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**STRATEGY AND RESOURCES ANNUAL PLAN WORKING PARTY
23 JUNE, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 JULY 1999**

**Meetings of the Strategy and Resources Working Party were held on
Wednesday 23 June, Monday 5, Tuesday 6, Wednesday 7, Thursday 8,
Friday 9, Saturday 10, Thursday 15, Friday 16 and Saturday 17 July 1999**

PRESENT:

Councillor David Close (Chairman),
The Mayor,
Councillors Carole Anderton, Graham Condon,
Anna Crighton, Carole Evans, Pat Harrow,
Ian Howell, Alister James, Denis O'Rourke,
Gail Sheriff, Barbara Stewart and Ron Wright.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received and
accepted from the Mayor (7, 8, 9 July),
Councillors Graham Condon (9, 10, 15, 16, 17 July),
Alister James (7, 9 July) and Barbara Stewart (17 July).

The Working Party reports that:

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL DRAFT PLAN : 1999 EDITION

1. PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS

The draft plan was released on Monday 17 May and was available for public comment for a period of one month, with submissions closing on Friday 18 June 1999.

This year's draft plan attracted 1,355 submissions raising a total of 1,690 issues. Public submissions on the Annual Plan have been increasing steadily over the past three years and this year's figure represents a more than three-fold increase on the 1998 numbers. While the production of an Annual Plan edition of City Scene is partly responsible for the heightened interest in the plan, two high profile issues - the art gallery car park and the proposed economic development fund - were the other contributing factors. Collectively, these two issues generated 910 submissions.

A breakdown by topic of the submissions for the last two years is set out below:

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TOPIC	1999	1998	1997
Air Pollution		2	105
Art Gallery	366	1	10
Capital Repatriation/Economic Development Fund (incl. Heritage)	544		
Cathedral Square	8		11
City Streets	115	61	138
Community/Social Issues	68	3	116
Economic Development	54	7	34
Environment	28	12	47
Financial/Rates/Council Spending	53	34	52
Grants	30	26	19
Heritage (excl. Economic Development fund)	15	4	18
Housing	6	5	15
Inner City Promotion	17	17	15
Lancaster Park		246	
Leisure/Events	14	8	38
Libraries	120	2	62
Millennium Celebrations	13		
Miscellaneous	11	3	14
Museum	2	4	1
Parking	13	15	20
Parks	89	11	77
Waste/Sewerage (includes waste charges)	114	16	41
Water Services	16	10	51
TOTALS	1696	487	884

The breakdown shows the impact of “issues of the day” on the submission process.

2. RESPONSES FROM CITY SCENE QUESTIONNAIRE

In view of the success of this innovation which was trialled for the first time last year, a questionnaire on a range of topics was again included in the Annual Plan edition of City Scene. 2,199 residents completed this year's questionnaire as against the 800 who returned last year's form. Clearly, many people find this a simple, convenient way of participating in the Annual Plan consultation process. This is confirmed by the high levels of participation and the fact that respondents complete and return the questionnaire very promptly with the bulk being received over the first two weeks of the consultation period. On the other hand the formal submissions trickle in very slowly over the first three weeks with most flooding in over the last three or four days.

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The questionnaire invited comment on the following issues:

- whether the special dividends should be used for economic development or debt repayment;
- whether service standards, parks, roads, and water supply should be left the same, increased or reduced;
- their overall attitude to the proposed rates rise;
- which Council services could be reduced to reduce rates;
- which Council services they particularly appreciate.

The results are analysed in the attached graphs.

Care must be used when assessing the significance of the analysis. The respondents were not chosen at random, so the results cannot be considered a reliable indicator of the views of the populace as a whole. A reliable indicator would require a statistically correct random sample such as that used by the Council's Annual Citizens' Survey and by the recent telephone poll of residents.

3. KEY POINTS FROM RECENT SURVEYS

**3.1 Survey of Attitudes Towards Draft 1999/00 Council Plan:
Rating and Spending Proposals**

The Director of Information reports:

This was a survey of 530 adults drawn at random and representative of city residents in terms of age, sex and geographic spread. The survey is a statistically accurate gauge of opinions to plus or minus 4.4%. The aim of the survey was to provide a snapshot for the working party of residents' attitudes towards the proposed increase in residential rates and the use of special dividends/capital repayments. This information complements the views expressed through submissions on the draft Council Plan.

50% rated the proposed average residential rates rise of 4.8%, (approximately \$15 to \$16 per week) as quite or very acceptable, and 36% rated it to some degree unacceptable, (rest = no feeling/don't know). Among homeowners and hence direct ratepayers, opinion on the proposed rates rise was more evenly divided – at 45% acceptable and 44% unacceptable.

Five possible options for using special dividends/capital repayments were canvassed with survey respondents, including debt repayment, investment in projects to develop long-term jobs, funding other Council services, returned to today's ratepayers, or a combination of the above. When those favouring a combination were queried further, the overall preferred allocation was as follows:

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	% of Respondents	% Share of Money
To pay off debt	32	34
Invest in projects to create long-term jobs	33	35
Invest in other Council services	16	14
To return to current ratepayers	16	15
Don't know	2	2
Base: Total Sample N=530	530	530

When the Council's proposed allocation of half the capital repatriated to debt repayment and half to long term job development was put to survey respondents, 46% supported it, a further 21% agreed with it but wanted to change the balance, and 31% disagreed with it. Of those 21% agreeing but wanting to change the balance, 39% preferred more to jobs and 31% more to debt. Overall 67% supported the Council's proposal in its existing or modified form.

When asked specifically, 58% and 68% respectively thought Canterbury Plains Irrigation and a Technology Centre were quite or very good job development ideas.

3.2 Annual Residents' Survey

The Director of Information reports:

This was the ninth implementation of the annual "stocktake" survey of residents use of and satisfaction with Council services, to the usual high standard of survey design (sampling error is plus or minus 3%). The opportunity was also presented to tap views about current issues. The following highlighted results are only those most relevant to resource allocation, such as through the Council Plan process.

Value For Money

For 16 out of 17 services, the "good" value for money assessment was lower than last year, the first general reversal in the history of the survey. "Very good" value for money assessments generally held up. The main cause of this reversal was the increase in those with "no feeling either way", although for most services the generally low "bad value for money" percentages did increase slightly as well.

