

## 7. CANTERBURY CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to make Council aware of the draft Canterbury Group Civil Defence Emergency Management plan that is required to be prepared and approved in accordance with the Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Act 2002.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The CDEM Act become effective on 1 December 2002 and required every regional council and local authority within that region to unite and establish a CDEM Group within six months of the commencement of the Act. The CDEM Groups are established as a joint standing committee under the Local Government Act. The formation of the Canterbury CDEM Group was the subject of a separate report to the Council in March 2003 and the Group was formally established on 28 April 2003.
3. Section 54 of the Act requires each CDEM Group to prepare and approve its first civil defence emergency management plan within two years after the date on which the Group was established. Accordingly, the Canterbury CDEM Group plan must be approved by 28 April 2005. A draft Canterbury CDEM Plan has been developed following input from the various Canterbury local authorities, emergency services, and other partner agencies, and is currently open for public consultation - public consultation closes on 10 February 2005.
4. The draft Canterbury CDEM Group Plan consists of two parts. Part One of the CDEM Plan covers the following:
  - Context and strategic direction;
  - Governance, management and administrative arrangements;
  - Readiness arrangements;
  - Response arrangements;
  - Group and local Controllers;
  - Activation arrangements;
  - CDEM welfare;
  - Recovery arrangements;
  - Lifeline utilities;
  - Public information
  - Appendices:
    - CDEM Work Programme 2005-2010;
    - Hazard analysis;
    - Modified mercalli scale;
    - Forms for the declaration, extension and termination of a state of local emergency.
5. Part Two of the Group Plan has a section for each territorial authority's local arrangements. The local arrangements for Christchurch City includes sections relating to the following:
  - Description of the district;
  - The local hazardscape;
  - Emergency Operations Centre/CDEM structure;
  - Declarations;
  - Communications;
  - Warning systems;
  - Public information and media liaison;
  - Welfare;
  - Rescue;
  - Disaster recovery;
  - Finance;
  - Partner agencies.

6. The Act requires the CDEM Group Joint Committee to develop and approve the Group Plan. Concern has been expressed by the Chair of the Canterbury CDEM Group that Part Two was not approved prior to being released for public consultation. At the time the Joint Committee approved Part One, Part Two of the Plan was presented as a template. The CDEM Group Joint Committee does not meet again prior to hearing submissions to Group Plan.
7. It should be noted that the Act allows the Mayor to declare a state of local emergency for Christchurch. Within the Christchurch City, local arrangements provision has been made for the Deputy Mayor to declare a state of local emergency or if both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are absent a member of the Canterbury CDEM Group Joint Committee.
8. A copy of the Christchurch City CDEM Local Arrangements is attached. The Group Plan and all Canterbury territorial authority's Local Arrangements can be found on the Canterbury CDEM Group's website at [www.cdemcanterbury.govt.nz](http://www.cdemcanterbury.govt.nz).

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council receive the information.