

## 1. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE PARKS, GARDENS, & WATERWAYS COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to confirm the work programme and expected timetable for outcomes confirmed at the February Committee meeting which are expected to be achieved over the next three years by the Committee.

### BACKGROUND

Each Standing Committee is asked to report to the February Council on:

- Main outcomes to be achieved over the next year, year 2 and year 3
- What is to be done differently from the past

And in March on:

- The programme of works to meet the outcomes

The objectives of those reports are to:

- Know and plan for the major streams of work and developments over the next three years.
- Ensure triple bottom line/sustainable outcomes are achieved.
- Expand and develop relationships with appropriate external entities.

It is assumed the operational outputs and deliverables under the Annual Plan will continue as they are developed under the future Annual Plans. These outcomes are additional issues which it considers important to be resolved and actioned, together with the expected timetable.

The items listed below were confirmed at the February 2002 meeting of the Committee.

### The Outcome list

The issues for inclusion in the list of achievements are organised under the terms of reference for the Committee. The items brought forward by the Committee are in italics.

### Operational outputs of the Committee

<b>Terms of Reference</b>	<b>Expected Outcome</b>	<b>Delivery</b>	<b>Completion date</b>
Parks & Reserves	<i>Improve standards of parks and gardens by:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Reviewing the standards of maintenance contracts – including consultation with the public on costs</i></li> <li>• <i>Ensuring current contracts are monitored and reviewed</i></li> </ul>	Seminar with City Care & Reports	March 02 & ongoing
	<i>Develop the proposed City perimeter walkway</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Allow the creative use of windfall wood for Art, seats &amp; park furniture generally</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Creative design of Parks furniture including special design for special areas</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Art in Parks – at least one major piece per annum</i>	\$55,000 in A. Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Completion of Travis Wetland boardwalk</i>	In the Annual Plan	Over 5 years
	<i>Resolve the contamination at Bexley Wetland – Cunningham land</i>	In the Annual Plan	June 02
	<i>Upgrade the standard of presentation of Botanic Gardens and Mona Vale.</i>	Asset management plan and Garden City Subcomm.	Ongoing
Waterways & Wetlands	<i>Monitor and enhance the quality of stormwater discharge</i>	Some quality tests now also ECAN tests. Mostly new work.	Ongoing

Cemeteries	<i>Develop a policy on the memorial use of parks, and gifts of furniture and art.</i>	Partially covered in the existing policy. More policy work required. Seminar on this.	02 / 03
	<i>Review the maintenance and the provision of cemetery plans for upgrades.</i>	Seminar on this	02 / 03
	<i>Investigate implementation of Memorial Cemeteries and memorials in parks and investigate improved maintenance of Historic Cemeteries.</i>		
Gateways	<i>Improve signage to Christchurch at 4 major gateways, north, south, Lyttelton and West Coast.</i>		

### Asset Management Outputs

Asset Management	<i>Review the standards – and generally upgrade them</i>	This is the essence of the Asset Management Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Develop walkways including information boards, and the 'story' of parks</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Develop a full register of all fountains, statues and artworks in Parks and public places.</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Restore special heritage areas to their original concept eg Poplar Crescent with Poplars not native plantings</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Develop a capital expenditure strategy</i>	In the Annual Plan – the 5 year Capital expenditure programme	Ongoing
	<i>Review the design of Playground Equipment</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Lakes in Jellie Park – upgrade</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Focus on and develop the Parks and assets we already own, before buying more</i>	Part of the 5 yr capital programme	Ongoing
	<i>If the development of new Parks is unsustainable then allow to hold land undeveloped until required by the community</i>	Part of the 5 yr capital programme	Ongoing

### Strategy and Policy review

Natural Environment strategy	<i>Produce a strategy for the Natural Environment based on Chapter Two of City Plan covering:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Water – both potable and groundwater &amp; waterways</i></li> <li>• <i>Natural features and habitats</i></li> <li>• <i>Coastal Environment</i></li> <li>• <i>Port Hills</i></li> <li>• <i>The Plains</i></li> <li>• <i>Environment awareness</i></li> </ul>	Outline plan is in the City Plan. This needs to be developed into an action plan for the Parks & Waterways Unit.	June 03
	<i>Develop and adopt a strategy for the natural environment</i>	As above	June 03
Planting Strategy	<i>Develop and adopt a planting strategy &amp; policy – including the use of native and exotic plants</i>	Draft Policy published. Final statement to be completed.	Dec 02
	<i>Black Poplar / silver birch planting &amp; health issues</i>	As above	Dec 02

Policies for streets trees and green spaces on streets	<i>Develop a list of suitable trees for the streetscape</i>	Report required and aligned with Planting Strategy	Dec 02
	<i>Coordinate with planting strategies generally</i>	As above	Dec 02
	<i>Work with Transit to adopt strategies similar to CCC to ensure coordination of landscape works</i>		ongoing
	<i>Review City Plan Rules to improve and enforce tree retention laws.</i>		

Open space acquisition Strategy	<i>Allow to acquire but not immediately develop new Parks etc. as the maintenance costs are high following development</i>	This is in the 5 Year Capital programme	Ongoing
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Policy - general	<i>Coastal Management Plan – prioritise and implement the strategy</i>	Strategy is developed some work is in the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Waterways &amp; drainage – develop a total land drainage system</i>	This is the Asset Management Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Submissions to ECAN on the Natural Resources Regional Plan Strategy</i>	Report to Committee	March 02
	<i>Biodiversity Strategy – Input to submissions on Government Papers.</i>	Parks unit has a botanist on staff now to address these issues	Ongoing

### Work of the Committee

Work with others	<i>Work with other Committees of Council to enhance the natural environment of the city and other TLA's</i>	Total Solutions model and cross boundary meetings	Ongoing
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Visits by Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Savannah Grassland (list on order of priority)</li> <li>• Travis Wetland</li> <li>• Bexley Wetland</li> <li>• Charlesworth St</li> <li>• Wigram Retention Basin / Nga Puna Wai</li> <li>• Estuary</li> <li>• Botanic Gardens</li> <li>• Styx, Lower Avon including boat trip or Kayak</li> <li>• Halswell Quarry</li> </ul>		Over 3 Years
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### Standing Sub committees

Estuary Green Edge	<i>Develop a working relationship with interested groups</i>	Parks Unit staff	Ongoing
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Garden City Advisory group.	<i>Get the basic of the garden city right</i>	The sub committee is setting up the team to work through the issues	Ongoing
	<i>Develop the unique character of the city</i>	As above.	Ongoing

## **CONCLUSION**

Most outcomes are included in the current programme. For those that are not, the delivery dates are being addressed with Unit staff and advisors.

A report back to the Committee was requested on development and maintenance of water features, statues and floral clocks within the city.

**Recommendation:** That the Council confirm the Parks, Gardens and Waterways outcomes and timetable as above.