3 NEW BRIGHTON MALL – CONSIDERATION OF THE DECISION OF THE CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to advise Board members of the City Services Committee recommendations regarding the development of New Brighton Mall, prior to its referral to the Council meeting on 24 February 2000.

The City Services Committee recommendation has reopened the road issue and has given little time for community input prior to a decision being made by the Council. This special Meeting is to firstly allow the Board to discuss the issue and also for the community to have some awareness of the recommendations being forwarded to the Council.

At its 31 January 2000 meeting the Board considered a report on the progress of planning for the Mall undertaken by the Environmental Policy and Planning Unit in consultation with the New Brighton Mall Working Party (*see page 4 for a copy of the report*). The focus of these discussions has been over the proposed rejuvenation of the eastern end of the Mall through to Oram Avenue. As the road issue has caused some controversy in the past the Working Party had agreed to focus on developments that were consensual to both the Residents' Association and business representatives. From the New Brighton Mall Progress Report the Board resolved:

- 1. To accept the recommendation of the Working Party that the first priority be improvements to the eastern end of the Mall.
- 2. That staff be asked to provide a design for the eastern end of the Mall more closely aligned to the current budget.
- 3. That the Working Party continue to discuss an overview plan for the rejuvenation of New Brighton Mall aligned with the action points.
- 4. That the New Brighton Mall progress report be sent to the relevant Standing Committees for information only.

At its Tuesday 8 February meeting the City Services Committee in considering the same report made the following recommendations to the forthcoming Council meeting on Thursday 24 February 2000:

- 1. That the Council re-establish a one-way road east through the mall to Oram Avenue and that connections to either or both Hawke Street (north) and Beresford Street (south) be investigated.
- 2. That a special rating area be investigated also.

The Environment Committee also received the report made the following recommendation to the Council:

To endorse the New Brighton Mall concept Plan for the New Brighton Revitalisation - Oram Avenue to Marine Parade, subject to budgeting approval.

Any recommendations made at this Meeting will be forwarded on to the Council meeting as a supplementary report to be considered with the recommendations of the City Services and Environment Committees.

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Recommendations:

1.

That the Council give priority to funding the projects that have the support of the New Brighton Residents Association, the New Brighton District Business Association and New Brighton Project (Mainstreet).

- 2. That the Community Board ask the Council to defer making a decision on a one way road through the western end of the New Brighton Mall until:
 - a) A costed plan has been produced for such a road;
 - b) The source of funds has been decided, and in particular that part or all of the work be funded by a separate or special rate on the New Brighton businesses; and,
 - c) Legal processes regarding reintroducing a road to this section of Seaview Road have been clarified.