

## 2. CATHEDRAL SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT FINAL ACCOUNT

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of the final completion cost of the Cathedral Square Redevelopment Project, Stages 1-4.

### FINAL ACCOUNT

The Final Account for Stage 4 of the Cathedral Square Redevelopment has been agreed with the main contractor, Works Infrastructure Ltd, and other costs have also been agreed.

The maintenance period has expired for all work apart from new plantings, tree relocation and sealant to the pavers, which will expire on 2 December 2000.

The total cost of the project including recoveries is \$8,450,968 compared with the approved budget of \$8,672,485. *This results in an under-expenditure of \$221,517.*

The financial report is tabled.

This is the final report by the Major Projects Co-ordination Unit.

### FUTURE WORK

The City Services Committee has visited Cathedral Square and requested a number of reviews which may lead to changes and additional work e.g. planters/flowers, bollards, feature lighting of buildings, uplighting of trees etc.

The City Streets Unit will carry out these reviews and report to the City Services Committee on the prioritisation and implementation of the requested changes and additional work.

During discussion, the Chairman of the City Services Committee advised that a comprehensive report was being prepared for the City Services Committee on the implementation of changes and additional work which would cover the provision of planters, their complementary design with existing planters, and being portable. Uplighting of one or two heritage buildings (at a cost of approximately \$80,000 per building) was mooted, but it was acknowledged that budget provision would need to be made for this proposal. The installation of complementary neon signs was also suggested for consideration.

**Recommendation:** That the \$221,517 under-expenditure on the project be retained and used by the City Streets Unit in Cathedral Square for the implementation of changes and additional work approved by the City Services Committee.