

## 8. REVIEW OF CENTRAL CITY DELEGATIONS



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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek a recommend from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board to the Council for a change in delegations to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board regarding Street, Parks and Leases within the Central City.

### BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

2. Since the Community Boards were established in 1989 the Council has delegated to them powers in a number of areas including roads, sale of liquor, resource management and parks.
3. During its 1992 - 1995 term, the Council established a Central City Committee and as a consequence of the appointment of that Committee, the Council changed the roading delegations of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board so that they did not apply within a part of the Board's area, which was described as the 'Central City Area'. The roading delegations in that 'Central City Area' were to be exercised directly by the Council. The concept of this Central City Area and the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board not exercising roading delegations in that area has continued to the present day.
4. At its meeting on 13 December 2007 the Council passed a resolution regarding delegations to Community Boards which in part stated:  
  
*'The Community Board delegations under the heading of 'Roads' do not apply to that part of Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board area situated in the "Central City Area" marked on the plan (Plan A dated 18 March 2002) attached. Roads delegations in that "Central City Area" are to be exercised by the Council.'*
5. A map showing the current Central City area where the Board's roading delegations do not apply is attached (refer **attachment A**).
6. At its meeting in November 2007 the Council also resolved to review the delegations of the Community Boards.
7. At a workshop held on 12 June 2008 the Council considered a recommendation from Council staff regarding a review of Community Board Delegations in two areas:
  - a) a change to the area in which the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board exercises delegated authority.
  - b) a change to Community Board delegations regarding trees.
8. This report is to address the issue of the delegations to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board. Work is currently underway with the Community Boards regarding trees and this will be reported separately to the Council.

### PROPOSAL REGARDING HAGLEY/FERRYMEAD DELEGATION

9. As the Council was advised at the workshop on 12 June 2008, staff are recommending a change to the area in which the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board exercises its delegated authority, and a change to the Community Board delegations so that:

- a) the area in which the Community Board does not exercise its delegations is extended (refer **attachment B**).
  - b) the subject matter of delegation which are not exercised in that area are extended from Roads and now includes Parks.
10. While it is proposed that the Community Board would not exercise its roading delegations (as at present), this exclusion would also extend to the Boards power regarding parks and its power to authorise variations to a lease (other than term and rentals) where the variation does not involve an extension to a leased area and also the powers of the Council in relation to parks, in the area in **attachment B**.
  11. The rationale for these proposed changes is that the central city area is of metropolitan significance to the well-being and growth of the city as a whole, and this is recognised in the City Plan, the Central City Revitalisation Strategy and the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy. There is a need to both consider issues within this area on a city wide basis and to be able to respond without undue delay. While the current delegation to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board acknowledges this, it is apparent that both the current boundaries and the limitation to roading delegations only do not accurately reflect present day needs. While the main area of the Central Business District has, for a number of years, been excluded from Board roading delegations, part of the central city south area which will be the focus of revitalisation and intensification has not, and it is proposed that the boundary be adjusted accordingly.
  12. The current delegations in relation to parks and leases are also considered cumbersome, and decision making can be streamlined by excluding these matters from the Board's delegations in the Central City area.
  13. It is also proposed that all reports in the area shown in **attachment B** would come directly to the Council rather than first going to the Community Board as is the current system. This would enable the Council to respond more quickly to changes in the Central City Area.
  14. The Board's existing delegations regarding the ability to give consent of the Council as land owners for the purposes of the Sale of Liquor Act, to appoint one or more members of the Community Board to prepare and be heard for the purpose of providing Community input, and the power to make submissions on behalf of the Council in applications and resource consents to other territorial authorities or the Regional Council where the application is of particular concern to the local Community, will continue without change.

## **12 JUNE 2008 WORKSHOP**

15. This issue of altering the delegated zones of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board in the manner recommended in this report was discussed with Councillors at the 12 June 2008 Workshop. At the workshop, Councillors informally agreed to take this issue further with the option of refining the boundary line. Councillors also informally agreed to:
  - (a) meet with the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board in the first instance, and if the boundary lines were to go further south then other Community Boards would be approached.
  - (b) look at how this was communicated to the other Community Boards. Staff were asked to provide a full report to the Council to review, leading to a joint seminar with the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board.
16. Subsequently the Councillors informally met with members of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board on 17 July 2008 regarding the proposed changes around the Board's delegations and reporting processes.
17. Regarding 15(a) the proposed changes to the boundary line for the area to be excluded from the Board's delegations for road, parks and leases does not go further south than discussed at the workshop on 12 June 2008. Consequently there is no need to approach other Boards regarding this proposed change.

18. Regarding 15(b) this change can be communicated to other Board Chairpersons at a briefing held before the monthly Council Community Board meeting, and Chairpersons could then advise their Boards. Given the Council has already met with the Hagley/Ferrymead Board on 17 July 2008 and that this report is to be considered by the Board, it is considered that the intent of 15(b) has been met.
19. If the Council accepts the staff recommendation in this report then it will be necessary to amend the Council's 13 December 2007 resolution by deleting:

*'The Community Board delegations under the heading of 'Roads' do not apply to that part of Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board area situated in the Central City Area marked on the plan (Plan A dated 18 March 2002) attached. Roads delegations in that Central City Area are to be exercised by the Council.'* and substituting the following:

*'The Community Board delegations under the heading of 'roads, parks and leases' do not apply to that part of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board area situated in the 'Central City Area' marked on the plan (Plan B attached). Delegations for those 'roading, parks and lease issues' in that 'Central City Area' are to be exercised by the Council with reports for the those matters coming directly to the Council.'*

20. If this recommendation is accepted the Board will not have delegations in that Central City Area and reports will not go directly to the Board in the first instance. However the Central City Area continues to be part of the geographical area of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board. So residents in that Central City Area will continue to have the same rights they have now to approach members of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board on issues of concern to those residents. The Board continues to have the right to directly raise issues of concern to it in that Central City Area at the monthly meeting with the Council on Community Board matters.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board recommend that the Council alter its resolution of 13 December 2007 regarding delegations to the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board and substitute the following:

*'The Community Board delegations under the heading of 'Roads, Parks and Leases' do not apply to that part of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board area situated in the 'Central City Area' marked on the plan (Plan B attached). Delegations for those 'Roading and Parks issues' in that 'Central City Area' are to be exercised by the Council with reports on those matters coming directly to the Council.'*

#### **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion.