

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES OF A COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Held in the Committee Room 2, Civic Offices
on Tuesday 7 August 2012 at 11am

- PRESENT:** Councillor Johanson (Chair)
Councillors Beck, Broughton, Chen, Corbett, Carter and Livingstone.
- APOLOGIES:** The Mayor, Councillors Reid, Gough, Button and Keown.
Councillor Beck for lateness.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Lydia Aydon, General Manager Public Affairs

COMMUNICATIONS AUDIT REVIEW

Councillor Johanson welcomed the Councillors and members of the public to the open workshop, and advised Councillors that requests had been received from journalists to record the meeting. The majority of the members present were in agreement for the recording to happen, Councillor Broughton was not in agreement.

The Councillors received a verbal presentation from Lydia Aydon, General Manager Public Affairs on the staff recommendations on the Communications Audit Review, that had been presented to the Community Recreation and Culture Committee at its meeting on 31 July 2012.

The following issues were raised by Councillors in relation to these recommendations:

Recommendation 4

Systematic process needed in relation to how to improve governance channels. Lydia suggested this would need to be discussed with the Minister.

Recommendation 3

The importance of Elected Members being on the Working Party.

Recommendation 6

Mayoral Forum is the wrong name for this forum as it doesn't reflect the nature of it, suggest that Community Forum or Communications Forum would be more appropriate.

Recommendation 7

Suggest adding 'and issues raised at an early stage' to the recommendation.

Recommendation 10

Important to note that Councillors get information before the media.

The Councillor Johanson presented his recommendations as Chairperson of the Community, Recreation and Culture Committee.

General points raised:

- Internal Communications - Councillors need to be involved with planning with the executive team on a quarterly basis.
- There is a need for solid administrative support for Councillors.
- Consultation vs engagement – Engagement needs to be the default setting for the Council moving forward.

- Suggestion to set down fortnightly meetings with the Minister for Councillors.
- Working party in point one, it was suggested that names should be put forward in advance to approve at Council, and consider other stakeholders that could be involved with this at certain points.
- Open workshops should be the default unless there is a reason for them to be public excluded.

The meeting closed at 12.15pm.