

SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

16 DECEMBER 2011

AT 8AM

**IN THE BOARDROOM,
BECKENHAM SERVICE CENTRE, 66 COLOMBO STREET,
BECKENHAM**

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES – 18 NOVEMBER 2011

The report of the Board's ordinary meeting of 18 November 2011, is **attached**.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Board's ordinary meeting, be confirmed.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

3.1 124 GARLANDS ROAD SCOUT DEN

Mr Mike Blackburn from Scouts NZ will address the Board regarding the 124 Garlands Road location of the old scout den.

3.2 MIKE PETERS ADDINGTON ACTION

Mr Mike Peters will update the Board on the work of Addington Action.

4. PETITIONS

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. BRIEFINGS

8. EARTHQUAKE DESIGN AND CAPABILITY

8.1 ROSIE HEANEY DEVELOPMENT PLANS SELWYN SHOPS AREA

Rosie Heaney will present to the Board for their information, redevelopment plans for the Selwyn shops.

9. LEASE TO CASHMERE BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED - CASHMERE VALLEY RESERVE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8608
Officer responsible:	Greenspace Operations Manager, Transport and Greenspace
Author:	Tony Hallams, Leasing Consultant

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to grant a new lease to the Cashmere Bowling Club Incorporated over their existing leased area at Cashmere Valley Reserve, within which they have built club buildings, and developed their bowling greens.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The lease previously granted to the Cashmere Bowling Club Incorporated has expired.
3. The club has requested a new lease over their existing leased site, on which their pavilion, storage shed and greens and the surrounding area within their fenced off area is built. Council officers from the Network Planning Unit support a new lease being entered into for a period of up to 33 years, broken into three 11 year periods with rights of renewal at the end of the first two periods, amplified under Section 11 of this report.
4. The club as owners of the buildings, have engaged Powell Fenwick Consultants Limited to provide an engineering report following the 22 February earthquake. Further information regarding this assessment can be found in the Background Information to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. Council records indicate that the Council paid Material Damage Insurance for the buildings up to 1 July 2011, but the Council no longer insures the assets on the club's site. There is no record on the Councils Asset Register that the club structures on site are held as Council assets, and as such there is no obligation by the Council to continue insuring these assets. The club has organised Material Damage Insurance through NZI, a Division of IAG NZ Insurance, for the period of 13 July 2011 to 18 October 2011, and the Club anticipates at the time of the preparation of this report (9 September 2011), that further Material Damage Insurance will be obtained after 9 September 2011.
6. The club's membership as at 31 May 2011 stood at 182 members, including 25 social members which constitute 13 percent of the club's total membership. Officers are of the view that the membership is of sufficient numbers to adequately support the maintenance of their present facilities, and meaningful club competition.
7. The club has submitted copies of its audited financial accounts dating back the last five years. Officers have formed the view that the club is financially sound having sufficient funds to undertake the maintenance and development of their club assets, and maintain their membership.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. The proposal will not impinge on LTCCP budgets, staff time etc required to put a new sports club lease in place being budgeted for in existing budgets.
9. The current rent assessed in accordance with the Council's policy for charging rents to sports clubs has no adverse financial implications for the Council. The current annual lease rental being paid by the club to the Council is \$798.93 plus GST in accordance with this policy

9. Cont'd

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

10. The Board has delegated authority from the Council to authorise the granting of the proposed new lease.
11. There is an obligation on the Council when granting a new lease to grant it only if it considers there is sufficient need to continue to provide the facilities for bowls, and that there is not a greater demand for some other sport or recreational activity and that in the public interest some other sport, game, or recreational activity should not have priority that will provide a greater public benefit. Current club membership numbers justify a new lease being put in place.
12. Territorial authorities have been delegated by the Minister of Conservation, pursuant to section 10 of the Reserves Act 1977, authority to grant or decline a lease of land under section 54(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d) where the effects of the proposed use will be the same or similar in character, intensity and scale. There will be no changes to these effects by granting the proposed lease, and therefore the Minister of Conservation's delegation can be exercised.
13. As part of that delegation it is necessary for the Council to fulfil the requirements of section four of the Conservation Act 1987, that being to consider its obligations to give effect to the Treaty of Waitangi. There are no cultural materials, or fresh water fisheries of importance to Ngai Tahu within the area of Cashmere Valley Reserve to be leased to the Cashmere Bowling Club Incorporated and the area is not identified as a site of significance to Tangata Whenua in the Christchurch City Plan. Council officers have therefore considered the Council's obligations under section 4 of the Conservation Act 1987 determining that this issue does not require specific consultation with Te Runanga.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

