

17. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S REPORT – JULY 2003

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A. FUNDING FOR FOUNTAIN OUTSIDE NEW LIBRARY/SERVICE CENTRE BUILDING

The Board had earlier decided to fund the fountain proposed for outside the new Library/Service Centre. A suggestion made to engage Cashmere High was deferred pending obtaining further information on the design proposed. Coloured photographs of the design have been circulated to Board members. The school had indicated interest in this project; however, it has advised that its programme has now been set for the remainder of the year. Response from Board members has been generally unfavourable of the original design. Further designs have been obtained and circulated. The Project Control Group for the building will be asked to further consider the type of fountain at its June meeting. Further information from that meeting will be provided at the Board meeting.

The Board may wish to reconsider the fountain project and opt for funding seating outside the building, and work with the schools for a separate water feature outside the building.

B. ARTWORK – LINCOLN ROAD/LYTTELTON STREET

The Board deferred this project until the Council's Arts Advisers could undertake the work. The Urban Renewal Team Leader has advised that a firm commitment to a specific project needs to be made before the end of this calendar year to ensure that the funding is able to be allocated to this project. The funding has been carried forward to the new financial year. A request will still have to be made to the Board for the additional costs associated with the project, as agreed by the Board in September 2002. One of the Arts Advisers has been assigned to manage the project and will be able to start the project shortly. Additional costs will be approximately \$8,000 to \$9,000, and the Parks & Waterways Unit will also contribute to the cost of the project. Definite costs will be better known when the brief is finalised.

C. SOUTH LIBRARY/SERVICE AND LEARNING CENTRE SEMINAR

A public Seminar is to be held on Wednesday 23 July at 7.30pm at the Cashmere Club. This will be an opportunity for the public to hear about the building, its special features, services provided, and to ask questions.

D. 2004/2005 CONSULTATION TIMETABLE

The timetable for public consultation for the next annual plan is under way. A letter has been sent to all community groups, and the quarterly Newsletter includes a return section seeking the views of the community. The Board's Planning Statement and Key Issues is due by 28 August 2003; and the Project Proposals list is due with Business Units by 9 September 2003. The same process is being followed as previous years, however, there will be links into the Council's LTCCP.

Staff

Recommendation: For consideration.

Chairman's

- Recommendation:**
1. In regard to item A, that the Board consider providing seating at this stage with a view to later involving one or both local high schools in the design of a drinking fountain.
 2. In regard to item D, in order to meet the 28 August 2003 deadline, that the Board consider referring this matter to its Finance and Policy Committee in the first instance (meeting scheduled 17 July 2003), with a view to reporting back to the Board's 29 July 2003 meeting and, if necessary, 12 August 2003 meeting.