

6. RESIDENTS' GROUP POLICY REVIEW

The Committee will be provided with an opportunity to give input and comments on the draft Project Brief.

Roger Cave, Community Engagement Adviser, will be in attendance to update the Committee on the recent review of the Resident Group Policy which was prepared in 2001. The objective of the review is to ensure that:

- Council's policies support the efficient operation of resident groups.
- Council obtains an accurate picture of the existing activities of resident groups.
- Residents have the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to Council decision making.

During late October/early November it is proposed to invite our local resident groups to attend a one hour focus group discussion where the representatives will be asked for their views on various aspects of the Policy.

Feedback from the focus groups will be used to revise the current Policy. Further opportunity for their involvement in the revision of the Policy will be provided in early 2007. Community Boards will be invited to participate in revision meetings also.

Key information that will be sought from resident groups are:

1. Which method do you prefer to be consulted by, e.g. public meetings, workshops, newsletters, Board meetings?
2. How would you like to communicate with your Community Board, e.g. Board briefings, Board liaison representative?
3. What consultation timeframes best fits your needs, fortnightly, monthly?
4. Are you aware of the Council's Customer Centre (941 8999) and do you use it?
5. Would you also like to be represented by a regional residents' group?