

7. **FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**
- REPORT OF 14 AUGUST 2002

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes from the Committee's 14 August meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee
held on Wednesday 14 August 2002 at 8.00am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: Yiyi Ku (Chairman), Sally Buck, Val Carter, George Hampton, Mark Kunnen, Barbara Stewart (until 9.04 am) and Mike Wall.

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Cheryl Colley.

2. PLANNING STATEMENT

The Board's next Planning Statement is to again be divided into two sections, namely "Key Issues" for referral to the Council's Standing Committees and secondly, a list of project proposals for consideration and response by Business Units.

To respond within the specified timeframes, the Board had granted the Committee power to act to complete the key issues section of the Planning Statement.

The Committee utilised contributions from members, staff and the community in the preparation of the **attached** document.

At the conclusion of its considerations, the Committee **resolved** that the Key Issues section of the Board's next Planning Statement be submitted to the relevant Council Standing Committees.

The Committee also identified a number of project proposals for referral to Business Units, details of which are **attached**.

Recommendation: That the schedule of project proposals be approved for referral to relevant Business Units for consideration and response.

3. COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE BOARD'S SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT 2003 FINANCIAL PLAN

At its Special Meeting on 16 July 2002, the Council finalised the 2003 Financial Plan and Programme.

A number of decisions made by the Council in response to earlier submissions made by the Board were reported to the Committee as follows:

1. That the Council's decisions in respect to the Weston Road traffic safety, rural rates, and city streets issues within the Board's area be conveyed to the Board. These are detailed below:

Rural rates:

1. That there be no change to the uniform annual general charge.
2. That there be no change to the general rate as allocated to the rural sector.

2. K T and D J McIntosh

That this submission (requesting the sealing of Miners Road) be referred to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for consideration.

3. Weston Road

- (a) That City Streets staff investigate the installation of 'give way' signs at the Weston Road/Bretts Road intersection.
- (b) That the City Streets Manager report to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee on the possible reprioritisation of the kerb and channelling work, bearing in mind the decision reached earlier in the meeting to increase the budget provision for kerb and channel renewal and to develop a policy framework for prioritising kerb and channel renewals for the Council's approval.

4. Tui Street Residents'

- (a) That the above work (undergrounding of overhead reticulation) be re-tendered or alternatively negotiated with the successful tenderer for the Fendalton Road reconstruction in an effort to achieve economies.
- (b) That the Council accept the residents' contribution of \$41,000 towards the cost of the undergrounding.

5. Wai-iti Terrace (West) Residents'

- (a) That the work (undergrounding of overhead reticulation) be re-tendered or re-negotiated.
- (b) That the Council accept the residents' contribution of \$40,000 towards the cost of the undergrounding.

6. Thornycroft Street Residents'

- (a) That the submission be referred to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for consideration for substitution within the five year kerb and channel replacement programme.
- (b) That the conversion of the overhead reticulation be programmed for the preceding year.

7. Hamilton Avenue Residents'

That the submission be referred to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for consideration for substitution within the five year kerb and channel replacement programme.

8. W G A & H F Watkins (and other residents of Bryndwr Road)

That the submission be referred to the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board for consideration for substitution within the five year kerb and channel replacement programme.

9. Undergrounding of Services

It was resolved that the current provision for undergrounding not be increased for 2002/03, but the matter of environmentally improved power reticulation generally be the subject of a review by the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee within the next 12 months and to involve Orion New Zealand Limited.

10. Project Funding

As requested by the Board the \$30,000 provided from the Board's project funding for unspecified work in Weston Road has been reallocated as follows:

\$5,000 – Canterbury Neighbourhood Support
\$25,000 – Street safety/pedestrian projects

The Committee noted that a number of community submissions had been referred to the Board for consideration particularly the kerb and channel renewal initiatives.

The Committee was advised that a number of Council resolutions had a bearing on the process ahead including the Board's eventual responses. These included the following:

- "That the budget provision ... be increased by \$2m per annum from 2005/06 for ten years."
- "That, following consultation with Community Boards, the STU Committee develop a policy framework for prioritising kerb and channel renewals for the Council's approval."
- "That Community Boards be provided with the kerb and channel renewal programme to enable them to prioritise this work."

The Committee therefore accepted that the Board's response to the likes of Thornycroft Street, Hamilton Avenue and Bryndwr Road would need to be worked through as part of the above process and although at this stage the timeframe was uncertain, it would seem that February 2003 would be a target date to allow inclusion in the Draft Financial Plan for next year.

The Committee accepted that the Board's Works, Traffic and Environment Committee should be involved in the process of assisting in the development of a policy framework and the later process of prioritising the revamped kerb and channel programme, when available.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

4. 2002/03 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING - FURTHER ALLOCATIONS

Details of funding allocations previously confirmed by the Board were reported on as follows:

• St Margaret's Christmas Celebration	\$250	3 April 2002
• Burnside Residents' Support Group Christmas Event	\$1,000	3 April 2002
• Burnside Residents' support Group Mid Winter Concert	\$1,500	3 April 2002
• Community Agencies Liaison Meetings	\$1,500	3 April 2002
• Fendalton/Waimairi Youth Forum	\$1,000	3 April 2002
• Asian Parents Support	\$500	3 April 2002
• Arabic Parent Support	\$500	3 April 2002
• Arabic Youth	\$1,500	3 April 2002
• Asian Youth Trust	\$1,500	3 April 2002
• Fendalton Park – Memorial Plaque	\$1,870	2 July 2002

The Committee also considered a number of other potential projects from which the following were supported for recommending to the Board:

• Neighbourhood Events 2002	\$1,500
• Community Awards (administration costs, certificates, function expenses)	\$1,500
• Heritage Week – grant to Merivale Precinct Society for local Heritage Awards	\$450
• Communications with the Community (in partnership with the Advocacy Team)	\$3,000
• Public Seating (ongoing programme)	\$3,000
• Arbor Day/Conservation Week 2003	\$2,000
• Speed Trailer (annual entitlement to operating costs)	\$700

With regard to the provision of additional drinking fountains on local parks, staff undertook to report to the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee on possible locations in addition to those sites already programmed by the Parks and Waterways Unit.

Recommendation: That the scheduled additional allocations from the Board's 2002/03 discretionary budget totalling \$12,150, be confirmed.

5. FINALISATION OF SUBMISSION TO ECAN'S PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCES REGIONAL PLAN

The Committee had earlier been provided with power to act to complete and forward a submission to the above plan.

The Committee received a copy of the draft submission and **resolved** that this be forwarded to ECan without further amendment.

The meeting concluded at 9.42 am.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.