



## COUNCIL 15. 3. 2012

### 5. REQUESTS 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 one** provides information on the issues raised by public forum participants at the Council's meetings on 16 February and 1 March.

#### 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 16 February and 1 March 2012 Council meetings.

## Attachment One

## Council Earthquake Meetings: Public Forum Action List

Date of Meeting	Public Participant	Council Request	Response
2 February 2012	Graham Russell, Ian Harrison and David Lynch from the Victoria Streetscape Precinct presented to the Council on 1 December 2011 regarding their willingness to assist ongoing business in the area.	That the Victoria Streetscape Precinct be invited back to speak at an earthquake-focused Council meeting to provide an update on progress to Councillors.	The Victoria Streetscape Precinct has accepted the Council's invitation and staff will soon be able to confirm which meeting the group will attend.
16 February 2012	Alison Mander addressed the Council on rates relief for residents, particularly in Mt Pleasant, whose homes are not considered habitable as a result of the 2011 earthquakes.	<p>Staff were asked to provide a report to the Council covering the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the status of the Council's request to the Government for an Order in Council that would allow rates relief for homes ordered to be demolished</li> <li>• how far rates relief or rebates can be backdated to</li> <li>• comment on rates for homes behind the central city cordon and inaccessible to their inhabitants.</li> </ul> <p>Staff were also asked to ensure that people in the same situation as Ms Mander are not being asked to pay penalties on their rates, and that information be made available to the public relating to rates, rates relief, and the status of the requested Order in Council.</p>	A report is being drafted and will be presented at an upcoming Council meeting.

1 March 2012	Mr J Fowler made a presentation to the Council regarding a proposed property development in Spencerville. He asked the Council to consider selling the proposed land area in Spencerville so that his subdivision plans could proceed.	Staff were asked to report back to the Council on the proposal.	A report is being drafted and is intended to form part of the agenda for the 5 April Council meeting.
1 March 2012	Megan and Martin Wraight addressed the Council on the possibility of establishing a coastal pathway from the central city following the Avon River out to Sumner. Megan and Martin noted their involvement in the creation of Wellington's waterfront pathway, and spoke about the role of creating open space as part of earthquake recovery, and about the importance of community involvement in earthquake recovery and the building of community-based open spaces.	No request by the Council was made on this matter.	
1 March 2012	Simone Pearson addressed the Council about the impact of the earthquake on the future of Centennial Pool. She noted she has requested documents on Centennial Pool from the Council, and has been refused them on the grounds that the release would prejudice the Council's position with insurance companies. Ms Pearson sought an assurance that decisions on the facility will be taken to the Council and debated in a public meeting.	Staff were asked to provide Ms Pearson with information, insofar as it does not prejudice the Council's position with insurers, about the status of and damage to the facility for her information.	The information is being collated and will be forwarded to Ms Pearson shortly.