CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF A SEMINAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices on Tuesday 18 July 2006 at 9.30am

PRESENT: Councillor Carole Evans (Chairperson),

Councillors Sally Buck, Barry Corbett, David Cox,

Gail Sheriff and Norm Withers.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from

Mayor Garry Moore, Councillors Helen Broughton, Graham Condon, Anna Crighton, Pat Harrow, Bob Parker, Bob Shearing and Sue Wells.

IN ATTENDANCE: Tony Sutcliffe (Community Board)

1. CDC 2005/06 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES PROGRAMME

Chris Pickrill, CEO, Canterbury Development Corporation, together with Stuart Leck, Chairman and supporting staff, were present in support of the CDC's request.

A PowerPoint presentation was provided covering:

- Background
- Funding summary
- Breakdown and duration of 2005/06 CEF interest allocation
- The initiatives 2005/06
 - Film South
 - Youth enterprise
 - Apprenticeships
 - Aerospace
 - Business retention and attraction
 - Workforce development
 - Advance network/super computing
- 2005/06 Summary of activities
- 2006/07 Summary of proposed activities

In the discussion that followed questions and comments were made in respect of:

- The film studio was to be developed in the Malthouse building at Heathcote Valley.
- The success or otherwise of the film 'Meet Me in Miami'.
- Whether additional funding support should be provided to Film South and make it fully sustainable.
- Which were the six schools that were involved in the Enterprise Leadership Culture Programme.

- Whether the interest funds applied for were used as a means of 'topping up' a range of CDC programmes.
- The degree of involvement by Christchurch Airport Company in the aerospace activity.
- Whether interest funding should be used for employment creation activities which could be seen to be separate to economic development initiatives.
- The need for a Government immigration policy for commonwealth based prospective immigrants.

Chris Pickrill concluded by adding that approximately two thirds of the core funding in some ways is employment related, but the whole operation could be re-examined if it was felt appropriate.

2. ISSUES AND OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF BIOSOLIDS

A PowerPoint presentation was then led by Mark Christison, City Water and Waste Services Unit, and Andrew Reeve, SKM.

Members of the consultation group that had been involved in developing the issues and options were introduced.

The presentation covered:

- Why are we here?
- Background
- Issues and options project
- Management options
- Options evaluation method
- Criteria scoring risk/benefit
- Options first step
 - Cake to landfill
 - Composting
 - Cake to land
 - Thermal drying
 - Solar drying
 - Lime stabilisation
 - Vitrification
 - Gasification/pyrolysis
 - Combustion/incineration
 - Slurry carb
- Options eliminated
- Options short-listed
- Multi-criterion analysis
- Evaluation costs and GHG
- Recommendations
 - Endorse biosolids drying as a preferred treatment
 - Endorse detailed feasibility study

- Where to from here
 - Detailed feasibility study on thermal drying
 - Analysis of consents required for thermal drying and any marketing solutions
 - Concept design of preferred thermal drying solution
 - Continued development of potential markets
 - Report back to Council late 2006/early 2007 with the preferred solution and delivery model

In the discussion that followed questions and comments were made in respect of:

- It would be appropriate to leave the slurry carb option in because of its heating viability capability.
- Alan Leckie had approached the Council on the biosolid drying process and it would be appropriate to hear from him at some stage.
- Sufficient funds have been set aside through the LTCCP process to enable the further stage to be undertaken.

The seminar concluded at 11.47pm.