14. The LTCCP's strong communities strategic directions section prioritises: providing accessible and welcoming public buildings, spaces and facilities; providing parks, public buildings, and other facilities that are accessible, safe, welcoming and enjoyable to use; working with partners to reduce crime, help people avoid injury and help people feel safer; providing and supporting a range of arts, festivals and events; and protecting and promoting the heritage character and history of the city. The fulfilment of the club's ambitions by approving this application will maintain the enjoyment and experience club members and the general public can obtain at the park.
15. The LTCCP's healthy environment strategic directions section prioritises: providing a variety of safe, accessible and welcoming local parks, open spaces and waterways; providing street landscapes and open spaces that enhance the character of the city; and protecting and enhancing significant areas of open spaces within the metropolitan area. The approval of this application and the resulting development will ensure the continuance of the character of the park/open space for people's enjoyment.
16. The LTCCP's liveable city strategic directions section prioritises: improving the way in which public and private spaces work together. The approval of this application will maintain the private infrastructure on the park thereby maintaining the way it interrelates with the public park it is situated upon, which in turn will add to the value of the experiences both club members and the public can have at the park.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

17. Yes. Refer to paragraphs 14 to 16 above.

9. Cont'd

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

18. This application is aligned with the Christchurch Active Living Strategy, by supporting member's mental stimulation, physical exercise, and enabling the general public to gain another experience in life by playing bowls.
19. This application also supports the Christchurch Visitor Strategy by maintaining an attraction that visitors both to Christchurch and the park can experience.
20. The approval of this application is in alignment with the Council's Strategic Direction to support Strong Communities. It encourages residents to enjoy living in the city and to have fun, thereby supporting Christchurch as being a good place to live.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

21. Yes. Refer to paragraphs 18 to 20 above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

22. The Council does not need to publicly advertise the proposal or enter in to a formal consultation process because the present sports club has occupied the site continuously for a considerable period of time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board under delegated authority from the Council and Minister of Conservation:

- (a) Approve the granting of a new lease to the Cashmere Bowling Club Incorporated over the part of Cashmere Valley Reserve on which the existing buildings and greens are located, within their existing fences, being approximately 3850 square metres of Reserve 5114, a recreation reserve of 1.4943 hectares, vested in the Christchurch City Council contained New Zealand Gazette Notice 1985/2166, for a period of up to 33 years broken into three 11 year periods with rights of renewal at the end of the first two periods of 11 years, these rights of renewal being subject to the Council being satisfied that the terms and conditions of the lease have been complied with, and that there is sufficient need for the sports, games, or other recreational activity specified in the lease, and that in the public interest some other sport, game, or recreational activity should not have priority;
- (b) Authorise the Corporate Support Manager in association with the Policy And Leasing Administrator (Network Planning Unit) to conclude and administer the terms of the lease;
- (c) Resolve that the Council's obligations under section 4 of the Conservation Act 1987, have been considered, and determine that this issue does not require specific consultation with Te Runanga, for the reasons set out in section 13 above.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

