23. COMMUNITY BOARD PLANNING STATEMENTS - KEY ISSUES

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The purpose of this report is to place before the Community Board the schedule of items identified by the Board as key issues, with feedback from various business units.

The process for the 2003/04 Financial Plan required that Community Boards prepare planning statements comprising key issues, and project substitutions and proposals.

The Community Board key issues were sorted having regard to Standing Committee terms of reference and were placed before the respective Standing Committees during the September 2002 round of meetings.

The statements were then referred to the relevant business units for the addition of Unit comments and the attached schedules now reflect comments received. Unit comments do not appear against all items as a number of items in the schedules are statements of Community Board intentions or indications of support of actions rather than requests for the Council to address key issues.

In terms of the next step in the process the schedules sorted by Standing Committee (rather than Community Board) will be placed before the Annual Plan Subcommittee for consideration in relation to preparation of the draft Financial Plan and Programme for 2004.

Staff

Recommendation:

That the information be received and if appropriate noted for further consideration as part of the submission process on the draft Financial Plan and Programme for 2004.

Chairperson's Recommendation:

That the staff recommendation be adopted.