


2. VISIT TO AUCKLAND BY THE CHAIRPERSON



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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval for the Chairperson to visit Manukau and Waitakere City Councils to learn about the way they are managing their interaction with government departments.

The collaborative planning exercise with the Ministry of Social Development is a unique programme between the Christchurch City Council and the Ministry. There are however a range of other initiatives looking at ways of providing for good collaboration between local government and central government agencies occurring elsewhere in the country. In particular, both Manukau City Council and the Waitakere City Council are trying innovative approaches.

There is therefore considerable merit in the three cities exchanging views and experiences and in the Chairperson of the Committee seeing first-hand what is going on in the Auckland region. Preliminary approaches have been made to both local authorities and they would be pleased to host such a visit.

The Chairperson will be accompanied by a staff member.

Recommendation: That the Council approve the Chairperson's and either Councillor Williams' or Councillor Withers' travel to Auckland to visit both the Manukau and Waitakere City Councils and that a report be prepared on the outcomes of the visit.