9. Cont'd

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

23. The Cashmere Bowling Club engaged Powell Fenwick to undertake an assessment of the leased area. The report prepared on 4 March 2011 indicates evidence was found of fissures and liquefaction on site.
24. The report also indicates:
 - (a) Preliminary indications are that this building (Club pavilion) is not in immediate danger of structural collapse and safe to occupy;
 - (b) Under Specific Notes the report indicates –
'The rafter at the top of the column in the kitchen area required proper fixing, the end beam in the Ladies Changing Area required propping, and the fence between the end green and the adjoining playground area required propping for the whole length'.
25. A further report to the club from Powell Fenwick dated 14 July 2011 indicates necessary remedial works have been undertaken, and the club has indicated propping of the boundary fence has been undertaken.
26. The Council's report writer also carried out a rapid assessment of the sports club ground with others following the February 2011 earthquake and aftershocks, and at the time of the assessment observed club members finalising remedy of the greens area. The club has indicated that there has been some further damage to the greens from the recent snow falls, but this damage has also been remedied.

10. LINCOLN ROAD – PROPOSED P10 PARKING RESTRICTION

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8608
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Manager, DDI 941-8096
Author:	Steve Hughes – Traffic Engineer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval that a time limited parking restriction be installed on the south east side of Lincoln Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Council staff have received a request from the Pramukh Convenience Store at 320 Lincoln Road to install 10 minute parking restriction outside their shop. Please refer to the **attached** plan.
3. Lincoln Road is a minor arterial road running from Halswell Road to Moorhouse Avenue. 320 Lincoln Road is located between Parlane and Dickens Street. The latest vehicle volume count near this shop shows a seven day average of 20,953 vehicles per day travelling past.
4. In the seven years that the business has been operating at this location the number of businesses moving into the area has increased, with a dramatic rise since February 2011. This has coincided with similar increase in demand for vehicle parking.
5. The parking on Lincoln Road between Dickens Street and Parlane Street is currently limited to a maximum 30 minute parking except for one bus stop and an area of no stopping around a pedestrian crossing build-out. The two 30 minute marked parking spaces in front of the convenience shop and the adjacent printing company is increasingly being used by visitors to other businesses in the area. This can result in prospective customers being unable to find close-by short term parking and taking their business elsewhere.
6. A typical transaction in the convenience store or in the adjacent printers takes less than 10 minutes. Therefore, it is recommended that parking in the two parking spaces outside these shops is restricted to a maximum period of 10 minutes.
7. Changing the restrictions on the two parking spaces directly outside these two shops from 30 minute to 10 minute parking should ensure a regular turnover of vehicles parking and increase the likelihood that prospective customers can find a parking space. As the convenience store opens early and closes late, this restriction should apply at any time.
8. If this proposal is accepted, it is appropriate to revoke all of the 180.5 metres of existing parking and stopping restrictions along this section of Lincoln Road. The 12 metre long area of 10 minute parking and the remaining unaltered existing P30, bus stop and no stopping restrictions around the pedestrian crossing build-out can then be resolved in the one resolution for ease of enforcement. The existing no stopping restrictions at the intersections of Parlane Street and Dickens Street at each end of this section of Lincoln Road are not affected.
9. The businesses in the vicinity were consulted as to whether they supported the proposed installation of these two 10 minute time limited parking spaces. Eighty seven percent of the respondents supported the installations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The estimated cost of this proposal is approximately \$300.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

11. The installation of signs and road markings are covered by Transport and Greenspace Operational budgets.

10. Cont'd

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

12. Part 1, Clause 5 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008 provides the Council with the authority to install parking restrictions by resolution.
13. The Community Boards have delegated authority from the Council to exercise the delegations as set out in the Register of Delegations. The list of delegations for the Community Boards includes the resolution of parking restrictions and traffic control devices.
14. The installation of any parking restriction signs and/or markings must comply with the Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

15. Aligns with the Streets and Transport activities by contributing to the Council's Community Outcomes – Safety and Community.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

16. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

17. The recommendations align with the Council Parking Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's Strategies?

18. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. 10 consultation documents relating to the proposed 10 minute parking were distributed to nearby businesses:
 - (a) Eight or 80 percent were returned;
 - (b) Seven or 87.5 percent of the respondents supported the proposed changes.
20. As this is a commercial area, no consultation was done with any residents' associations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board:

Revoke the following parking restrictions on Lincoln Road:

- (a) That any existing parking restrictions on the south east side of Lincoln Road commencing at a point 7.5 metres north east from its intersection with Parlane Street and extending in a north easterly direction for 180.5 metres be revoked;

Resolve the following on Lincoln Road:

- (b) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the south east side of Lincoln Road commencing at a point 7.5 metres north east from its intersection with Parlane Street and extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 17.5 metres;

10. Cont'd

- (c) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 10 minutes on the south east side of Lincoln Road commencing at a point 30 metres north east from its intersection with Parlane Street and extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres. This restriction is to apply to at any time;
- (d) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the south east side of Lincoln Road commencing at a point 51 metres north east from its intersection with Parlane Street and extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 56 metres;
- (e) That a Bus Stop be installed on the south east side of Lincoln Road commencing at a point 117 metres north east from its intersection with Parlane Street and extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 22 metres;
- (f) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south east side of Lincoln Road commencing at a point 139 metres north east from its intersection with Parlane Street and extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 34 metres;
- (g) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 30 minutes on the south east side of Lincoln Road commencing at a point 173 metres north east from its intersection with Parlane Street and extending in a north easterly direction for a distance of 15 metres.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

11. 182 TO 202 CENTAURUS ROAD - POTENTIAL STREET TREE REMOVAL

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941 8608
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager Transport and Greenspace
Author:	Jonathan Hansen, Arborist and Joanne Walton, Consultation Leader, Transport and Greenspace,

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to obtain a decision from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board on whether to remove or retain the seven Claret Ash street trees which are located between 182 and 202 Centaurus Road. (**Attachment 1** refers)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has received a deputation from Evan Paterson with endorsement from Malcolm Williams and Ken Grey who have concerns with the shading effects of the street trees as they are located on the northern boundary of these properties. They have a supporting letter from Orion dated 8 April 2010. (refer **Attachment 2**)
3. Following on from a staff memorandum to the Board on the 18 June 2010, the Board decided "that staff provide a report to the incoming Board on the street tree condition at 182 to 202 Centaurus Road taking into account the Orion letter of 8 April 2010 supplied by Mr Paterson, the street amenity value (including streetscape), in consultation with the immediate neighbourhood, and giving consideration to replacing these trees including the cost of replacements and the source of funds. It was also requested that the report comment on proposed road treatments for this area."
4. The trees have been inspected using an industry recognised system of Visual Tree Assessment (VTA). The trees have been inspected from ground level. No aerial inspection was carried out or samples taken for analysis. The following observations were made.
 - (a) There are seven mature Claret Ash *Fraxinus oxycarpa* 'Rayward' between 182 and 202 Centaurus Road which are situated in large berms to the north boundaries of the properties.
 - (b) The trees are considered mature with full crowns indicative of the species, with the majority of the trees having multiple branch attachments from a single short stem base which is also indicative of the species.
 - (c) The trees have been categorized as average condition using the Christchurch City Council's condition assessment criteria.
5. Public consultation was undertaken on the proposed tree removals with 26 comment forms being returned. Of these, 12 supported the removal, and 14 did not support the removal, with most providing additional comments. Further details are provided under the "Consultation Fulfilment" section of this report.
6. For the reasons given in paragraph 5, staff recommend that the Board decline the request to remove the seven Claret Ash trees and continue to maintain them to internationally recognised and accepted arboricultural practices, standards and procedures.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The cost to remove the seven trees and grind the stumps is estimated at \$9,418. The cost to replace the seven trees, including the cost of watering and mulching over the first three years is estimated at \$2,352.

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8. The STEM evaluation for each tree outside the relevant property numbers is;

Outside 182 Centaurus Road the STEM value is \$9,800 and the STEM score is 84. With nuisance the STEM value is \$9,200 and the STEM score 78.

Outside 184a Centaurus Road the STEM value is \$9,800 and the STEM score is 84. With nuisance the STEM value is \$9,200 and the STEM score 78.

