



5. UNDERGROUND CONVERSION OF OVERHEAD SERVICES

A report from the Environmental Policy and Planning Manager advised that in 1995 the Council adopted the *Undergrounding of Overhead Services* policy, in which it required that a strong statement be made in the City Plan and Strategic Plan that all services would be undergrounded within 40 years. The report reviewed the lack of progress in achieving the 40-year target and discussed means of achieving the proposed rate of undergrounding.

The Committee **decided:**

1. To support the Council's policy to underground all overhead services within 40 years from 1995.
2. That consideration be given to the prioritising of undergrounding overhead services in the context of the Council's overall budget for environmental enhancements.
3. To refer this issue to the Strategy and Resources Annual Plan Working Party to consider appropriate ways of achieving the 40 year target.