

**7. CATHEDRAL SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT  
OFF STREET PASSENGER WAITING AREA**

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The purpose of this report is to report back on progress regarding the provision of an off street passenger waiting area in the vicinity of Cathedral Square for use until the bus interchange comes into operation.

**VACANT PROPERTIES**

At the 25 November 1998 City Services Committee meeting officers were asked to investigate the provision of an off street waiting area for bus passengers in the vicinity of Cathedral Square.

Currently the only vacant premises of a suitable size in the vicinity is the former Mainly Silks shop on Chancery Arcade. The floor area of this unit is 69 sq.m. and the proposed rental is \$27,600 per annum. There would also be an initial cost of \$10,000 for the provision of seating and other fitting out works. The costs for the ongoing cleaning and supervision of the premises still need to be identified.

**FUNDING**

\$48,000 was originally included in the Cathedral Square budget for this item. However at the 12 February 1999 meeting of the Property and Projects Committee other items of work for the Cathedral Square re-development were considered to have a higher priority. As a result the funding for the bus waiting area was re-allocated.

The public transport initiatives and planning budget still has approximately \$40,000 of uncommitted funding that could be re-allocated to this project.

**BUS SHELTER PROVISION**

A hearing under section 339 of the Local Government Act 1974 has recently been held to consider the provision of five additional bus shelters on the footpath in the North West quadrant of Cathedral Square. The position of these five shelters is shown on the attached plan. The result of this hearing should be available in the near future.

**Recommendation:** That the Committee decide whether or not to re-allocate funding from the public transport initiatives and planning budget for the provision of an off street passenger waiting area.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the off street passenger waiting area be not proceeded with and that funding be used for other public transport initiatives.