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**CITY SERVICES COMMITTEE  
16 SEPTEMBER 1999**

**An Annual Plan Monitoring meeting of the City Services Committee  
was held on Thursday 16 September 1999 at 2.00 pm, adjourned at 5.20pm  
and reconvened at 8.30am on Tuesday 21 September 1999**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Denis O'Rourke (Chairman),  
Councillors Robin Booth (16 September),  
Sally Buck, David Close, Graham Condon,  
Ian Howell, Charles Manning, Sally Thompson  
and Ron Wright (16 September).

**APOLOGIES:** An apology for absence was received and accepted  
from Councillor David Buist (16, 21 September).

Apologies for lateness were received and accepted  
from Councillors David Close (16 September) and  
Sally Buck (21 September).

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Councillor Morgan Fahey.

The Committee reports that:

**PART B - REPORTS FOR INFORMATION**

**1. THE CCC PLAN 2000 EDITION**

Committee members were advised of the 2000 Annual Plan process and proposed timetable.

**2. ANNUAL PLAN MONITORING REPORTS**

The Committee reviewed the reports of the:

- (i) Parking Operations Unit
- (ii) City Streets Unit
- (iii) Water Services Unit
- (iv) Waste Management Unit

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**PARKING OPERATIONS UNIT**

The Parking Operations Manager, Maurice Smith, advised that further adjustments to the Annual Plan report to account for the \$150,000 transfer to the Centennial Pool car park and transfer of approximately \$70,000 to Ngai Tahu being the parking fees at the King Edward Barracks site resulted in an operating surplus for the unit of approximately \$2M.

Committee members noted that the occupancy rate in the Council's car parks had fallen (targets were not being achieved). The Parking Operations Manager would be reporting to the October meeting of the Committee on this issue.

Committee members congratulated Parking Operations Unit staff on the average response time achieved in responding to telephone requests for assistance.

**New Initiatives**

Committee members discussed new parking initiatives for the central city, both on-street and off-street. It was decided to **recommend** that staff, in preparing the draft Annual Plan for 2000/01, make provision for the following new initiatives:

1. An appropriate budget provision for banning of on-street parking in Colombo Street between Armagh Street and St Asaph Street.
2. That the first hour of parking in central business district parking buildings be free of charge and that funding for this be provided for by a special rate on the central business district.
3. That within the four avenues where there is currently non-metered parking coupon parking be introduced with the first two hours of parking provided free. (Options for the timing of these proposed parking restrictions are to be presented to the Committee.)

**CITY STREETS UNIT**

The City Streets Manager, Mark Gordon, and Support Manager - Service Delivery, Ken Stevenson, reported.

Work on the Woolston/Burwood expressway is progressing. A meeting with Transfund will be arranged if there are issues relating to funding to be discussed.

The Committee requested a review of the requirement to make provision for three cycle safe teams.

It was noted that the proposed outputs and standards review would include the review of service levels and asset management plans. A meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee on 24 September would provide a briefing opportunity to Committee members.

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**New Initiatives**

The Chairman requested that areas where asset management plan standards were not being met be identified. The City Streets Manager was asked to identify six areas to be included in an inspection tour by the Committee.

Seminar meetings are to be arranged to consider strategies for achieving the regional land transport issues. The Canterbury Dialogues Transport Group would be consulted in this review. Issues raised by speakers at the TRAFINZ Conference in August would be considered. A seminar on these initiatives would be held before December. The following major issues identified by the City Streets Manager would be included in the draft plan to be submitted to the Committee.

**Major Issues for the Future**

- Better matching expectations to experiences - in particular, how to respond to the results of the customer research discussed above
- Improving safety - both continuing to build the Safety Management Systems, and also through engineering, enforcement and education means.
- Achieving a balance between congestion, providing new road capacity, economic efficiency and the environment.
- Progressing the Transport Strategy and a 10-year implementation plan
- Enhancing the quality and increasing the relative use of cycle facilities and the public transport system.
- Balancing local community desires to control traffic in their neighbourhood with overall network safety and efficiency needs, using a mix of engineering, encouragement and education measures.
- Ensuring optimised life-cycle costs for our assets.
- Improving the quality of asset maintenance, and in particular footpaths.
- Continuing to respond to the challenges of roading reforms.

