16. CANTERBURY CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP

The Director of Operations reported on the formation and the first two meetings of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (CDEMG) which has been set up for Canterbury. The CDEMG is required to be set up by the new Civil Defence Emergency Management Act. The CDEMG comprises the Mayor or other appointed member from each of the 10 Councils within the Canterbury region, plus Environment Canterbury. Councillor Wells represents the Christchurch City Council on the CDEMG. The group has also discussed the appointment of a group controller, bearing in mind the pending retirement of Mr John Lamb from the positions of Regional Controller for Environment Canterbury and Local Controller for Christchurch City and Banks Peninsula.

The Committee **received** the report and requested that a letter be sent to Mr John Lamb conveying the Council's appreciation for his work as Regional Controller and Local Controller.