1. COMMUNITY PLANS BRIEFING

A briefing was provided to the Community Plans Special Committee on the background and types of significant issues that could fall within the Committee's terms of reference.

(a) The community planning opportunity

Mike Richardson, City Manager, presented an overview of how central government, local government, corporate, not-for-profit and voluntary organisations can work together to achieve environmental, economic and social outcomes.

(b) How it might work

Jonathan Fletcher, Director of Policy, provided an overview of projects and relationships that may be or had been established between the Christchurch City Council and other agencies. These were grouped under three headings of Metropolitan Projects, Relationships with Other Organisations, and Local Initiatives.

(c) The Council's existing partnerships – an overview

Mary Richardson, Social and Economic Policy Analyst, provided a detailed summary of existing Council partnerships.

(d) Co-ordinating Committee for Traffic Safety

Councillor Ingrid Stonhill outlined the background and objectives of the Co-ordinating Committee for Traffic Safety. The Committee is made up of 16 organisations with an interest in traffic safety and is chaired by a Christchurch City Councillor. Responsibilities include the preparation of the road safety strategy, developing and implementing the annual road safety action plan, and overseeing the road safety budget through the finance group. Monthly reports go from the Committee to the City Services Committee (now call the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee).

(e) Healthy Christchurch

Mary Richardson provided a brief to the Committee on Healthy Christchurch. Health sector reforms have brought with them both uncertainty and risk, and opportunities for greater collaboration between various agencies. Healthy Christchurch recognises that many factors influence health, from individual characteristics to health services, including social, economic and environmental factors. Healthy Christchurch focuses on greater intersectoral collaboration between a wide range of agencies.

(f) Aranui Community Renewal Project

Ian McKenzie and Dennis Morgan outlined the background to the formation of the Aranui Community Renewal Project. This project operates at a local level in a collaborative effort between the Christchurch City Council, Burwood/Pegasus Community Board, Housing New Zealand and local community groups. Housing New Zealand has made a substantial commitment to its housing stock within the Aranui area. The project is continuing.