

9. GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

RR 8272

The Environmental Policy and Planning Manager reported progress on the following matters:

- CRC report - "Compliance Monitoring of Resource Consents and Permitted Activities 1996/97"
- City-wide planting strategy
- Update on heritage buildings
- Motor Vehicle Dealers' Institute Inc - Motor Vehicle Dealers Bill
- Environment and Conservation Organisations of New Zealand - 1998 conference

The Committee **agreed:**

1. That the Heritage Sub-Committee be given power to make a recommendation to the Council in respect of the future of the Octagonal Building, Jubilee Home (Group 3 building).
2. That the Heritage Sub-Committee consider the reconstruction of an early Canterbury footbridge across the Avon River linking the Provincial Chambers with that of Bellamy's Building.
3. That priority be given to the completion of a city-wide planting strategy document for completion by March 1999.
4. That the basis for a city-wide planting strategy be:
 - to integrate present Council initiatives with each other and private initiatives
 - to have a common vision for enhancing the 'Garden City' and ways of achieving it
 - to establish objective criteria for selecting the most appropriate plant for the site conditions
 - to ensure a representative cross-section of vegetation which reflects both the underlying soils and the overlaying cultural layers
 - to protect and enhance indigenous vegetation remnants, especially where they form core habitats for wildlife
 - to provide a framework of agreed principles within which individual Units, Community Boards and community groups can use as a basis for planting design.