

# CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE SUBMISSIONS PANEL MEETING

**Held in the Council Chamber  
on Thursday 24 September at 2.25pm**

- PRESENT:** Councillors Chrissie Williams (Deputy Chairperson) (until 2.58pm), Bob Shearing, and Mike Wall.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Yani Johanson (until 3.29pm) and Councillor Ngaire Button (from 3.02-3.50pm).
- APOLOGIES:** An apology for absence was received and accepted from Councillor Wells.

### **1. DRAFT COUNCIL SUBMISSION – MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT SAFER JOURNEYS STRATEGY**

The Panel considered and approved the draft submission with the following amendments:

- Reiterate the Council resolution which advocates reducing current levels of accepted blood alcohol limits of drivers.
- Support raising driving age to 17 and support increasing the period of learner licences.
- Reaffirm support for greater access to public transport for senior citizens.
- Provide more options for urban speed limit reduction.
- Add a vehicle power limit to drivers based on age.
- Lower speed limits around all schools.
- Stress community road safety education.
- Investigate the possibility of using CCTV evidence against motorists not wearing seatbelts.

The Panel decided to provide a written submission on the issue rather than answering through the pre-generated questions provided.

The Panel instructed staff to circulate a final draft of the submission to all Councillors and, in the absence of dissenting voices, submit it to the Ministry of Transport.

### **2. DRAFT COUNCIL SUBMISSION – LAW COMMISSION “ALCOHOL IN OUR LIVES” STRATEGY**

The Panel considered the initial Law Commission proposal and provided initial guidance to staff to draft a Council submission.

The Panel decided to meet again to discuss the draft Council submission before submitting it to the full Council for consideration.

The meeting concluded at 4.07pm.