



7. DEPUTATIONS

Christchurch Arts Festival – Supplementary Funding

A deputation of representatives from the Christchurch Arts Festival tabled a briefing paper on the success of the 2001 Festival.

The three main issues to be addressed were:

- Financial
- Artistic
- Popularity

The Committee was advised that the Trust had a shortfall from the Festival in the region of \$20,000, but wished to point out that, apart from learning a considerable amount, the festivals had grown in size by 400% since their commencement.

It was difficult to rely on box office predictions, which were dependent on a number of factors. Part of the loss was attributable to this.

As a result, the Trust was looking at its risk management structure, as well as changing the Festival date to take advantage of longer daylight hours, to see it grow into the leading regional arts festival.

In conclusion, the deputation sought any contribution to be made by the Council to be by way of a grant.