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**HERITAGE AND ARTS COMMITTEE
2 December 2011**

**A meeting of the Heritage and Arts Committee was held in
Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, 53 Hereford Street
on 2 December 2011 at 9.30am.**

PRESENT: Councillor Helen Broughton (Chair),
Councillors Sally Buck, Barry Corbett, Yani Johanson, Glenn Livingstone.

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Jimmy Chen

The Committee reports that:

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. CONSERVATION COVENANT CONSENT FOR EARTHQUAKE REPAIRS TO THE HERITAGE HOTEL AT 28 CATHEDRAL SQUARE

A report from the Programme Manage District Planning sought approval to carry out repairs on the former Government Buildings (Heritage Hotel) at 28 Cathedral Square

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

That the Council grant Heritage Conservation Covenant Consent to the proposed earthquake repairs of the Heritage Hotel and in order to speed up conservation covenant work delegate to staff the right to work in with heritage building owners requiring only minor works

PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

2. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

2.1 Canterbury Historic Houses Conservation Trust

Bill Demeter Chairman of the Trust outlined to the Committee the mission of the Trust, followed by a description of its project to video record vintage homes in the red zone. This will provide Libraries, Historical societies, museums, researchers etc., with a consistent and professional digital record of homes soon to be destroyed.

The first project was a Burwood suburb home called Lake End, for which their Trust was seeking a grant of \$25,000 from the Council.

The Trust were thanked for their presentation and advised that their request would be considered.

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2.2 IConIC

Mark Gerrard, Alternate Chair of IConIC addressed the Committee on IConIC's role and its resolve to deal with the immediate problems faced by Heritage /Character building owners, aiming to resolve their immediate concerns

The Group sought the following action from the Council:

1. Request that the Standing Committee communicate to the Christchurch City Council Heritage Staff that their efforts in conjunction with the local New Zealand Historic Places Trust Staff, in providing advice and working with CERA and building owners to save our city's heritage is appreciated and should be acknowledged and endorsed publicly by the Council.
2. Request the Standing Committee agree to financial incentives for Heritage/Character Building and House owners.
3. Request the Standing Committee to ask for reports on the condition/damage of all Council's listed buildings be made available to the public.

The Committee asked staff to report back on these matters.

3. BRIEFINGS

3.1 Arts Update

The General Manager Community Services provided information on the various arts related groups that were operating in the city following the earthquakes including:

- Performing Arts
- Visual Arts
- Art Service Organisations

Tremendous support had been provided by Creative New Zealand and local institutions such as the CPIT.

The situation concerning the state, use and availability of various venues was provided.

3.2 Heritage Recovery Plan

Scoping documents were being prepared for a local Heritage Recovery Plan, which following meetings with the Ministry of Culture & Heritage, CERA and other agencies were at the second draft stage.

The scoping documents currently contained:

- An extension of "built heritage" into culture and District Plan changes
- Objectives & Outcomes
- Regulatory & Non Regulatory methods
- Time Frames

It was seen that if progress is to be made

- The Insurance Council needed to be involved
- Funding is required to strengthen heritage buildings and make them more resilient

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The process by which heritage buildings were being demolished was explained

It was **resolved** that where CERA are considering, or requested by an owner to consider the demolition of a listed heritage building, which has been in receipt of Council Heritage funding, that CERA amend its processes to allow City Council staff to have the opportunity to access the relevant building to undertake heritage and structural assessments, as appropriate.

4. UPDATE – HERITAGE INCENTIVE GRANTS

A report from The Programme Manager, District Planning, provided an update of the Heritage Incentive Grants (HIG) funding and included a summary of the Canterbury Earthquake Heritage Fund Trust grant commitment.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee **decided** to receive the report

The meeting concluded at 12.17pm