

5. NEW COMPLEX – 7 CECIL PLACE

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The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors of the completion of the new City Housing complex in Cecil Place (corner Brougham Street and Waltham Road). The Christchurch City Council Housing Working Party considered this report on Wednesday 21 February 2001, prior to referral to this Committee.

ASSET MANAGEMENT ISSUES:

The Property Asset Manager advises:

"The 25 Unit (16 x 1 bedroom, 6 x 2 bedroom, 1 x 3 bedroom and 2 x 4 bedroom) complex at 7 Cecil Place has been completed and handed over to the Council. Professional Services (formerly City Design) are tidying up the last of the contractual issues associated with this development. The code of Compliance Certificate has been issued.

Although the final account still needs to be resolved, the information at hand indicates that the completion cost is below the Council's approved budget figure of \$2,757,748."

TENANCY ISSUES

The Housing Manager Reports:

"After hand-over and although some minor items were still to be completed a 'Public Open Day' was held on Sunday afternoon the 11th February. The Housing Team was in attendance and on a splendid Sunday afternoon there was a very high turnout from the public.

Most were very impressed with the standard of accommodation provided and thought that the rentals being charged were very realistic. (One or two private landlords excepted).

A number of applications were taken away or completed on the day and many were given tenancy advice.

Tenancies are now being completed and seven units were occupied from Friday 16 February 2001. Other are being occupied as their notice to existing landlords takes affect and those units that were declined for one reason or another are being offered to other applicants from the waiting list.

The rents set for the individual units are shown in Appendix 1.

Rossi Brewer is the Housing Officer responsible for this complex but as she has been away on leave, individual allocation and sign-ups have been shared by the team.

It is intended to hold an official opening once all units are occupied and tenants have had the opportunity to settle down and get to know each other. The name for the complex should also be finalised prior to the opening so that this could form part of the opening ceremony. It is suggested that a date in April would be suitable and details and invitations will be sent out nearer the time."

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.