5. COMBINED LIBRARY AND COUNCIL SERVICES IN SOUTH CHRISTCHURCH

The Committee considered a report from Sue Sutherland, Libraries Manager, informing the Committee of the findings of the officer project team charged with investigating an alternative strategy for the provision of library and Council services in the south of Christchurch and reporting on the costs, benefits and achievability of the strategy.

The Committee **decided** to refer the report to the Strategy and Resources Committee with the following recommendations:

- 1. That the proposed library and Council facility at Beckenham be the preferred strategy for providing library and information services in the south of the city, and that provision of the additional capital required be endorsed, subject to satisfactory consultation with the community.
- 2. That funding to cover the capital budget shortfall be considered as part of the six-monthly review.
- 3. That the proposed long-term accommodation solution for community-based and advocacy facilities in south Christchurch be recommended to the Strategy and Resources Committee for endorsement as a proposal for consultation.

