

6. CHRISTCHURCH ART GALLERY PROGRESS REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to update the Property and Major Projects Committee on progress with the Christchurch Art Gallery.

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 27 JANUARY 2003

PROGRESS

The Art Gallery have taken possession of the second floor, first floor and back-of-house areas of the ground floor.

The commissioning and handover processes have proceeded smoothly and no major problems have been experienced.

The transfer of the collection is underway and the fit-out of the first floor Permanent Exhibitions gallery has commenced.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES/APPROVALS REQUIRED

There are no outstanding issues or approvals being sought from this meeting.

PROGRAMME

The building is on programme for the official opening on 9/10 May 2003.

The contractor is completing the remaining areas of the ground floor, basement and exterior and handover dates for these areas are currently being agreed with the Art Gallery.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$40,109,752.

The forecast total cost is \$39,469,033.

The total remaining contingency is \$640,719 of which \$600,000 is frozen, and is only to be used with the prior approval of the Committee.

Major changes since the last report are additional architectural fees reported last meeting, \$7,200 for grand stair balustrade revisions, \$13,500 for mechanical changes including controls to steam traps and lights to the air handlers, and \$6,000 for roof void venting.

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

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.