

## 5. EARTHQUAKE-PRONE POLICY

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to advise that all territorial authorities are required, under the Building Act 2004, to adopt a policy on dangerous, earthquake-prone and insanitary buildings within their districts by 31 May 2006.

### BACKGROUND

2. All territorial authorities are required by 31 May 2006 to adopt, under the Building Act 2004, a policy on danger, earthquake-prone and insanitary buildings within their districts. The policy is required to state the approach that the territorial authority would take in performance functions under the Building Act, the territorial authority's priorities in performing those functions and how that policy will apply to heritage buildings.
3. The City Council had agreed some time ago to draft a policy for consideration by Banks Peninsula District Council.
4. The policy must be adopted by the special consultative procedure and because of the completion date of 31 May 2006, it is necessary that the special consultative procedure begin by the end of this year. Accordingly reports will be before both the Christchurch City Council and the Banks Peninsula District Council in the next few weeks, recommending the adoption of this policy and it is proposed that the Councils publicly notify the special consultative procedure before Christmas. Submissions would then be received by both Councils until the end of February 2006 and hearings will be held by Christchurch City Council in April 2006 after Banks Peninsula District Council has been abolished. Legal advice has been received to advise that the submissions from Banks Peninsula District can be dealt with in this way and it is proposed that the Order in Council to be gazetted incorporates a clause which refers to this process.
5. Once the hearings on those Christchurch City and Banks Peninsula submissions are held by Christchurch City Council the special consultative procedure will be completed by Christchurch City Council in time for the policy to be formally adopted before 31 May 2006.

### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That the information be received.