

26. 7. 2001

**REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE  
PROJECTS AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

**PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION**

**1. CATHEDRAL SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

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The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval (a) to install a raised planter in the southeast quadrant adjoining the Bank of New Zealand, and (b) to support the installation of planter screens at the proposed Starbucks outlet.

**BACKGROUND**

Following a request from the Mayor, the Projects and Property Committee, at its meeting held on 11 July 2001, considered the following enhancements for Cathedral Square (refer drawing p1a) – (i) a raised concrete planter on the street edge in the southeast quadrant adjoining the Bank of New Zealand, including four pleached trees and seating (refer drawing p3a) (ii) a raised concrete planter in The Press/ Warners quadrant including three pleached trees (refer drawing p4a) (iii) planter screens at the proposed Starbucks outlet to separate/screen outdoor seating from pedestrians (refer drawings p5a and p6a) and (iv) introduction of grass in the existing four planters to the Four Ships' Court.

The Committee resolved to recommend inter alia:

- "1. That a raised planter be constructed on the street edge in the south-east quadrant (refer attached drawing p3a).*
- 2. That a proposal for a similar raised planter in the Press/Warners quadrant be referred to the Cathedral Square Traffic Management Subcommittee for consideration of traffic and parking issues (refer attached drawing p4a) and that affected property owners also be consulted.*
- 3. That the Council support the introduction and development of planter screens at the proposed Starbucks outlet to separate/screen outdoor seating from pedestrians using the Square (refer attached drawings p5a and p6a).*
- 4. That the Council support the introduction of grass in the existing planters in the Four Ships' Court."*

Following the Committee meeting, an estimate of \$146,000 including a design and construction contingency has been prepared for the construction of a 30 metre x 3 metre wide raised concrete planter to the southeast quadrant (refer drawing p7a) as follows:

Foundations and walls, including rock or concrete ends to planter, dark grey precast coping and bluestone base edging	\$74,500
Seating	\$8,500
Topsoil, trees and ground cover	\$10,000
Irrigation	\$4,000
Tree and seat lighting	\$33,000
Design & supervision fees	\$16,000
<b>Total excl GST</b>	<u>\$146,000</u>

The consultants will be requested to design the planter to discourage skateboarders.

The adjoining property owners/occupiers will be consulted regarding the proposed planter. Provided their agreement is obtained, the resource consent for the planter can be handled on a non-notified basis.

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The Cathedral Square Traffic Management Subcommittee met on 17 July 2001 and resolved to recommend inter alia:

- "1. That a proposal for a raised planter in The Press/Warners quadrant is supported in principle but should be placed on hold pending the progress with reconstruction work currently underway on the Warners site.*
- 2. That the existing roses under the trees in the Four Ships' Court be retained and their growth monitored."*

**FUNDING**

The Financial Plan and Programme 2002 edition includes a provision of \$1,500,000 in 2001/02 for Stage V of the Square. There are thus adequate funds for these proposed works.

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**Recommendation:**

1. That the Council approve the installation of a raised planter in the southeast quadrant adjoining the Bank of New Zealand at an estimated cost of up to \$146,000 excl GST.
2. That the Council support the introduction and development of planter screens at the proposed Starbucks outlet to separate/screen outdoor seating from pedestrians using the Square.

**CONSIDERED THIS 26TH DAY OF JULY 2001**

**MAYOR**