

13. THE SHUTTLE

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The meeting of the City Services Committee on 9 February 1999 resolved that the cost of a fourth shuttle be investigated. This resulted from a report giving details of the number of people using the service and that passengers were being left behind at the stops during peak periods.

Red Bus Ltd (formerly Christchurch Transport Ltd) has proposed a cost of \$150,000 for the supply of a fourth shuttle. The original contract price for the initial three shuttles was \$450,000, therefore Red Bus Ltd are proposing the same terms and conditions for a fourth shuttle as they provided for the initial three shuttles. There would be a 6 month order period for the supply of the additional vehicle.

It will be recalled that during discussion on the draft Annual Plan the Committee made provision of \$140,000 for the operation of a further shuttle bus, this being the estimated cost at that time.

OTHER MATTERS

NCC Ltd, the company that operates the Convention Centre, are organising a convention for 1,000 Japanese delegates in November 1999. One of the major reasons that Christchurch was chosen was because the delegates wanted to see and use the shuttle service, which has received significant interest within Japan.

It was **resolved**:

1. That the Committee support the provision of a new shuttle bus subject to operational funding being approved in the Annual Plan process as follows:

\$40,000	1999/2000
\$110,000	2000/2001

2. That the Committee's support be subject also to the results of the evaluation report on the Shuttle operation to be presented later this year.