

9. FORMATION OF A PANEL TO HEAR VERBAL SUBMISSIONS ON THE PROPOSED CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL LAND EXCHANGE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To select the members of the Council to form a joint hearing panel with the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) to hear verbal submissions on the proposed Christchurch Hospital land exchange and development.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting of 26 November 2009 the Council confirmed its willingness to consider a land exchange with the CDHB subject to reaching agreement on the parcels of land and costs involved and subject to considering the results of consultation on the issue.
3. The Council further decided on 10 December 2009 to obtain and consider the views of the community by using the consultation process set out in the consultation and community engagement plan provided, and:

(c) That public hearings be held by either a Council Hearing Panel comprising all of the Council or a joint Hearing Panel with the Canterbury District Health Board.

4. In subsequent discussions the CDHB has indicated its desire to participate in a joint hearing panel.
5. Given the joint nature of the proposed land exchange it is appropriate that both the Council and CDHB are represented by equal numbers of members from each body on the hearing panel.
6. It is probably unnecessary to form a hearings panel consisting of the entire City Council and CDHB Board for the purpose of hearing these submissions, particularly given that many CDHB board members also have employment related time commitments. Consequently it is proposed that a panel comprising five members of Council and five members of the CDHB board be formed. This panel can then make recommendations to both the Council and CDHB as a result of its consideration of the submissions presented (both in writing and verbally).
7. The hearings will be scheduled for May or June 2010 taking account of other commitments of both Councillors and the CDHB representatives.
8. The Council should select five of its members to participate in the joint hearing panel.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. There are no financial implications in this report.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

9. Provision is made in the 2009-19 LTCCP for appropriate democratic processes to be followed that enable the Council to make informed decisions.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. The Council noted at its 10 December 2009 meeting *the advice from the Council's Legal Services Unit that the level of consultation outlined in the proposed plan complies with the Council's decision-making obligations in the Local Government Act 2002.*

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

12. The recommendations in this report are consistent with the Democracy and Governance Group of Activities in the LTCCP and specifically the Public Participation in Decision Making Processes Activity Management Plan.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

13. Yes. The recommendations support the level of service 'Percentage of residents that feel the public has some or a large influence on decisions the Council makes'.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

14. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

15. No.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

16. The Council decided at its 10 December 2009 meeting the form of consultation to be used in arriving at a decision on the proposed Christchurch Hospital land exchange.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council select five Councillors to become part of a joint hearing panel with the CDHB for the purpose of hearing submissions on the proposed Christchurch Hospital land exchange and development.