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Cost of Proposed Services

Budget 1995/96			Budget 1996/97	
Net Cost	Operational Outputs	Gross Cost	Revenue	Net Cost
\$		\$	\$	\$
834,209	Plans & Policy Statements	805,191	(16,000)	789,191
73,334	Consents & Applications	81,910		81,910
1,376,262	Policy Advice	2,006,288		2,006,288
235,127	Information	231,015		231,015
196,268	Environmental Promotion	213,320		213,320
128,335	Monitoring	174,059		174,059
27,500	Funds Administration	30,716		30,716
2,871,036		3,542,500	(16,000)	3,526,500

Note: The 1995/96 comparison has been amended for the inclusion of the Historic Building Retention Grants which were previously identified as Capital Outputs.
 The above Cost of Service Statement includes a depreciation provision for 1995/96 of \$51,874 and in 1996/97 of \$52,762. The cost of capital charge for 1995/96 is \$10,229 and for 1996/97 is \$5,942. Only the 1995/96 amount is reflected in the above figures. Revenue for 1996/97 includes external revenue of (\$16,000).
 Environmental Services is now shown as a separate activity (see page 49) and the 1995/96 comparative figures have been adjusted to reflect this.

Projected Net Cost 1997/98	3,597,030
Projected Net Cost 1998/99	3,668,971
1995/96	1996/97
\$ Capital Outputs	\$
3,000 Renewals & Replacements	40,000
25,000 Asset Improvements	0
1,524,000 New Assets	2,422,000
1,552,000	2,462,000

The 1996/97 Capital Outputs include carry forward projects from 1995/96 of \$312,000.

Sources of Funding



Overall Service Objective

These services contribute towards a wide range of the Council's Strategic Objectives including : A1, A2, A5-A9, A11-A13, B1-B7, C5, C9-13 and D4 (see pp 19-23). In summary the aim is to:

Planned Services

- Review and monitor the objectives and policies of the City Plan prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.
 - Monitor the preparation and administration of policy statements and plans as prepared by the Canterbury Regional Council and adjacent territorial local authorities.
 - Prepare concept plans for urban renewal and environmental improvements of the City, including the Central City.
 - Provide policy advice on planning and development, conservation, design and heritage, transportation and environmental health issues, that affect the City.
 - Develop projects and prepare feasibility studies for achieving the objectives and policies of the City Plan, other than by regulation.
 - Administer funds set aside for promoting heritage retention and the removal of non-conforming activities.
 - Provide information and analysis of the economic, social and environmental issues of the city.
 - Promote an awareness of the environmental issues and values of the city.
 - Provide a preliminary advice service to businesses on planning and regulatory matters.
- 1.(a) Manage and plan the use, development and protection of the natural and physical resources of the city in a sustainable way which:
 - Meets the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations.
 - Provides effective opportunities for business and other economic activities.
 - Protects and enhances the significant natural environmental qualities of the city.
 - Provides for a diverse range of housing needs.
 - Maintains and enhances the amenity values of the city.
 - Enhances the landscape, visual and heritage qualities of the city.
 - Limits the adverse effects of activities on the environment.
 - Provides for a pattern of community, recreation and shopping facilities that effectively services the needs of the city.
 - Co-ordinates developments with the provision of services.
 - Provides effectively for movement around the city.
 - Balances the right of landowners to develop activities and the rights of the community to have external effects minimised.

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Overall Service Objectives (Continued)

- 1.(b) To apply the principles of environmental health in ways which promote the health, safety, comfort and well-being of the citizens of the city.
- 1.(c) To monitor the environmental, social and economic well-being of the city.

Objectives for 1996/97

2. Assist with the hearing of submissions on the City Plan, particularly as they relate to the objectives and policies.
3. Prepare concept plans for the environmental improvement of the Central City, neighbourhood improvement plans and urban renewal programmes.
4. Complete preparation of a natural environment strategy for the city and plans for wetlands in Ferrymead.
5. Assess current population changes and implications for urban growth.
6. Continue to assess applications for grants to help retain listed heritage buildings.

Performance Indicators

- 1.1 Residents satisfied with the value for money of rates spent on overall city and environmental planning, at least 60%
- 1.2 Residents satisfied within the range and convenience of places to shop, at least 80%
- 1.3 Residents satisfied with Christchurch as a place to live, work and spend spare time in, at least 90%
- 3.1 Complete Linwood Neighbourhood Improvement Plan by June 1997.
- 4.1 Prepare Natural Environmental Strategy for Council consideration by March 1997.
- 5.1 Prepare report on population growth by June 1997.
- 6.1 Provide assistance to owners of six listed buildings by June 1997.



Primary school children taking part in the annual 'Gigantic Beach Clean Up' which is held at the end of each year.