

2. SISTER CITY IN EAST TIMOR

As requested at the December 1999 meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee, information was provided on the possibility of developing a Sister City relationship with a city in East Timor.

Julie Battersby, City Promotions Co-ordinator, provided background to the present situation in East Timor, the existing governance and involvement of non-government organisations.

The report noted that at present there was no central or local government in East Timor, the area was currently under the control of the United Nations and it was likely to be some time before local government would exist.

The report suggested a more appropriate form of assistance would be by working with NGOs and through RedR New Zealand, in respect to individual registrations of specialist personnel able to provide assistance.

- Recommendation:**
1. That Christchurch not pursue a Sister City relationship with East Timor at this time.
 2. That the City Council support the redevelopment of East Timor through the previously agreed strategy incorporating RedR New Zealand.