Outside 188 Centaurus Road the STEM value is \$9,800 and the STEM score is 84. With nuisance the STEM value is \$9,200 and the STEM score 78.

Outside 1 Parklands Drive the STEM value is \$9,800 and the STEM score is 84. With nuisance the STEM value is \$9,200 and the STEM score 78.

Outside 196 Centaurus Road the STEM value is \$9,800 and the STEM score is 84. With nuisance the STEM value is \$9,200 and the STEM score 78.

Outside 198 Centaurus Road the STEM value is \$9,800 and the STEM score is 84. With nuisance the STEM value is \$9,200 and the STEM score 78.

Outside 202 Centaurus Road the STEM value is \$7,200 and the STEM score is 72. With nuisance the STEM value is \$6,600 and the STEM score 66.

This is a collective valuation of \$66,000. Allowing for nuisance the valuation is \$61,800.

- (a) *STEM (A Standard Tree Evaluation Method) is the New Zealand national arboricultural industry standard for evaluating and valuing amenity trees by assessing their condition and contribution to amenity along with other distinguishable attributes such as stature, historic or scientific significance.*

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

9. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. The Greenspace Manager has the following delegation with respect to trees:

"In consultation with any other units affected and the relevant Community Board, authorise the planting or removal of trees from any reserve or other property under the Manager's control".

11. While the Transport and Greenspace Manager has the delegation to remove the trees, current practice is that in most cases requests to remove healthy and structurally sound and healthy trees are placed before the appropriate Community Board for a decision.
12. Under the delegations to Community Boards, the Board has the authority to "plant, maintain and remove trees on reserves, parks and roads" under the control of the Council within the policy set by the Council.
13. Protected trees can only be removed by a successful application under the Resource Management Act. These trees are not listed as protected under the provision of the Christchurch City Plan.
14. The following City Plan Policies may be of some benefit when considering the options:

11. Cont'd

VOLUME 2: SECTION 4 CITY IDENTITY

4.2.1 Policy: Tree Cover

15. To promote amenity values in the urban area by maintaining and enhancing the tree cover present in the City.
 - (a) Tree cover and vegetation make an important contribution to amenity values in the City. Through the redevelopment of sites, existing vegetation is often lost and not replaced. The City Plan protects those trees identified as "heritage" or "notable" and the subdivision process protects other trees which are considered to be "significant". The highest degree of protection applies to heritage trees.
 - (b) Because Christchurch is largely built on a flat plain, trees and shrubs play an important role in creating relief, contributing to visual amenity and attracting native birds.
 - (c) The amount of private open space available for new planting and to retain existing trees is influenced by rules concerning building density and setback from boundaries. The rules do not require new planting for residential development but landscaping is required in business zones.

4.2.2 Policy: Garden City

16. To recognise and promote the "Garden City" identity, heritage and character of Christchurch.
 - (a) A key aspect of achieving this policy will be maintaining and extending environments and vegetation types which compliment this image. A broad range of matters influence and contribute to this image, including the following:
 - (i) Tree-lined streets and avenues;
 - (ii) Parks and developed areas of open space.

14.3.2 Policy: "Garden City" image identity

17. To acknowledge and promote the "Garden City" identity of the City by protecting, maintaining and extending planting which compliments this image.

VOLUME 3: PART 8 SPECIAL PURPOSE ZONE

14.3.5 Street Trees

18. Nearly half the length of streets within the city contain street trees, but the presence of very high quality street trees which add considerable presence to streets and neighbourhoods is confined to a relatively small proportion of the road network. These streets add particular character and amenity of the city, either in the form of avenues which form points into the city, or an important part of the local character of particular streets.
19. An application to prune or remove the tree may be made to the District Court under The Property Law Amendment Act 1975.
20. The District Court can order the pruning or removal of a tree under the Property Law Amendment Act 1975.
21. The removal and replacement of the tree is to be completed by a Council approved contractor.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

22. Yes, as per above.

11. Cont'd

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

23. Draft LTCCP 2009-19:

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- (a) Governance - By enabling the community to participate in decision making through consultation on plans and projects.
- (b) City Development - By providing a well-designed, efficient transport system and attractive street landscapes.

