5. ACCEPTANCE OF TENDER – ADDINGTON CAR PARK

The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval of a delegation to the Committee Chairman and the Property Manager to accept a suitable tender for the contract to construct a car park on the Council's land at Addington which is leased to Canterbury Rugby Football League Inc.

The 1989/99 budget contains provision of \$400,000 for construction of a car park on the Council's Addington property, formerly part of the A & P Showgrounds, and now leased to the Canterbury Rugby Football League Inc. The current programme for the car park construction provides for completion of the project towards the end of March 1999 but it is desirable that this timeframe be reduced to coincide with the commencement of Rugby League's season early in March.

The Council's engineering consultants, Montgomery Watson Ltd, have completed the project design. It is proposed to call tenders on 7 December with a closing date of 16 December 1998 and, subject to adoption of the recommendation which follows, contract commencement on 11 January 1999.

A time saving on the contract period can be made if the Committee Chairman and the Property Manager are authorised to accept a suitable tender immediately after the tender closing date, rather than wait until the Committee next meets on 22 January 1999. The Chairman, Councillor Wright, is familiar with this project having previously had input into negotiations with the Canterbury Rugby Football League.

Recommendation: That the Chairman of the Projects and Property Committee and the Property Manager be authorised to accept a suitable tender for the construction of the car park at the Addington property.

Chairman's	
Recommendation:	That the above recommendation be adopted.