

8. DRAFT LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN 2004-14 – BOARD’S SUBMISSION

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an opportunity to review comments made at its 20 April 2004 meeting regarding formulating a draft submission to the Council’s draft Long Term Community Plan 2004-14, to be forwarded to the Council.

The following comments form the Board’s submission on the Draft LTCCP:

- Strickland Street Community Gardens – Whilst acknowledging that this property will be subject to the Facility Assets Unit’s surplus land review process, the Board supports the retention of the property at 190 Strickland Street for use as community gardens, and this includes the house at 188 Strickland Street being retained for community purposes associated with the gardens.
- The Board requests the Council to provide additional funding to ensure the continuation of the annual Festival of Flowers.
- Grange Street – the Board wishes to congratulate the City Transport Unit on work undertaken in the area to date (Aynsley Terrace Living Streets project) and requests that the Unit now move forward in terms of work planned for Grange Street.
- Council to provide funding to develop a Civics Programme Pack (eg making Council information useful and more user-friendly) for use in schools.
- In line with the Board’s Outcome “To live in a clean, green, safe environment which defines the four seasons, the river and the Port Hills”, the Council continue to plant willows on the riverbanks.
- Retain a balance of exotics and natives.
- E-governance, e-communication; e-technology – while there is a lot being done within the Council in this vein, there is no mention in the draft plan including the Community Outcomes regarding this as an outcome.
- Under current delegations, there is no opportunity for community boards to comment on the design of landscaping work (Waltham Pool landscaping is an example of what could have been done better), even though this is maintenance.
- Referring to enhancement work in Sydenham, funded by the Board, the Board noted that there was no reference to enhancement programmes for strip shops throughout the city.
- Urban renewal work needs to be more co-ordinated, so that a total ‘area’ is upgraded rather than individual streets on a piecemeal basis.
- The Board suggests that it is timely and appropriate for the Council to publicly debate whether entry to the art gallery, museum, swimming pools, should be free or a charge made; including options to provide residents with an opportunity to purchase a “Christchurch” card that gives free admission to Council facilities such as the art gallery, museum and pools; with visitors to the city paying an entrance fee.
- The Board wishes to bring the Council’s attention to the unsatisfactory format used for the draft LTCCP document, which is difficult to follow and understand.

The Board is required to indicate whether it wishes the Chairperson to speak in support of its submission. Submissions close on Thursday, 6 May 2004.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board finalise its submission to the Council’s draft Long Term Community Plan 2004-14, and nominate the Chairperson to speak to the Hearings Panel hearing submissions on the LTCCP.

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: For discussion. The Board can format its submission based on the comments on which consensus has been reached.