24. Retention of the tree is consistent with the Activity Management Plan provided the tree is structurally sound and healthy.

25. Removing and not replacing the tree is not consistent with the Activity Management Plan.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

26. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

27. Removing and replacing the tree would be consistent with the following strategies:

- (a) Christchurch City Biodiversity Strategy.
- (b) Christchurch Urban Design Vision.
- (c) Garden City Image as per the City Plan.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

28. Yes, as above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

29. A public information leaflet was distributed to approximately 140 households and absentee property owners in the vicinity of Centaurus Road, along with 14 identified key stakeholders groups and individuals. The leaflet was also available in local Council libraries and service centres, and on the Council's Have Your Say website.

30. A total of 26 comment forms were returned by residents, with many offering additional comments. There were three anonymous submissions. A total of 12 respondents supported the removal of the street trees, while 14 did not support the removal. A copy of the comments has been circulated under separate cover.

Support for removal of street trees			
	Yes	No	Total
Number of responses	12	14	26
%	46%	54%	100%

31. Nine of the 12 respondents who supported the removal of the trees provided additional comments. The most frequent reasons for supporting the removal were:

- (a) Branches break off and are a hazard to power-lines and on the footpath.
- (b) Leaves block storm-water drains and gutters.

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- (c) Tree roots have damaged fences and storm-water drains.
 - (d) The trees shade houses and gardens.
 - (e) More suitable replacement tree species should be planted.
32. All of the 14 respondents who did not support the removal of the trees provided additional comments. The most frequent reasons for opposing the removal were:
- (a) The trees contribution to the character of the street and wider area.
 - (b) The trees are healthy and not a hazard.
 - (c) The trees are deciduous and not likely to cause shading effects.
 - (d) Other trees in the neighbourhood are just as large.
 - (e) The property owners should have realised the trees would grow large.
 - (f) Pruning and trimming would be a better option.
 - (g) The trees should not be removed if there is no funding or timeframe for replacement plantings.
33. All respondents who provided contact details have been sent a final letter of reply thanking them for their input. The letter has also informed respondents that a report would be presented to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board for their consideration. Details of the meetings were provided so that any interested people could request a deputation or attend.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board:

- (a) Decline the request to remove the seven Claret Ash street trees and continue to maintain them to internationally recognised and accepted arboricultural practices, standards and procedures.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

11. Cont'd

BACKGROUND

34. There are seven mature Claret Ash *Fraxinus oxycarpa* 'Raywood' between 182 and 202 Centaurus Road
35. The six larger trees were planted between 1967 and 1969. The smaller tree outside 202 Centaurus Road was planted in 1990.
36. The seven trees are situated in large grass berms to the north boundaries of the properties.
37. The seven trees are considered mature with full crowns and are some of the larger trees in this locality and are considered a high visual amenity asset.
38. The majority of the trees have multiple branch attachments from a single short stem base which is indicative of the species.
39. The trees have been categorized as average condition using the Christchurch City Council's condition assessment criteria.
40. In response to the Orion letter dated on the 8 April 2010, Council Arborist Martin Gohns responded in a memorandum to the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board on the 18 June 2010. He made the following comments:

"With regard to the first paragraph in the letter from Tim Pow of Orion, I would not disagree agree that there is published documentation regarding the species characteristics of claret ash and the potential for structurally weak branch unions, however there was little evidence of this and at the time of the inspection. The second paragraph relating to flowering cherries is a little misleading regarding multiple branch attachments and I am unaware of any issues around the city or published documentation regarding poor branch unions susceptible to failure".
41. Remedial works were carried out on these seven trees in October 2010. This involved pruning branches clear of power lines and reducing the end weight of lower branches extending over the properties. This remedial work was based on current Arboricultural Best Practice and in line with the current Christchurch City Council line clearing specifications.

