

20. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

20.1 For members' information attached are schedules of funds distributed in 2004/05 for the Discretionary Funds (following the allocation meeting on 18 February 2004) and the Community Response Assistance Fund.

20.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.

20.3 SUBMISSIONS TO THE LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN

The purpose of this report is to bring to the Board's attention to issues referred to the Council in submissions on the LTCCP.

Board Submissions

Set out below are Council decisions and comment on issues raised in the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board submissions on the Plan:

1. *Burwood Park Car Parking*

It was resolved that the \$50,000 funding allocated in 2004/05 for the Queenspark Reserve toilets be transferred to the Burwood Park Car Park project.

2. *Shading of Playgrounds and Swimming Pools*

A submission was also received from the Cancer Society seeking the provision of shade areas for Council paddling pools and play areas.

It was resolved that the submission (from the Cancer Society) be referred to the Community and Leisure Committee to consider ways in which the Council can work with the Cancer Society to promote 'sun smart' behaviour.

3. *New Brighton Bus Interchange*

The need for a suburban bus interchange at New Brighton has been recognised, and \$175,000 has already been allocated to the Beresford Street Amenity Improvement scheme in 2004/05 for the purposes of providing a high quality bus interchange facility for the many busses that terminate and originate from the area.

4. *Skating Facilities at Thompson Park/Play Equipment/Half Basketball Courts*

It was resolved that the Board consider funding local projects such as half basketball courts, play equipment and skating facilities from its project and discretionary funds.

5. *New Brighton Revitalisation*

It was resolved that in view of the cost escalations which have occurred owing to the delays caused by the appeals to the environment court, additional provision of \$195,000 be made in 2005/06 for the New Brighton Revitalisation project.

6. *Refurbishment of North New Brighton Community Centre*

To enable the project to be completed in accordance with the design approved by the Council in 2003, it was resolved that an additional \$150,000 be provided in 2004/05 for the above project.

7. *Hampshire Street Neighbourhood Improvement Work*

It is acknowledged that there are vehicle volume and speed, and drainage matters on Hampshire Street. Because of budgeting constraints the Transport and City Streets Unit had to prioritise the issues to address. The remaining problems are not significant enough (from simply an asset management and road safety perspective) to warrant treatment at a higher priority than other streets in the city.

8. *Community Libraries -Hours of Operation*

Funding of \$87,000 has been provided from 2004/05 for the Sunday opening of Community Libraries.

9. *Aranui Library Service*

It was resolved that the Libraries and Information Manager report to the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee and Strategy and Finance Committee's detailing the expenditure in recent years on new library initiatives and the budget provision for future projects.

10. *Council Consultation Practices*

The Council has a consultation policy which was adopted in July 2003, but it does not have a framework to support this policy and therefore the day-to-day practice of consultation. As noted by the Board, work is being undertaken on this framework, the results of which will be presented to the Community Board. The Board's suggestions about this framework will be considered as part of this process.

11. *Impact of Wastewater Ocean Outfall*

Wastewater has always discharged to the Avon-Heathcote estuary since the establishment of the Christchurch community. From the estuary the wastewater flows into the open ocean at the mouth of the estuary, thereby having effects within the estuary, and at Sumner, Scarborough and South Brighton beaches depending on current and weather conditions at the time. A discharge into the Ocean at least 2km out to sea will have a significantly lesser public health risk at Christchurch beaches than the existing discharge. During the pipe route consultation process it was agreed that Jellicoe Street would be reconstructed as a living street where construction of the pipeline affects that street, and that the domain would be upgraded in the vicinity of the pipeline route.

The matter of community compensation for construction has therefore been considered and addressed. The matter of community compensation for being in the vicinity of the discharge has not been considered, however, the effects will be less than from the proposed ocean outfall than the existing point of discharge in the estuary.

It may be argued that there is a need to recognise this 'hosting' burden and this could be considered on a citywide basis for any major facility with negative connotations. This would need to be considered on a case-by-case basis at a political level and include such matters as 'hosting' major roads or railways. From this perspective -this is the role of the Community Board which is raising awareness of the issue, and may use it as leverage to support initiatives that they consider desirable.

12. *Parklands Library*

Additional funding of \$471,000 has been provided. The Library is scheduled to open in May 2005.

Bexley Residents' Association Submission

The Bexley Residents' Association sought provision for a walking bridge across the Avon River from Wairoa Reserve to Evans Street and provision of more bus stops in Bexley. These matters have been referred to the Board for consideration.

New Brighton Revitalisation Taskforce Submission

Included in the Taskforce submission was a request for funding of \$10,000 for an avenue of trees along Seaview Road. The Council referred this item to the Board for consideration.

Staff

Recommendation: That the above items referred to the Board be considered by the incoming Board at the preparation of the Capital Works Programme and Project and Discretionary funding allocation for 2005/06.

Chairperson's

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board seek inclusion in the 2005/06 LTCCP of funding for the New Brighton Taskforce proposal for palm trees in the New Brighton Mall and the skateboard half court facilities.
 2. That the Greenspace Unit undertake a report on the sunshade needs in the Burwood/Pegasus area.