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**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE
16 NOVEMBER 1999**

**A meeting of the Community Services Committee
was held on Tuesday 16 November 1999 at 12 noon**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Carole Anderton (Chairman),
Councillors Erin Baker, Sally Buck,
Barry Corbett, Ishwar Ganda, Lesley Keast,
Barbara Stewart, Sally Thompson and Sue Wells.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Ron Wright (from 12.55pm to 1.40pm).
- APOLOGIES:** Apologies for absence were received and accepted
from Councillor Paddy Austin, and from
Councillors Barbara Stewart and Sally Thompson
for lateness.
- Councillor Erin Baker retired temporarily from
1.10pm to 1.15pm.
- Councillor Sue Wells retired temporarily from
1.00pm to 1.07pm.

The Committee reports that:

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

**1. ANNUAL PLAN MONITORING REPORTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 1999**

The Committee considered the Annual Plan Monitoring Reports for the period to
30 June 1999 in respect to:

Community Relations Unit
Libraries Unit
City Housing
Robert McDougall Art Gallery

Unit Managers attended and spoke to their reports, and the opportunity was taken
by Committee members to ask questions on individual items within the reports.

It was agreed that further explanations on a number of specific line items would
be provided separately to Committee members relating to questions raised during
the meeting.

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Specific points raised in respect to unit reports were:

COMMUNITY RELATIONS UNIT

It was noted that budgets were overall under spent in respect both to operational and capital costs. A number of specific outputs did, however, have individual variations as listed and explained in the report. In addition, the movement of service centre functions within the Libraries budget from the 1 July 1999 year meant that a number of items would no longer be reported within the Community Relations Unit budget.

LIBRARIES UNIT

The report from the Libraries Unit Manager noted that there had again been significant growth in the business of the library network.

In total, the Libraries Unit was under-expended, with the majority of this saving relating to under-expenditure in the new New Brighton Library as a consequence of a later than originally predicted completion date.

CITY HOUSING UNIT

The report noted that a number of significant policy issues had been addressed during the year under review, relating to tenancy, rent and rent review policies, and the tenant welfare support policy.

ROBERT MCDOUGALL ART GALLERY

A separate report detailing reasons for the over-expenditure of \$127,504 in the Art Gallery's budget for the 1998/99 financial year was also considered in association with the Annual Plan Monitoring Report.

The report detailed the major cost over-runs and noted that savings in other budget areas had reduced the net over-expenditure.

The meeting concluded at 2.25pm.

CONSIDERED THIS 25TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 1999

MAYOR