

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL EARTHQUAKE FORUM

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices
on Thursday 15 November 2012 at 9.30am

PRESENT: Mayor Bob Parker (Chairperson) and Councillors Peter Beck, Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Tim Carter, Jimmy Chen, Barry Corbett, Yani Johanson, Aaron Keown, Glenn Livingstone and Sue Wells.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors Ngaire Button, Jamie Gough and Claudia Reid.

1. IBM SMARTER CITIES PROJECT

At the opening of the forum the Mayor announced that Christchurch had been selected, as the only Southern Hemisphere city, to take part in the IBM Smarter Cities Project.

2. BRIEFING FROM ROGER SUTTON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CANTERBURY EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY AUTHORITY (CERA)

- Mr Sutton acknowledged that the pace of getting recovery work underway was still frustratingly slow, but that momentum was gathering in the construction sector and with SCIRT work.
- He advised that a resolution has been reached with Avoca Valley residents – the loose material behind their residences is to be removed, with the goal that residents could be back in their homes by next winter.
- The Port Hills Appeals process is underway, regarding whether properties are classified as red or green.
- Discussions are underway with the owners of uninsured property in the red zone. There are about 70 owners in this situation, which is less than 1 percent of all red-zoned properties.
- The Draft Central City Transport Plan to be released by the Minister this afternoon.
- The set-up for the Insurance Advisory Service is well underway, it is expected that this service will be up and running by the end of the year.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

Richard Clark spoke to the forum regarding his concerns about his red-zoned neighbourhood of Dallington, which were as follows:

- the poor quality of footpaths, roads and gutters
- overgrown berms and sections, and resulting increases in rats and mice
- uncollected rubbish
- blocked storm water drains
- the potential health and safety hazards that the above issues create, and
- the implications for the general well-being of people living in the area.

He suggested this was not good enough, particularly as he was paying full rates. He indicated that he accepted the need to pay some rates, but not 100%.

He said that Council staff had informed him that he could not get a building consent for a vacant property that he owned, as it was in the red-zone.

He requested that the Council consider temporary repairs on the roads and footpaths. As of April 2013 he will need to vacate the current property where he currently resides.

Roger Sutton was also present for this deputation.

The Mayor indicated that the Council and CERA would provide a joint response at the next Council meeting to clarify:

- *the issues in relation to Mr Clark's concerns, and*
- *how these could be addressed.*

4. BRIEFING FROM STATISTICS NEW ZEALAND:
CHRISTCHURCH POPULATION TRENDS & CHANGES IN BUSINESS NUMBERS & LOCATION

Kim Dunstan (Senior Demographer) briefed the forum on Christchurch population trends, drawing on the population estimates and projections released by Statistics New Zealand in October this year.

He was followed by Louise Holmes-Oliver (Business, Financial and Trade Manager) who presented on changes in the number, type and location of businesses in Christchurch from February 2011 to February 2012.

There being no other items on the agenda, the Mayor declared the meeting closed at 10.45am.