

4. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE PARKS, GARDENS AND WATERWAYS COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to consider outcomes developed at the November Committee Meeting which are expected to be achieved over the next three years by the Committee. This report will allow the Committee to consider and refine the scheduled items in preparation of a report on the program of works and activities which will deliver the expected outcomes.

BACKGROUND

Each Standing Committee is asked to report to the February Council on:

- Main outcomes to be achieved over the next year, year two and year three.
- What is to be done differently from the past.

And in March on:

- The program of works to meet the outcomes.

The objectives of those reports are to:

- Know and plan for the major streams of work and developments over the next three years.
- Ensure triple bottom line/sustainable outcomes are achieved.
- Expand and develop relationships with appropriate external entities.

It is assumed the operational outputs and deliverables under the Annual Plan will continue as they are developed under the future Annual Plans. These outcomes are additional issues which it considers important to be resolved and actioned, together with the expected timetable.

The items listed below were developed at the November meeting of the Committee.

THE OUTCOME LIST

The issues for inclusion in the list of achievements are organised under the terms of reference for the Committee. The items brought forward by the Committee are in italics.

Operational outputs of the Committee:

- Parks and Reserves
 - *Review the standards of maintenance contracts – including consultation with the public on costs.*
 - *Develop the proposed City perimeter walkway.*
 - *Allow the creative use of windfall wood for Art, seats and park furniture generally.*
 - *Creative design of Parks furniture including special design for special areas.*
 - *Art in Parks – at least one major piece per annum.*
 - *Completion of Travis Wetland boardwalk.*
 - *Resolve the contamination at Bexley Wetland.*
- Waterways and Wetlands
 - *Monitor and enhance the discharge of stormwater quality.*
- Cemeteries
 - *Develop a policy on the memorial use of parks, and gifts of furniture and art.*

Operational outputs generally:

- *Develop cost comparisons with other cities on service delivery.*

Asset Management to support the operational outputs:

- Asset Management Plans for Parks, Waterways and Stormwater
 - *Review the standards – and generally upgrade them.*
 - *Develop walkways including information boards, and the 'story' of parks.*
 - *Develop a full register of all fountains, statues and artworks in parks.*
 - *Restore special heritage areas to their original concept eg Poplar Crescent with poplars not native plantings.*
 - *Develop a capital expenditure strategy.*

- *Focus and develop the parks and assets we already own, before buying more.*
- *If the development of new parks is unsustainable then allow to hold land undeveloped until required by the community.*
- Planning and establishment of sports grounds.
- Land drainage and retention basins.
- Recommendation to the Annual Plan Subcommittee a programme of works for parks and waterways, following input from Community Boards.
- Approval and consideration of Reserve Management Plans.

Operational and process issues and methods:

- Estuary liaison.
- Foreshore planning & management (including Coastcare).
- Green space maintenance.
- Licenses on reserves.
- Biodiversity issues.
- Garden City (Strategy) and Projects.

Strategy and Policy Review:

- Natural Environment strategy
 - *Review and report on the Objectives and Policies of the City Plan Natural Environment for:*
 - *Water – both potable and groundwater and waterways.*
 - *Natural features and habitats.*
 - *Coastal environment.*
 - *Port Hills.*
 - *The Plains.*
 - *Environment awareness.*
 - *Develop and adopt a strategy for the natural environment.*
 - *Coastal Management Plan – prioritise and implement the strategy.*
 - *Waterways and drainage – develop a total land drainage system.*
 - *Submissions to ECAN on the Natural Resources Regional Plan Strategy.*
 - *Biodiversity issues - Obtain Councillor input and signoff of Council submissions to the Government Papers.*
- Planting strategy
 - *Develop and adopt a planting strategy & policy – including the use of native v exotic plants.*
 - *Black Poplar / silver birch planting and health issues.*
- Open space acquisition Strategy
 - *Allow to acquire but not immediately develop new Parks etc. as the maintenance costs are high following development.*
- Policies for streets trees and green spaces on streets
 - *Develop a list of suitable trees for the streetscape.*
 - *Coordinate with planting strategies generally.*
 - *Encourage Transit to adopt strategies similar to CCC to ensure coordination of landscape works.*
- Garden City Strategy (and Projects)

General:

Consideration of all parks, gardens, and waterways matters which are beyond the Community Board terms of reference

- *Work with other Committees of Council to enhance the natural environment of the city.*
- *Organise fact finding visits to:*
 - *Savannah Grassland.*
 - *Travis Wetland.*
 - *Bexley Wetland.*
 - *Charlesworth Street.*
 - *Wigram Retention Basin / Nga Puna Wai.*
 - *Estuary.*
 - *Botanic Gardens.*
 - *Styx, Lower Avon including boat trip or kayak.*

In addition two Standing Subcommittees are appointed:

1. Estuary Green Edge (to include representation of Sustainable Resources Committee).
 - *Develop a working relationship with interested groups eg Estuary Trust.*
2. Garden City Advisory group.
 - *Get the basic of the garden city right.*
 - *Develop the unique character of the city.*

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Recommendation: That the Committee consider and develop their outcome achievements for the next three years, and to identify to the timetable for each.