Overall there is increased uncertainty about the value for money proposition of the Council, and as such this is a signal for caution. Bad value for money assessments and spend more assessments are highest for:

- Roading and footpath maintenance
- Traffic management
- Job creation
- Tourism

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Service Performance

Roading maintenance, quality and co-ordination was by far the service over which there was most concern – 16% thought this was Council's worst service; no other service exceeded 5% for this title.

There was a very positive response to the introduction of kerbside recycling – 90% rating it a good or very good service. This has satisfied to a significant degree the call over recent years for Council to do more in this area.

The shuttle has quickly become a known and valued Council service.

Just over half supported the open fires phase-out policy and the Council grant for alternative heating at its current level.

Again, 50-60% support grants to CSO, Canterbury Opera and the Christchurch Choir at their current levels.

58% continue to believe Council should be doing more to encourage people into the City Centre – similar to previous years' results.

60% believe the Council is doing enough to foster community spirit in Christchurch, but a third support it doing more.

The vast majority of people do feel safe at home and in their neighbourhood, during the day and at night – perceptions of being unsafe were highest at night for the neighbourhood at 36% and for the home at 24%.

Only a very small minority (3%) believe the Council should not provide millennium festivities.

For the majority of residents the top environmental concerns are a long-term supply of clean water and Christchurch's air quality.

Health and Employment are the key issues for personal well-being.

3.3 Survey by Consumer Magazine

During the Annual Plan hearings Consumer magazine released the results of its survey of 6,813 members of the Consumers Institute. From this Council's perspective the results of this independent survey were particularly pleasing. According to an article in the Christchurch Press, Christchurch scored the top mark in the five categories in which respondents had been asked to rate their councils.

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Two key findings of the survey mentioned in the news items were:

- “Christchurch respondents clearly appreciated the way the Council has rejuvenated the city.”
- The Council managed to offer a “wide range of basic services, plus excellent parks, an attractive town centre, and a thriving summer events programme, with rates that are around \$400 less than the average for urban councils”.

4. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS

The 11 volumes of submissions, together with staff comment where available, were circulated to the working party prior to the hearings.

Submissions were heard over a five day period commencing on Monday 5 July and concluding on Friday 9 July. The working party met on 23 June to hear the Canterbury Manufacturers Association’s submission and to receive the results of the 1999 Residents’ Survey.

This year 120 submitters appeared in support of their submissions. This is a 40% increase on the numbers heard last year. However, this is not surprising given the overall increase in the number of submissions and the growing trend for submitters to elect to present their submissions personally to the working party.

This year, the Art Gallery (366) car park and the proposed economic development fund (544) dominated the submission process. Of the 544 submissions received on the latter issue 427 sought the allocation of part of the fund for the preservation of the heritage buildings in Cathedral Square. Other suggestions for the use of the capital repatriation monies included debt repayment, rate reductions, funding other Council services; investment in an economic development fund to create long term employment opportunities; and returning the funds to ratepayers.

Amongst the other issues which generated significant numbers of submissions were:

- proposed rates increase
- waste charges, including the abolition of the early payment discount
- deferral of Parklands Library project
- relocation of Carrs Road Raceway
- proposed skateboard facility at Redcliffs Park
- increased funding for after-school care programmes

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Some 30 organisations took advantage of the Annual Plan process to make either late applications for grants or to seek what essentially was a review of the Grants Committee's recommendations in respect of their original applications. Funding in excess of \$2.3M was sought for a range of very worthy causes and commendable projects through the Annual Plan process.

While it is acknowledged that the Council receives more brickbats than bouquets through the Annual Plan consultation process there are always a few submitters who take the trouble to forward supportive submissions. This year Mrs Jan Vernon's submission is an example:

"Please convey to the Committee responsible the pleasure many of us get now while driving around the city streets.

The verges are green and many trees have been planted. Also the small gardens on corners and bare spaces have been much admired with the pink and white roses which have bloomed for such a long time.

We are so lucky in Christchurch to have so many open spaces. I mention two which I have enjoyed lately, the Groyne and the new swamp garden at Styx.

Many thanks."

This year, the Council also received praise from an unexpected source - the New Zealand Business Roundtable. In presenting his organisation's submission, while generally critical of a number of things the Council does, Mr Kerr acknowledged that the Council performed well in many areas, particularly in regard to rates levels.

Overall, the written submissions and oral presentations to the working party were of a high standard with many submitters putting forward persuasive and eloquent arguments to support their submissions.

5. POST HEARING DELIBERATIONS

The working party reconvened on Saturday 10, Thursday 15, Friday 16 and Saturday 17 July to consider the business detailed below:

- The Community Board and public submissions, together with additional staff reports further clarifying a number of issues raised by submitters.
- In-house requests for adjustments/corrections to the draft plan.
- Other Annual Plan related issues.

In considering the submissions seeking the allocation of additional resources the working party was mindful of the need to keep the rate increase at the level foreshadowed in the draft plan. This was of particular concern this year because of the impact of the recent property revaluations on residential rates on many lower value properties.

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6. IN-HOUSE REQUESTS FOR ADJUSTMENTS TO 1999 PLAN

The Financial Services Manager reported, detailing the requests for amendments and corrections to the final version of the 1999 Annual Plan.

The amendments are listed in the attached schedule.

In supporting a request to transfer some of the Civic Offices capital provisions to operating budgets concerns were expressed about the ongoing costs of maintaining the Civic Offices.

The working party **decided** to request the City Manager to report to the Strategy and Resources Committee on the future upgrading and maintenance requirements for the Civic Offices, including health and safety requirements.

Personal Computing for Councillors

Funding of \$70,000 has been provided in the draft plan for the above purpose. The working party believed that the introduction of personal computing for Councillors could be deferred for one year and that in the meantime the Council should provide non-financial, technical support to those Councillors who wish to purchase their own computers.

Papanui Library

It will be noted from the attached schedule that additional funding of \$150,000 has been provided for the internal alterations at the Papanui Library and Service Centre. The alterations will produce operational savings of approximately \$15,000 per annum and extend the operating hours of the library at no additional cost.

Spreydon Library

Funding of \$1.1M has been provided in the 5 year capital works programme for the upgrading of the Spreydon Library. The original proposal to extend the existing building has had to be abandoned because it required the removal of a number of rare trees. Alternative options for housing the library are currently being explored and costed by staff and will be the subject of a report to the August meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee. However, as the expansion option was the most cost-efficient one, an increase in the cost of this project is unavoidable. Following consultation with the Property Projects Manager and the Libraries Manager, the working party is recommending that an additional \$900,000 be allocated from the 2000/01 unspecified capital sum to this project.

