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The purpose of this report is to update the Projects & Property Committee on progress on the Cathedral Square Redevelopment project.

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 2 FEBRUARY 1999

1. GENERAL

1.1 Stages 1, 2, 3

Practical completion was achieved for Stages 1, 2 and 3 on 31 January 1999. Remedial works by the contractor will be undertaken following this date but these works will be carried out at night or be of a minor nature during the day.

Finishing touches to some items of street furniture (eg rubbish bins and seats around planter boxes) will be completed in early February.

1.2 Stage 4

The contractor for Stage 4, Works Civil Construction Ltd, will commence on site on 1 March 1999. Council Officers are working through contract formalities and programming details with the contractor. The contractor will be introduced to a meeting of all affected stakeholders during the week commencing 15 February and the programme of work and construction methodology will be discussed.

1.3 Work in the Planning Stages

At its meeting on 10 December 1998, the Council requested the Major Projects Co-ordinator to validate the current estimates for Cathedral Square activities (eg additional trees, Four Ships Court, additional lighting, children's activities etc) and specify funding requirements. This is the subject of a further report to the Projects and Property Committee, which will be circulated separately.

2. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- Briefing documents have now been received from the Environmental Policy and Planning Unit on the Four Ships Court area. Budget validation is required (refer 1.3 above) and a resource consent is required for the proposed works. This will be applied for in February and is expected to be granted in April 1999.

- The request by the Council on 10 December 1998 to seek the necessary consents for five additional bus shelters in the northwest quadrant, and subject thereto, erect those shelters, has resulted in the need to establish a Council Hearing Panel under Section 339 of the Local Government Act. This is the subject of a separate report to the Projects and Property Committee.

3. **APPROVALS**

No approvals are sought with this report.

4. **PROGRAMME**

Stages 1, 2 and 3 practical completion was achieved and effective from 31 January 1999.

Stage 4 is to commence on 1 March 1999 and programmed to be completed in October 1999.

Overall the project is expected to be completed within the 1997 Council approved programme.

5. **COST CONTROL**

In December 1998, the Council awarded the Stage 4 contract to the successful tenderer leaving a total remaining contingency of \$417,087.

The total contingency as at 29 January 1999 is \$432,877. This increase is due largely to refinements in the final forecast costs in both the Stages 1, 2 and 3 contract and the granite supply contract.

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.