

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL**NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTED TO
HEAR AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL ON SUBMISSIONS ON
PROPOSED EARTHQUAKE-PRONE BUILDINGS POLICY**

**Held in the No 3 Committee Room, Civic Offices
on Monday 3 April 2006 at 12.15pm**

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Wells (Chairperson),
Councillors David Cox and Pat Harrow.

IN ATTENDANCE: Peter Mitchell, Judith Cheyne, John Buchan and
Max Robertson.

**1. LEGAL ISSUES ARISING FROM HEARINGS OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE
DANGEROUS, EARTHQUAKE-PRONE AND INSANITARY BUILDINGS
POLICY**

The Subcommittee considered a memo dated 3 April 2006 from Judith Cheyne, addressing the following legal issues which had arisen from the hearing held on Monday 27 March 2006:

- The effect the policy might have on a long term lease
- Defining alteration/significant alteration
- Infrastructure with asset management plans/statutory requirements – should any exemption in the policy be wider than to cover Council and Transit?
- If timeframes for strengthening different categories of building are removed, will the policy still comply with Building Act requirements?

Peter Mitchell advised that although the Council was required to adopt a policy on this issue by 31 May 2006, it was entirely up to the Council to decide how far its policy should go.

The Subcommittee **resolved** that the officers be requested to report back to the Subcommittee with a revised draft policy and the proposals for its implementation, which:

- Fine-tuned the delegations proposed
- Clarified what the policy included and excluded (particularly with reference to the Transit NZ submission)
- Made provision for the policy to be reviewed every five years
- Contained a provision to the effect that the upgrading of sprinklers would not trigger a requirement for a significant upgrade.

The meeting concluded at 2pm