

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT BY THE  
CHAIR OF THE STRATEGY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**PART A - MATTERS REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION**

**1. BANKS PENINSULA REORGANISATION**

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The purpose of this report is to recommend the appointment of a Subcommittee of the Council to work with officers to draft a response to the Local Government Commission's request for submissions on the proposal for abolition of Banks Peninsula District.

Councillors will recall that in November 2003 a petition was filed by the electors of Banks Peninsula District with the Local Government Commission seeking the abolition of that Council and its inclusion with Christchurch City Council.

As a first step in the statutory process of considering this reorganisation proposal the Commission has issued a media release calling for submissions on this proposal by 30 April 2004.

Submissions may be made on any matter relevant to the proposal, including:

- whether or not the proposal should proceed;
- whether or not some variation of the proposal should be adopted; and
- if a proposal is implemented, details such as representation and community board structures and functions.

The Commission is also consulting with the affected and adjoining local authorities, the proposer, relevant government agencies and iwi.

Following receipt of responses to this stage of the consultation process, the Commission will consider the proposal and it may decline the proposal or issue a draft reorganisation scheme upon which it will seek further comment from the Council.

To facilitate a response by the Council to the Commission's request by 30 April 2004, it is recommended that the Council appoint a Subcommittee to work with officers to draft a submission to the Commission. This draft submission could be considered at a Council seminar in mid April and then subsequently be considered by the Council at its ordinary meeting on 22 April 2004.

With the administrative service review, the Council appointed a working party comprising the Mayor, Councillors James and Wright to carry out those negotiations. It may be appropriate for those persons to be appointed to this new Subcommittee.

**Staff**

- Recommendation:**
1. That a Banks Peninsula Reorganisation Subcommittee be appointed by the Council to work with officers in developing a draft paper in response to the Local Government Commission's request for comments by the Council by 30 April 2004.
  2. That a Council seminar be held before the Council meeting on 22 April 2004 to consider the draft response.

**Chair's**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.

**CONSIDERED THIS 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2004**

**MAYOR**