

10. OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

The Leisure Manager reported on the issues associated with hosting the Christchurch section of the Olympic Torch Relay which will take place on Monday 5 June 2000.

The Leisure Manager advised that the NZ Olympic Organising Committee had requested a major celebration. However, given the timing of the event (early evening on a public holiday) it would be unrealistic to expect a large gathering in Cathedral Square and a low key handover ceremony was therefore planned. The Leisure Manager also confirmed that the health and safety issues associated with the relay can be addressed with the support of the Police. The Police have agreed to staff the relay route to protect the safety of the torch bearers. The Olympic Committee has approved the revised arrangements.

The Committee **decided** to forward a letter of appreciation to the Police acknowledging their support and co-operation and also the assistance provided for the Christchurch Marathon.