

The September meeting of the Committee requested that officers explore options to reduce time to complete this study and to establish a date for the initial stakeholder meeting between the Council's nominated subcommittee and the consultant. Last month's report had indicated that the probable completion date for the study was mid-June 2000. The only practical way of reducing this completion date further would be to engage a senior member of staff from the consultancy to assist with the strategic identification and assessment stages. This would result in the completion date coming forward to 3 April 2000, but would incur an extra cost of \$15,000. However the study management team considered that this proposal would reduce the time allocated for peer reviews and recommended that a completion date of 19 April 2000 be pursued. The Committee has previously established a subcommittee of five Committee members (Councillors O'Rourke, Close, Howell, Thompson and Wright) plus the chairs of the three affected northern Community Boards.

It was **resolved** that the Committee support the programme outlined with a completion date of 19 April 2000 and that the Subcommittee meet with the consultant at 12 noon on Wednesday 3 November 1999.