

4. AVON RIVER/OTAKARO BRIDGE LIGHTING

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The purpose of this report is to advise on issues arising from the bridge lighting schedule, from a repairs and maintenance perspective.

BACKGROUND

A report on the Avon River/Otakaro Bridge Lighting written by Brendan Smyth, Urban Design and Architecture went to the Arts Culture and Heritage Committee on 12 September 2002 and then on to the Council meeting on 26 September 2002 where it was adopted without amendment. The recommendations of the Arts Culture and Heritage Committee were:

1. *That the Avon River Bridge lighting projects be prioritised as detailed in the report and as funding allows.*
2. *To refer the report to the Parks Gardens and Waterways Committee for information and the Parks and Waterways Unit be asked to advise of any issues affecting the bridge lighting schedule in the order proposed, from a repairs and maintenance perspective.*

COMMENTS

- The bridge painting and maintenance programme is the responsibility of the City Streets Unit, but the budget is administered by the Parks and Waterways Unit.
- It has been discussed in the past that the budget for bridge maintenance work be administered by City Streets themselves and I concur with that suggestion. The exception would be the Bridge of Remembrance on the grounds that it is a monument.
- The order in which the bridges are lit should therefore tie in with the City Streets programme so that repairs, cleaning and painting take place in advance of the new lighting.
- It is expected that the lamps used to light the bridges be replaced every two years at the cost of approximately \$2,500.
- It is not possible to judge ahead of time whether the lighting components will be vandalised, but the lighting designer in City Solutions advises that the generator box on the riverbank is the most visible and houses a 70 watt light, so damage may not be a serious matter unless it is repeated a number of times.
- The budget for maintenance should be reviewed so the added maintenance costs appear in the budget in the appropriate year.

Staff

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the comments be passed onto the City Streets Unit and the Urban Design Team.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.