City Streets

The City Streets Manager sought a number of changes to the City Streets budget, including the allocation of additional funding of \$50,000 for footpath resurfacing to meet the asset management target of 120km.

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The working party, in noting the pending review of Asset Management Plans, decided to recommend that footpath resurfacing of 117.5km be funded in 1999/2000.

The remaining changes to the City Streets budget were supported by the working party subject to a minor funding shortfall being found within the existing City Streets budget. The revenue from the advertising on bus shelters has been increased to cover the shortfall.

**Additional Charge for Property for Areas Served
by the Paparua Water Race System**

The Water Services Manager reported:

The Selwyn District Council provides an across-boundary water race stockwater supply to properties lying within the City Council area. Water race users are charged directly by the Selwyn District Council. The scheme is administered by the Selwyn District Council Water Race Committee where city interests are represented by Riccarton/Wigram Community Board member Mike Mora, supported by Water Services Unit staff.

In April this year the Water Services Unit was advised that the Selwyn District Council had adopted a recommendation of the Water Race Committee that all property situated in the vicinity of the water race system be required to pay an additional charge of \$20 (GST included) per property to reflect the benefits offered by the system whether or not the property utilised race water. These benefits include fire fighting potential, amenity and recreation opportunities.

The Selwyn decision affects 1,466 city properties within the Paparua water race district.

This request was received too late to introduce it as a separate charge through the Annual Plan process and for this coming financial year a solution is for the city to pay a lump sum to Selwyn to cover the charge and use the next Annual Plan process to introduce a new charge on the affected properties. Alternatively the city would ask Selwyn to collect this charge itself.

The working party supported the Water Services Manager's recommendation that a lump sum payment of \$29,320 be made to the Selwyn District Council in 1999/2000 and that options be explored for the future levying of this charge. The working party is recommending that in 1999/2000 these funds be funded from the Water Services budget, through efficiency savings.

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- Recommendation:**
1. That the in-house requests for amendments and corrections to the draft plan, listed in italics in the attachment, be approved.
 2.
 - (a) That the current proposal to introduce personal computing for Councillors in 1999/2000 be deferred for one year.
 - (b) That, in the meantime, the Council provide advice, training and support for those Councillors who own computers or who wish to buy their own computer.
 3.
 - (a) That additional funding of \$150,000 be included in 1999/2000 for internal alterations to the Papanui Library and Service Centre and the 2000/01 unspecified capital sum be reduced by a compensating sum.
 - (b) That the resulting operational savings of approximately \$15,000 per annum ($\frac{1}{2}$ fte) be reflected in the libraries budget from 1 January 2000.
 4. That an indicative sum of \$900,000 be allowed for the Spreydon Library, to be funded from the 2000/01 unspecified capital sum.
 5. That footpath resurfacing of 117.5km be funded in 1999/2000.
 6.
 - (a) That, for the 1999/2000 year the City Council make a lump sum payment to the Selwyn District Council of \$29,320 to cover this charge; the funds to be found from the Water Services budget through efficiencies.
 - (b) That a report be submitted in due course setting out the options for the future levying of this charge, timed to allow appropriate notification through the 2000/01 Annual Plan process.

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7. OTHER BUDGET RELATED ISSUES ADDRESSED BY THE WORKING PARTY**7.1 Solid Waste and Waste Management Projects**

Arising from a discussion initiated by Councillor Stewart on the need for sewage treatment and solid waste disposal systems to be sustainable and integrated harmoniously with eco-systems, the working party **decided** to request the City Manager to arrange an audit of solid waste and waste water management proposals to provide the Council with assurance that:

- (a) proposed developments do not preclude the adoption of reliable new technology in the future
- (b) the capital is not invested in systems that may become obsolescent in a short period

and also, that comparisons be made with recent developments in Europe and USA as part of the audit.

7.2 QEII Pools Redevelopment

The working party devoted some time to reviewing the above project in the light of concerns expressed by some members regarding the increasing levels of Council debt.

\$20.45M has been provided in the capital works programme which is made up as follows:

1998/99	\$1,100,050
1999/00	\$3,502,841
2000/01	\$7,728,460
2001/02	\$8,124,799

	\$20,456,150
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Staff presented a number of options for downsizing the present project. Common to all options was the completion of the essential major maintenance upgrade of the complex which has been costed at \$11M.

Support for the approved project was sought by staff on the grounds that the upgraded complex, including a leisure pool, will generate a net operational gain as follows:

Additional operating expenditure	(\$454,000)
Additional revenue (800,000 estimated customers, 405,000 current customers)	\$1,285,000

Total operational gain	\$831,000
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Of the \$20.45M budget, \$11M is for essential renewal, leaving a total of \$9.45M for new capital work.

Additional depreciation and debt servicing on the full project adds additional costs of \$1.98M. However on a marginal basis the costs relating to the new facilities would be in the order of:

Additional depreciation	=	\$345,000
Additional debt servicing	=	\$567,000

		\$912,000
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The additional estimated cost for delaying the construction of the leisure pool/mezzanine would be \$300,000. This would cover additional establishment/disestablishment costs, temporary walls and consultants' fees. The estimate excludes any allowance for increased construction costs because of the later completion date e.g. if the leisure pool is delayed two years, there will be two years of increased construction costs.

The Major Projects Co-ordinator also gave an undertaking that the project, as defined in the Concept Design Report approved by the Council on 24 June 1999, will be completed within budget.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the QEII redevelopment project (previously approved by the Council) be confirmed and the projected operating expenditure and revenue for the project be included in the financial model.
 2. That a report on the proposed uses for the mezzanine floor be prepared for the August 1999 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

7.3 Parks Unit Capital Expenditure Programme

The working party reviewed a number of items in the above programme and made minor timing changes to the Styx Mill and Bottle Lake programmes as detailed in the attached schedule.

- Recommendation:** That the adjustments to the Parks Unit's capital works programme be approved.

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7.4 Waterways and Wetlands

The working party also revisited the waterways and wetland capital expenditure programme and concluded that as two cuts have been made to this part of the capital works programme it would be appropriate for the Council to retain the budget for this work at its present level.

