CANTERBURY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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- ⁽¹⁾ CCC = Christchurch City Council
- ⁽²⁾ Deficit to be funded from Reserves

⁽³⁾ Subject to successful external contract negotiation

Note

- The Canterbury Development Corporation (CDC) coordinates employment services on behalf of the Christchurch City Council (CCC). The costs and revenues relating to this activity have been included within the Council's operations under Economic Development and Employment (see pages 37 and 38).

Relationship to the Council

The CDC co-ordinates several services in which the CCC has an interest. The CDC is a company with its shares being held by the CDC Trust. The CCC has the right to appoint all Trustees. There is an annually agreed contract for services to be provided on the CCC's behalf. Half of the Directors are City Councillors and the other half are suitably qualified and eminent members of the Canterbury Community. (See page 113 for list of Directors.)

The CCC's interest in the CDC is in accordance with its Strategic Objectives: B1, B2, B3 and B4 (see page 25).

By agreement the CDC manages the Employment Services Division of the CCC and supports the activities of Company Rebuilders Ltd.

Nature and Scope

The CDC acts as the economic development and employment services arm of the CCC. It provides outputs in the areas of economic development and employment initiatives in accordance with the CCC's Plan. It is a non profit making, commercially neutral enterprise, regional in perspective but taking into account the significant funding it receives from the CCC.

Overall Service Objective

To increase the level of sustainable economic activity and employment in Canterbury through utilising the resources of the CDC as a hub for the development of programmes, given its close link to the CCC. Initiatives will revolve around the objective of increasing the number of sustainable jobs with particular emphasis on job rich initiatives and employment opportunities in the region.

Objectives for 2000/01

- 1. Provide a range of support services for the region's small and medium sized enterprises designed to enhance their ability to provide sustainable employment and economic growth.
- 2. Provide support to the education sector that recognises the need to enhance the core competencies and skills of the 21st Century workforce.
- 3. Develop project initiatives that have potential to enhance the level of economic activity and employment including equity investment matching, technology commercialisation and attracting new business to the region.
- 4. Production of current information on the region, its economy, infrastructure and quality of life.
- 5. Facilitation of initiatives that enhance sustainability.
- 6. Provision of a range of programmes of job assistance and job placements to help youth and other unemployed persons.
- 7. Support the infrastructure of community groups and agencies working with the unemployed to enhance the outcomes they achieve.

Performance Indicators

- 1.1 Maintenance of a comprehensive directory of mentors available to assist SMEs. *100 mentors*
- 1.2 Refer SMEs to providers to business support and assistance. 1,000 referrals
- 1.3 Regular dissemination of details of tenders, purchase enquiries to appropriate local businesses on the Businesslink Database. *250 tenders, 5,000 businesses listed*
- 2.1 Maintain existing and develop new partnerships between industry & education. *12 partnerships, 4 Teacher Forums*
- 3.1 Investors seeking equity are introduced to potential investors. *25 investors introduced*
- 3.2 Industry Cluster groups established to support technology transfer. *4 groups*
- 3.3 Presentations made to potential business relocations. 10 presentations
- 4.1 Appropriate current promotional material available at all times.
- 5.1 Contribute to initiatives that have a sustainable focus for the region. *5 initiatives*
- 6.1 Contribute to job creation projects for unemployed people. *10 projects*
- 6.2 Individually case manage young unemployed people. *2,000 young people*
- 7.1 Contribute to the maintenance of community groups infrastructure. *20 groups*

Sources of Funding

