

### 13. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI LEISURE, PARKS & WATERWAYS AREA STUDY - IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to present a detailed Implementation Plan to the Board, developed from the Fendalton / Waimairi Leisure Parks and Waterways Area study (Plan **circulated separately** to Board Members).

#### CONTEXT

The Area Study was presented to Board members at a seminar earlier this year. From there, the Board appointed members to join a staff/Community Board working party to report back on priorities and prepare a detailed implementation plan.

The working party, attended by Board members Yiyi Ku, Val Carter and Sally Buck and staff from both the Parks and Waterways and Leisure Units, met three times to prepare the Implementation Plan.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A detailed plan has been prepared by the working party to implement the recommendations of the Leisure, Parks and Waterways study. Most of the recommendations can be implemented within existing budgets and programmes. A few key projects that have been identified as important, currently lack funding.

#### RELEVANT CURRENT POLICY

Council policies to be considered in the implementation of the study include:

- Recreation and Sport Policy
- Arts and Culture Policy
- Children's Policy and Strategy
- Community Policy
- Environmental Policy
- Environmental Design – Park Design and Management Plans
- Festivals and Events Policy
- Older Persons Policy
- Out of School Programmes Policy
- Parks and Waterways Access Policy
- Social Wellbeing Policy
- Youth Policy and Strategy
- Policy on Equity and Access for People with Disabilities
- Waterways and Wetlands Asset Management Strategy

#### 1. Description Of The Proposal

##### (a) Additional Information

Additional relevant information that has become available since the study was completed was identified by the working party to be added to the study for consideration and is listed below;

- Waterways and Wetlands Draft Design Guide
- Draft Planting Strategy
- 2002 Annual Residents Survey results
- Fendalton / Waimairi Community Board Strategic Objectives 2002/03
- 2001 census data
- Community Youth Advocate Research Project

It was noted that the recommendations of the study align well with the Board's objectives. Results of the study are also reflective of the Annual Residents Survey results and are influencing development of the Citywide Planting Strategy.

Analysis of the latest census data has just been undertaken. Implications of the demographics on Leisure, Parks and Waterways provision are summarised in the **attached** table.

(b) Current provision, gaps and priorities

The working party examined current capital works programmes and recreation provision to investigate the opportunities within existing budgets to implement the recommendations of the study. Current provision and plans are well on track to meet many of the recommendations of the study. However, some of the projects could be approached in a slightly different way from the traditional approach in order to achieve the desired outcomes.

(c) Implementation Plan

Comments from the Working Party and a detailed Implementation Plan have been circulated separately. It is intended to report on the plan biannually to check progress on the identified actions.

**NATURAL + PEOPLE + ECONOMIC STEP ASSESSMENT**

| #                        | CONDITION:  | Meets condition<br>✓✓0* | HOW IT HELPS MEET CONDITION:   |
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| <b>The Natural Step</b>  |   |                         |  |
| N1                       | Reduce non-renewable resource use                   | 0                       |  |
| N2                       | Eliminate emission of harmful substances            | 0                       |  |
| N3                       | Protect and restore biodiversity and ecosystems     | ✓✓                      | Ecological restoration is supported  |
| N4                       | People needs met fairly and efficiently             | NA                      | NA - See People Step + Economic Step   |
| <b>The People Step</b>   |   |                         |  |
| P1                       | Basic needs met                                     | ✓                       | Increases people's access to leisure/parks and waterways services  |
| P2                       | Full potential developed                            | ✓✓                      | Improved access to open space and opportunities for recreational and social activities   |
| P3                       | Social capital enhanced                             | ✓✓                      | Improved opportunities for social interaction, community interaction and developing a sense of community pride   |
| P4                       | Culture and identity protected                      | ✓✓                      | Cultural and arts activities encouraged, environmental heritage protected and promoted.  |
| P5                       | Governance and participatory democracy strengthened | ✓✓                      | Action plan is a direct result of community engagement and aims to meet identified community needs   |
| <b>The Economic Step</b> |   |                         |  |
| E1                       | Effective and efficient use of all resources        | ✓✓                      | Recommendations can mostly be implemented within existing budgets through modified designs and programming. The plan takes a longer term broader approach to community issues rather than reacting to individual requests. |
| E2                       | Job rich local economy                              | 0                       |  |
| E3                       | Financial sustainability                            | ✓✓                      | The projected budget is achievable   |

**Staff**

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board adopts the Fendalton/Waimairi Leisure, Parks and Waterways Implementation Plan.
  2. That the Board takes the plan into consideration when allocating Board Project Funding for 2003/04.

**Chairman's**

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Fendalton/Waimairi Leisure, Parks and Waterways Implementation Plan be received.
  2. That the Plan be referred to the Finance and Planning Committee for consideration in any future Board funding requirements.