The Committee identified further central city items being the need to make new budget provision for:

1. Improvements to Colombo Street in the event of on street parking being removed.
2. A review of the one-way street system with particular regard to Lichfield/Tuam Street.
3. Improved plantings in high visibility areas (the Director of Parks to report).
4. Improved plantings on the McCormacks Bay causeway.
5. Improvements on the sea side of the Sumner esplanade wall.

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The City Streets Manager undertook to investigate options for reducing bus fumes in Oxford Terrace adjacent to the restaurants and improved safety for pedestrians at light operated pedestrian crossings.

The City Streets Manager was congratulated on his contribution to the Council's road reform process and his co-ordination and contribution to the submissions.

(The meeting adjourned at 5.20pm to reconvene at 8.30am on Tuesday 21 September 1999.)

**WASTE MANAGEMENT UNIT**

The Waste Management Unit report was submitted by the Waste Manager, Mike Stockwell, supported by Simon Collin and Mike Bourke. The Committee congratulated the Waste Manager and staff on the results and budget monitoring over the past year.

**Liquid Waste**

A performance measure is to be included in the 2000/01 draft budget to assess performance in reducing peak flows to the treatment works.

The performance measure relating to the measurement of wastewater treatment costs would include the reticulation cost ie currently \$134 per person.

**Solid Waste**

The Chairman, Strategy and Resources Committee, undertook to report to the Committee on the in-house waste reduction programmes and in-house recycling systems. He would be seeking a commitment from all Council units with regular reporting to all Committees.

**Recycling**

The RMF has undertaken to report six monthly to the City Services Committee commencing February 2000.

**Ocean Outfall**

The Chairman discussed with staff the alternative proposal of enhanced ponds associated with plant upgrading could possibly provide an ecotourism attraction and would lie somewhere between the \$15 million to \$48 million options.

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**Solid Waste**

It was expected that an announcement would be made on 13 October 1999 regarding the location of the landfill site. The Waste Manager discussed the need for additional capital in respect to operations for the Hazaka Compost Plant and in addition the fact that Onyx would need to redesign vehicles and operational procedures to collect putrescibles as well.

It was noted that a significant budget for publicity would be required at the time this scheme was implemented.

In addition he spoke concerning the year 2000 conference planned by the RMF on "redesigning resources" which would have the three intentions of highlighting waste issues, involving industry and influencing the new government and the Chairman advised that he hoped to get Ray Anderson from the USA to come to New Zealand as a guest speaker for this. Underwriting by the Council would be required and a budget would be submitted to the Strategy and Resources Committee as soon as this had been finalised for a decision.

The Waste Services Manager commented that additional capital costs would be required for the trailer weighing project which would see private users of the transfer stations paying by weight rather than on uniform charges together with "trailer picking" to collect material for recycling.

**WATER SERVICES UNIT**

Mr Bruce Henderson, Water Supply Manager, attended on behalf of Allan Watson who extended his apologies.

The opportunity was taken to review the report for the unit and it was indicated that key performance indicators and budgets had generally been met.

Specific comments and queries related to the backflow prevention problem and the issue of water abstraction and the current stance of the Canterbury Regional Council on this matter.

It was noted that a significant variation had occurred in respect to water sales revenue and the reasons relating to this as detailed in note 3 to the financial summary were explained further.

In relation to performance indicator no 4 on publicity on page 70 of the report Mr Henderson indicated that a report would be coming to the City Services Committee on publicity prior to being forwarded to the joint Christchurch City Council/Canterbury Regional Council Committee.

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In respect to performance indicator no 2 on page 73 of the report concerning processing of resource consents it was queried whether the percentage achievement of 67% as opposed to the target of 95% was the consequence of delays associated with the need to seek additional information from the applicants and should therefore be measured differently.

It was suggested that a performance measurement of 85% might be more appropriate.

The meeting concluded at 11.05am on Tuesday 21 September 1999.

**CONSIDERED THIS 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1999**

**MAYOR**