The Water Services Manager also advised of the need to add further objectives and performance indicators to those already on page 53 of the draft 1999 Annual Plan.

The new objectives and performance indicators are as follows:

- *Objectives for 1999/2000*

5. To maintain progress with implementation of the Asset Management Plans for waterways, wetlands and drainage.
6. Operate and maintain stormwater collection and flood control systems, and manage the city's waterways and wetlands.

- *Performance Indicators*

- 5.1 Protect at least 1km of waterway margins by covenant, road stopping, reserve acquisition or land purchase by 30 June 2000.
- 5.2 Produce restoration and protection plans for at least two Priority 1 waterways by 30 June 2000.
- 6.1 To hold long term maintenance cost/unit length of established enhanced waterway banks and berms at or below the 1997/98 drain maintenance cost/unit length.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the existing programme be confirmed subject to:
 - (a) Waterway enhancement projects being referred to the Parks and Recreation Committee following consideration by the relevant Community Board.
 - (b) An evaluation procedure being put in place to measure the cost/benefit of each project.
 2. That the above objectives and performance indicators be adopted.

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8. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACCIDENT INSURANCE ACT

The Director of Finance reported:

Under the Accident Insurance Act 1998, all employers are now required to enter into and maintain in force a single accident insurance contract with either a private insurance company or the new SOE, At Work NZ. The cover under this contract must, as a minimum, provide employees with the benefits they enjoy under the existing ACC regime.

At its April meeting Council delegated authority to the Director of Finance and Director of Human Resources to finalise the arrangements.

The Council's insurance broker for accident insurance sought quotations from each of the insurers who were quoting for business under the Act.

The quotations sought from each insurer were for two 'entities'. The Council by itself and the Council together with the three subsidiaries that have excellent accident records, viz, Christchurch Transport Ltd, Christchurch International Airport Ltd and Canroad Construction Ltd. The quotes obtained for the latter 'entity' were intended to provide cheaper cover for all four parties.

The ACC Review Team received a report from Willis Corroon that summarised the quotations received and recommended placing the insurance with CIGNA Insurance. The quotation option recommended was the one offering the highest level of self insurance. This involved the Council or the combined entity paying an annual premium of \$155,800 for cover in excess of the first \$900,000 of costs resulting from work related injuries that occurred during the year.

The proposal from CIGNA Insurance with a premium of \$155,800 and an excess of \$900,000 was accepted under the delegated authority from Council.

The self insurance approach taken is intended to provide the greatest incentive to managers and team leaders to prevent work injuries and to ensure the quickest rehabilitation thereby reducing costs to the Council.

The cost range for insurance option with a \$900,000 excess is detailed in the table below:

	Minimum	Expected	Maximum
	\$	\$	\$
CIGNA Premium	155,800	155,800	155,800
Claims 1999/2000	0	250,000	900,000
Other Costs (Maximum)	50,000	50,000	50,000
Accident Insurance Costs	<u>205,800</u>	<u>455,800</u>	<u>1,105,800</u>
ACC Residual Levy	670,000	670,000	670,000
Total Accident Insurance Costs	<u>\$895,800</u>	<u>\$1,125,800</u>	<u>\$1,775,800</u>

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The draft 1999/2000 budget for ACC levies is approximately \$2.2 million. This implies that there is a likely saving of \$1 million.

A catastrophic claim or claims can never be ruled out so it would be prudent to establish a reserve fund to cover this possibility. The amount to be provided would be the excess level less the budgeted level of claims for the year. Based on the expected outcome of no more than \$250,000 cost for work injuries, this would be \$650,000. It would seem sensible to do this over a five year period at \$130,000 per year.

The draft 1999/2000 budget includes surpluses for the Works Operations and Plant and Building Services Units of \$1.26 million approximately as well as fixed overhead that is currently allocated to these units but will have to be borne by other units when the proposed corporate restructuring is undertaken at least in the interim.

As it is not possible at this stage to assess the overall impact of the corporatisation on costs and revenues affecting the Council budget, it is considered prudent to reserve the remaining savings as an offset against possible changes due to corporatisation.

A related, but separate issue, is the Personal Accident Insurance cover for elected members and senior executive staff which the Council has had since 1991. The policy provides cover for bodily injury caused solely and directly by accidental means. The policy sum insured is \$50,000 with lump sum benefits payable ranging from 100% of the sum insured for accidental death to 1% of the sum insured for permanent total loss of use of a toe.

The purposes of taking out this policy was to offset any costs the Council would incur in the event of having to hold a by-election or for the temporary employment of a senior executive officer. No guidelines have been established regarding how to cater for a situation where the insured person is injured and a payment is received from the insurer. The following policy regarding how any Personal Accident insurance settlement should be handled, is put forward for consideration:

1. In the first instance any settlement payment must be used to offset costs the Council incurs, such as those for a by-election, temporary employment of senior executive personnel, or alteration to the insured person's work environment, etc.
2. Should any proceeds remain unspent from costs incurred as stated in 1 above, the balance can be allocated to improving the insured person's ability to undertake her/his duties. This would include the likes of transport to and from work, computer at home, etc.

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3. Should any proceeds remain following 1 & 2 above, the City Manager be given delegated authority to make a payment of the remaining monies at his discretion, to the insured person.

- Recommendation:**
1. That an Accident Insurance Reserve Fund be established with funding to be provided from a transfer from rates so the amount provided would be the excess level less the budgeted level of claims for the year.
 2. That the 1999/2000 budget be set based on the expected accident insurance costs outlined plus a transfer to the Accident Insurance Reserve Fund of \$130,000 per year for five years.
 3. That the remaining expected savings on accident insurance costs be used to partially cover the budgeted surpluses for Works Operations and Plant and Building Services Units.
 4. That the use of insurance proceeds from the Council's personal accident policies be applied as follows:
 - (a) In the first instance to offset costs the Council incurs, such as those for a by-election, temporary employment of replacement personnel, or alteration to the insured person's work environment, etc.
 - (b) Should any proceeds remain unspent from costs incurred as stated in (a) above, the balance to be allocated to improving the insured person's ability to undertake her/his duties.
 - (c) The City Manager to be given delegated authority to make a payment of the remaining monies at his discretion, to the insured person.

