

4. PLANNING STATEMENT

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For a number of years Community Boards have been invited, as part of the Council's Annual Plan process, to submit a Planning Statement to the Council. Each of the component parts of these statements have normally been passed on to the appropriate Standing Committee for consideration in planning and budgeting for the forthcoming year.

Planning Statements were normally comprised of two main parts viz. "Key Issues" and "Project Proposals".

"Key Issues" were those views of the Board(s) which were important to the future of the respective community. In this Board's case one such example was the view that the ongoing protection of the rights and operational aspects of Christchurch International Airport was paramount to the commercial and tourism opportunities for Christchurch, Canterbury, and the South Island.

"Project Proposals" were a variation of the original "wish list" for projects within the Board's community. The intention was that boards would identify worthy projects (usually street works, parks works, or other infrastructural items) for the future, and that these would later be prioritised by the Units, and the Standing Committees, for inclusion in forward capital programmes.

With the recent change from Annual Planning to Long Term Council Community Planning, and the recent need for smoothing of the capital programme to avoid "carry forwards" the call for Planning Statements has been put on hold pending a review of future processes.

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Recommendation: That it be noted that there is no current need for the Board to prepare a Planning Statement.