OPTIONS

42. Decline the request to remove the seven Claret Ash street trees and continue to maintain them to internationally recognised and accepted arboricultural practices, standards and procedures.
43. Remove and replace the seven Claret Ash street trees. The costs are to be borne by the applicant(s). All work is to be carried out by an approved Council tree contractor.

12. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD – 2012 MEETING DATES

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI 941-8462
Officer responsible:	Democracy Services Manager
Author:	Jenny Hughey, Community Board Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To seek the adoption by the Board of its ordinary meeting dates from February to December 2012 inclusive.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. So that the business of the Board can be conducted in an orderly manner, and to allow public notification to be given of those meetings in compliance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, it is necessary that the Board adopt a schedule of ordinary meetings for 2012.
3. The dates proposed assume that meetings of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board will generally continue to be held on the first Tuesday and third Friday of each month commencing at 5pm and 8am respectively. The practice of having a Board Seminar immediately preceding or following the Board's monthly meetings when necessary is also proposed to continue. The venue for the holding of all ordinary meetings is the Board Room, Beckenham Service Centre, Colombo Street.
4. The Board will recall that week three of each calendar month is assigned as 'community week' for Councillors where, as far as possible, Council meetings are not generally scheduled during that week so that Councillors have the opportunity to be active in the community in their representation role, including for community board business and activities. By agreeing to the dates for its 2012 meetings, the Board will contribute to week three again being utilised as a 'community week'.
5. At the time of writing this report the Council had not yet adopted its own schedule for 2012 meetings. If there are any developments relating to that schedule that could have an impact on this Board's schedule, the Board will be advised prior to consideration of this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?**

6. Yes, provision is made in the 2009-19 LTCCP on pages 154 to 159, for elected member representation and governance.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?**

7. Yes, in respect of Schedule 7, clause 19 of the Local Government Act 2002, community boards may adopt a schedule of ordinary meetings that are also required to be publicly notified in accordance with section 46 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?**

8. Yes, pages 156 to 159 of the LTCCP refers regarding levels of service for democracy and governance.

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ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

9. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

10. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board consider adopting a schedule of ordinary meeting dates for 2012 to be held in the Board Room, Beckenham Service Centre, 66 Colombo Street, Christchurch as follows:

Date	Time
Friday 17 February	8am
Tuesday 6 March	5pm
Friday 16 March	8am
Friday 6 April	8.am
Tuesday 17 April	5pm
Tuesday 1 May	5pm
Friday 18 May	8am
Tuesday 5 June	5pm
Friday 22 June	8am
Tuesday 3 July	5pm
Friday 20 July	8am
Tuesday 7 August	5pm
Friday 17 August	8am
Tuesday 14 September	5pm
Friday 21 September	8am
Tuesday 2 October	5pm
October 19 Friday	8am
Tuesday 6 November	5pm
Friday 23 November	8am
Friday 14 December	8am
Tuesday 5 June (Prior to 5pm Board Meeting)	Strengthening Communities Board Public Excluded Seminar
Friday 20 July	Strengthening Communities Board Decision Report
Tuesday 14 August	Small Grants Committee

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

13. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD – 2011/12 RECESS COMMITTEE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to put in place delegation arrangements for the making of any required decisions (including applications for funding) that would otherwise be dealt with by the Board, covering the period following its final scheduled meeting for the year on 16 December 2011 up until the resumption of its ordinary meetings in February 2012.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. In previous years it has been the Board's practice to resolve to provide delegated authority to a Recess Committee comprising the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to make any needed decisions on the Board's behalf, during the Christmas/New Year holiday period.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

- (a) That a Recess Committee comprising the Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson (or their nominees) be authorised to exercise the delegated powers of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board for the period following its ordinary meeting on 16 December 2011 up until the Board resumes normal business in February 2012.
- (b) That the application of any such delegation be reported back to the Board for record purposes.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

14. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

15. ELECTED MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

16. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS