

26. 8. 2004

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY THE MAYOR

PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION

1. BANKS PENINSULA REORGANISATION

At its meeting on 26 February 2004, the Council appointed a Banks Peninsula Reorganisation Subcommittee, comprising the Mayor, Councillors James and Wright, to work with officers in developing a draft paper in response to the Local Government Commission's request for comments by this Council on a petition by electors of Banks Peninsula District with the Local Government Commission seeking the abolition of Banks Peninsula District and its inclusion with Christchurch City, by 30 April 2004.

The Subcommittee subsequently met with officers, arranged for a Council seminar held on 15 April 2004 and subsequently a report to the Council meeting on 22 April 2004. The resolutions passed by the Council at that 22 April meeting were subsequently forwarded to the Local Government Commission. Those resolutions were:

1. That the Christchurch City Council actively support the reorganisation proposal filed with the Local Government Commission for Banks Peninsula District Council to become part of Christchurch City.
2. That the Christchurch City Council support this reorganisation proposal on the basis that it is for the abolition of Banks Peninsula District and its inclusion with Christchurch City recognising that this means that a binding poll will only be held in Banks Peninsula District on the reorganisation proposal.
3. That there be one additional ward for the whole of the current Banks Peninsula District electing one Councillor to the Christchurch City Council.
4. That there be one community board established for the Peninsula, comprising seven elected members and one appointed member (eight members in total).
5. That the Local Government Commission be advised that the City Council would be willing to confer the same delegations on the Banks Peninsula Community Board as it confers on the city community boards.
6. That the City Council enter into discussions with the Selwyn District Council and the Banks Peninsula District Council regarding the new boundaries between Banks Peninsula District, Selwyn District and Christchurch City.
7. That the Council in practical terms support the "ring-fencing" of the levels of service for Banks Peninsula District for a period of up to five years commencing on the date of the Order in Council giving effect to any reorganisation proposal.

The Local Government Commission has now written to the Council advising that it will be hearing submissions in September on the proposal to abolish Banks Peninsula District and include it in Christchurch City. It will be available to hear from the Christchurch City Council on the afternoon of Thursday 9 September 2004.

The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of this forthcoming hearing and also to seek the Council's authority to have the Banks Peninsula Reorganisation Subcommittee authorised to represent the Council at that hearing before the Local Government Commission. The position taken by the Subcommittee would be to support the resolutions passed by the Council at its meeting on 22 April 2004.

CONSIDERED THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST 2004

MAYOR