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**REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**1. CENTRAL CITY REVITALISATION
PROCESS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD**

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As requested at the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting of 18 October 1999 this report looks at the options for a process to appoint the Board referred to in the main report on Central City revitalisation.

Discussions have now been held over several months on the way forward for a central city revitalisation programme. The report presented to Strategy and Resources Committee recommended the setting up of an independent Board to carry out the actual development projects as part of the revitalisation. The Board will need to work closely with the Council Standing Committees and Planning staff who have responsibility for the overall concept and thrust. However it was felt the Council should have experienced business people who have a commercial focus working with it in partnership and whose prime responsibility is to initiate and complete any projects within budget and to ensure they are operationally self sufficient and not require ongoing Council financial support. The rationale is that independent business people are better equipped to undertake and reduce the risks of speculative property developments which are primarily commercial in nature although they will be part of the broader Council vision to revitalise the heart of our city.

The following two approaches fall within the established Council process of sourcing and interviewing appropriate candidates and making a recommendation to the Council for appointment.

Approach 1: A subcommittee of the Strategy and Resources Committee comprising the Mayor, Chairman and two others with support from the Director of Business Projects identify and interview candidates for the positions and make recommendations to the Council through the Strategy and Resources Committee.

Approach 2: The subcommittee of the Strategy and Resources Committee identify individuals with appropriate skills and request that a small group of CCHL Directors (including two of the independent directors) complete the interviews and make recommendations to the Council through the Strategy and Resources Committee. The Director of Business Projects would again assist with the process.

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The appointment of appropriate people with a mix of skills and vision is required to ensure the successful initiation and completion of projects within the central city revitalisation strategy and option 2 is consistent with current practice and procedures adopted by the Council.

- Recommendation:**
1. That all Councillors be invited to submit the names of possible Board members to the Director of Business Projects.
 2. That a sub-committee of the Strategy and Resources Committee work with Councillors to identify a short list of candidates with appropriate skills to be referred to CCHL for interview and recommendations to the Council for appointment.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendations be adopted.

CONSIDERED THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1999

MAYOR