The Committee was informed of the current status of planning for the Ferrymead Bridge lifelines project. The City Streets Unit has been conducting a feasibility study into options that address the vulnerability of the Ferrymead Bridge in a natural disaster. The initial feasibility study of a range of options has been designed to canvas input from stakeholders and assist in the development of the project. The report highlights a considerable number of issues that inevitably arise with a major potential roading project of this nature.

The Committee approved the proposed planning process and a seminar has been arranged for 4 May 1999 where issues may be discussed in more depth.