

**SUBMISSION TO:** Christchurch City Council

**ON:** Draft Annual Plan 2008/09 and Draft 2008 Adjustments to the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006/16

**BY:** Burwood/Pegasus Community Board

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board appreciates the opportunity to make this submission on the contents of the Council's Draft Annual Plan for 2008/09 and associated documents.

The Board **does** wish to be heard in support of this submission.

## 2. DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2008/09

### **Financial Overview** (page 16)

The Board notes that the level of the proposed rate increase for 2008/09 is 7.58% against the 9.14% budgeted for in the LTCCP. Whilst congratulating the Council on this achievement, the Board does have a concern as to what this might mean in terms of rate increases in future years for its residents.

### **Capital Works Programme** (page 24)

The Board supports the budget provision of \$0.6m for the Porritt Park upgrade and notes the shift in its programming from 2007/08 to 2008/09.

Further to the mention made on this page to the funding adjustments in regard to the bus exchange, the Board would reiterate its support for the provision of suburban bus interchanges and layovers in locations such as Shirley (The Palms area) and in New Brighton.

### **Capital Endowment Fund** (page 108)

The Board understands that the income derived from the 30% allocation for civic and community projects are not being regularly applied for by qualifying community organisations. The Board would contend that the requirement for projects to be valued at \$100,000 and above is acting to deter potential applicants and as such would request that the Council consider reducing the threshold figure down to \$50,000.

## **Aranui Community Library and Learning Centre**

As in previous submissions made to the Council, the Board fully supports the provision of a community library and learning facility for the Aranui community.

The Council's Draft Libraries 2025 Facilities Plan concludes from the available demographic data, community needs and other relevant indicators that there is a service gap in Aranui which is a high priority for the Council to address in its next Long Term Council Community Plan.

### **3. DRAFT 2008 AMENDMENTS TO THE LTCCP 2006/16 AND OTHER STATEMENT OF PROPOSALS REGARDING COUNCIL CONTROLLED ORGANISATIONS AND TRAM EXTENSION**

The Board has no comments to make on these documents.

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David East  
Chairman  
**BURWOOD/PEGASUS COMMUNITY BOARD**

14 April 2008