

FINAL REORGANISATION SCHEME -STATEMENT BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION

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INTRODUCTION

In its Introductory Statement attached to the "Reorganisation Scheme For The Abolition of Banks Peninsula District And Its Inclusion In Christchurch City" the local Government Commission made a number of comments regarding the Joint Committee.

In paragraphs 54 and 55 of the Statement, the Commission stated:

"54 *The Commission notes that the terms of reference of the Joint Committee already address the matters raised in paragraph 14.3 of the Commission's Findings and Decisions document of 29 April 2005. Arising from its consideration of submissions on the draft scheme, the Commission considers that there are a number of additional matters that the Joint Committee could usefully consider:*

- *What additional delegations, if any, might be appropriate for the two Banks Peninsula community boards?*
- *What additional services to the public, if any, should the Christchurch City Council provide through its service delivery points in Lyttelton, Akaroa and Little River?*
- *What future policies and fees structure should apply in respect of working dogs on Banks Peninsula?*
- *What new arrangements should be put in place to ensure effective consultation with all rūnanga in the area of the enlarged Christchurch City?*

55 *In addition, the Joint Committee should consider making a submission to Land Transport New Zealand, seeking the ongoing retention of the financial assistance rate for roading costs that currently applies to the area of Banks Peninsula."*

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to address the matters raised in the four bullet points identified by the Commission above.
2. Regarding the submission to Land Transport New Zealand, the matter of the financial assistance with roading costs is a subject that has been a matter of discussion that has already been before the Joint Committee.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

Receive this information.

COMMISSION'S ADDITIONAL MATTERS

What additional delegations, if any, might be appropriate for the Banks Peninsula community boards?

3. The issue of additional delegations to the Banks Peninsula community boards was referred to in the report to the Joint Committee on the Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board submission to the Commission.
4. The City Council's approach with its own boards has been that the same delegations apply across the City and the Council resolved at its meeting on 22 April 2004 that it would make the same delegations to the Banks Peninsula community boards as with the City community boards. The City Council has already resolved that the Peninsula community boards be conferred the additional delegation of a power of recommendation regarding the expenditure of reserve monies on the Peninsula, which has not been conferred on the City's community boards.

5. It is understood that the City Council will wish to maintain that practice of delegations being similar to all of its community boards, including those in the existing City and the two boards to be established on the Peninsula.
6. My advice is that any additional delegations should be seen in the context of the current review by the City Council of delegations to its community boards. If additional delegations were to be made by the City Council to the City community boards, then based on its resolution of 22 April 2004 those same delegations would be extended to the Peninsula community boards.

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7. The City Council, at its meeting on 22 April 2004, stated that it would support the retention of the three service centres at Lyttelton, Akaroa and Little River for a period of five years commencing on the date of the Order in Council giving effect to the reorganisation proposal and based on the levels of service provided by Banks Peninsula District Council at those service centres at that date. This commitment has been reflected by the Commission in the Final Reorganisation Scheme.
8. Clearly the Commission's suggestion of increasing the levels of service at those three service centres is going further than what the City Council had resolved in April 2004. Such an increase at those three service centres could well lead to requests for increases in level of services at service centres in the City and would clearly have significant financial implications for the Council.
9. My advice that any consideration of additional levels of service from the Peninsula service centres, should be considered together with any increased levels of service for the City's service centres and that matter should be carried out in an holistic manner. At the present time there is no intention by the City Council to review levels of service from service centres, nor is there any budget provision for any increase in the levels of service from the service centres on the Peninsula or in the City.

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10. This is a matter that is currently being considered by the City Council's Environmental Services Unit which has management responsibility for advice concerning fees for dog control. It is proposed that a separate fee for working dogs (which is currently not provided for by the City Council) be considered as part of the review of dog control fees in early 2006.

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11. In its Statement the Commission said:

“Several submitters commented on the effective relationships that the Banks Peninsula District Council has developed with local rūnanga, which are reflected in formal protocols. They were concerned that these protocols remain in effect if the reorganisation scheme is implemented.

While the Commission notes that any formal consultation protocols implemented by the Banks Peninsula District Council with the Banks Peninsula rūnanga will continue in force when the reorganisation scheme is put into effect, it considers that the matter of future consultation arrangements with the rūnanga in the context of the enlarged Christchurch City is appropriately a matter for the Joint Committee to consider. The Commission recommends that the Joint Committee include an iwi representative in its membership to assist its consideration of this and other matters associated with the reorganisation.”

12. Regarding the matter of arrangements with the rūnanga, there was a preliminary meeting with the Banks Peninsula rūnanga on Wednesday 21 September 2005 and it is intended to hold further meetings with the rūnanga regarding a consultation protocol.