


### 3. WEED HARVESTING PRACTICES - LOWER AVON RIVER



The Senior Contracts Manager (Land Drainage) advised the Board of the current aquatic weed harvesting practices in the Lower Avon River following extraordinary growth patterns after Christmas and criticism of the Council's management of the weed in the Avon River. The Board **decided:**

1. That City Care Ltd be encouraged to purchase a second harvesting boat.
2. That the Parks and Waterways Unit establish a liaison group with users of the Avon River and interest groups, including the Rowing Association, the Arawa Canoe Club, the Dragon Boat Association and residents' groups in the area bordering the weed affected sections of the river.
3. That present levels of monitoring of weeds be at least maintained and investigation and information gathering on growth patterns and predicting weed growth be undertaken.
4. That the Parks and Waterways Unit be commended for its prompt, positive and thorough report on this matter.