

1. URBAN RENEWAL ANNUAL REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to present to the Council the Urban Renewal Annual Report covering the works of the 2002/03 financial year.

BACKGROUND

This is the first annual report on urban renewal in Christchurch. It is recognised that there is an on-going need for promotion and education about the urban renewal programme. For this reason, the report is now intended to be a yearly publication.

It has been compiled and presented to illustrate how urban renewal projects and activities are continuing to work towards the Council's vision to:

'Gradually renew the older residential areas of the city to standards appropriate in today's environment'. (Urban Renewal Policy, August 1995)

The annual report is a bound document, separate from this report.

REVIEW OF THE URBAN RENEWAL PROGRAMME

Further work has been undertaken on the review of the Neighbourhood Plans programme. This will be reported in an 'issues and options' report, which will be brought to the Committee in the New Year.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Annual Plan Working Party review the level of Urban Renewal funding, in order to deliver a greater focus on planning, without losing the ability to fund small infrastructural projects.
 2. That the Council review the level of service for urban renewal improvements in neighbourhoods in order to offer better urban design outcomes.
 3. That staff be congratulated for the urban renewal outcomes for the last twelve-month period.