9. CHRISTCHURCH ART GALLERY

The Major Projects Co-ordinator and the Parking Operations Manager reported to the working party in response to the submissions objecting to the deletion of the second level basement car park from the new art gallery development. Basically the submitters sought the reinstatement of this funding on the following grounds:

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- the new gallery will generate increased demand for parking
- need to provide for present and future requirements
- existing 265 spaces on Sheraton site insufficient
- parking required to rejuvenate the central city, provide easy access to the cultural precinct
- walking from other car parks raises safety considerations
- poor public transport service to area

Parking issues were summarised as follows:

- Three alternative parking layouts were considered in the planning stages. The preferred layout from a traffic engineering and parking management perspective was the 200 space option (single level).
- The 200 space option was preferred based on surveys of current usage at existing facilities and at kerbside, projected demand and commercial viability.
- The existing high demand at the 'Sheraton' site is a result of midweek commuter parking taking advantage of lower daily rates than other surrounding car parks and weekend casual parking taking advantage of free car parking.
- Arts Centre management has recently requested the Council generate a higher parking turnover in the Arts Precinct and in order to do this people will be required to pay for kerbside parking at weekends. This should provide an indication of the 'true' weekend demand and people's willingness to use other surrounding car parks.
- In the past some areas in which parking demand was high have seen the demand significantly reduced when a charge for parking was implemented e.g. Christchurch Hospital.
- The current casual and reserved parking can be catered for at the surrounding Council-owned and private car parking buildings/areas and at the kerbside. These available car parks will also meet the demand during the construction period when the 'Sheraton' car park is no longer available.
- Based on known and projected average utilisation figures a second level of car parking is likely to be under-utilised on weekdays. Projected use in weekends is uncertain given that until a charge is applied there is no way to effectively determine the 'true' demand.
- It is forecast that in 2003/04 a 200 space car park would operate at a \$100,000 per annum surplus and a 320 space car park at \$65,000 per annum deficit.

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Technical issues were summarised as follows:

- Comparative cost analysis for car park spaces (excluding land, finance, fees, GST etc i.e. figures based on construction cost only).

	Cost/space	Cost/130 spaces
Street level	\$1,500	\$195,000
Multi-storey above ground	\$8,500	\$1,105,000
First level below ground	\$12,000	\$1,560,000
Second level below ground	\$17,000	\$2,200,000

Note: The potential 'cost of risk' is not included in these figures.

- Dewatering for the lower level basement (B2) would require a resource consent for abstraction from the Canterbury Regional Council. Flows up to 150 litres per second are expected and this could overload the Christchurch City Council's stormwater system in some rain events. A consent from the Christchurch City Council is required for the discharge.
- Foundations for B2 would be approximately 7.5m below the ground level and approximately 4m into the water table.
- Piling techniques at the gallery will be different to those employed at the recently publicised Park Terrace Building. The soil characteristics and design requirements are quite different and piling techniques compare as follows:
 - The temporary sheet piling is a similar process but with the different soil characteristics the effects of vibration are difficult to predict. Test piling could be carried out. This process will last a total of 4–6 weeks for B1 and would have been similar for B2.
 - Drilled tension piles are required to resist seismic uplift and buoyancy. These offer different performance characteristics to driven concrete piles which are being used at Park Terrace. Drilled tension piles are low noise and virtually vibration free and will take a total of approximately 2-4 weeks. These would be similar for B1 and B2 although a higher number would be required for B2 due to additional buoyancy forces.
 - Drilled concrete cantilever piles are required for support of neighbouring property. These are a relatively simple operation lasting only 2 –4 days and are low in noise and virtually vibration free.
 - The B2 basement would require additional temporary ground support by way of deeply driven steel soldier piles adjacent to Worcester Boulevard. These particular piles require a very large drop hammer to drive them to the required depth. These are not required for a B1 construction.
 - The overall extent of piling is reduced for B1 construction compared to B2.

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- To provide protection against water ingress into the finished B2 and excessive buoyancy forces, a pressure relief system allows groundwater into a pump chamber for pumping into the stormwater mains. In extreme conditions partial flooding of the basement can occur.
- Leakage through concrete cracking can occur and a contingency sum is recommended to seal these cracks. The risk of higher leakage volumes is greater in B2 than B1 due to the higher hydrostatic pressure.
- To the consultants' knowledge, there are only two 2-level basements in Christchurch – the Millennium Hotel and the Telecom Building. Both experienced unforeseen difficulties in construction.
- A single level basement will be easier and quicker to construct and uses routine construction techniques.
- The influence of dewatering 5–6m below the water table (for B2) could extend to about 500 metres, but significant water table draw-down should be limited to a zone of about 150m around the site. While dewatering for B2 will induce settlement off the site (up to an estimated maximum of 15–20mm) it should be relatively small in terms of differential movement. However adjacent buildings should be surveyed prior to any construction and monitored to record any movement. It is possible that a lens of peat or soft compressible silts may exist in the sands and gravels, although borelogs do not indicate this. If such a lens exists there is a risk that dewatering could induce much larger settlements than indicated above and settlement damage could result. This risk is considered to be low. Settlement through dewatering for a single level basement will be about one third of that expected for dewatering for a two level basement.

For these reasons the working party was unable to support this group of submissions.

Recommendation:

1. That the Council decision not to develop a second level of car parking at the new art gallery be confirmed.

(Councillor Stewart requested that her vote against the foregoing recommendation be recorded.)

2. That, prior to the new gallery being commissioned, a review of staff parking be undertaken, together with the possibility of providing alternative methods of transport for staff.

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10. CENTRAL CITY MARKETING

A number of inner city retailers sought the reinstatement of the \$80,000 deleted from the central city marketing budget. The marketing programme was introduced several years ago as a short to medium term measure to assist central city businesses. The working party is still of the view that a change in direction is now required to rejuvenate the inner city to build on such initiatives as the Shuttle bus service and the bus interchange. For this reason, these submissions were not supported.

Recommendation: That the earlier Council decision to reduce the central city marketing budget from \$280,000 to \$200,000 be confirmed and that discussions continue with inner city businesses on initiatives to rejuvenate the central city.

11. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRES

A number of submissions were received seeking the allocation of funding for the development of new community centres/cottages or the conversion of existing Council facilities for community purposes. The working party reaffirmed its earlier stance in this regard i.e. that before further funding provision is made for new community centres, a city-wide needs analysis be completed.

