

6. **COUNCIL REPRESENTATION**  
**CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL**

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The purpose of this report is to seek a review of the decision regarding Council representation on the above organisation.

It will be recalled that at its December meeting the Council finalised its appointments to the organisations on which it is represented.

At that meeting the Council decided to discontinue its representation on the Christchurch Community Arts Council (CCAC).

A letter has now been received from the CCAC President, Mr Simon St. Claire, seeking a review of this decision for the following reasons:

1. The Christchurch Community Arts Council is the only citywide arts organisation with the direct function of speaking for and to the arts community.
2. The membership comprises a wide range of artistic interests and groups and is arguably more representative with its current constitution than ever before.
3. Council membership ensures greater contact by City Councillors with arts issues and the representatives of the artistic community. It is an opportunity for Councillors to receive at first hand feedback from the arts community.

Mr St. Claire also suggested that as the City Council's arts policy is under review and the CCAC would be expected to have considerable input into this process, the decision to withdraw from the CCAC was not well timed.

The concerns raised regarding consultation over the arts policy are valid. As the Community Arts Co-ordinator, Warren Pringle, will be playing a pivotal role in the review of this policy it is suggested that it would be appropriate for Warren to serve as the Council's representative on the CCAC.

**Recommendation:** That the Community Arts Co-ordinator (Mr Warren Pringle) be appointed as the Council's representative on the Christchurch Community Arts Council.

