



## 5. RETENTION OF WARNERS HOTEL

The Committee considered a report submitted to confirm the Council's financial commitment to the retention and reuse of Warners Hotel and the development of the Savoy site in Cathedral Square.

The Committee considered a report prepared by the Senior Planner, City Design and Heritage, which recommended that approval be given to the provision of a heritage grant of \$150,000 per annum for five years for the retention, upgrading and restoration of Warners Hotel, subject to the following conditions:

- That the land ownership by Mr O'Keefe and of his intention to proceed with the retention of Warners Hotel and the activities described in the report be confirmed.
- That a conservation covenant be placed on the land titles ensuring the retention of the building in perpetuity.
- That a conservation plan be immediately undertaken to identify conservation strategies and significant heritage fabric for retention.
- That all planned work be carried out to conservation standards approved by the Council to meet the requirements of the conservation covenant and of resource consents for heritage.
- That the structural, fire and maintenance upgrades be carried out to a timetable and to a compliance standard approved by the Council.
- That, subject to commercial viability, the Warners facade shall be extended across the Savoy site to a design approved by the Council with the intention to generally complete the original form of Warners Hotel within a period of five to ten years.
- That delegated authority be given to the Property Manager and Environmental Policy and Planning Manager to conclude a deed of agreement in accordance with the above recommendations.

The recommendation shown in this clause was not adopted. It was **decided**, instead, that consideration of the retention of the Warners Hotel building be held over until there is an opportunity to hold a joint meeting of the Environment and Projects and Property Committees.

*A joint meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 July 2000 at 2.45pm, and the outcome from this meeting reported to the 27 July Council meeting.*