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## REPORT OF THE LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER

### 1. BANKS PENINSULA AMALGAMATION

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the Local Government Commission's decision on the amalgamation of Bank Peninsula District and Christchurch City.

On Tuesday 14 December 1999 the Local Government Commission issued the Final Reorganisation Scheme for the amalgamation of Bank Peninsula District and Christchurch City to form the new district to be known as Christchurch City.

A copy of the Commission's media release, the Final Reorganisation Scheme and the explanatory statement to that scheme are attached for your information.

Over the next week the Commission will consult with the Returning Officers for Bank Peninsula District and Christchurch City regarding the date of the polls in each of those areas. Councillors will recall that the law requires a majority of 50% of those voting to be in favour of the Final Reorganisation Scheme in both districts for the amalgamation to proceed. At this stage it is anticipated that the polls will probably be held in March next year.

In general terms, the Final Reorganisation Scheme provides for a new council to be elected at the October 2001 elections comprising 25 elected members (a mayor and 24 councillors - the same composition as the present Christchurch City Council).

In very general terms, the existing ward structure of Christchurch City will remain except that Ferrymead ward will be joined with the existing Lyttelton/Mt Herbert ward of Bank Peninsula. Further, the existing communities in Christchurch City will continue and the two existing communities in Bank Peninsula District will be added to the new council's district.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**CONSIDERED THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER 1999**

**MAYOR**