

4. COLOMBO STREET PLANTING PLANS

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The purpose of this report is to present to the Board, for their consideration, two planting plan options for Colombo Street, Sydenham.

SYDENHAM MAINSTREET PROJECT UPDATE

Plans have been prepared by Dennis Preston (City Solutions Landscape Architect) for the implementation of some aspects of the Sydenham Mainstreet Project. These aspects include the provision of planting, entry signs, seating and the upgrade of rubbish bins. Bike stands may be provided subject to any surplus funding. Illustrations of these features will be made available at the meeting.

Earlier this year the Board expressed a desire to consider at least two planting themes. Dennis Preston has prepared two options, one showing the predominant use of exotic plant species and the other using native plants. These plans are attached to the agenda and will be explained in more detail at the meeting.

Beds have already been prepared for planting. In order for planting to proceed, the Board needs to decide which of the two options it prefers, and approve for implementation. At a public meeting on 4 June 2003 organised by the Sydenham Business Association, a preference for the exotic plant theme was expressed. Support was also given for the use of plants that displayed blue and white coloured flowers. The suggested species are shown on the attached plans.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board select and approve one planting plan for immediate implementation.

Chairman's

Recommendation: With the proposed work being in a business area, I support the exotic plant option.