7. CATHEDRAL SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT: MONTHLY REPORT

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

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GENERAL

Stage 4 construction is progressing very well.

Two 750mm wide strips of friction grip course will be applied to the granite roadway pavers to assist with skid resistance at the BNZ corner. Bollards will also be installed at the BNZ corner and at the northern signals.

All paving and the installation of light poles and fittings is programmed to be completed by 18 November.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

The Environmental Policy and Planning Unit is currently preparing a design for a bronze opening plaque to be located at the eastern end of the Four Ships' Court.

The trial to improve parking and traffic flow in the area in front of the Heritage and Millennium Hotels is working well. A further meeting will be held with the stakeholders to evaluate the results and determine further action.

APPROVALS

No approvals are being sought from this meeting.

PROGRAMME

All work is on programme to be completed by the end of November.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$8,672,485 The forecast final cost is \$8,340,741. The total available contingency is \$331,744.

The project is under budget but the available Contingency needs to be retained to cover the following items which are still to be finalised:

- (a) allowance for settling the final account with the contractor including costs associated with the Heads of State visit
- (b) allowance for settling outstanding fee claims
- (c) allowance for improvements to the parking and traffic flow in front of the Heritage and Millennium Hotels.

After allowance has been made for these items, it is still anticipated that the project will be under budget and consideration can then be given by the Committee to adding items into the project such as wash-lighting of buildings, uplighting of trees and additional greening etc.

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.