

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

REPORT OF A SEMINAR OF THE COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices
on Tuesday 27 March 2007 at 3.30pm

PRESENT: Councillor Bob Shearing (Chairman)
Councillors Graham Condon, Barry Corbett, David Cox,
Pat Harrow and Norm Withers

1. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

A PowerPoint presentation was provided by Mike Theelen and Leonid Itskovich covering:

- National strategic energy planning
- Draft NZES and NZEECS
- Why have a strategy for Christchurch?
- Goals to achieve
- The vision
- Key objectives
- Energy is different because
- City wide energy strategies
- Energy use in Christchurch
- The future scenarios and targets
- Christchurch – sustainable energy city
- Action plan

The presentation was supported by various charts and graphs.

Questions and comments were made in respect of:

- Did the vision have to fit within a timeframe
- The question to be asked, given that the cost of energy is increasing who was it “affordable” for?
- Guideline for energy use, as part of overall household expenses, could be helpful. There was a high capital cost of changing from one energy system to another.
- Some goals needed to be provided that were achievable over a reasonable period of time
- Why some people individually were doing their best to save energy others could be regarded as wasteful.
- Children were seen as the best ambassadors towards getting the message across on energy saving.

Outcome

As the next step the action plan would be completed and brought back to the Council for adoption, then for public consultation.

Publicity could also be given to what the Council has been able to save in energy costs ie lead by example.

The seminar concluded at 4.30pm.