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The purpose of this report is to obtain approval from the Council to assign the lease of the Canterbury Tourism Council Incorporated to Canterbury Tourism Council Limited.

RESTRUCTURING

On 30 November 1998 the members of the Canterbury Tourism Council Incorporated passed a resolution to wind up the Society. Accordingly a liquidator was appointed to transfer all assets, liabilities and obligations of Canterbury Tourism Council Incorporated to Canterbury Tourism Council Limited.

Canterbury Tourism Council Limited is a limited liability company incorporated on 11 November 1998. The Directors upon incorporation were:

Garry Anthony Moore
Arthur Cuthbert Pitcher
Peter John Clark
Graham Douglas Heenan
Richard Scott Peate
Vicki Susan Buck
Walter Leonard Stone

The company is a tax exempt donee/charitable organisation. There are 100 ordinary shares in the company which are all owned by Destination Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand Trust.

Destination Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand Trust was incorporated on 15 September 1998, the Trustees being:

Ronald Bruce Wright
Garry Anthony Moore
Jeanette Marie Claire Elliott
Peter Yeoman

Where the Council is dealing with a “limited” company it is normal practice to obtain personal guarantees from the directors of the company.

In this case as the directors are known to the Council, we would recommend that this proviso be waived.

LEASING ARRANGEMENTS

The existing lease of the Old Municipal Chambers, at the corner of Worcester Street and Oxford Terrace, runs to 30 June 1999, with three rights of renewal of three years, with the lease expiring 30 June 2008.

The land is held under the Christchurch City Old Municipal Chambers Empowering Act 1989. The Old Municipal Chambers is held as a reserve. However, under the Reserves Act 1977, section 5 specifically provides that notwithstanding any of the provisions of the Reserves Act, the Council may lease the Old Municipal Chambers upon such terms and conditions as the Council thinks fit.

Recommendation: That the Council agrees to the assignment of the existing lease from the Canterbury Tourism Council Incorporated to Canterbury Tourism Council Limited.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.