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

Report period ending 30 April 1999

1 GENERAL

1.1 Stages 1, 2 and 3

The engineer to the contract, Mr David Marsh, will report separately on this part of the project.

The Hearing under the Local Government Act for the five additional footpath shelters has been held. The Panel's decision will be reported to the full Council this month for ratification.

1.2 Stage 4

Works Civil Construction Ltd is progressing well with the contract works and is maintaining clearly demarcated work areas in accordance with its work programme. The completion of Area 1 has been delayed by approximately two weeks due to initial contract establishment issues and development of construction techniques. All other areas remain on programme and overall completion is still expected in October 1999.

2. OUTSTANDING ISSUES

- At the last meeting of the Projects and Property Committee the City Streets Manager was requested to report to the City Services Committee on the need for the provision of taxi stands in the Square and to review the present P5 parking areas. These are 'operational issues' and will be reported to the City Services Committee this month. The City Design Manager was also asked to review options for bollards in the Square. This review is currently under way and the outcome will be reported on further.
- The Environmental Policy and Planning Unit and the Concept Design Team are presenting a report on 'greening proposals' to the Environment and Projects and Property Committees this month. It is essential that the Council resolves this issue this month to enable the consultants to give a clear instruction to the contractor, thus avoiding potential claims or disruption to the programme.

3. APPROVALS

No approvals are sought with this report.

4. **PROGRAMME**

Stage 4 is on programme with overall project completion expected in October 1999.

5. **COST CONTROL**

The total remaining contingency in last month's report was \$389,240.

The total remaining contingency as at 30 April 1999 is \$344,157. This includes an allowance of approximately \$22,000 for the uplighting of all trees in the Square which is not yet committed and was not previously allowed for in the scope of works. The ducting and cables will be installed as construction progresses.

The remaining reduction in this month's contingency is largely a result of contract variations in Stage 4 and a provision made for potential cost increases in the granite supply contract. These have been partly offset by increased project recoveries.

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.