

7. CATHEDRAL SQUARE REDEVELOPMENT PROGRESS REPORT

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

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 31 AUGUST 2001

BNZ planter

Resource and building consents have been obtained for the new raised planter adjacent to the BNZ.

Five main contractors were invited to tender for the construction work. Two firms declined because of work commitments and a third firm withdrew during the tender period.

Tenders closed on 28 August 2001 with two tenders being received as follows:

Fulton Hogan Civil	\$115,000
Mainzeal Property and Construction Ltd	\$123,357

The tenders included a Contingency Sum of \$10,000. The estimate for the contract was \$120,000.

The tender from Fulton Hogan Civil has been accepted and the planter will be completed by 30 September 2001. City Care will install the soil, irrigation, planting and pleached trees to the planter.

Trees

The six tree pits in Colombo Street between Gloucester Street and Cathedral Square have been constructed and the new Pin Oaks will be installed in the first week of September. The cast iron gratings around the trees will be manufactured and installed by the end of September 2001.

The bark and planting have been removed from the two tree planters west of the Godley Statue. The installation of lawn to these planters will also be completed by the end of September 2001. A Resource Consent has been obtained for this work.

Pavement investigation/bollards

Investigation of alternative paving systems and materials is underway. These investigations have included discussions with paving suppliers and a specialist paving contractor.

Two mock-ups of the proposed new bollards designed by Athfield Architects will be ready in early September 2001.

Concept design

Development and consultation on the concept presented to Council in May 2001 is underway. Once the development and consultation are completed, estimates will be prepared and the updated concept will be presented to the Council.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.