

## 10.0 Other business

### Council Report

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<b>Date of Meeting</b>	12 December 2019
<b>Author</b>	Louise McDonald Senior Committee Advisor

#### Purpose

Approval is sought to submit the following report to the Council meeting on 12 December 2019:

#### Emergency Committee

The reason, in terms of section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, why the report was not included on the main agenda is that the South Canterbury floods occurred after the agenda was prepared.

It is recommended that the Council receive the report at this meeting to enable any urgent decisions to be made during the Christmas/New Year break following the recent flood events in South Canterbury.

#### Recommendation

**That the report be received and considered at the Council meeting on 12 December 2019:**

**Emergency Committee - 16 December 2019 to 29 January 2020.**

#### Legal compliance and risk assessment

Section 46(A) of the Local Government and Official Information Act:

7. *An item that is not on the agenda for a meeting may be dealt with at the meeting if—*
- (a) the local authority by resolution so decides; and*
  - (b) the presiding member explains at the meeting at a time when it is open to the public, —*
    - (i) the reason why the item is not on the agenda; and*
    - (ii) the reason why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting*

## 10.1 Emergency Committee Council report

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<b>Date of meeting</b>	12 December 2019
<b>Author</b>	Louise McDonald, Senior Committee Advisor
<b>Legal Review</b>	Catherine Schache, General Counsel

### Purpose

1. To establish an Emergency Committee to deal with any matters of urgency that may arise over the period 16 December 2019 to 29 January 2020.

### Recommendations

That:

1. **the Council notes the existing delegation to the Chief Executive of the authority to approve contingency expenditure of \$250,000 for emergency works; and**
2. **the Council establishes an Emergency Committee comprising the Chair and any two other Councillors to deal with any matters of urgency (including making any decisions) over the period 16 December 2019 to 29 January 2020; and**
3. **the Emergency Committee and the Chief Executive then reports any decisions made by the Emergency Committee and the Chief Executive to the 20 February 2020 Council meeting.**

### Background

2. Following the heavy rainfall over the last few days and the significant river flows in Canterbury's alpine rivers, particularly the Rangitata, Waitaki and Ahuriri, the resulting erosion damage will require urgent river protection works. These will exceed the scheme reserves.
3. The Chief Executive currently has the authority to approve contingency expenditure for an emergency, including, but not limited to flood events, on the same basis and within the same maximum limits as operating expenditure (see Financial Delegations Register). This delegation is limited to \$250,000.
4. It is likely that this delegation may well be exceeded. For this reason to address any other immediate or emergency expenditure is it usual to establish an Emergency Committee.
5. The Committee should consist of the Chair and any two other relevant and available Councillors.