

4. ADMINISTRATION MANAGER'S UPDATE

The Administration Manager reported on the following:

4.1 NOTIFICATION PERIOD FOR SUBMISSION HEARINGS

The Board was informed that apart from hearings where there is a statutory notification period required for submitters, the Council did not have a formal policy in respect of submission hearings.

Members were surprised that Council did not have a consultation policy, but reiterated that they considered 48 hours notice (as had occurred in some cases with submissions to the LTCCP) was not satisfactory. They felt that a longer notice period was needed and should be incorporated into an appropriate policy on consultation.

The Board **agreed** to suggest to the Council that it develop a policy on consultation which would include a minimum notification period to advise submitters of hearing dates and times.

4.2 WALNUT PLACE – EDUCATION BOARD LAND

The Board had previously requested an update on the status of the Council's interest in purchasing the Ministry of Education land in Walnut Place. The Administration Manager advised that staff had indicated to the Ministry that the Council was no longer interested in purchasing the land, and the reasons behind that decision.

The Board asked that the Administration Manager ensure that Mr Maxwell, who had made an independent offer to purchase the land to vest as a Council reserve, be informed of the Council's decision. It was also noted that had staff responded more promptly to Mr Maxwell he may have been able to pursue the purchase of the land as a private individual.