

3. OVERSEAS CITY MODELS

CITY MODELS

Ivan Thomson, Senior Planner, detailed the main findings from successful overseas city models that could provide a lead to be followed. These were seen as being:

- Government leadership and support in urban policy to foster partnerships
- A need to get away from the Resource Management Act as much as possible to enable planning for long-term strategic planning and funding commitments
- Promote community ownership – planning with people for people

Slides were shown depicting examples of English, American and European post-war planning, as well as new urbanism, smart growth and master planned communities.

Portland, Oregon Model

Mark Bachels, Urban Development Policy Leader, showed a video on the development of Portland, principally as a result of Senate Bill 100 1973.

The video referred to the 19 goals set out to be achieved, the options and alternatives provided for transportation, protection of farm lands and wildlife habitat, as well as enforcement measures.

Curitiba, Brazil Model

A video presentation was made outlining the steps that had been taken by authorities to take responsibility for the city's planning needs.

In particular, it referred to the transportation systems, the inner-city pedestrian walkways and the recycling refuse/food exchange programme.

Portland v San Jose – two cities comparison

The presentation emphasised Portland's controlled urban growth strategy as opposed to San Jose's urban growth problems.

The key lessons which led to the Portland success were its:

- Insight
- Vision
- Inclusiveness
- Comprehensive nature
- Acceptance of risk

While that of San Jose's unsuccessful model were:

- Lack of strategic integrated and comprehensive planning
- Lack of community and inter-agency vision and buy-in
- Long-term significant resources and quality of trends not adequately addressed

THE NEED FOR AN URBAN DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

As a means of comparison, members were provided with a presentation covering:

- Auckland growth forum
- Auckland regional growth strategy
- Christchurch Proposed City Plan growth strategy
- Urban development success stories
- Proposed urban development strategy overview
- Key urban development questions
- Cities as systems
- Urban development strategy specific benefits
- Key elements
- Social and economic outcomes
- City-wide/regional strategies
- Area plans
- Local community plans

The next steps in this process were seen as:

1. Develop formal outline of urban development strategy (UDS).
2. Staff workshop to identify some key issues/themes on UDS.
3. Committee seminar/workshop issues and themes on UDS.
4. Public engagement – what form?

The Committee **received** the information.