## 14. OVERSEAS TRAVEL - CHAIRMAN, CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillor O'Rourke reported on a proposed tour to the USA, UK, Ireland, France and Spain together with the Mayor, Chris Pickrill (CEO, Canterbury Development Corporation), Mark Prain (Common Ground), Graeme King (CEO, Recovered Materials Foundation) and others from 30 September to 17 October.

An outline of the proposed tour is attached and the Chairman sought support from the Committee for a contribution towards the cost of airfares for the tour.

The tour will provide the opportunity for the Chairman to view/discuss inner city developments/urban transport systems/recycling issues and urban cycleway developments.

Following discussion the Committee agreed a contribution of up to 50% of the airfare costs would be appropriate. The balance of the costs of the trip will be sought from the Recovered Materials Foundation and any shortfall in costs are to be personally met by the Chairman.

**Recommendation:** That the Council contribute up to NZ\$1,800 towards the cost of the overseas tour by Councillor O'Rourke from 30 September to 17 October.