

## 7. **RICCARTON SERVICE CENTRE**

The Board **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders for the discussion on this item. Local residents, present in the public gallery, were invited to participate in the discussions.

Discussion on this previously-advised public excluded item had been resolved by the Board to now be in open meeting – refer item 15.1 of the Board report.

The Community Relations Unit Manager (Stephen Phillips) presented an extensive report in which the proposed relocation of the Riccarton Service Centre was addressed.

The current volume of business transacted at the Service Centre had decreased markedly over recent months and this highlighted the need to review the future of the current services offered at the present location.

A large local retailer had approached the Council with a proposal to operate an agency to allow a continued Council presence in the community.

There was discussion on the report and various options and implications of relocation were promoted.

The Board **decided**:

1. That, before a Council agency is considered in Riccarton, all possible alternatives be extensively investigated with a strong emphasis on utilising space in the Council-owned community centre in Clarence Street (the room with street frontage and entrance off Clarence Street, eg the former mayoral room).
2. That the report be received in the first instance by the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board.