

**14. PROPOSED BANKS PENINSULA/CHRISTCHURCH CITY
AMALGAMATION: PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

RR 9526

The City Manager reported, seeking the Committee's approval of a process for seeking community views on the Draft Reorganisation Scheme, under the umbrella of the Seeking Community Views Policy.

The report identified the options for consulting the community on this issue as follows:

Community Workshops

Hosted by Community Boards and facilitated by Community Advocates. Opportunity for community stakeholder groups and individuals to seek information. Agendas would be set to meet specific requirements, but would centre around a presentation followed by an open forum to facilitate feedback and questions.

City Scene

The production of a special issue focused on this topic. Seeks to raise awareness, give information and include a reply paid clip out form for feedback.

Web Site

Information can easily be placed on our Internet site. The opportunity exists for people accessing the site to source information and click on an icon to bring up a response form which could be printed out and returned.

The Press

We are discussing the opportunity of the Press running a "Pin Point" process about the proposed amalgamation.

Research

An important step in gauging Christchurch's opinion and determining the issues that need to be clarified and developed further. This step should come after we have promulgated information. It will be a valuable tool. A quantitative survey of 400-500 people, probably a telephone survey, will be undertaken.

The Committee **resolved**:

1. That the techniques for seeking community views be as outlined above be adopted.
2. That the City Manager liaise with a working party of the Mayor, Chairman of Strategy and Resources Committee and Councillors Evans and Wright over detail of wording to be used in information material.