Recommendation:

1. That, in accordance with the earlier resolution of the Council, all proposals for community centres and community cottages be evaluated in a city-wide review, the evaluation to include set up and ongoing operational costs.
2. That in the 2000/01 Annual Plan process consideration be given to:
 - (a) Establishment of more community houses/cottages/bases, and that the Property Unit be requested to supply information on the availability of Council owned houses for this purpose.
 - (b) Continuity of funding for community development workers.
 - (c) Support systems for cost-efficient management.

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12. GRANTS

The working party noted, with concern, that over the last five years the grants budget has been steadily rising. In 1995/96 the net cost of grants was \$2.03M. By 1998/99 this figure had increased to just under \$2.6M and in the current year a further increase of \$156,600 is proposed. The working party strongly recommends that this budget be capped at the 1999/2000 level for the remainder of the current term.

As stated earlier in this report, additional requests for grants totalling \$2.3M have been received through the Annual Plan submission process. The working party is recommending that three additional grants be approved subject to grants expenditure being retained at the level provided in the draft plan and substitutions being found to fund these grants.

Recommendation: 1. (a) That subject to the above proviso the following grants be approved:

Canterbury Coastguard - \$7,000 for training volunteers and cadets

Ferrymead Trust - \$25,000 for SummerTimes programme

Southern Ballet - \$5,000

(b) That Ferrymead Trust be requested to submit an updated business plan.

(Note: At the working party's request, the Chairman of the Grants Committee will report separately to the present meeting, recommending substitutions.)

2. That a grant of \$7,000 be made to the YMCA for "Carols by Candlelight" and that the funding for the "Coca Cola Christmas in the Park" be reduced by a similar amount.

3. That the application from Cholmondeley Children's Home for funding assistance be declined with regret and that the Chairman of the Community Services Committee be requested to act in an advocacy role to central Government on their behalf.

4. That the remaining applications for funding assistance be declined.

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5. That the payment of the Science Alive grant be approved by the Strategy and Resources Committee following the receipt of the report from Deloitte, Touche Tohmatsu.
6. That modest refurbishment be carried out to the existing kiosk from which the Christchurch Personal Guiding Service operates in Cathedral Square and that operators of this service be requested to hold further discussions with Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing regarding the future location of the service.
7. That the grant to the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra be continued at its current level for 1999/2000 subject to:
 - (a) \$50,000 being earmarked for the children's programme.
 - (b) payment of the grant being dependent on the Director of Finance approving the Orchestra's business plan.
8. That the Union and Community Health Trust be advised that consideration will be given to an application for a loan from the Community Loans fund in 2000/01.
9. That the \$2,756,600 be the upper limit for the net cost of grants for the present Council term.

The Chairman reports:

The Annual Plan Working Party resolved during its consideration of submissions to recommend increased grants totalling \$37,000 to various groups, subject to there being no overall increase in the net cost of the grants budget. I undertook to bring recommendations to the Council to achieve this. The Chairperson of the Community Services Committee, Councillor Anderton, was at hand when I was doing the work and assisted me in finding the savings.

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The recommended reductions are as follows:

	1998/99	1999/2000 (draft)	1999/2000 (proposed)	Savings
Mayor's Welfare	200,000	250,000	245,000	5,000
Events Seeding	200,000	150,000	145,000	5,000
Willowbank	22,000	20,000	18,000	2,000
Orchestra Users	50,000	50,000	48,000	2,000
Music Centre	45,000	45,000	43,000	2,000
City Choir	35,000	35,000	33,000	2,000
Court Theatre	45,000	45,000	43,000	2,000
Artist in Residence	Nil	10,000	8,000	2,000
Theatre Royal	Nil	200,000	190,000*	10,000
Canterbury Tennis (Wilding)	Nil	75,000	70,000*	5,000

TOTAL				37,000
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* These are grants for capital redevelopment. The modest reductions should not hold up the redevelopment. Catch-up payments can be made next year to fulfil the Council's commitment.

It will be noted that all the reductions are modest proportions of the total grant.

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Recommendation: That the above reductions be approved.

13. WASTE CHARGES

A number of bin operators made strong representations to the working party on the above issue.

In brief their concerns can be summarised as being:

- The inequities in the present charging system because commercial operators are charged by weight and domestic users by vehicle type.
- The abolition of early payment discount.
- The fee paid by other territorial local authorities for delivering refuse direct to the landfill.
- Greenwaste charge increases.

The working party was sympathetic to the first point on both waste minimisation and equity grounds and recommends that all users be put on the same charging basis.

With regard to the discount issue, the Legal Services Manager confirmed the previous legal advice that these discounts are contrary to the Commerce Act.

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The draft plan provides for an increase in the territorial local authorities charge at the landfill from \$22.50 per tonne to \$30.50. The reduced disposal fee was approved in 1996 in the interests of goodwill and co-operation between the CCC and other territorial local authorities. The reason for allowing the reduced fees is still valid.

Finally, greenwaste charges have not been increased since 1994 and as the gap between these charges and refuse charges has been steadily widening the working party is still of the view that a modest increase in fees is warranted.

In reporting back to the working party on these issues, staff also advised that a request had been received from Ashburton District Council to transport its compacted waste direct to Burwood.

- Recommendation:**
1.
 - (a) That all domestic vehicles be charged by weight.
 - (b) That the target date for implementing the new charging arrangements for domestic vehicles be early January 2000.
 - (c) That staff report to the City Services Committee on the detail of the proposal.
 - (d) That \$150,000 be provided in 1999/2000 for the capital expenditure required to give effect to this proposal.
 - (e) That net revenue of \$100,000 be budgeted.
 2. That, in light of the further legal advice, the earlier decision to abolish the early payment discount be confirmed.
 3. That the proposed charges of \$30.50 per tonne for Waimakariri District Council to dump compacted waste at Burwood remain unchanged.
 4.
 - (a) That the Council give favourable consideration to the request from Ashburton District Council to dispose some of its waste at Burwood.
 - (b) That an indicative figure of \$100,000 be allowed for revenue.
 5. That the greenwaste fees as currently proposed remain unaltered.
 6. That the new waste charges (other than those referred to in recommendation 1) come into effect on the first Monday in August.

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14. NEW BRIGHTON REVITALISATION

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board is working with local groups and Mr James Lunday to develop a strategic plan for New Brighton. Funding of \$296,900 has been included in the capital works programme a number of years for the redevelopment of the New Brighton commercial area. However, this is one of the projects identified for deletion to assist to fund the bus interchange.

