

19. CIVIC OF CANTERBURY

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The Property Manager reported, submitting a request from the building owner for the Council to consider purchasing the Civic of Canterbury, Manchester Street. The report detailed the historic and heritage significance of the building which is listed as a Group 2 heritage building in the proposed City Plan and as a Category II historic place under the Historic Places Act 1993.

A detailed assessment of the building carried out by Rawlinsons Limited, estimated the upgrading costs at \$470,000 excluding strengthening.

In addressing possible future uses for the building the report noted that because its lack of functionality (for other than exhibition space), its location in Manchester Street, the high costs of setting up for traditional commercial use, and the surplus of good quality commercial space in the city, viable future uses for the building were limited.

The report concluded with a comment from the Director of Finance pointing out that there is no capital provision in the budget for the purchase of the property and, as identified in the six monthly review, there is a shortfall in budgeted receipts for the sale of other properties.

The Committee **decided** to request officers to monitor the situation and to report back as required.