

15. **FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**- REPORT OF 1 JULY 2003**

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The purpose of this report is to submit the following outcomes of the Committee's 1 July meeting.

**Report of a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee  
held on Tuesday 1 July 2003 at 8.00 am in  
Meeting Room 1 CCC, Fendalton**

**PRESENT:** Yiyi Ku (Chairman), Cheryl Colley, Barbara Stewart and Mike Wall

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mark Kunnen, Val Carter, George Hampton and Ron Wright.

Apologies for lateness and early departure were received and accepted from Barbara Stewart who arrived at 8.10am and left at 9.15 am.

**2. 2003 PLANNING STATEMENT**

At the 3 June Board meeting, "power to act" was provided for the Committee to prepare and forward the Board's Planning Statement.

Due to the relaxing of the time frame it was suggested that the initial work in identifying the Key Issues and Project Proposals be done now and finalised at a later meeting (if required) and that the Committee's interim outcomes be reported to the Board on 5 August 2003.

a) **"Key Issues"**

After deliberation the Committee decided that the following Key Issues form the basis of the Planning Statement for 2003.

<b>KEY ISSUES</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
Airport Protection:	The Board supports planned development of the immediate surrounding area but reaffirms its long held view that the 24/7 operation of the Airport must not be compromised.
Parenting:	The Board strongly supports the existing agencies that are already supplying parenting skills and those targeted to receive these services.
Law and Order:	The Board congratulates the Police for the improvement of law and order in the last year. Areas of concern however were identified as still being a problem such as vandalism and graffiti of public and private property.  (Note: Mike Wall withdrew from the meeting during discussion on this item.)
Support for Migrants/New Citizens:	The Board submits that the induction process for migrants and refugees does not seem to be effective. Agencies and groups are not being co-ordinated and there were many who "slipped between the cracks" and those most at risk were not being helped. The Board draws this matter to the Council's attention so that it is aware of the magnitude of the problem, including the ongoing increased requests for funding.  The foreign student issue is also brought to the attention of the Council.
Character/Heritage Retention:	The Board continues to have concerns about the destruction of the many character villas. This is removing the built

character of Christchurch and the Council is asked to put in place some means of stopping the continued demolition of older homes. The introduction of a rates rebate for owners of these homes is suggested as but one technique.

Decentralisation of Council Services:	The decentralising of council services to enhance local community access is again requested. In particular the disenfranchising of one-third of the citizens of the city by not having local planning and building services available in the community remains of concern to the Board. The removal of the local aspect of roading and traffic matters is also of concern.
Council Infrastructure/Built Environment:	This covers the Council's continued improvement and work in areas such as undergrounding, cycle safe facilities, maintenance issues, footpaths, speed reduction, litter reduction and living streets.
Community Facilities:	The Board encourages the Council to conclude a positive outcome to the partnership with the YMCA regarding the Bishopdale Multi-Use facility project.

b) **“Project Proposals”**

The Committee identified the following potential projects for inclusion in the Council's future capital works programmes.

- Hamilton Avenue  
Kerb and channel replacement
- Bryndwr Road  
Kerb and channel replacement
- Ring Road (western leg)  
review of appropriateness
- Harewood/Breens/Gardiners intersection  
improve intersection function and safety
- Greers/Harewood intersection  
amended layout to encourage traffic to utilise Harewood Road
- Sawyers Arms/Gardiners intersection  
safety improvements
- Daresbury Reserve  
enhanced entrance off Royds Avenue
- Twyford Reserve  
soft fall bark area under playground equipment
- Edgar Mackintosh Park  
shade sail over pool
- Burnside Park  
“wilderness” play area in shade beside Burnside Bowling Club
- Waimairi Cemetery  
possible off road cycleway/pedestrian way through Kendal School and Cemetery
- Wairakei Reserve  
seating/planting integrated with Board's proposed artwork
- Avonhead Park  
possible replanting programme for South and East boundaries

- Millbrook Reserve  
upgrade planting (compatible with area)
- Nepal Reserve  
commence development and planting programme
- Pitcairn Reserve  
upgrade planting and general utility use

The Committee **resolved** that the above Key Issues and Project Proposals form the basis of the Board's 2003 Planning Statement.

