

11. **STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE  
- REPORT OF 5 MARCH 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following report of the Committee's inaugural meeting of 5 March 2002.

**Report of the Strengthening Communities Action Plan Committee  
held on Tuesday 5 March 2002 at 4:30pm  
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

**PRESENT:** George Hampton (Chairman), Sally Buck, Cheryl Colley, Yiyi Ku, Mark Kunnen, Mike Wall, Sargent Gary Manch, Ruth Nathan, Suzanne Sanderson and Keith Turner

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for early departure were received and accepted from Yiyi Ku and Cheryl Colley who departed at 5.23pm and 5.32pm respectively.

**2. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN**

Keith Turner was elected as Deputy Chairman of the Committee.

**3. SCAP – WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

Details were outlined of the requirement on the Community Board to develop its own action plan with the key objectives being to strengthen community linkages.

The key aims are:

- To improve peoples sense of belonging to and being part of the community (social integration).
- To support people, communities and neighbourhoods to take ownership of issues and create action for solutions (self empowerment)
- To enhance opportunities and resource community responses to meet local need (governance)

To give effect to these aims was the need to develop a flexible three year action plan and respond with appropriate resourcing to enhance existing services, facilitate new initiatives and prevent duplication.

Priorities identified by the Board to be further worked on by the SCAP Committee were parenting skill education, peer support, mentoring support, promoting parent advocacy/support services and the promotion of available services.

Being the inaugural meeting of the Committee, some time was spent in discussing the process to be followed and the objectives and goals in achieving the Board's expected outcomes.

The framework within which this was all to occur was **agreed** on as follows:

"The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board as part of a city wide Council initiative to facilitate and promote partnerships within its community has formed the Strengthening Communities Action Plan Committee."

**The SCAP Committee's Vision for Fendalton/Waimairi**

"Within the Fendalton/Waimairi Community, the establishment of a safe community where all people, be they children, young adults or more mature adults, feel safe and respected within the community.

As an agent for the Board, we recognise that certain groups have particular needs and may need extra support.

To achieve this the Fendalton/Waimairi SCAP Committee will focus to:

1. Help to promote and resource agencies and services that provide existing services in our community.
2. Provide assistance to organisations whose main focus is the provision of help to parents (Social Well Being Policy).
3. Provide assistance to organisations whose main focus is the provision of help to children (Children's Policy).
4. Provide assistance to organisations whose main focus is the provision of help to older people (Older Persons Policy)."

### **Strategic Targets**

"As a result of the 2001 community/social mapping project, the following needs have been identified as most pressing within our community:

1. *Promoting all the available community services.*  
Strategic Goal: To enhance the promotion of existing community services and leisure activity groups within the local community.
2. *Enhancing services for young people.*  
Strategic Goal: To facilitate and develop programmes that offer peer support and mentoring support to young people who lack a suitable male role model in their lives.
3. *Promoting services for parents.*  
Strategic Goal: To facilitate and develop the provision of effective parenting skills, education programmes and the availability of parent advocacy/support services in our community.

Corresponding targets and performance measures still need to be developed."

### **4. NEXT STEPS**

It was **agreed** that the Community Development Adviser report on proposed initiatives to the next meeting initially scheduled for Monday 15 April but later changed to Tuesday 16 April 2002 at 4:30pm.

The meeting concluded at 5.50pm.

### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the SCAP Committee report be received.