

7. NEW INITIATIVES - NEW REGENT STREET

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Council of one of the new initiatives being proposed for the city, that of New Regent Street refurbishment.

A recent report to the Central City Mayoral Forum by the Our City Director/Senior Heritage Planner provided an overview of the aspects of New Regent Street which require refurbishment. This includes such works as signage/wiring/tiles/remedial painting etc. Funding assistance will be needed from the Council to implement the programme. As a next step the Our City Director/Senior Heritage Planner suggested that a report be prepared on the proposed project detailing costings and this be presented in the February 2004 round of meetings to both the Central City Mayoral Forum and the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee.

The Central City Mayoral Forum has already agreed to support the proposed project, but following consideration of the further report referred to will then consider the amount of seeding fund it would be prepared to commit. The outcome of this will be reported to the Council.

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Recommendation: That the Heritage Unit coordinate the preparation of a report on the proposed project with costings, for consideration by the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee in the March 2004 meeting, as well as the Central City Mayoral Forum.