5. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN BANKS PENINSULA DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

The Committee received a report proposing the development of a memorandum of understanding.

The Committee decided:

- 1. That the Joint Committee considers it appropriate for the two Councils to form a joint committee at this point in time of the reorganisation proposal, on the basis that the appointment of the Joint Committee is to enable good management of the transitional issues, in the event that the poll later this year is successful. The appointment of the Joint Committee should not be seen as the two Councils assuming that the poll result will be in favour of a final reorganisation scheme, if one is issued by the Local Government Commission. It is entirely a matter for the residents of Banks Peninsula District as to whether they support the reorganisation scheme or not.
- 2. That a clear message needs to be given to Banks Peninsula District Council staff reinforcing the message that following the merger, that most staff will continue in their current roles and will have equal access to vacancies and opportunities.
- 3. That Sue Davidson, Peter Mitchell, Bob Parker and Gail Sheriff meet to continue development of the memorandum of understanding and report back to the Committee, at its meeting of 1 August 2005.