

Council Workshop/Information Session

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Date: **Tuesday 16 April 2024**
Time: **3.00 pm - 4.00 pm**
Venue: **Council Chambers, Civic Offices,
53 Hereford Street, Christchurch**
Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6439418430?omn=86418455067>
Meeting ID: 643 941 8430

Present

Chairperson	Mayor Phil Mauger – arrived at 3.08pm
Deputy Chairperson	Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter
Members	Councillor Kelly Barber
	Councillor Melanie Coker – via Zoom
	Councillor Celeste Donovan
	Councillor Tyrone Fields - via Zoom
	Councillor James Gough - via Zoom
	Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt – leave of absence
	Councillor Victoria Henstock
	Councillor Yani Johanson
	Councillor Aaron Keown
	Councillor Sam MacDonald
	Councillor Jake McLellan - via Zoom
	Councillor Andrei Moore
	Councillor Mark Peters
	Councillor Tim Scandrett
	Councillor Sara Templeton

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Please Note:
This forum has no decision-making powers and is purely for information sharing.

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

There were no apologies received.

Presentation started 3.05pm

2. Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Progress Update

Presenters:

Mark Stewart MNZM, Chair, Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Ltd (CCRL)

Keith Paterson, Project Director CCRL

[Presentation](#) attached.

- Meeting opened by Councillor Pauline Cotter.
- Recent understanding in the last ten days – reached a new conclusion about actual cost of completion.
- Slowed down last year for a full project review once aware of issues.
- Currently a third of the way through the reinstatement works.
- If works stop – money already spent would be wasted.
- NZIER report commissioned – independent economic value of a completed Cathedral.
- Initial deconstruction works resulted in walls crumbling, further geotechnical engineering found issues.
- Costs have ballooned from \$160m – \$248m
- Inflation and escalation is a contributing factor.
- Expect cost of delay around \$100m per decade
- Auxiliary buildings including North Lowered Courtyard/museum basement under tower removed the design and not included in new budget.
- Councillor Henstock – mentioned survey work 50/50 – where is that? 73% wanted reinstatement – only 3% pull down. CCRL will release research first survey 2022.
- Discussion on targets and expectations. What has been raised privately.
- Discussion about auxiliary buildings. Cathedral southern building not removed from plans. Will be simpler than originally planned.
- Councillor Henstock - operational costs going forward. No plans to seek further operational grants.
- Councillor Henstock - \$5m one off mothballing cost. What is the ongoing cost of keeping it suspended? About \$1m a year.
- Councillor Keown – not replacing tower – costs? Tower critical component to pay for reinstatement. Discussion of pre-earthquake numbers.
- Discussion about funding from the church and expectation.
- Discussion regarding public support – recent press has been negative. Public confidence in completion.
- Councillor Scandrett – peer review of report – this has not been completed.
- CCRL - need indication within the next two months.
- Councillor Tempelton – Economic analysis – discussion regarding Christchurch issue only?
- Discussion around fundraising goals, belief that always were short. Impact of COVID.
- Councillor Templeton – If ratepayers provide funding, what is the next deadline. \$30m takes through to the end of next year. Prefer to finish strengthening work. Next time after that? To keep construction going at the most economic \$2 – \$3M a month expenditure.

- Councillor Moore – International donations – No major international donations. Without support from the city and or government – philanthropists unlikely to donate.
- Councillor Johanson – other philanthropic funding within the city – Lotteries given \$6m already, others excluded as a church – discussion around issues of religious status, options to change primary focus in order to open up options– no appetite for that option.
- Discussion about Christchurch Foundation.
- Councillor Donovan – What other cost reductions considered - what is core to the project? Main cost is the main building – to get to 100% NBS.
- Discussion regarding changes to design to reduce costs. Options have been considered – restrained by resource consent and integrity of heritage status. Vestries and front porch could use modern materials – but foundations which can't be swapped out are the time consuming and expensive parts.
- Councillor Peters - has talked to wide range of MPs already.
- Councillor Henstock – King Charles – does this factor into decisions going forward? Discussion of patronage, royal visits, and King's trust.
- Councillor Barber – Financial mechanism moving forward. Discussion around coalition of the willing to request help from government. Expect Mayor to lead the discussion.
- Councillor Cotter – do you have any of the \$30m already? No – need \$30m total.
- Good to see staged plan and timeline. CCRL will provide.

Meeting concluded at 4.43pm