

13. CENTRAL CITY TREE STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee that a strategy for central city street trees is being prepared that requires further development.

Over the last two years a draft strategy for the planting of street trees in the central city has been prepared by the Mayoral Forum's Central City's Green Streets Working Party. The Green Streets Strategy was developed from a more basic strategy identified in the Central City Strategy document which was adopted by the Mayoral Forum and the Council in 2001. The aim of the Green Streets Strategy is to guide the planting of street trees in the central city, by identifying priorities, design options and considerations.

The draft strategy has been presented to the Mayoral Forum where it was resolved that the information be received. It was also presented to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board at its 29 October 2003 meeting. In its discussion the Board was concerned that the strategy needed further development, particularly with regard to prioritisation and funding and so decided, in relation to the Green Streets Strategy:

1. *To support the further development of a Central City Green Streets Strategy.*
2. *To recommend that the strategy be given an increased budget.*

The Board was also concerned with the process of developing the strategy, particularly with regard to consultation with the Mayoral Forum, other standing committees and the public.

With the above matters in mind it would appear that the best course of action would be to convene a Council seminar to further develop the Central City Green Streets Strategy. It is proposed that the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee would sponsor such a seminar.

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Recommendation: That the Committee sponsor a seminar seeking further development of the Central City Green Streets Strategy.

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- Recommendation:**
1. That a Council seminar be held to further development of the Central City Green Streets Strategy, to which members of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board and representatives of the Mayoral Forum also be invited.
 2. That the Central City Streets Subcommittee examine the detail of the draft strategy with appropriate staff and report back to the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee in due course.