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## **Submission from Te Papanui Trust on Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2006 in regards to Proposed Papanui Youth Facility**

*Note: We wish to present our submission in person at the hearing*

### **Parts of the Draft Plan to which this submission relates**

1. A Learning City, p 10
2. Inclusiveness and Diverse Communities, p 12
3. A City of Healthy and Active People p 13
4. A Safe City, p 13
5. A Cultural and Fun City, p 14
6. A Liveable City, p 14
7. Community Services, p 37
8. Capital Endowment Fund, p 97
9. Shirley/Papanui Community Board, p 98

### **Background on Te Papanui Trust**

Te Papanui Trust is a registered charitable trust established in March 1999 by Papanui Baptist Church with the aim of providing a Community Centre within the Papanui area. We seek to providing leadership, direction, physical facilities and resources to help meet the social, emotional, physical, spiritual, cultural and educational needs of the people in our local community. Our emphasis since early 2001 has been on the provision of a Youth Facility. This was initiated due to the approach from the Christchurch City Council Community Development Advisor from the Papanui Service Centre to the Trust. The Community Development Advisor sought that Te Papanui Trust act as an umbrella trust for the Northern Youth Collective to establish a much needed Youth Facility close to the Northlands Mall.

The initial concept was for leasing the 4 Restell Street (ex Video Ezy) building. This was pursued vigorously but due to external commercial reasons the lease was not secured. Since then four other sites have been pursued, but all failed to conclude due either to Resource Management Act or commercial difficulties. However, the numerous difficulties in siting a Youth Facility have now been overcome. A prime site at 1 Harewood Road on land of St Paul's Anglican Church is secure. Funding is almost totally in place subject to the final approval by Christchurch City Council of the Capital Endowment Fund allocation to the Te Papanui Trust (page 97). Designs and planning is well advanced so that construction may be started this calendar year.

## **Submission**

### **General**

Te Papanui Trust wishes to congratulate Council on its 2006 Draft Annual Plan and the clear manner in which it is laid out. The parts of the draft plan on which we wish to comment are stated above. All our comments are supportive of Council Objectives, as these tie closely to those objectives we have been pursuing with the Shirley/Papanui Community Board and in our community endeavours.

#### **1. A Learning City, p 10**

We support the Outcome sought of providing diverse opportunities for learning and innovation and meeting the challenge of increasing educational achievement for all. And from the 2004-2014 Community Plan, it is also very appropriate to "facilitate links and partnerships...with community to improve education pathways and transitions".

These objectives fit well with part of the aspirations we have for the Papanui Youth Facility.

#### **2. A City of Inclusiveness and Diverse Communities, p 12**

Te Papanui Trust is pleased to see the acknowledgement of the need to ensure a vibrant voluntary sector that strengthens communities and neighbourhoods, providing a sense of belonging and identity. Well targeted funding to the right groups with a strong commitment to positive outcomes is sound practice.

From page 14 of the 2004-2014 Community Plan (which is still the base document for this 2006 Draft Annual Plan) under the heading "What we'll keep doing" – three points receive our full support. They are:

- Supporting communities to plan, organise and carry out initiatives that reflect their needs and aspirations
- Facilitate collaboration between public, private and community agencies to address key areas of social need
- Managing, supporting and promoting community facilities as a means of providing opportunities for residents to participate in community life and have a sense of belonging and identity.

### **3. A City of Healthy and Active People, p 13**

We note and endorse the Outcomes and recognise the Challenges and Opportunities that we as a Trust seek to address.

### **4. A Safe City, p 13**

Reducing youth offending is a major step in achieving a safe city. Early intervention is an amazingly cost effective way to work with at risk youth as later remediation is expensive and frequently unsuccessful.

### **5. A Cultural and Fun City, p 14**

We specifically support the Outcomes of this section of the draft plan. On page 20 of the 2004-2014 Community Plan we have noted and supported Council "facilitating and promoting the provision of a range of venues, facilities and events that support a flourishing arts sector". We believe the proposed Papanui Youth Facility can contribute to this aim by harnessing the developing talents of the areas young people giving them confidence to explore and exercise their talents.

### **6. A Liveable City, p 14**

Te Papanui Trust supports the development of liveable neighbourhoods, with accessibility of key local services.

### **7. Community Services, p 37**

We endorse "Strong and Inclusive Communities", and Council support being provided to non-profit organisations whose activities are seen to benefit the community, and where activities and programmes are designed to bring people together and reduce isolation. Te Papanui Trust is convinced that the proposed Papanui Youth Facility can positively contribute in this area.

### **8. Capital Endowment Fund, p 97**

We wish to thank Council for the provision of \$250,000 from the Civic and Community funding allocation to Te Papanui Trust as a contribution to the establishment of the \$1 million Papanui Youth Facility. We request that this funding be ratified when the Annual Plan is confirmed.

### **9. Community Board Funded Projects – Shirley/Papanui Community Board, p 98**

The allocation of \$15,000 to Papanui Youth Development Trust to meet operational costs for the running of the Youth Facility is fully supported as it ensures the venture can be at a high level of activity right from the time of opening.

## Actions Requested in Response to this Submission

1. Note Te Papanui Trust's support of Council's document in Points 1 to 9 above, and our thanks for the processes leading to the allocation of Christchurch City Council resources to the proposed Papanui Youth facility, which seeks to contribute to a number of Community Plan outcomes.
2. That the Council confirm allocations to the proposed Papanui Youth Facility on pages 97 and 98.
3. That the Shirley/Papanui Community Board be adequately funded to meet its budgeted allocations on page 98.

On Behalf of Te Papanui Trust



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