

## **24. COMMUNITY FOCUS COMMITTEE**

The Community Focus Committee met on Wednesday 21 June 2000 and reports as follows:

### **24.1 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT POLICY STRATEGY**

Mary Richardson, Policy Analyst, advised the Committee that the Community Development and Social Wellbeing and Community Development Policy was adopted by the Council in 1996 but is now being reviewed and split into two separate policies, the Social Wellbeing Policy and the Community Development Policy.

Ms Richardson outlined how all the various seemingly conflicting policies actually overlap and mesh together.

The Social Wellbeing Policy will be monitored to ascertain how well Council Units were achieving the Council's objectives and where there were gaps in implementation.

Following her presentation, Ms Richardson answered questions from Board members.

Ms Richardson emphasised that policies cannot be implemented in isolation – consideration has to be given to the impact of policies on the community and the people affected.

Discussion followed this presentation.

Some concerns were expressed in these discussions about the relative roles of government and councils, especially in social areas. There was a suggestion that the Council should be more outspoken in its concern that some social issues were not being adequately addressed by the government. Advocacy to government was seen as an important council role.

Feedback given by members of the committee was noted by Ms Richardson during the discussions.

Ms Richardson was thanked for her very comprehensive presentation.

### **24.2 PARKING STRATEGY – PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Mike Calvert, Transportation Planning Engineer, outlined what the Council was seeking to achieve in its Carparking Strategy. This was summed up in the rhetorical question – A City of Parks or a City of Car Parks?

The objective of the proposed Parking Strategy is to generate a city-wide parking framework, which the Council does not have at present. Present parking decisions are being made on a piece-meal basis.

The proposed Strategies will provide policies to prioritise use of road space and will interact with other Strategies, including public transport. Mr Calvert pointed out that we are running out of road space but, with high density housing, the city is running out of trees and landscaping as well.

Mr Calvert invited the Board and Board members to put in a submission on the discussion document on parking issues and advised that, although the official closing date had passed, such a submission could be accepted by the Environmental Policy and Planning Unit until the end of July.

The Board considered the submission points formulated at the Community Focus Committee made some minor fine tuning amendments to these submissions.

#### **24.3 REVIEW OF BASIS OF 2001 LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS: COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES AND COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

The Community Focus Committee considered a comprehensive report on possible Ward boundary changes and on the Review of the number of Elected Members of Community Boards.

Because of the complexity of the Ward boundary issues, the Board arranged a meeting between the Hagley/Ferrymead, Spreydon/Heathcote, Shirley/Papanui and Burwood/Pegasus Community Boards to discuss Ward boundary changes. The changes finally agreed upon at this joint meeting are separately reported on in a further clause.

The Board **resolved:**

1. That the information be received.
2. That the submissions on the Council's Parking Strategy, as amended at the meeting, become the submissions of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board.