

3. 'OUR CITY' EXHIBITION CENTRE

Rae Finlay Project Manager for the Centre provided an update on progress with the refurbishment and development of the Centre.

Members were provided with a copy of the concept statement that had been developed, together with plans of the building's interior design.

Rae Finlay explained how the project had advanced from its initial conception including:

- The determination of objectives.
- The securing of funding.
- The identification of the Municipal Chambers building.
- The Centre would provide one place to present and exchange ideas, discuss environmental issues etc.
- The general public would have one location in which they could go to to learn about the city.
- Formation of a management team.
- The support and funding agreed to by Environment Canterbury.
- The holding of workshops to look at exhibition detail and priority.
- The discussions held with the Christchurch Environmental Centre and environmental agencies as to the provision of space within the Centre.
- Council granting of a resource consent for internal works.
- Provisions being made for the official opening of the Centre in September.
- The future appointment of an Advisory Committee to take over from the existing subcommittee.

The Committee decided to **receive** the information.