


## 8. CONSENTS FOR CHRISTCHURCH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT



The Committee considered a report from Walter Lewthwaite, City Water & Waste Unit, providing an update on progress with the waste water discharge consents since the Council seminar of 23 May 2002.

The report provided background to the interim decision released by the Environment Canterbury Commissioners on 6 May 2002, action since that date and details of the final Environment Canterbury decision.

The report noted the additional research work being undertaken on the ecology of the estuary and on Public Health issues relating to the estuary and ocean outfalls, the appointment of Mr John Fogarty, QC as the Council's new legal Council following the untimely death of Mr Tony Hearn, and the attention to lodge the second stage of the Council's appeal with the Environment Court by the statutory deadline of 15 July 2002.

A second Council seminar to review the above information has been arranged for Friday 13 September 2002, and it is intended that a report be compiled with a recommendation for decision on what items in the Councils appeal should be pursued through to negotiation and the Environment Court.

The Committee **decided** to receive the information and approve the process and time frame for decision making as outlined in the report and extended its thanks to the staff involved in the consent process.