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Report to the Policy, Finance and Strategy Committee  
from Greg Schollum, Chief Financial Officer

**2002/03 Statement of Corporate Intent – CentrePort Ltd**

1. **Purpose**

To receive the final Statement of Corporate Intent (SCI) for CentrePort Ltd covering the 2002/03 year, and the following two years (refer **Attachment 1**).

2. **Background**

On 6 August 2002 the Committee considered the draft SCI of CentrePort and endorsed the action taken by Port Investments Ltd in suggesting certain changes to CentrePort.

The final SCI has now been received from CentrePort, including all of the suggested wording changes.

In addition, CentrePort has agreed to amend the dividend figures to reflect a payout of 55% of NPAT in each of the next three years. The Committee may recall that the dividend payout for 2002/03 had been calculated at 52% in the draft SCI.

3. **Comment**

The position reached with respect to dividends is a reasonable balance between CentrePort prudently managing debt and shareholders providing sufficient tension over operating results and the level of future capital expenditure. However, the SCI figures assume the retention of the P & O Big ships which, if lost, is expected to impact negatively on projected results.

The final SCI now becomes the key accountability tool over CentrePort's performance during 2002/03.

4. **Communications**

Not required.

5. **Recommendation**

*That the Committee recommend to Council that it receive the report and note its contents.*

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**Attachment 1: 2002/03 SCI - CentrePort**