

SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

18 NOVEMBER 2011

AT 8AM

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

Community Board: Phil Clearwater (Chairperson), Barry Corbett, Paul McMahon, Karolin Potter, Tim Scandrett, Mike Thorley and Sue Wells

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES - 18 OCTOBER 2011 AND 1 NOVEMBER 2011

The minutes of the Board's ordinary meeting of 18 October 2011, are **attached**.

The minutes of the Board's ordinary meeting of 1 November 2011 will be **separately circulated** to members.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

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

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

4. PETITIONS

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

6. CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the ECan Annual Report Summary for 2010/11 was received and is available for public access at the Service Centre.

7. BRIEFINGS

8. EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY DESIGN AND CAPABILITY

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9. TEMPORARY SHOW-HOME VILLAGE – CANTERBURY AGRICULTURAL PARK

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To enable the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to consider this report and to endorse or otherwise the staff recommendation to the Council that approval be given to lease approximately 6,000 square metres of Canterbury Agricultural Park to PrefabNZ Incorporated for a period of up to 26 months on which to construct the development of a temporary show home village.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- PrefabNZ Incorporated ("PrefabNZ") is a Wellington based non-profit industry organisation, established in 2010 to promote the benefits of prefabrication in building design and construction. Its stated mission is to double the number of prefabricated buildings in New Zealand by 2020. Membership comprises a number of building companies specialising in prefabricated buildings.
- 3. A consequence of the Canterbury earthquakes has been the red zoning of parts of the city, which means the residents need to move from these areas, some of these residents wishing to rebuild in new subdivisions, the demand for which is expected to increase over the summer months.
- 4. Following the success of the CERA 'My Housing Options Expo' held at the Addington Events Centre in Christchurch over the weekend of 30 and 31 July 2011, PrefabNZ believes there is an opportunity for some of its member teams (partnerships of architects with building companies) to each showcase their built prefabricated design homes at one visible and accessible location, thereby providing some quality quick-build options for red zoned residents and others to look at, research and consider before choosing to build.
- 5. PrefabNZ has identified that the chosen site should satisfy the following criteria:
 - (a) Be visible to passing traffic and readily accessible;
 - (b) Have sufficient car parking available for clients;
 - (c) Be located close to existing services, such as electricity;
 - (d) Be secure.
- 6. PrefabNZ has considered a number of potential sites in Christchurch, including parks after discussions with Council officers. The conclusion of this consideration has resulted in PrefabNZ applying for a site in Canterbury Agricultural Park as its preferred option. Attachment A is a plan on which is shown the general location of this site. Paragraphs 12 to 14 of this report below consider a number of site options and the reasons for discounting them in favour of the preferred option.

7. A summary of the details of the application made by PrefabNZ for the use of the Canterbury Agricultural Park site are set out in the table below. A concept site layout is given in **Attachment B**. Photos of the site are given in **Attachment C**.

