

11. FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

The Festivals and Events Interim Advisory Board reported to the Committee, recommending a change to the funding of the Festival of Flowers. The report advised that the Board had considered several promising proposals for new festivals and following a review of these proposals had concluded that there was a need to undertake a strategic review of current and proposed festivals. It was also advised that the Board proposed to investigate options for a larger garden and lifestyle festival that incorporated both the needs of local community and visitors to the city. The Board proposes to develop a framework for the festival for the Committee's consideration in consultation with key stakeholders, including representatives from the Christchurch Garden City Trust.

In order to achieve the strategic development the Board recommended to the Committee:

1. That funding of \$44,782 be allocated for the 2002 Festival of Flowers to fund the scaled-down festival.
2. That the balance of the funding provided in 2001/02 for this festival be made available for development work for the proposed new festival.
3. That no commitment be given for funding the festival beyond 2002.

The above recommendations, when put to the meeting, were declared **carried** on division no. 2 by six votes to three, the voting being as follows:

For: Councillors Anderton, Baker, Buck, Corbett, Harrow and Stonhill.
Against: Councillors Buist, Ganda and Sheriff.

The Committee also **decided**:

1. That the Christchurch Garden City Trust and other interested parties be invited to take part in the enhanced festival.
2. That the above recommendations be referred to the Annual Plan Working Party.