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## REPORT BY THE COUNCIL SECRETARY

### PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

#### 1. LATIMER SQUARE ENHANCEMENT

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The purpose of this report is to seek approval to the appointment of a subcommittee to hear oral submissions on the proposed enhancement of Latimer Square.

Members will recall that at the 22 August 2002 meeting of the Council approval was given to the release of the public consultation document on the proposed enhancement of Latimer Square.

Submissions on the consultation document closed on 31 October 2002 and all submissions have now been received and collated. The consultation document also allowed for submitters to indicate if they wished to present their submission in person.

Eighteen submitters have requested to speak to their submissions and given this number of requests it is appropriate that a separate subcommittee be appointed to hear submissions.

Previously it had been anticipated that submissions might be heard at the beginning of the joint meeting of the three Standing Committees involved and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board scheduled for 18 November 2002. This arrangement made the assumption that there would be a smaller number of submitters. In view of the number of submitters now wishing to be heard the meeting scheduled for 18 November has been postponed and the project team will now proceed in a different fashion.

The project team requests that the Council appoint a subcommittee consisting of an elected representative from each of the following:

Parks, Gardens and Waterways Committee  
Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee  
Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee  
Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board

The subcommittee would be responsible for hearing submissions (on or around 2 December if possible) and reporting to a joint committee meeting to be organised for early December (replacing the meeting to be held on 18 November 2002). It is anticipated that the joint meeting would then report to the full December Council meeting if possible. If the above scenario were to be achieved the project team intends to present a draft concept plan for Latimer Square to a further joint meeting on 21 February 2003.

The project team is aware that the above timing is very tight but this timing has only been promoted after considerable discussion and exploration of various alternatives. Constraints impacting on available meeting times and the timing of regular scheduled Standing Committee meetings over the next few months means that the project timing would be significantly impacted upon if the above programme does not occur.

#### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That a subcommittee consisting of four elected representatives from the Parks, Gardens and Waterways, Sustainable Transport and Utilities, Arts, Culture and Heritage Committees and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board be appointed to hear the oral submissions on the Latimer Square enhancement project and report to a joint meeting of the above three Committees and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board as outlined in the report.

**CONSIDERED THIS 13TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2002**

**MAYOR**