The working party suggests that provision of \$100,000 be made in 1999/2000 to enable some minor enhancement work to be undertaken to the Mall, and as well an operating sum of \$50,000 for the preparation of a strategic plan be provided in 1999/2000.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council provide the above sums in 1999/2000 for the New Brighton commercial area.
 2. That the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and the New Brighton Steering Committee be asked to note that the Council sees itself as only a part funder of future development at New Brighton and that any contribution by the Council will have to be determined in relation to other priorities.

15. CANTERBURY MUSEUM

The Canterbury Museum Trust Board sought funding of \$8M over the next four years towards its building redevelopment project.

Because the museum is a separate entity any ordinary funding for this work would be treated as a grant. For this reason, the working party has requested the Legal Services Manager to report back to the Strategy and Resources Committee on possible structural changes. In a report to the working party the Director of Finance indicated there was a prospect of the museum being merged with the Council, a loan could be made to the museum from capital funds which would offset against the borrowing by the museum and the additional assets would be added to the Council's balance sheet justifying the capital commitment made. However, the working party considered that until the governance issue had been reviewed it would be unwise to proceed along these lines.

- Recommendation:**
1. That for the reasons outlined above the Museum Board's request be reconsidered in the 2000/01 Annual Plan round.
 2. That the issue of capital funding for the museum be linked to structural change.

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16. CHRISTCHURCH AND CANTERBURY MARKETING

The Council has allocated Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing Limited additional funding of \$300,000 in 1999/2000 to improve the marketing of Christchurch to national and international visitors. Associated with the proposed increase in funding are new performance targets to enable measurement of achievement of the new strategies.

As part of the restructure and refocus Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing has identified the need to move to new premises to enable better service delivery to the expected increase in visitors to the region. A move to the Square is in line with Council objectives to improve the vitality and image of the Square as the heart of Christchurch by attracting people to the area and improving business opportunities. The current Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing premises are owned by the Council and would be available for Council use or another activity.

Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing has no available funds to fit-out new premises (estimated at \$350,000).

The working party fully supports the relocation proposal. However as Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing has already received considerable additional funding in 1999/2000 the members consider that the Council should essentially act as banker for the fit-out work by providing the capital for the fitout with Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing meeting the associated depreciation and interest costs through a rental charge.

Recommendation: That the Council fund the capital of \$350,000 for the fitout of the new premises, against a firm costed proposal, but require Christchurch and Canterbury Marketing Ltd to service the operational costs (depreciation and cost of capital) by the payment of a rental to the Council from within their current operational budget.

17. UNDERGROUND CONVERSIONS

Once again a number of submissions were received seeking the allocation of increased resources for underground conversions. As the cables are not owned by the Council this work is an operational rather than a capital expense and therefore must be funded directly from rates. The cost of converting the remaining cables is in the order of \$400M. If the Council is to fund the bulk of conversion programme then the work can only be undertaken very gradually unless the Council is minded to increase rates substantially.

The working party believes that a better approach would be to explore ways of requiring the owners of the lines to undertake the conversion work.

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- Recommendation:**
1. That the Legal Services Manager report on a possible mechanism for requiring service authorities to place wires underground over a period of time; the report to also address options for safeguarding access rights for other providers of the same service.
 2. That, in the meantime, the Council continue to fund a modest conversion programme.

18. HERITAGE BUILDINGS - CATHEDRAL SQUARE

This issue attracted a large number of submissions, with the majority of the submitters signing a pro forma letter requesting that some of the funds from the capital to be repatriated from the trading enterprises be made available for the purchase of the above buildings.

As the working party is recommending an alternative use for these funds this proposal was not supported. Furthermore, the working party was briefed on options being pursued by independent parties which are likely to produce the outcome sought by the submitters.

- Recommendation:** That the NZ Historic Places Trust and other submitters be informed that the Council does not consider that it would be appropriate for it to become an equity investor in the buildings but the Council would consider making a contribution to the protection of these buildings through the existing heritage funding provisions.

19. PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Director of Finance reports:

The working party gave detailed consideration to the implications of establishing an Economic Development Fund from part of the proceeds (\$41 million) of capital repatriation due to the sale of the Southpower retail business.

The public consultation produced strong support for the establishment of a fund but this was matched by equally strong views that the funds should be applied for the purpose of debt repayment.

While the working party was very keen to establish a fund which could be applied for the benefit of economic growth and the creation of jobs in the region, it was recognised that there was significant benefit to the level of the Council's net debt projections which could be derived from applying the funds to debt repayment. It was also recognised that it was appropriate for the Council to limit the capital expenditure growth and retain flexibility for the future.

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The recommendation being considered by the Council for funding of the bus interchange includes use of \$8 million of the funds proposed in the draft plan for an Economic Development Fund. If such a fund is not established the bus interchange funding can still be sourced from the same place as the alternative will involve the funds being placed in the debt repayment reserve.

The remaining \$33 million had been scheduled in the draft plan to be spent in years 2001/02 and 2002/03. Until that time interest on the fund has been assumed to provide interest income for general Council revenues. If the Council does not establish a fund and expend the proceeds as budgeted in the draft plan then the following benefits will accrue:

- Net debt projections will be reduced by approximately \$33 million beyond 2002/03.
- Unbudgeted interest earnings will arise of approximately \$750,000 in 2002/03 and \$1.5 million for each year from 2003/04 onwards.

The working party therefore considered that it would be appropriate place the full capital sum of \$41 million in the debt repayment reserve and apply the additional interest earnings from 2002/03 into an Economic Development Fund. While initially this will provide a smaller fund it has the potential over time to build to a significant sum which could be used directly for funding worthwhile projects or used to lever additional funding if larger amounts are needed.

The following table illustrates the impact on net debt levels of the working party's recommendations compared with the draft Annual Plan.

Year	99/00	00/01	01/02	02/03	08/09
	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M	\$M
Net debt per Draft Plan	(16.19)	12.62	44.32	98.67	245.31
Net debt amended	(42.97)	15.71	41.68	66.95	215.07

- Recommendation:**
1. That all capital repatriation funds be credited to the Debt Repayment Reserve.
 2. That provision be made for the appropriation from increased interest savings of \$750,000 in 2002/03 and \$1.5 million in 2003/04 and subsequent years to an Economic Development Fund to be used for projects which will benefit the regional economy.

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20. BUS INTERCHANGE

The working party received an interim report on the above project.

