

3. **SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES – SPECIAL ORDER (CITY MALL);
NEW COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATION; REGIONAL GOVERNANCE GROUP**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek decisions in respect of three matters consulted on as part of the Special Consultative Procedures for the 2008-09 Annual Plan and 2008 Amendments to the 2006-16 LTCCP. These matters are:

Special Order (City Mall);
New Council Controlled Organisation; and
Regional Governance Group.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meetings on 4 and 6 March 2008 the Council approved Statements of Proposal and Summaries of Information in respect of each of these three matters.
3. The documents were distributed for public consultation at the same time as the draft 2008/09 Annual Plan and draft 2008 Amendments to the 2006/16 LTCCP.
4. Written submissions were received and opportunities given for people and organisations to appear before Councillors to express support for, or opposition to the matters proposed.
5. Attached are reports in respect of each of the matters consulted on. It is recommended that the Council resolve to vary the Special Order (City Mall) and establish new Council Controlled Organisations in respect of the new Civic Building Project and the proposed Regional Governance Group.

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

6. Background information in respect of each of these three proposals is attached to this report.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Special Order (City Mall)

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Declares that the Special Order creating a pedestrian mall in those parts of Cashel Street and High Street described in the schedule to the Special Order is varied by adding the following vehicles as an exception in clause 1:

“(f) trams”.
- (b) Notes that this declaration does not take effect until the time for appealing has expired and any appeals have been determined by the Environment Court.
- (c) Approves the inclusion of rails in the current stages of City Mall reconstruction.
- (d) Agrees to the removal of the Cashel Airbridge and authorises the Chief Executive to conclude negotiations with affected owners.

- (e) Confirms, subject to the full tram extension proposal being approved by the 2009/19 LTCCP:
 - (i) that the eastern kerb alignment for the tram rails in Oxford Terrace, and the reversal of one way flow between Hereford and Cashel Streets be adopted; and
 - (ii) that the on-road option for the tram rails in Colombo Street – Cathedral Square be adopted as the preferred alignment.
- (f) Requests that further work on the relative merits of the currently proposed Manchester Street loop, compared to other options which take the tram further along High Street (in particular Plan 3 – “Cathedral via High, Ferry” and Plan 8 – “High, Tuam, Manchester Loop”) be considered, including assessing the feasibility of utilising the existing double tram track still in situ in High Street, and a final recommended route be reported back for inclusion in the proposed 2009/19 LTCCP.

New Council Controlled Organisation

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Approves the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation to hold the Council's interest in the New Civic Building Project.
- (b) Authorises the General Manager, Corporate Services to arrange completion of the documentation required to enable Civic Building Limited to issue up to \$10m of uncalled capital to the Council and to enable the new Council Controlled Organisation to operate.

Regional Governance Group

It is recommended that the Council:

- (a) Approves the establishment of a Council Controlled Organisation to act as a Regional Governance Group for economic development in Canterbury.
- (b) Authorises the General Manager Strategy and Planning to execute all documentation required to enable the new organisation to operate.