

4. 2004/05 ANNUAL PLAN PROCESS

The first step in the new annual plan process was for the Board to prepare a Planning Statement.

A draft statement was considered by the Board; the confirmed statement is as follows:

RICCARTON/WIGRAM PLANNING STATEMENT 2004/05

Riccarton/Wigram Planning Statement	Council Strategic Objectives
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and fund where appropriate “Art in Public Places”. • Continue to support multi cultural events. • Continue to support the new community library partnership with Riccarton High School. • Maintain community liaison groups. • Continue to seek partnership opportunities for local social initiatives. • To provide a funding source for community initiatives in the Board area. • Commence a new 2 year Community Health Project in North Hornby in partnership with the Council’s Leisure Unit. • Provision of a funding source for the extension of services to young people in Riccarton/Wigram. • To provide community events to the people of Riccarton/Wigram 	<p>A COMMUNITY COHESION AND WELLBEING The Community Board will enhance community cohesion and wellbeing through:</p> <p>A1 Maximising opportunities for residents to participate in learning and leisure activities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting and providing visual and performing arts. <p>A2 Strengthening communities by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding and supporting community initiatives, festivals and community organisations • Working with community groups, government agencies and other funding bodies to address key areas of social need • Initiating and supporting community development projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work with ECan to ensure that the city aquifers are not subject to pollution from illegal dumping of toxic materials in local dump sites, and to work collectively in achieving better air and water quality for the community. • Work with other Council Units to educate and encourage residents on the need to maintain waterways around the city. • Maintain a vigorous/rigorous dialogue with planners on the need to avoid housing development on productive farming and horticultural land close to the city. • To encourage dialogue between the residential and industrial interface with a view to reducing opportunities for conflict occurring between these two diverse land-users. • Continue to encourage property owners with heritage sites to maintain the intrinsic value of these sites and, where possible, provide community access to these. 	<p>Environmental Sustainability</p> <p>C The City Council will contribute to Christchurch’s Environmental sustainability through:</p> <p>C1 Managing our impact on the environment in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain water quality in streams and rivers • Maintain production potential of fertile soils

	D Democratic Governance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board will ensure that its meetings are open to all residents. • That Council's policy on consultation is effectively promoted and adhered to. • That participation in local decisions by residents is seen as a natural aspect of governance, and the Board seeks to actively encourage resident groups and community groups in this process. • To continue to meet with adjoining Councils on matters of substantial environmental issues and other issues of mutual interest. • Ensure that information pertaining to the Riccarton/Wigram area is easily accessible to all residents through a variety of appropriate avenues. 	<p>The Council will facilitate democratic governance for the residents of Christchurch by:</p> <p>D1 Creating and maintaining mechanisms for citizens' participation in decision making and policy development.</p>