

13. **EBEX 21 PROGRAMME FOR REDUCTION IN GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION & BIODIVERSITY GAIN**

The Parks and Waterways Manager submitted a report outlining a strategy for Christchurch in association with Landcare Research to work in partnership with businesses and corporate sponsors to implement greenhouse governance and investment in carbon credits through natural regeneration of native bush/forest.

The report was also referred to the Environment Committee, which is presenting it to the present meeting of the Council.

The Committee **decided** that the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and biodiversity gain programme, EBEX21 be endorsed for the city with open space land being provided for the restoration of native trees in perpetuity as part of the Parks & Waterways works programme in association with sponsors facilitated by Landcare Research.