

2. NEW BRIGHTON MALL REVITALISATION

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the action being taken to convene a community forum in New Brighton to further enhance the New Brighton area and consider opportunities for revitalisation of the New Brighton Mall.

BACKGROUND

The Council over recent years has been assisting the New Brighton community to upgrade or enhance facilities in New Brighton and promote the Brighton Mall as a destination for tourists and residents of Christchurch.

The New Brighton Pier and the new terminal library building have been built, the foreshore upgraded and more recently the eastern end of the mall has been redesigned and an avenue of Phoenix Palms planted.

Council and Community Board consultation has identified some significant projects which could be given further consideration or prioritised.

However during the consultation one proposal "to re-establish a one-way road east through the mall to Oram Avenue and connect it to either or both Hawke Street (north) or Beresford Street (south)" took precedence and the Council in February 2001 decided to investigate the proposal and the establishment of a special rating area.

The outcome of this decision and the appointed Hearing Panel's recommendation that the Council not proceed with the proposal to vary the 1978 Special Order (to permit the road) were reported to a special meeting of the Council on 8 October 2001.

The Council adopted the Hearing Panel's recommendation and resolved also:

"That this Council recommend to the incoming Council that a community forum on New Brighton be convened at the earliest possible opportunity."

COMMUNITY FORUM

In anticipation of a request to hold a community forum at the earliest opportunity an officer project control group has been formed. Terms of reference for a community forum are being prepared and the convening of the community forum is planned for late January 2002.

The officer project control group has met with Councillor James (Chair, Strategy and Finance Committee), the other Pegasus Ward Councillor, Chrissie Williams and Burwood/Pegasus Community Board Chair, Don Rowlands to commence planning for the forum and to establish a process which will co-ordinate the recommendations or requests to come from this forum with the Council's Annual Plan process.

FUNDING

The Council has provided \$500,000 in 2001/02 and \$700,000 in 2002/03 for major amenity improvements in the New Brighton commercial area.

In making this provision the Council anticipated that it may be required for roading works.

If a decision is to be made to allocate this provision to other than the roading it will require a Council resolution.

The investigation of the establishment of a special rating area in New Brighton has not been taken further in view of the decision on the road. However it remains an option for further discussion should other appropriate projects be put forward by the community.

Chair's**Recommendation:**

1. That a community forum be convened in January to bring recommendations to the Council for the enhancement of New Brighton and to identify other opportunities for revitalisation of New Brighton.
2. That a report be available by the end of March 2002 to be considered during the 2002/03 Annual Plan process.
3. That the outcome of the community forum be reported to the Council through the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board to the Urban Planning and Growth Special Committee (and via the Strategy and Finance Committee as appropriate).