

13. AUDIT ENGAGEMENT

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The purpose of this report is to confirm the Council's understanding of the arrangements with Audit New Zealand.

BACKGROUND

The Controller and Auditor-General has responsibilities under the Public Audit Act 2001 as Auditor of Christchurch City Council. The Auditor-General has, in turn, appointed Devan Menon of Audit New Zealand, Christchurch Office, to undertake the audit on his behalf.

A letter (attached) has been received from Audit New Zealand outlining the terms of engagement and the relationship between Audit New Zealand as Auditor and the Christchurch City Council.

APPROVAL OF AUDIT ENGAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The letter appropriately describes the relationships between the Auditor-General, Audit New Zealand and Christchurch City Council and I consider that it is in order for these arrangements to be confirmed by the Council.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Mayor be authorised to confirm with Audit New Zealand that he is in agreement with the contents of the letter dated 26 June 2003.

Deputy Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.