

4. CYCLE STEERING GROUP

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The purpose of this report is to re-constitute the Cycle Steering Group, and advise on their latest meeting.

FORMAL RECOGNITION OF CYCLE STEERING GROUP

Prior to the local body elections, the Cycle Steering Group was a sub-committee of the City Services Committee.

Over the last 3 years the Cycle Steering Group has been responsible for the development of the Cycle Strategy for Christchurch City. This document has formed the basis of the cycle planning, information and promotion programmes which have been actioned in the last two years or so.

The Steering Group acts in an advisory capacity to the City Streets Unit. Members of the group will often be directly consulted by project managers on the design of various roading projects. The full group discusses and advises on the full promotion and planning budget submissions, recommends priorities on project implementation actions and has input into the longer term planning objectives and targets the Council sets. In general the Steering Group is a tremendously supportive element in a field in which Christchurch is leading the country.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE ON STEERING GROUP

The chairman of the City Services Committee was a member of the Cycle Steering Group. It is recommended that the City Services Committee again select an elected representative to be a member of the group.

Other group members are:

Alix Newman	CCC Cycle Planner	Chair
Lorraine Wilmshurst	CCC Area Engineer	
Mark Bachels	CRC Transport Planner	Advocate
Rebecca Ward		Advocate
Tim Hughes	LTSA Transport Engineer	
Warren Masters	AA Regional Manager	
Stephen Burgham		Advocate
Steve van Dorsser	Cycle Equipment Retailer	Advocate
Chrissie Williams	Community Board Member	Advocate
Dave Kelly		Advocate
Marina Manning		Advocate
Michael Inder	Promotions Adviser	Advocate

PAYMENT OF STEERING GROUP

The Steering Group meets about six times a year, with smaller sub-groups meeting to discuss particular project designs or other relevant issues. The group members are expected to process a considerable package of information during the year, and offer expert opinion on it. It is considered that the formal status of the group, the influence they have on the cycle planning/information process, and the level of consultation they are engaged in, justifies payment of a formal meeting allowance.

There will be nine Group members eligible for the allowance. At \$145 per meeting (equivalent to Community Board Rates). This amounts to a maximum of \$6,000 per year.

It is recommended that the eligible Steering Group members receive a meeting allowance equivalent to the Community Board Meeting allowance, for attendance at full Steering Group meetings only.

LATEST MEETING

Members of the Steering Group met on 14 October to discuss the Ideal Cycle Network Plan produced by City Streets, and the review of that plan by a team of cycle advocates and traffic engineers. The reviewed plan (to be presented to a later City Services Committee) was endorsed by the group. It will subsequently be used as a basis for a Network Implementation Plan.

The Steering Group made some specific recommendations on the progress of the implementation plan – in particular, that the emphasis for route development should be on completion of existing partially completed routes, and routes that radiate outwards from the city centre. The Group has also recommended some in-depth research, in conjunction with the LTSA, to confirm designs used in cycle lanes and at intersections. These actions will be taken up by City Streets.

In addition, the group made some suggestions as to how the Council could raise its profile even further as a leader in cycling initiatives. They suggested a cycle-powered Mayoral Rickshaw (for short distance journeys with visiting dignitaries), and a fleet of bikes for use by council officers (to replace short journeys in council cars). The Committee's comments on these proposals are sought.

Recommendation:

1. That the Cycle Steering Group be reconstituted as a sub-committee of the City Services Committee.
2. That the Chairman of the City Services Committee be appointed as a member of the Cycle Steering Group.
3. That the eligible members of the Steering Group receive a meeting allowance equivalent to Community Board members' attendance allowance.