

5. ARANUI COMMUNITY RENEWAL PROJECT

The Central City Policy Leader updated the Committee on progress with the Aranui Community Renewal Project and other Christchurch City Council/Housing New Zealand partnership projects.

At its July 2000 meeting, the Council resolved that the Housing Working Party develop a partnership with Housing New Zealand Ltd related to affordable housing in Christchurch. Three partnership projects were identified, these being an affordable housing needs assessment, a community renewal strategy for Aranui, and a joint tenant charter.

A formal (but not legal) partnership agreement had been drawn up between the Christchurch City Council Housing Working Party and Housing New Zealand Ltd. A steering group had been established with representatives from both parties, local representation, and the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board. The group had so far met on four occasions.

Owing to new commitments, the Central City Policy Leader reported that he would now no longer be involved in the Aranui project, and a replacement had been sought from the project management team. The Committee discussed the issue of funding for this new replacement position, noting that there had been no allocation of funds to cover this change. The Committee **decided** that a report be forwarded to the Annual Plan Working Party, outlining the financial implications of covering this position.

The Property Manager also noted that a report had recently been received on research into the need for affordable housing within the city. The report had been undertaken by two members of the University of Canterbury Sociology Department.