

16. COMMUNITY ADVOCATES REPORT - AUGUST 2002

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update on general issues in the Board area within the month.

SUBMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY'S DRAFT CLEAN AIR POLICY

Attached is the submission prepared following the presentation and discussion with Ecan on 11 July, for confirmation and adoption.

It is recommended that the Board adopt the draft submission prepared by the Committee, and forward it to Environment Canterbury.

ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY "LOOKING AHEAD" – ANNUAL PLAN 2002/03

A copy of the above document containing Environment Canterbury's confirmed Annual Plan for 2002/03 and the Long Term Financial Strategy is available at the Service Centre if members want to view it.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

A draft of the above will be tabled at the meeting.

COMMUNITY BOARD PLANNING STATEMENT (KEY ISSUES)

Part 1 of the process for the 2003/04 budget is the development of Community Board Planning Statements (Key Issues). Unfortunately the timetable for the entire process means that this statement has to be completed by 23 August. This is to enable the Key Issues to be considered by the Standing

Committees in the September round of meetings, when the previous year's monitoring reports are considered.

Part 2 of the process is the project proposals and substitutions, which are required to be completed by 13 September. Board members are reminded of the Council's statement in the 2003 Financial Plan and Programme, "The Council has set in place processes to identify opportunities to achieve considerable reductions and revenue increases in its operating budget totalling at least \$10m for the financial year 2005/06." The constraints referred need to be adhered to, while at the same time ensuring that the community's well-being is met.

MEETING WITH NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT GROUPS – SATURDAY, 20 JULY 2002

A meeting was held with approximately 25 representatives from Neighbourhood Support Groups from within Shirley/Papanui. The morning included introduction of the Community Constables, discussion from Pat Creasey on the Neighbourhood Support Conference and Neighbourhood Week. A presentation on ACC's Stay on Your Feet Initiative was well received. A session was held seeking information from those present on issues in the community and notes taken for future follow up.

NORTHERN PEGASUS BAY COAST VEHICLE ACCESS STRATEGY

At last month's meeting the Board decided to initiate a joint meeting on this issue with Burwood Pegasus and Hagley/Ferrymead to prepare a submission on the Strategy. Both Boards have indicated that they do not need to attend a joint meeting. It is therefore suggested that the submission be discussed at the Board's seminar meeting of 14 August 2002.

ZONE 5 MEETING – TIMARU CITY COUNCIL, 20 AUGUST 2002

Reminder that the Community Boards Zone 5 meeting is being held on Tuesday, 20 August 2002 in Timaru. All Board members are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE 2003, NEW PLYMOUTH – AWARDS

The above conference which is being held in New Plymouth from Thursday, 12 June to Sunday, 15 June includes four categories of awards. These awards are to recognise excellence in the implementation of projects in local government. The awards will bring recognition to the significant achievements made by Community Boards and will foster the exchange of good practice and innovative ideas. The four categories are:

- superior consultation processes;
- significant projects;
- facilitation of successful outcomes; and
- development of outstanding partnerships.

Material for the awards will need to be forwarded by the end of this year, therefore a start should be being made for putting this together. Suggestions for the categories could include – “Styx Happening” – superior consultation; “Heritage Awards”, - significant project and/or developing outstanding partnerships; “Facilitation of Successful Outcomes” – Shirley Network.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson’s

- Recommendation:**
1. That the officer’s recommendation be adopted.
 2. That the Events Committee meet on Monday, 12 August at 9.00 am to discuss Children’s Day and Neighbourhood Week activities.
 3. That Jenny Ridge be invited to the August Seminar meeting regarding Northern Pegasus Bay Coast Vehicle Access Strategy.
 4. That a community forum be held in Abberley Park Hall to provide feedback to the community regarding Council projects completed; and to seek feedback from the community on issues of interest and concern.