

17. **ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY ISSUES AND OPTIONS DOCUMENT FOR CHRISTCHURCH/WEST MELTON RIVERS AND GROUNDWATER**

Mr Eric van Toor, Water Services Unit, presented a report outlining progress by Environment Canterbury towards their Water Chapter of the Natural Resources Regional Plan and advised of the opportunity for the Council to have input into this process.

Copies of the draft document "Our Water in the Balance" had been previously distributed to members of the Committee and it was intended that following publication of the document early in 2001, Council staff prepare a formal submission on behalf of the Council.

It was **decided** that the Council continue to be involved in this process through the joint Christchurch City Council/Environment Canterbury Committee and through formal submissions in due course and that if necessary a further meeting/seminar of the City Services Committee, to which all Councillors would be invited, be held in February 2001 to consider the matter.