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The purpose of this report is to advise the Joint Committee of the City Council's proposals for bus shelter installation in 1999/00.

BACKGROUND

In the Public Transport Strategy document ("*Our Future Our Choice*"), adopted by both Councils in mid-1998, it was proposed that the City Council would install between 30 and 80 bus shelters in 1999/00.

ANNUAL PLAN BUDGET

In the City Council's Draft Annual Plan, which is currently out for submissions, it proposes that there be no budget for bus shelter installation in 1999/00. The reason for this is that the Adshel company, who have a contract with the City Council for the provision of advertising shelters in the city, have proposed an accelerated programme of shelter installation.

ADVERTISING SHELTERS

Adshel is proposing to install between 50 and 80 shelters in 1999/00, together with an indicative total number of shelters to be provided of 200 overall. Currently there are 55 advertising shelters in the city, which would mean that between 65 and 95 advertising shelters would be provided between 2000/01 and 2001/02. The current City Council policy for the installation of advertising shelters requires extensive community consultation and imposes restraints in some areas. This policy is currently being reviewed.

The benefit to the City Council of advertising shelters is that both the capital cost of the shelter, which is approximately \$10,000, and the cleaning and repair of the shelters are the responsibility of Adshel. Currently the City Council spends \$154,000 p.a. on the maintenance of bus shelters. Also, the City Council receives an income from Adshel of 10% of the advertising revenue. Thus is currently about \$20,000 p.a., which will increase with the number of advertising shelters installed. This revenue source can then be used to provide additional shelters and seats. Also, where there is already a bus shelter at a site where an advertising shelter is to be installed, Adshel will relocate that shelter to another bus stop chosen by the City Council.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.