

3. 188 STRICKLAND STREET HOUSE

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At the Board's Project Fund meeting held on 3 February 2004 the Board requested that information be sought on the Council-owned property (house) at 188 Strickland Street, which had until recently been tenanted, including the process for handling surplus property.

Both the house and community garden land were acquired by City Transport for road widening purposes and are, of course, no longer required for that purpose. The house was until recently tenanted by a resident who had a life-time tenancy.

As the property is now vacant, staff responsible for the property are seeking to put a tenant in until such time as a decision is made. Eventually the future use of this whole property (house and community garden) will be considered through the Property Decision Making Flow Chart process, a Council policy requirement. This process involves contacting all units of Council for expressions of interest in the property, with a final assessment being made by the Property and Major Projects Committee. This process includes an options/cost-benefits study. It is expected that this process will commence in approximately four months' time. In the interim, access to the toilet at the house is being sought on the same terms as when it was previously tenanted, for the staff's use. Access to the toilet is available without entering the house.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.