

## 1. ARANUI COMMUNITY RENEWAL STEERING GROUP UPDATE: SITE AGREEMENT STRONGER COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN FUND PILOT

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update on progress with Aranui Community Renewal and to seek approval for the Council to enter into a site agreement with the Aranui Community Trust Incorporated Society and the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services (copy of draft site agreement attached).

The Aranui Community Renewal Steering Group met on Friday 9 May and received a report from the Council, the Housing New Zealand Project Manager and the Aranui Community Co-ordinator on progress of work under way.

Since the February meeting of the Steering Group the following actions have occurred.

An Aranui based Department of Work and Income employment solutions broker position commenced on 10 March. Demolition of the 6-16 Aldershot Street multi-unit block was completed on 21 February. In March the Portsmouth Street development final unit was completed and at the end of March Aranui Community Trust Committee members and Christchurch City Council representatives attended a two day evaluation seminar for the Stronger Community Action Fund projects across the country.

The three partners in the Aranui Community Renewal have been holding regular partners' meetings since March. Accommodation needs are the subject of ongoing discussion.

### STEERING GROUP COMPOSITION

The meeting discussed the role and composition of the steering group. The meeting decided that there should be two representatives from the Trust, two from Housing New Zealand Corporation, two from the Council and one from the Community Board. The Steering Group agreed to write to the Department of Children, Young People and their Families to invite them to have representation on the Steering Group. Staff from the Council and Housing New Zealand and representatives from the Trust will report to the Steering Group. Chairing of the meetings will rotate between the Council, Housing New Zealand Corporation and the Trust.

### WORK UNDER WAY

#### **Wainoni Park Progress** (*toilets, lighting and redevelopment*)

The resource consent application for the new toilets and changing rooms is being processed. Rather than construction commencing this month as previously reported, it is more likely that working drawings will be completed in June with construction commencing in August. External lighting of the Family Centre will be assessed and improvements incorporated into this construction contract.

#### **Aldershot Redevelopment**

Redevelopment plans for 6-16 Aldershot Street are progressing, the multi-units have been demolished and community design workshops are under way for the planning of a total of five new single storey dwellings.

#### **Carisbrooke Street Reserve**

Redevelopment plans are ready to feed back to the community.

#### **City Streets**

The City Streets Capital Programme Team will commence work in the very near future on consultation and scheme development for Hampshire Street (\$100,000 funding is in the 2003/04 financial year). There has been some discussion on the overlap between Hampshire Street and Wainoni Park redevelopment and these need to proceed in parallel. Information is still to be gathered on the location of reported flooding so that this matter may be corrected.

A report on progress with all city streets matters raised in submissions to the 2002/03 Annual Plan has been prepared for presentation to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board meeting on 26 May.

## **Stronger Community Action Fund (SCAF)**

The Stronger Community Action Fund (SCAF) workshop was held on 31 March and 1 April 2003 in Auckland. On 2 April a group also visited Aranui, Clendon and the Tupu Youth Library on Otara. Information from the workshop and visit has prompted amendment of the delivery and reporting structure within the City Council and will prove useful in planning for the Aranui Action Plan.

In addition, progress on the drafting of a site agreement for Stage One of the Stronger Community Action Fund was discussed. A further meeting on the site agreement has been held. Aranui was considered by the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) as an appropriate site for a Stronger Community Action Plan pilot.

The Council will act as fund holder, with the other two parties in the agreement being CYFS and the Aranui Community Trust.

The SCAF fund is a unique project whereby the state via CYFS is wanting to invest in chosen communities. They will do this via a local community trust, in this case the Aranui Community Trust. The Council's role, besides being the fundholder, will be to work alongside the Trust with the aim of providing professional community development advice and support. The Council has seconded Rachael Fonotia to the Trust, and Gill Redfern, a Council Community Development Adviser, works specifically in Aranui with Rachael.

## **Capital Works Programme HNZN Housing**

An accelerated housing improvement programme is under way concentrating on street frontage improvements and garaging.

The next Steering Group meeting is scheduled for Friday 8 August.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the information be received.
  2. That the Mayor be asked to sign the site agreement on behalf of the Council and in his absence the Chair of the Community Plans Special Committee.
  3. That the Director of Policy be authorised to make any final changes on the Council's behalf to the site agreement.
  4. That the Christchurch City Council continue to support the principal MoU agreement in working with Housing New Zealand and the Aranui community.
  5. That the Aranui Community Renewal project in future be reported to the Community and Leisure Committee and that Councillors Stonhill and Withers remain the Council's representatives on the Aranui Community Renewal Steering Group.