

6. SOUTH CHRISTCHURCH LIBRARY, SERVICE CENTRE AND LEARNING CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to update the Property and Major Projects Committee on progress with the South Christchurch Library, Service Centre and Learning Centre project.

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 28 JULY 2003

PROGRESS

The interior of the first two bays of the library area will be completed this week, allowing the shelving installation to commence next Monday.

Internal wall linings, suspended ceilings and painting to the remaining areas are well advanced.

Aluminium joinery and glazing installation will be completed this week.

The exposed aggregate path to the walkway has been poured and the planters are being prepared for installation of drainage and rocks. The concrete moat surface has been ground and cleaned and half of the waterproofing has been applied. The laying of stones to the moat will commence next week.

The basalt external wall cladding is well advanced together with external wall painting.

The roadway to the south of the building will be sealed this week if the weather permits and landscaping work is underway.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES/APPROVALS REQUIRED

At the eastern end of the building, a children's play area (outside the Children's Collection) and an outdoor learning area (outside the Learning Centre) are proposed and these have not been included in the current building contract. It is recommended that the provision of these items be delayed until the final cost of the building is established.

PROGRAMME

The project is on programme for the official opening on 23 August 2003.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$5,835,179.

The forecast total cost is \$5,742,527.

The total remaining contingency is \$92,652.

The remaining contingency will be required to cover future scope changes, commissioning costs, final account resolution, contractor's claims and consultants' fee claims.

Major changes for the last two months were \$20,000 for revised priming to the external steelwork, \$4,000 for revised guttering to the walkway, \$4,000 for movement control joints to the suspended ceilings, \$7,000 for revised window reveals and \$5,000 for revised after-hours book return slots.

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.