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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

1. CHRISTCHURCH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

The Christchurch Symphony Orchestra has sought the assistance of the Council in dealing with a serious cashflow problem.

In recent years the CSO has made great strides in its development. It has extended its repertoire, improved its quality, and increased its audience. This has been made possible by the employment of a core of permanent players and enhanced support from the business community by way of sponsorship and corporate membership. The Council has also increased its funding.

Unfortunately the economic recession has had an impact on business support, which has declined significantly from previous years. The CSO has taken action to bring expenditure within revised revenue projections. Players' remuneration has been cut and the number of concerts planned for 1999 has been reduced.

However, as these measures will take some time to take effect, the CSO has sought assistance to deal with the debt which has accumulated.

A full report is being prepared by Richard Simmonds, in consultation with Mr Barry Hadlee, a Board member of CSO Ltd, and the Manager of the CSO, Mr Tony Kunowski. The report will be circulated to Councillors on Tuesday 8 December.

**2. SUB-COMMITTEE FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLOR
DIRECTORS**

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Officer responsible Chairman, Strategy & Resources	Author Cr David Close
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In September 1998 the previous Council resolved that a sub-committee of the Council be established as an appointment panel to recommend to the Council on the appointment of Councillor directors to subsidiary company boards.

It was suggested that the sub-committee should comprise the Chair of the Strategy and Resources Committee, the Chair of Christchurch City Holdings Limited, one other Councillor and a non-Councillor.

At the time the Council considered that the appointment of Councillors as directors of the subsidiary companies should be reviewed in February following the elections.

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In order for the sub-committee to carry out its role in time to make recommendations to the February Council meeting, it is necessary to determine the membership of the sub-committee now.

The Board of CCHL have recommended that the non-Councillor member of the sub-committee be Murray Rodgers, a principal of Rodgers and Partners, who has expertise in selection of personnel and directors. Mr Rodgers will also be able to advise the sub-committee on process.

Recommendation: That the sub-committee comprise the Chairman of Strategy and Resources, the Chairman of Christchurch City Holdings Limited, Councillor Buist, and Mr Murray Rodgers.

CONSIDERED THIS 10TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1998

MAYOR