



## 1. DEPUTATIONS

### Inner Space Probe

Mr Grant Wilkinson, Project Engineer supported by the Wizard of Christchurch and Mr Brian Taylor of Science Alive, addressed the Committee on the progress being made with the Inner Space Probe.

Since receiving the Council's initial support in December 2000 the Project Team had:

- Preliminary Design completed.
- Tenders received for the basic system.
- Support received from Science Alive.
- A funding strategy concept completed.

It was proposed that the Space Probe which is 10 metres in diameter and sits on legs 9 metres high would be installed on the roof of the Science Alive building. The cost of the total project would be in the vicinity \$1.5-\$1.6m.

The Project Team was now seeking the support of the Council for the next phase, at an estimated cost of \$25,000 of which \$18,000 was being sought from the City Council.

An artist concept of the Space Probe positioning on the Science Alive building and Project Consultant report are attached.

- Recommendation:**
1. That Science Alive present to the Council the feasibility study, addressing all concerns raised by the Committee, including that of siting.
  2. That the Environment Committee recommends to the Council's Grants Committee Seeding Funding approval for carrying out the feasibility study.
  3. That the Council support the concept of the Inner Space Probe Project in principle.

Councillor Sue Wells recorded her vote against resolutions 1 and 2.