

7. SOUTH CHRISTCHURCH LIBRARY AND SERVICE 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 and Service Centre project.

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 27 JANUARY 2003

PROGRESS

The concrete floor slab has been completed together with concrete work for the moat. The precast concrete wall panels for the main building have been installed. Six steel portal frames and associated roof purlins have been erected in the north-east corner of the building.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The electrical mains supply to the building has not been included in the tender and the cost of this work is currently being confirmed with Orion and will be reported next month.

APPROVALS REQUIRED

No approvals are being sought from this meeting.

PROGRAMME

The building is on programme for completion on 26 June 2003.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$5,831,179.

The forecast total cost is \$5,608,821.

The total remaining contingency is \$222,358.

Major changes since the last report are \$9,900 for upgrading the carpet tiles, \$7,000 for stainless steel balustrades to the exterior decks and \$9,500 for providing telephone and fibre optic data cable connections between the new building and the adjacent pumping station control room. This last variation will provide operational savings estimated at approximately \$1,500 per month.

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

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.