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## REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

#### 1. 2001 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE

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The purpose of this report is to seek authority for Councillors to attend the 2001 Local Government New Zealand Conference and to seek the appointment of the Council's voting delegates to the conference.

This year's conference will be held in Wellington from 16-18 July 2001. The conference will focus on the current major reviews of local government legislation and is themed "*Elective Surgery - Changing the Face of Local Government*". The theme celebrates the emergence of a "new look" local government - a modern "face" reflecting a revitalised, progressive legislative foundation.

Conference registration brochures will be distributed later this month, and will include discounts for travel and accommodation.

In 1997, 1998 and 1999 the Council appointed 4-5 delegates to attend the conference. As the Christchurch City Council was the host authority, all Councillors were authorised to attend the 2000 held in Christchurch, when the Council also agreed to authorise the attendance of two Community Board members, nominated by the Community Board Chairpersons. Mrs Yvonne Palmer, Chairperson of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board, was previously authorised to attend the 1999 conference as an observer.

The Christchurch City Council is entitled to appoint three conference voting delegates, with any additional Councillors attending as observers.

The first day of the conference clashes with the ordinary meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee set down for 3pm on Monday 16 July.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Council decide on the size and composition of its delegation to the conference, bearing in mind the clash with the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting on Monday 16 July.
  2. That the Council appoint three voting delegates.

As the conference this year will deal with the overwhelmingly important issue of local government reform, I recommend that the Council be strongly represented and that the meeting date of the Strategy and Resources Committee be changed.

- Chairman's Recommendation:**
1. That the Council authorise the attendance of 5-6 Councillors and a Community Board Chairperson nominated by the Community Board Chairpersons.
  2. That the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting be rescheduled for Friday 13 July.

CONSIDERED THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY 2001

MAYOR