

Description of Services Provided

Christchurch's reputation as The Garden City is highly valued by its residents and has won international recognition. Maintaining this image requires being sensitive to the needs of the community and its visitors while continuing to develop the extensive parks network.

There are 747 parks in the City covering 5,631 hectares. They include 73 large regional parks such as The Groynes, 98 sports parks, 468 neighbourhood parks, 57 riverbank and wetland parks, 39 garden parks (including the Christchurch Botanic Gardens), 10 cemeteries and two plant nurseries.

The parks network continues to grow as the Council purchases land for parks and developers contribute land when they create subdivisions. In the coming year, it is expected that 130 hectares will be added to the parks network.

Rationale for Providing these Services

The parks network is an integral part of the City and its character. Parks provide open spaces in an otherwise crowded urban environment. They are places for recreation and enjoyment, and provide a safe habitat for native species and other wildlife. The many parks and landscaped areas throughout the City add to its beauty. Trees also provide shelter and help to reduce atmospheric pollution.

Contribution to Outcomes

Outcome	How Parks and Open Spaces Contributes to this Outcome
A Cultural and Fun City	Parks are planned and designed to support a range of activities from quiet enjoyment of nature to active participation in outdoor sports.
A Sustainable City	The parks network includes conservation areas such as portions of the Port Hills, wetland areas and Riccarton Bush.
Healthy and Active People	Parks provide spaces for healthy outdoor activities suitable for people of all ages and circumstances.
Strong and Inclusive Communities	Parks provide meeting places and opportunities for people to play together.
Strong and Inclusive Communities	Parks contribute to The Garden City image of Christchurch and enhance its unique identity.



Christchurch Botanic Gardens

parks and open spaces

Cost of Proposed Services

		2005/06 Plan	2005/06 LTCCP
	Note	\$000's	\$000's
Expenditure (After Internal Recoveries)		27,549	26,841
Revenue		(5,714)	(5,042)
Net Cost of Service	1	21,835	21,799

Consisting of the following Activities

Heritage Parks		4,238	3,956
Landscaping the Transportation Network		5,110	5,044
Parks Customer Services		1,161	1,426
Parks Reserves and Open Spaces		14,826	14,323
Capital Revenue		(3,500)	(2,950)
Net Cost of Service	1	21,835	21,799

Capital Expenditure

Renewals and Replacements		1,741	1,685
Improved Service Levels		2,164	1,848
Increased Demand		3,842	3,708
Total Capital Expenditure	2	7,747	7,241

Notes

- The revenue figure included in the Cost of Proposed Services Statement is from private goods or those services that directly yield benefits to customers.
The Net Cost of Service is the general benefit or public good element which is funded by rates.
Public goods are funded by rates on a straight capital value as the benefit applies to the community as a whole.
For further details see the Funding Impact Statement.
- Capital Expenditure is corporately funded from asset sales, rates (depreciation and surplus), capital revenues, special funds, loans and where applicable development contributions.
For further details of the capital expenditure see Capital Programme section.

For Performance Measures please refer to pages 80– 83 of Volume 2 of the 2004/14 Long Term Council Community Plan.

Explanation of Operational Variations from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP)

The cost increases are due to adjustments to City Care contracts, professional fees for Greenfield development, and street tree maintenance.

The revenue increase relates to cash in lieu of reserve contributions.

Explanation of Capital Expenditure Variations from the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP)

The increase in capital costs represent adjustments to reflect higher contract prices.