8. 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 26 MAY 2003

PROGRESS

The erection, priming and external painting of the structural steelwork have been completed.

All roofing, apart from the glazed walkway, has now been fixed.

Suspended ceiling grids and ceiling insulation have been installed to over half of the building and installation of the aluminium windows is underway along the northern elevation to Hunter Terrace.

Timber framing to the external walls is continuing and all internal walls have now been framed.

Installation of the mechanical services and fire sprinklers pipework in the roof space have been completed and the chilled beams to the ceilings have now been installed.

Construction of the roadway at the south of the building is continuing with the first concrete kerbs having being poured.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES/APPROVALS REQUIRED

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

PROGRAMME

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

COST CONTROL

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

The forecast total cost is \$5,690,519.

The total remaining contingency is \$140,660.

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

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.