

14. CITY MALL PUBLIC ARTWORKS TEAM

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board appoint a Board member as its representative on the City Mall Public Artworks Team.

BACKGROUND

The Council has allocated funding in the annual financial plan and programme for 2002/03, 2003/04, and 2004/05 for upgrading the City Mall. The City Mall is that section of Cashel Street from Oxford Terrace to High Street, and that section of High Street from Cashel Street to Hereford Street. Council officers from across the different Council Units have been working through several options for upgrading the City Mall. At the last Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee seminar, Councillors asked that the proposal be extended to include the Bridge of Remembrance, High Street from Cashel Street to Manchester Street, and Cashel Street from High Street to Manchester Street.

DISCUSSION

As part of the refurbishment of the City Mall, an opportunity has arisen to link an artwork component with this development as part of the Artworks in Public Places initiative. \$60,000 has been allocated over the next two years (2003/04 and 2004/05) for this artwork. The artwork is to be linked to the landscape features and reflect a people theme. A pilot project is to be established with the allocated funding, and it is hoped (with sponsorship) to link this artwork with more artworks on other sites throughout the City Mall.

The project working party (comprising of Council staff) has agreed to follow the Urban Artworks Process Model. Part of this process is to set up a public artworks team whose broad role is to provide input into the preparation of the brief, decide on the artist, and the artwork. This team would consist of a representative from both the Community Board and the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee, and up to four other members who have knowledge in city planning and the arts, and mana whenua representation.

CONCLUSION

As part of the Urban Artworks Process Model, Council Officers from the project working party recommend that the Board appoint a member of the Board to the City Mall Public Artworks Team.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board appoint a Board member as its representative on the City Mall Public Artworks Team.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: Not seen by the Chairperson.