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**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY THE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE ARTS, CULTURE AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE**

**PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT - LEINSTER HOUSE**

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**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

There has been some confusion over the resource consent issues on Leinster House, this report seeks to clarify those issues.

**CLASSIFICATION ON RESOURCE CONSENT ISSUES**

The position in respect of the Resource Consents for demolition/ removal of Leinster House is as follows:

30 September 1998 - The Owners lodged demolition consent for Leinster House this was issued 2 December 1998. This however was not actioned because of difficulties the owners had in terminating leases within the building. As a result they decided to make a fresh application in preference to pursuing an application for extension of time, and claim that this decision was reached following discussion with Council Officers at the time.

15 July 2003 - A new consent for removal was lodged with Council.

30 September 2003 - Following discussions with Council Officers and consideration of this new development by the Community Board the owners agreed to put the processing of the Resource Consent application on hold to allow discussions to take place in an endeavour to see if there was a mutually satisfactory opportunity.

30 February 2004 - It became evident that negotiations had reached an impasse and that a mutually satisfactory outcome was unlikely and that as a result Council resolved to consider pursuing its options in terms of Heritage Orders under the Resource Management Act to secure the Heritage retention of Leinster House.

30 March 2004 - Subsequently after notifying the Owners of this resolution and further discussions they reactivated their Resource Consent.

Current status - the application for Resource Consent has been publicly notified and there has been a number of submissions opposing it and a hearing had been set down for 28 and 29 April 2004. As of yesterday (21 April 2004) the hearing date has been indefinitely postponed at the request of the Owners refer to attached letter.

In summing up there have been extensive negotiations and discussions with the property owners over the last 5 to 6 months, they are desirous of Council resolving on its future involvement, if any, in securing the heritage retention of Leinster House. It is agreed between Council Officers and the Property Owners that these discussions have reached an impasse. The Council is therefore faced with resolving to either; accept the purchase options for either the covenant or entire property as outlined in the Public Excluded Report in this agenda; do nothing; or issue a notice of requirement for a Heritage Order. There is little merit in deferring a decision on this matter, particularly for further discussion, nor is this the desire of the Property Owners.

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**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairmanís**

**Recommendation:** Not seen by the Chairperson

**CONSIDERED THIS 22ND DAY OF APRIL 2004**

**MAYOR**