

## COUNCIL 7. 6. 2012

### 4. REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION ARISING FROM PREVIOUS PUBLIC FORUM

Officer responsible:	Chief Executive
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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report provides information, or an update on progress to provide that information, in response to queries arising from previous public forums.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting on 1 December 2011, the Council requested that each agenda for Council Earthquake meetings include a report answering questions asked/issues raised in the public forum section of previous meetings. **Attachment 1** provides information on the issues raised by public forum participants at the Council's meetings on 19 April, 3 May and 17 May 2012.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Council note the information contained in attachment one on responses to issues that have been raised during the public forum agenda item of the 19 April, 3 May and 17 May 2012 Council meetings.

## Council Earthquake Meetings: Public Forum Action List

Date of Meeting	Public Participant	Council Request	Response
17 May 2012	<p>Sarah Straver, on behalf of the Bishopdale Community Preschool, addressed the Council regarding the state of the building following earthquake damage. Ms Straver asked the Council to take immediate action to undertake quantity surveying work on the Bishopdale Community Centre so that the preschool can reopen.</p> <p>Ms Straver presented the following petition:</p> <p><i>To the Christchurch City Council          'I support the Bishopdale Community Preschool in its efforts to reopen as soon as possible on their current site at 129 Farrington Avenue, Bishopdale. I believe the Christchurch City Council's should prioritise an urgent resolution, in conjunction with the Bishopdale Community Preschool, for the building under the Facilities Rebuild Programme'.</i></p>	<p>(a) <i>That the Council receive the petition.</i></p> <p>(b) <i>That staff report back to the Council on 7 June 2012 on the timeline for making the Bishopdale Preschool building operational.</i></p>	The response to this issue is an item on the 7 June 2012 agenda.
17 May 2012	<p>Mark Belton, spokesperson for the Restore Christ Church Cathedral campaign addressed the Council regarding the deconstruction of the Cathedral. Mr Belton requested that the Council vote on a resolution to endorse the calls for a pause on demolition of the Cathedral to enable open and deeper consideration of restoration options.</p>	<p>(a) <i>That the Council endorses putting an immediate pause on the demolition of the Cathedral to enable deeper and more open consideration of restoration options.</i></p> <p>(b) <i>That the Council writes to the Bishop and the Anglican Diocese to advise them of this resolution with a copy given to Minister Brownlee and CERA.</i></p>	The Mayor has written to the Bishop and arrangements are pending.

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		<i>(c) That the Mayor seek a meeting between the Council and the Anglican Bishop and Cathedral Project Group to seek an open and thorough discussion across the community.</i>	
17 May 2012	<p>Betty Shore addressed the Council on housing issues faced by the communities in the eastern suburbs following the earthquakes. Ms Shore brought three requests on behalf of her neighbours:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to the people who are most affected</li> <li>• Urgently set up a task group to develop and co-ordinate a social recovery strategy for immediate emergency issues including housing, as well as a plan to ensure healthy housing neighbourhoods now and in our city's future; and</li> <li>• Challenge the belief that market forces will take care of people.</li> </ul>	That staff report back concerning issues raised around urgent housing needs.	
3 May 2012	Rob Gould addressed the Council regarding storage of demolition waste in Cass Street in Sydenham. Mr Gould argued that the activity was against the Sydenham Master Plan, and that the crushing of concrete is illegal. Mr Gould asked the Council to investigate the use of the land for these purposes.	Staff were asked to consider any action the Council might be able to take in relation to the use of the land (particularly regarding its possible use for the crushing of concrete), as well as biohazard and noise issues arising from the depositing and storage of demolition waste.	The land involved is zoned Special Purpose Railway in the City Plan and that the storage of demolition material is permitted in this zone. No CCC resource consent has been granted for the activity because none is required. The Sydenham Master Plan currently does not have any formal status as part of the City Plan and staff can only rely upon the Special Purpose Railway Zoning in the City Plan.

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			<p>Concrete crushing in itself is not controlled or governed by the City Plan rules other than the general rules regarding noise levels. Council staff have monitored concrete crushing equipment at various sites around town involving post-quake demolitions and these have all been found to comply. While this site had not being specifically monitored for concrete crushing there is no reason to believe it would be any different from other sites where monitoring has been carried out. Moreover the concrete crushing activity on this site stopped some 3 weeks ago and the main crushing plant has also been removed from the site.</p> <p>The storage site is listed on Council's records as a potentially contaminated site, but this is a classification given to all railway land as such land is generally regarded as having hydrocarbon, especially diesel contamination. There are no current contaminated land issues posing a risk to human health associated with demolition storage activity occurring on site. In terms of the biohazard issue raised - concrete dust from concrete crushing can be regarded as an irritant (as opposed to raw cement dust which is regarded as a hazard). Thus concrete dust in itself is not a matter Council can control other than excessive dust issues which would be referred to Ecan for their follow-up.</p>

**ATTACHMENT 1 TO CLAUSE 4 COUNCIL 7.6.2012**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Public Participant</b>	<b>Council Request</b>	<b>Response</b>
19 April and 17 May	<p>Nigel Salsbury, Judit Tardi, and Kerry Brown from Rates Relief Christchurch addressed the Council regarding rates relief for people living in uninhabitable homes. The group sought 100 percent rates relief for such homeowners and asked that the rates relief be backdated from the date the house became uninhabitable.</p>	<p>It was noted that Rates Relief Christchurch could make a submission on this issue as part of the Draft Annual Plan process.</p> <p>The Chief Executive was asked to consider how the Council could best respond to the issues raised in the deputation.</p>	<p>The response to this issue is an item on the 7 June 2012 agenda.</p>
	<p>The group also presented on this item on 17 May 2012.</p>	<p>That staff bring back a report to Council on 7 June 2012 on the issues raised in the rates relief deputations requesting relief for the current financial year.</p>	