

## 7. COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Community Services Committee with a list of activities, reports and deputations considered by the committee over the last three years (attached).

The committee has delivered on aspects of a number of the Council's Strategic objectives as follows:

1. Community Cohesion and Well-Being (low-cost housing, libraries, arts, education, health and safety).
2. Economic Development (fostering international tourism and trade links).
3. Democratic Governance (participation in decision-making and policy development, fostering a cross-section of key governmental and community partnerships ); and
4. Financial Stewardship (applying policies that maintain or enhance the value of the Council's asset base and ensure accessibility of service to all residents of Christchurch).

The Chairman and representatives of the committee have met with Government Ministers, including the Ministers of Housing and Pacific Island Affairs (Hon Mark Gosche), Social Services and Employment (Hon Steve Maharey), Courts (Hon Matt Robson) and Immigration (Lianne Dalziel).

Working relationships have also been established with Race Relations Conciliators Rajen Prasad and Gregory Fortuin and the Commissioner for Children, Roger McLay; Te Rununga o Ngai Tahu; Work and Income New Zealand; Children and Young Persons' Service, Disabled Persons, Housing New Zealand Ltd and the Canterbury District Health Board.

Internationally, direct links have also been established between the Chairman of the committee and the Chairman of each of Christchurch's six Sister Cities.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairman's Recommendation:** That during the next term, the Community Services Committee Chair and Committee members continue to build on the partnerships and strategic alliances that have already been established.