### 3. COUNCIL'S DRAFT ALCOHOL POLICY – DISCUSSION DOCUMENT

Because of the need to provide early input into a recently circulated discussion document dealing with draft Alcohol Policy it was decided to include this matter on the agenda for the 1 July Committee meeting. Because of the closing date for submissions being 14 July the Committee assumed "power to act", and agreed to seek retrospective approval, for this action, through the 5 August Board meeting.

Klaus Prusas, Team Leader Environmental Effects, was in attendance to give an overview on the draft policy. Members asked questions to clarify various points and thanked Klaus for his presentation and help.

In general the Committee agreed with the vision and direction of the discussion document, however they were concerned that area liquor bans be justified and subject to the Police resourcing for areas other than the central city. They did agree that the central city ban has been successful.

The Committee also felt there was a need to co-ordinate agencies and groups on alcohol abuse and these agencies/groups should be supported. There was general agreement that the age of purchasing should not have been lowered but that at this late stage there was little that could be done to rectify the situation as the social impacts were already now entrenched.

A copy of the Board's submission is **attached**.

(Note: Mike Wall declared an interest in this item and withdrew from the discussion and voting on the matter.)

**Recommendation:** That the Committee's action in assuming "power to act" to prepare and forward a submission on the Council's Draft Alcohol Policy discussion document be ratified.

### 4. DISCRETIONARY FUNDING 2003/04

The Board has \$60,000 for allocating as discretionary funding for the year 2003/04.

\$1,500 was earlier allocated by the Board (3 June 2003) to the Papanui Community Watch.

The Committee identified the following projects:

PROJECT	SUM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Riccarton Bush Trust Driveway and cycleway upgrade – subject to equal shares with Riccarton/ Wigram Community Board and Riccarton Bush Trust.</li> </ul>	3,130
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waimairi Lions Additional contribution to complete the refurbishment of former Nursery building at Burnside Park.</li> </ul>	5,000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bishopdale Project the Council has approved further evaluation of options associated with this project. This allocation reflects a further Board sharing in the funding of this further evaluation work.</li> </ul>	5,000

- Neighbourhood Events – 2003 1,500
- Community Awards  
(Administration, certificates, function expenses) 1,500
- Speed Trailer 700  
Annual contribution to operating costs
- Crosbie Park 2,500  
Planting adjacent to half court. – subject to half share with  
Riccarton/Wigram Community Board.
- Flay Park 2,000  
Bulb underplanting – at the Memorial Avenue and Grahams Road  
frontages.

**Recommendation:** That the above projects totalling \$21,830 be approved for allocation from the Board's 2003/04 discretionary budget.

The Community Advocate comments:

Members will recall that the request for support of the Riccarton Bush Trust was based on an equal sharing of the driveway/cycleway and lighting maintenance costs between the Riccarton/Wigram and Fendalton/Waimairi Boards, and also City Streets cycleway capital budget. At its meeting on 2 July the Riccarton/Wigram Board received advice that as the cost required was largely for the driveway maintenance, the City Streets Unit would not agree to allocate one third of the cost required, although it was prepared to fund the lighting upgrade required.

As an outcome from its 2 July consideration the Riccarton/Wigram Board resolved "to make a grant of \$3,835 subject to Fendalton/Waimairi contributing an equal half share" of the \$7,670 now required.

In the light of this outcome the Board may wish to reconsider the recommendation listed in the schedule above.

The meeting concluded at 10.37 am.

**Chairman's**

**Recommendation:** That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted subject to the Board resolving to make a grant of \$3,835 to the Riccarton Bush Trust in lieu of the sum recommended in the schedule above.