The outcome of the public consultation will be the subject of a separate report to the present meeting.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council make a decision on the rates neutral funding for the project taking into account the submissions from the public.
 2. That a report be brought to the Environment Committee on the development of a brief for the work required in Cathedral Square after the opening of the bus interchange.

21. RATE INCREASE

The residential rate increase foreshadowed in the draft plan was no doubt responsible for the larger than usual number of submissions on this issue.

The working party was acutely conscious of the effect of the recent property revaluations on many lower value properties and appreciate that the affected ratepayers will take little comfort from the fact that Christchurch City rates represent excellent value for money and are far lower than those of the other major metropolitan centres.

For these reasons, the working party's first priority in considering the submissions was to keep the rates increase at the draft plan level. It will be noted that the working party is supporting very little new expenditure without identifying compensating reductions or substitutions.

The working party also noted that in April the Council took steps to mitigate the effects of the rate increase by holding the annual general uniform charge at its present level. Currently the charge is \$105. However, the 1999/2000 funding policy indicated that a uniform annual general charge of \$151 should be progressively phased in. However, the Council recognised that to increase the charge in the current year would compound the problem for ratepayers in lower value properties significantly affected by the revaluations. The Council therefore decided that it would be appropriate to utilise the provisions of the legislation to phase in this higher level of charge over a longer period in terms of section 122G(d) of the Local Government Act.

Limited measures are available for providing rates relief for this group of ratepayers. For some ratepayers assistance will be available through either the Rates Rebate Scheme, the Rates Postponement Scheme or the Government's accommodation supplement. In extreme cases of hardship, relief could be provided by the Mayor's Welfare Fund.

- Recommendation:**
- That the Council provide advice on rates relief measures and payment options via rates mailouts and the City Scene.

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22. WORKING PARTY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON OTHER ISSUES RAISED IN THE SUBMISSIONS

1. That the requests from a number of Community Boards for an increase in community development/discretionary funds be declined.
2. That, in response to a request from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board, the Dawson Street reconstruction works be advanced by way of substitution with the Cambridge Terrace upgrading project.
3. That the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board be advised that the Parks Manager will be asked to consider how the replacement of the Kyle Park toilets could be advanced by way of substitution.
4. That the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board be advised that the City Streets Manager has been asked to use savings on other roading projects to enable the sealing of Miners Road to be carried out in 1999/2000.
5. That the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board be advised that the City Streets Manager has been asked to report on work required to reduce the impact on schools and residential properties of the north-west section of the ring route.
6. That in view of the fact that Transfund have now approved the funding for the section of the Woolston-Burwood expressway between New Brighton Road and Wainoni Road, the funding provided in the draft plan for this project be used to construct stage 2 of the expressway.
7. That in response to concerns raised by a number of submitters:
 - (a) an evaluation of past traffic-calming installations be carried out
 - (b) consideration be given to designing "less aggressive" speed humps.

That the outcome of the above studies be reported to the City Services Committee by October 1999.

8. That a report be brought to the City Services Committee on the Sparks/Halswell/Kennedys Bush Roads intersection.
9. That subject to consultation on plans yet to be prepared an indicative sum of \$87,500 be provided in each of the 2003/04 and 2004/05 financial years for the Flavell/Marsden/Rollin Streets intersection improvements.
10. That the submitters seeking an immediate review of the sections of the funding policy relating to the apportionment of the heavy transport costs be advised that issues relating to the funding of roads will be dealt with as part of the funding policy review.

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11. That, in light of the Police advice that the Police Kiosk in Cathedral Square is not to become a watch station for the central city beat, the request from the Community Volunteers for funding of \$360,000 to be allocated for the redevelopment of the kiosk be declined and that minor refurbishment within the existing budget be proceeded with.
12. That the Council note the support of the New Zealand Property Council for increasing the number of people residing in the inner city and seek the co-operation of the Property Council in achieving this objective.
13. That the City Manager be asked to arrange a review of the process by which advice is given and requirements are set for the upgrade of inner city buildings.
14. That the submissions seeking additional funding for after-school programmes be considered as part of the review of the out-of-school care policy.
15. That the following action be taken in response to the submission from Mr Michael Case:
 - consideration be given to installing a footpath/cycleway on Cranford Street north
 - discussions continue with the Case partnership with the objective of trialling temporary measures to improve the drainage to the Case property for the coming summer
 - the submitter be advised that the Water Services Unit is undertaking a detailed study of the Cranford Street basin with the intention of reporting to the Council on the options before June 2000. Consultation with property owners will be an essential part of this exercise
 - a report be prepared for the Parks and Recreation Committee on safety issues relating to access to the park off Kenwyn Avenue.
16. That additional provision of \$50,000 be made for graffiti removal and prevention programmes.
17. That the \$20,000 allocated in 2000/01 for a skateboard facility in Redcliffs Park be reclassified as Skateboarding Unspecified (Hagley/Ferrymead).
18. That the Property Manager and Parks Manager report by September on low cost options for the relocation of the Carrs Road kart track.
19. That the funding allocated for the restoration of the Bexley Wetland Reserve be reallocated as follows:

1999/2000	\$30,000
2000/01	\$30,000
2001/02	\$30,000
2002/03	\$20,000
2003/04	\$15,000

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20. That in response to the submission of the Canterbury Regional Council the following changes be made to the draft plan:
 - (a) a performance indicator be added for water quality discharge
 - (b) an objective for parking policy be added.
21. (a) That an indicative sum of \$60,000 be provided in 1999/2000 for stock effluent disposal facilities.
 - (b) That the Waste Manager report to the City Services Committee on the provision of these facilities.
22. That responses be forwarded to the remaining submitters along the lines of the comments provided by staff.

23. NET REQUIREMENT FROM RATES

The net overall rate increase, including the changes recommended by the working party, is 1.96%. This represents a rate requirement of \$139.45M GST exclusive.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council adopt a 1.96% overall rate increase.
 2. That the Christchurch City Council Plan : 1999 Edition, as amended, be adopted.
 3. That the Christchurch City Council Corporate Plan : 1999 Edition, as amended, be adopted.
 4. That public notice be given that at its meeting on 26 August 1999 the Council will consider a resolution to make and levy rates in accordance with the approved Christchurch City Council Plan : 1999 Edition.

CONSIDERED THIS 23RD DAY OF JULY 1999

MAYOR