

An apology for lateness was received and accepted from Councillor
Bob Shearing.

The Subcommittee reports that:

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

1. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 12 SEPTEMBER 2005

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the Subcommittee's meeting of 12 September 2005 be confirmed.

2. REVISED PROGRAMME OF ACTION 2005/06

Brian Gallagher gave a presentation on investigations being carried out by the Timaru District Council regarding proposals for the future treatment of organic waste and sustainable land use.

The Subcommittee requested that hard copies of the presentation be circulated to all members of the Subcommittee.

Following the presentation by Brian Gallagher, and noting the near saturation of the urban market for compost, the Subcommittee **resolved** to allocate the unallocated \$8,000 in the 2005/06 budget for an investigation into the development of potential markets for compost.

It was **resolved** to adopt the revised programme of action for 2005/06, as set out in the staff report.

3. UPDATE ON NEW DRAFT CONSTITUTING AGREEMENT

The Subcommittee **resolved** to receive a staff report advising that to date nine out of the 10 member councils had endorsed the three recommendations made by the Subcommittee at its meeting on 12 September 2005, and that the remaining Council would be considering the matter soon.

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4. INFORMATION SHARING

Members were invited to share items of concern or interest:

Timaru District Council

Brian Gallagher advised that Southern Waste Services had been contracted to undertake all Timaru's solid waste services from July 2006, including the control, management and operation of the transfer station, the landfill and composting operation (the composting operation comprising a covered windrow system).

Waimakariri District Council

Councillor Robbie Brine advised that his Council had deferred further consideration of its solid waste management strategy until 2006, mainly because of the other time commitments associated with the review of the Council's LTCCP.

Banks Peninsula District Council

Chris Hopman advised that there was nothing to report at present in respect of Banks Peninsula, as his Council was awaiting the results of the 19 November dissolution poll.

Selwyn District Council

Dave Hock advised that the Council's in-vessel composting plant had recently been manufactured, and was currently being installed on site, for commissioning in January 2006.

Ashburton District Council

Councillor Bev Tasker advised that her Council had recently trialled the collection of kitchen scraps, which had proved extremely successful.

Christchurch City Council

Simon Collin referred to the legal challenge of the Council's waste minimisation levies mounted by Waste Management (NZ) Ltd, and advised that it was expected that the matter would be heard in the High Court in February 2006. Public submissions were currently being invited on the Council's draft Waste Management Plan, and a large number of submissions had been received to date. Three companies had been short listed as possible providers of suitable technologies for the Council's planned in-vessel composting plant.

5. KATE VALLEY RISK FUND ISSUES

The Subcommittee considered a staff report on risk fund issues raised by the Hurunui District Council in a letter sent to all member authorities.

Denis O'Rourke advised that the aftercare and risk fund issues had been comprehensively addressed by the Transwaste Board, as per the letter from Transwaste Canterbury Ltd contained in the agenda of the 18 September meeting of the Subcommittee. He expressed the opinion that both issues were fully and properly dealt with and completed in compliance with the resource consent requirements. He advised that Transwaste would provide the Subcommittee with information considered by Transwaste Canterbury Ltd, as well as a summary of the legal advice received by Transwaste. He offered to ensure that the technical and legal experts who had provided that information, be available to answer questions at a subsequent meeting to be held to discuss these issues. He also referred to a letter which Transwaste had received from the Christchurch City Council seeking additional information.

Following a discussion regarding the circumstances under which the City Council had written to Transwaste seeking additional information, it was agreed that the letter would be withdrawn, on the basis that Transwaste would supply the requested information directly to the Subcommittee.

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It was **resolved**:

1. That the Subcommittee acknowledge that Transwaste Canterbury Ltd would provide relevant information including a summary of the legal advice which it had received.
2. That a meeting of the Ashburton District Council, Selwyn District Council, Waimakariri District Council, Banks Peninsula District Council and the Christchurch City Council representatives on the Subcommittee be held in December to consider the risk fund issues raised by Hurunui once the required information has been received from Transwaste Canterbury Ltd, and the associated staff report has been completed.
3. That the Chairperson be delegated power to set a suitable date and time for the foregoing meeting, once the required information/report is to hand.
4. That the matter be considered at the February 2006 meeting of the Subcommittee.

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

Richard Simmonds (Christchurch City Council Financial Analyst) reported on Transwaste Canterbury Ltd's first quarterly report to 30 September 2005.

The Subcommittee **resolved**:

1. That the Transwaste Canterbury Ltd interim report for the period ended 30 September 2005 be received.
2. That the Subcommittee express its appreciation to Transwaste Canterbury Ltd on the pleasing first quarter results, and the prospects for the rest of the financial year.

7. UPDATE ON AUTO SHREDDER WASTE (CAR FLOCK)

The Subcommittee considered a staff report updating the Subcommittee on developments since the previous meeting regarding disposal of the residual flock material arising from the car and light gauge metal recovery process undertaken by Sims Pacific in Christchurch. Also considered was an associated report by Canterbury Waste Services Ltd.

The Subcommittee **resolved** to congratulate all parties involved on the excellent outcome achieved.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS IN 2006

The Subcommittee **resolved**:

1. That meetings be held on the second Monday of every second month in 2006, commencing at 10am.
2. That a draft timetable for 2006 be submitted to the February meeting of the Subcommittee.

The meeting concluded at 12.25pm

CONSIDERED THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2005

MAYOR