

SUBMISSION TO CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL

FROM THE HAGLEY / FERRYMEAD COMMUNITY BOARD ON THE COUNCIL'S DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2008/09 AND DRAFT 2008 AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG-TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN 2006/16

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The Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board (the Board) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on these documents.

The Board would like to be heard in support of its submission.

With respect to the Draft Annual Plan 2008/09 the Board makes the following comments.

A glossary of terms and acronyms would be helpful – particularly for financial terms.

Financial Overview (page 16)

The information contained in this section is at a very high level which may lead to difficulties for those making submissions. The Board requests that significant increases or decreases highlighted and accompanied by a brief explanation.

Capital Works Programme (page 23/24)

The Board requests that details of the capital works, with wards indicated, be included in the document for consideration.

Street and Transport (page 24)

The Board requests that within projected budgets for 2008/09 consideration be given to prioritising the following items:

- *School Road Safety* – a greater number of permanent 40 kilometre speed signs outside schools, funded from fewer lit and flashing speed signs.
- *Pedestrian Safety Works* – pedestrian safety works including lights at the crossing at Main Street, Redcliffs, near the intersection with Augusta Street.
- *Neighbourhood Improvements* – Richmond Hill Road and Clifton Terrace emergency egress improvements.
- *Road Network Improvements / Pedestrian Safety Works* – that Ruru Road be considered for upgrade and to have footpath installed.
- *Road Network Improvements* – Taylors Mistake Road sections two and three.
- *Pedestrian Safety Works* – that consideration be given to a number of roads in the hill suburbs which do not have an adequate footpath for pedestrians.

City Development (page 28/29)

The Board recognises the importance of protecting the city's heritage, particularly within its ward. A majority of the Board supports an increase in City Plan funding for heritage protection on an ongoing basis.

The Board requests that within projected budgets for 2008/09 for *Civil Defence* that consideration be given to the installation of a Tsunami Warning System for the Sumner / Redcliffs and other areas bordering the estuary.

A majority of the Board opposes the reduction in funding for *Halls and Conveniences* and clarify whether this reduction relates only to those facilities owned by the Council.

A majority of the Board opposes the reduction in funding for *Housing* and would appreciate clarification on how much is going into maintenance of existing facilities, and how much is going into new facilities.

Democracy Services (page 31)

A majority of the Board are concerned that there is a substantial reduction from the projected LTCCP funding in *Democracy and Governance Support*. The Board would like to know why there has been a reduction when Boards have been seeking, and continue to seek, more support. The Board does not believe that the current level of support is conducive to ongoing good governance.

Refuse Minimisation and Disposal (page 35)

A majority of the Board is concerned at the impact of a uniform charge as proposed for the new three bin kerbside collection, particularly on lower socio-economic households on limited incomes. The Board suggests that alternative funding options be explored, for example, a targeted rate based on the cents per dollar of capital value as is used for water charging. This is instead of the uniform waste charge of \$82 per household.

Amendments to City Council Fees and Charges 2008/09 (page 70)

Parking fees

The Board does not support the proposed increases in the parking fees, including hospital parking fees. Members are not convinced that an increase in hourly parking rates will encourage increased patronage of the inner city and promote best use of the ongoing revitalisation of the inner city. Rather, an increase in on street parking availability be pursued via reduction in dotted and solid lines – whilst protecting safety, with the resultant spaces created being given 'parking status' increasing the quantum of rear-in parking spaces in small streets by one waying them, for example, Liverpool, Welles etc.

The Board would like to know what the anticipated increase is in revenue in comparison with the last three years. The Board also asks how much, if any, of the increased revenue will be ring-fenced for public transport. Some members expressed concern that the increased parking charges will lead to a decrease in revenue. Greater emphasis should be put on encouraging people to use the central city rather than suburban malls.

Capital Endowment Fund (page 109)

The Board asks whether 'Civic' and 'Community' could be separated. The Board would appreciate receiving details of money to be spent on community projects.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Todd'.

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