

9. FUNDING OF CHALICE FOUNDATIONS

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval for a transfer of funds to meet increased costs for the funding of the Chalice foundations.

BACKGROUND

In October 1999 the Council considered a report from the Chief Executive Officer of Turning Point 2000 regarding the Chalice sculpture to be placed in Cathedral Square. Arising from that report the Council agreed to meet the cost of the foundations, lighting and services to the site. This was embodied in a formal commission agreement between the Council, Turning Point 2000 and the sculptor.

COSTS

The provision for this work in the existing budget is \$30,000 as per the October 1999 report. This was a pre-design estimate prepared by the sculptor and the Sculpture 2000 Committee. They did not have detailed engineering reports on the foundation at that time.

Recent detailed estimates and tendered prices for this work have indicated that the costs are likely to amount to a total of \$80,000. The main reasons for this increase in cost are:

1. The complexity of the foundation design and excavation works due to encountering underground services; and
2. The high cost of the engraved granite collar which forms part of the foundations.

The granite price was higher than expected and this has not been helped by the deterioration in the exchange rate. Three separate quotes were obtained for the granite collar.

As the Council has a legal obligation to complete this project there is no alternative but to proceed with the work. A tendered contract has been let to Fulton Hogan Limited and Connetics so that the work can be completed in time for the 150th Anniversary Celebrations.

SOURCE OF FUNDS

The recently completed Fendalton Library and Service Centre Project has been completed well under the budget provision and there are sufficient funds available to meet the remaining additional \$50,000 needed for the chalice project.

Turning Point 2000 have included these additional costs in their applications made to funding agencies and at least part of the funds may become available from external sources. However, it is unwise to rely on this at this stage.

Recommendation: That a transfer of \$50,000 be made from the excess budget for the Fendalton Service Centre to fund the additional costs of the Chalice foundations and lighting.