

12. LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the consultation implications of the new requirement to produce Long Term Council Community Plans (LTCCPs).

In past months the Board has been kept advised of the new Local Government Act 2002 requirement for Councils to prepare LTCCPs. It was anticipated that community boards may need to enhance the number of meetings with "stakeholders" in the community as part of the Council's role in identifying desired community outcomes.

In April the Council resolved on its approach to developing programmes for its long term planning. While it has resolved that the first full three year LTCCP will be prepared for the year commencing 1 July 2006, it has also resolved to prepare a "transitional" LTCCP for the 2004/05 year.

The LTCCP must contain a statement of community outcomes (that is, outcomes desired by the community) and, normally, this would require extensive engagement with the community. The new Act though does permit the transitional statement to be prepared from information the Council already holds, or from such limited public engagement as the Council may choose to undertake, and that is practical in the circumstances.

At staff level four streams of work - one for each "well-being" area - are presently being worked on (the social, cultural, environmental, and economic strands of sustainability). The initial outcomes from this work will be brought together to form a draft statement of community outcomes. This work is being carried out from April to September 2003.

During October to December 2003 a programme of Workshops with elected members, including Community Board members, will be run to ensure full awareness and understanding, and to gain necessary input, before finalising the "transitional" LTCCP.

There will be a need and opportunity for more wide-ranging involvement for community boards for the full LTCCP required in 2006.

In the light of the approach now decided, there is no requirement for the Board to extend its current programme of communication with the community. Any fuller consultation can be commenced in the next term. However, some effort should be made to encourage wider thinking into ongoing stakeholder meetings with comment (and "desired outcomes") not only being aligned to Council outputs and responsibilities (that is, the desired outcomes can reflect the need for work by other authorities/agencies that the Board has relationships with; for example, the Police, the Ministry of Education, Child Youth and Family, Housing New Zealand, Environment Canterbury, and local members of Parliament). The Board's community networking forums and relationships with and support of residents' groups do provide a continuous opportunity to assess community expectations.

Staff

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That in preparation for LTCCP requirements a preliminary effort be made, in the course of ongoing relationships with stakeholders, to obtain feedback/input on "desired community outcomes" that are other than Council responsibilities.

Chairperson's

- Recommendation:** That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.