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The purpose of this report is to provide the Council Business Unit responses to the "major issues" raised by the Board and the public meeting on 2 September 2003.

The responses are scheduled below, and are referred for the Board's consideration.

| Description of issue and Comments | Business Unit Comment |
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| <p>Effective Public Transport Systems</p> <p>This continues a theme of a more efficient and effective public transportation system, the awareness of affordability, and the need to react to meet the changing demands throughout the city. Coupled with this is the need to continually rebalance the priority of our roading systems. Pedestrians and cyclists need to continue to be afforded the highest priority when roading improvements (to meet increased vehicle demands) are considered.</p> | See Policy Statement response |
| <p>Major Roding Network Construction Programme</p> <p>The Community Board is looking to facilitate a meeting with Members of Parliament, Transit New Zealand, Transfund and interested community groups to reinforce the need for a major injection of funds for early commencement of the southern arterial extension, the western by-pass and other major works to meet the increasing demand of traffic growth throughout the city and its environs. These roading networks are critical to the continued development of the city and will be severely compromising the urban and rural planning of the region if they are not commenced earlier than currently scheduled.</p> | Council and Mayor have written to Transit and the Minister of Transport. Likely that design funding will be advanced as a first step. |
| <p>State Highway Entry Points into the City</p> <p>It is considered that the Garden City image is being tarnished by the lack of high profile entry points to the city in respect of landscaping and beautification. The current access points from the north, west and south are very unimaginative and there is an opportunity for real enhancement works at these sites.</p> | Ongoing improvements being considered as part of routine maintenance programme |
| <p>Partnerships - Villa Maria School and Community Netball Courts</p> <p>Over recent months the Community Board has been looking at the redevelopment of the Upper Riccarton Domain. An approach was made to the Community Board by the College on possible community access to the new netball courts which the school is proposing to build. A full proposal has been received and is attached for further consideration. The Community Board is keen to pursue this proposal, as it is another example of the growing partnership between local schools and their communities.</p> | Parks and Waterways could fund one of the proposed courts for Public use |

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| <p>The Council's City Plan</p> <p>It is acknowledged that this process is very long term. There is a need to engage the community in issues that can be then translated into the City Plan. Current issues that require constant review include: the limiting of urban sprawl, greenbelt buffers, retention of productive land, urban open/wild spaces and other measures that ensure a safe environment. Air quality and the need for tidy streetscapes and inner city precincts are also major issues that the City Plan needs to have under constant review.</p> | <p>The Environmental Services Unit keeps a log of all the areas within the Plan that they think may need to be changed or refined, but the vast bulk of those changes will not be made until the City plan is made operative, at least in part.</p> |
| <p>Awatea Special Purpose Zone</p> <p>The Council reach a mutually agreed solution with land owners of the above zone within six months.</p> | <p>For a number of reasons it is not possible to notify a variation for the Awatea area within 6 months. Refer detailed report to October Regulatory and Consents Committee and the Urban planning and growth special committee.</p> |
| <p>Heritage Protection and Recognition</p> <p>The Community Board is participating in Heritage Week this coming October and it has highlighted the need for greater heritage protection under the City Plan and that adequate resources are provided by the Council and other funders to ensure the continuation of our heritage assets. Coupled with this there needs to be a greater recognition of those who have retained buildings of heritage significance as their retention is for the betterment of Christchurch.</p> | <p>A City Plan Change for heritage has been recognised by Council as a priority (Regulatory and Consents Committee report October 2003). A Plan Change would provide the opportunity to improve heritage policies, definitions, and rules for better heritage protection and identification. The current time frame is estimated to be 2 years. The Heritage team has been working for several years to improve identification through GIS, updating all heritage property site recording and additional research so that all items meet at least a minimum standard of information. The research requirement is estimated currently at 2.5 FTE for the next 2 years for the current listing, excluding consideration of new inclusions. This includes updating the database. The current team resource is .75 FTE. The site recording program is predominately out-sourced but needs additional resources. Approximately half of properties have been re-recorded since 1993/4. Reassessments of heritage values can only be considered after the current research/site updating has occurred. Research/site-recording/database updates are an ongoing requirement. The heritage team will be back to establishment levels by December 2003 after 20 months. It is anticipated that this will only ensure that existing service demand can be met in appropriate timeframes - probably excepting the advocacy/education role. The participation with the City Plan team regarding the Plan Change will also create additional resourcing demands as will further development of heritage policies outside the Plan. Grant funding is being restricted to unsatisfactory levels due to demand and would need to be considerably increased to continue to provide effective assistance in heritage protection.</p> |

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| <p>Affordable Recreation and Sport</p> <p>We would like to see a strong emphasis on health orientated recreation and sport and that more suburban based programmes and facilities are available.</p> | <p>Already doing a lot of low cost physical and health programmes. To extend this would require more Community Board funding</p> |
| <p>Southwest Christchurch Recreation and Pool Complex and Promotion of Suburban Pools</p> <p>The Community Board and the local community are very keen on promoting a new facility in the southwest of Christchurch, similar to those developed at QEII and Pioneer Stadium. The Leisure Unit have advised that this area is one of a few being considered over the next ten years but the Board wishes the Leisure Unit to initiate a study to determine Council priorities. Coupled with this is the request from the community to proactively promote and develop the existing suburban pool at Halswell and to seek some protection for the smaller community pool at Templeton. The existing Sockburn Pool is seen to be inadequate to meet the community's growing demands and it would appear that this is being run down to the point that no suitable replacement facility will be in place when Sockburn is closed.</p> | <p>Little point in research until closer to the time funds are available (2011/12)</p> |
| <p>Community Access to Libraries</p> <p>With the advent of the new Upper Riccarton library to be built on the High School, we are pleased to see that it includes a learning centre which will allow access by the whole of our community in terms of opportunities.</p> | <p>The School community library will have facilities used for learning by the school during the school day. These facilities will be available for community learning at other times, ie weekends, evenings and school holidays.</p> |
| <p>Reserve Playgrounds and Toilets</p> <p>Additional resources are sought to meet the increasing demands of communities on their reserves. It is important that playgrounds are built to meet the growing demands of the communities which they serve and to meet the needs of specific age groups within those communities. The Board requests that the Parks Unit place play equipment on the Wigram Village Green, adjacent to the community lounge. That toilets be provided to serve the playing fields on Jones Road Reserve and the Broomfield Common.</p> | <p>Some development funding available in 2004/05 for Wigram Village Green. Toilets on Jones Reserve and Broomfield Common not a priority on current 5 year programme</p> |
| <p>Local Government/Central Government Partnerships</p> <p>We are looking for greater ties with Central Government in developing policies which directly impact on our community. Local government is an advocate and promoter of our community. Policies made by Central Government which impact on local communities should involve consultation with the Local Government sector.</p> | <p>Ongoing discussion required</p> |

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| <p>Regional Wellbeing</p> <p>Partnership between central and local government in respect of producing shared legislation and shared resourcing to meet the outcomes of that legislation.· Need for the Ministry of Economic Development to be locally resourced to meet local needs. Statements on regional economic vision.· Promotion of job creation schemes which focus on known workplace shortfalls.· Strategies for the retention of graduates within current workforce.· Regional infrastructure to accommodate the growing needs of the high tech industry. A business friendly regional and city environment. A strategy for worldwide marketing of the region and city.</p> | <p>Ongoing discussion required</p> |
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Recommendation: That the Board give consideration to the responses received and to discuss any further action/follow-up on each issue.

Chairman's Recommendation: Not seen by Chairman.