

4. COUNCIL EARTHQUAKE MEETINGS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To present to the Council the Terms of Reference, timing and format of the proposed fortnightly Council Earthquake meetings.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. On 10 February 2011, the Council adopted a notice of motion establishing twice monthly extraordinary Council meetings for the sole purpose of considering earthquake recovery. The first meeting was to have been held at 7pm on 22 February 2011. The terms of reference are as follows:
 - (a) *To oversee and coordinate the council's response and appropriate support for the recovery and reconstruction, Ward by Ward, of Christchurch following the recent earthquakes, including:*
 - (i) *Reviewing the processes and procedures for assisting ratepayers with assets affected by the earthquakes.*
 - (ii) *Regular updates of the cost of renewing council owned infrastructure damaged by the earthquakes and aftershocks.*
 - (iii) *Updates on the insurance on this infrastructural renewal and require council officers to provide early identification of any cases of underinsurance.*
 - (iv) *Liaise with Central Government for financial support for the rebuilding of Christchurch.*
 - (v) *Any items peculiar to any area and of any matter which warrants special attention by the full Council to rebuild the city.*
 - (b) *To report regularly to the public on all matters covered by item (a).*
 - (c) *Monitoring of the councils timely performance in processing Resource and Building consents required as a result of the recent earthquakes.*
 - (d) *To hear deputations from the community, and Community Boards, on earthquake recovery issues which the community wishes to raise.*
 - (e) *That the terms of reference can be reviewed by Council at any time.*
3. These extraordinary council meetings didn't occur due to the 22 February 2011 earthquake.
4. Council has informally discussed and agreed to commence these extraordinary council meetings in December with the opportunity for a public forum at the commencement of the meeting.
5. Part (e) of the 10 February 2011 resolution allows for the terms of reference to be reviewed by Council at any time. Our recommendation is, that following the formation of Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA), that the terms of reference of this meeting could be simplified.
6. **Terms of Reference**

The suggested Terms of Reference/timing for the Earthquake Council meetings are:

- (i) Hold fortnightly, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month (with the exception of January), an earthquake focused council meeting commencing at 9.30am.

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- (ii) That at the commencement of each meeting a public forum be held where residents/groups/organisations have the opportunity to address Council, ask questions of the Council or raise issues with the Council relating to the earthquake recovery.
- (iii) That the meeting receive monthly reports of the following issues:
 - (a) Facilities
 - (b) Consenting – building consents, subdivisions and resource consents
 - (c) Urban Design Panel Workflow
 - (d) Infrastructure
 - (e) Financial
 - (f) Insurance
- (iv) That the meeting receive quarterly reports on the implementation of the Central City Plan.
- (v) That each meeting agenda includes a report answering the questions asked / issues raised in the public forum section of previous meetings.
- (vi) To consider any other earthquake related issues.

7. Reporting

It is recommended that staff present reports to this meeting on the following topics:

First Thursday of the month:

- Facilities
- Consenting – building consents, subdivisions and resource consents
- Urban Design Panel Workflow
- Implementation of CCP – this will be a quarterly report

Third Thursday of the month:

- Infrastructure
- Financial
- Insurance

8. **Questions/Issues raised at Public Forum portion of meeting**

It is proposed that questions asked/issues raised at the public forum portion of the meeting be noted and that there be a report on every meeting responding to the questions asked/issues raised at the previous meeting.

As some of the questions/issues raised will need to be answered by CERA, we will facilitate the answering of those questions and include the answers in our report.

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RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That the report be received.
- (b) That Council adopts the following terms of reference for the Earthquake Council meetings:
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 - (ii) That at the commencement of each meeting a public forum be held where residents/groups/organisations have the opportunity to address Council, ask questions of Council or raise issues with Council relating to the earthquake recovery.
 - (iii) That the meeting receive monthly reports of the following issues:
 - (a) Facilities
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 - (e) Financial
 - (f) Insurance
 - (iv) That the meeting receive quarterly reports on the implementation of the Central City Plan.
 - (v) That each meeting agenda includes a reporting answering the questions asked / issues raised in the public forum section of previous meetings.
 - (vi) To consider any other earthquake related issues.
- (c) That Council note that the reporting cycle to the Earthquake Council Meeting will be:

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Third Thursday of the month:

- Infrastructure
- Financial
- Insurance