CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF A SEMINAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices on Tuesday 12 December 2006 at 1.30pm

PRESENT: Councillor Bob Shearing (Chairperson),

Councillors Sally Buck, David Cox, Carole Evans, Pat Harrow, Bob Parker, Gail Sheriff and Sue Wells.

IN ATTENDANCE: Claudia Reid (Chair, Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community

Board) and Steve Lowndes (Deputy Chair, Akaroa/Wairewa Community Board).

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from

Councillors Helen Broughton, Anna Crighton (indisposed), Barry Corbett (indisposed) and

Norm Withers.

Apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Pat Harrow and Gail Sheriff who arrived at 1.55pm.

An apology for early departure was received from

Councillor Sally Buck who left at 2.05pm.

ACTION

1. VISITOR STRATEGY

Elizabeth Pearson (Policy and Planning Analyst), in her enthusiastic manner, and Professor David Simmons (Technical Adviser to the Strategy Steering Group) spoke to a PowerPoint presentation (copy on file).

The presentation, questions and answers resulting therefrom covered the following:

Recap:

Why a Visitor Strategy?

Consultation Process

Feedback from Consultation

Changes made to the document

eg reference to "The Garden City" in Vision

ACTION

The Implementation Plan

- Criteria for assessing priority
- Strategy midpoint 2011 (coincides with Rugby World Cup)
- High priority projects
- Additional funding
- Domestic repositioning
- Four seasons approach
- Expected outcomes
- Australia marketing

Governance

- The Council's role in tourism
- Proposed structure

The Next Steps

Points raised during the discussion included:

- Concentration on central city
- Accommodation statistics in relationship with occupancy rates of venues – Commercial Accommodation Monitor
- Banks Peninsula is part of the Christchurch City Council governance area
- Linkages between strategies? cross references required (eg events strategy and visitor strategy)
- Seminar for charging at facilities
- Rotorua and Wellington are marketing directly to Australia
- A South Island campaign to Australia under 2007
- Opportunities to "grasp a coat tail?"
- Further consideration required of recommended governance structure.

The meeting concluded at 3.15pm.