

13. COMMUNICATION PLAN FOR 2003

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At the 14 November 2002 Finance and Planning Committee meeting consideration was given to the opportunity for consulting with the community with the aim of developing a list of "outcomes and priorities" desired by the community, for feedback to Council as part of its establishment of a Long Term Council Community Plan. The "outcomes and priorities" would also be of benefit to the Board in its own development of a Plan for its own community.

In noting this opportunity the Committee agreed that the consultation process required was not really new but, rather, an enhancement of much of the present routine of the Board.

A range of sector groups to be consulted were identified by the Committee, and later endorsed by the Board. The following groups were identified:-

- Residents Groups (and the NSG Regional Committee)
- North West Schools Cluster Group
- The balance of schools in the community
- Police
- Business representatives
- Community Liaison Committee
- NSG Co-ordinator
- Youth forum
- Sport and Recreation groups
- Ethnic Groups

The Board agreed that a programme of consultation should be decided at the first meeting of the Board in 2003.

As mentioned earlier the added purpose for such consultation in 2003 was to provide input from the community for feedback to the Council on the proposed Long Term Council Community Plan (as required under the new Local Government Act). With the enactment of the legislation just prior to Christmas it is now understood that the early completion of consultation with the community will not now be required.

In order to commence a programme of consultation for 2003 the following initial general timeframe is offered for the Boards consideration:-

- A meeting with Residents Groups and representation from NSG to be held at 4.00 pm on Monday 24 February (an early meeting enables the Board to receive concerns/suggestions - and "desired outcomes and priorities" - which can assist the Board's financial allocations, or the general addressing of community concerns).
- A meeting with representatives of the N.W. Schools Cluster Group in late February/early March to coincide with the Groups regular meetings.
- A meeting with the Community Liaison Committee in late February.
- Two meetings with NSG Co-ordinators during March (the suggestion for two meetings is because of the large numbers that could attend).

The programme for the balance of consultation agreed to can be considered in the light of the Council's agreed timeframe for input from the community, and in line with other Board activity as it becomes evident. A later indication of the Council's timeframe for the Long Term Plan should enable the balance of the programme to be adopted at the 4 March Board meeting. Ideally the programme overall should be completed by mid 2003.

As agreed earlier the above programme has been developed in consultation with the Chairman of the Finance and Planning Committee.

Staff

Recommendation: That the initial programme for consultation with the community in 2003 be adopted.

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