Site Use	Cluster ('village') of a selection of high quality and sustainably designed	
	prefabricated show-homes built by PrefabNZ member teams.	
Purpose/Benefit	To showcase permanent, high quality designed and environmentally	
	sustainable prefabricated buildings that can be assembled quickly at	
	building sites to provide replacement housing for those who have lost	
	homes in the earthquakes.	
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Site Description	An undeveloped grassed area utilised for car parking during the annual	
	A&P Show and maintained by grazing with sheep.	
Site Area	Approximately 6,000 square metres.	
Number of	Up to ten single-storey houses (initially five, then five more before	
Buildin	November 2012) with a footprint of 100 to 140 (maximum 200) square	
gs	metres each, plus a site office and separate portable toilet block.	
Commencement	Site access required from 1 January 2012; opening end February 2012	
and	for a maximum period of 26 months, reviewable after nine months	
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Hours of Operation	10am to 4pm weekends; weekdays by appointment or public demand.	
Services	Portable toilet unit with sewerage catchment tank to be emptied by a	
	service provider on a regular basis; connection required to a water supply	
	for hand-washing only; 190 metre long underground power cable	
	placement to be laid to connect to existing electrical supply to the north-	
	west of the site. No sewerage/wastewater or telecom/data connection	
	required.	
Landscaping	Planter boxes with low shrubs and native trees, timber decking platforms,	
	screens and gravel/bark areas in the 'village green' area and around	
	individual display homes.	
Signage	A sign reading 'Canterbury Housing Innovation Park', measuring	
	three metres wide by 1.5 metres high and raised 1.5 metres above the	
	ground, is to be located inside the Park boundary and positioned and	
	orientated to be clearly visible to passing vehicle traffic. Other signage	
	representing the groups and partners involved with the show-home	
	village will be placed on the outside of the portable toilet block.	
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8. Canterbury Agricultural Park comprises three parcels of land held in one fee simple title vested in the Council pursuant to the Local Government Act 2002, totalling 46.0311 hectares in area, the parcels being listed in the table below and shown on the plan in **Attachment A**.

Legal Description	Certificate of Title	Area (hectares)
Lot 1 DP 302504	9505	45.1956
Section 2 SO 300665	9505	0.5726
Section 1 SO 300665	9505	0.2629

The proposed temporary show-home village will be located mostly within Lot 1 DP 302504 and may extend into Section 2 SO 300665.

- 9. There is a management plan covering Canterbury Agricultural Park and the adjoining Nga Puna Wai. This is the Nga Puna Wai and Canterbury Agricultural Park Management Plan ("Management Plan"), which was approved by the Council on 23 September 2010. The proposed site sits within the larger part (two-thirds) of the combined park area covered by the management plan. This part is called the Agricultural Area, which is for facilities, events (including as an ongoing venue for the Agricultural and Pastoral Show ("Show")) and activities servicing and promoting the primary industries of Canterbury, reflecting the City Plan zone that applies to this area. The description of this zone is given in the following paragraph.
- 10. The proposed site lies in the Open Space 3C (Agribusiness Centre) Zone in the Christchurch City Plan. This is a specialist zone to enable the development of facilities serving the primary industries of Canterbury. This zone corresponds to the area referred to in the paragraph above as the Agricultural Area. The Outline Development Plan (ODP) for the zone specifies activities that can take place in Activity Area 5, which the proposed temporary village will be in, and these are passive recreation, temporary car parking and agro forestry demonstration plots. The Open Space Zone Community Standard 2.3.2 for the use of any site and buildings located generally in accordance with the ODP lists a number of uses that can be made of the area. Although the proposed activity of show-homes is more generally aligned with the listed uses of trade displays, demonstrations and short-term exhibitions, it does not align with most of the uses listed that the area can be used for. Therefore, due to this non-compliance with the City Plan resource consent (land use) is required to be obtained by PrefabNZ.
- 11. Officers consider the proposed temporary occupation at Canterbury Agricultural Park will have a manageable effect upon the overall park environment and its use, due to the occupation being in an area not generally used by the public nor used for approved events or recreational activity currently. The Council entered into a licence to occupy, dated 30 March 2001, for an area of land including part of what is now known as Nga Puna Wai and all of what is now known as Canterbury Agricultural Park with the Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association for a term of 100 years from 1 April 2001 for an Annual Licence Period of up to one calendar month, commencing during the month of October and expiring in the month of November in each year, for the Business Use of Agricultural and Pastoral show or exhibition and ancillary activities. Other than for use for car parking at the time of the annual A and P Show, the area in which the proposed show-home village will be situated has not been used for exhibits or activities associated with the A and P Show in recent years. An equestrian events organisation, Eventing Canterbury, was granted a five year licence in 2004, with a right of renewal of a further five years, to establish permanent jumps along a cross country equestrian course at Nga Puna Wai and Canterbury Agricultural Park, which when developed would pass close to the proposed show-home village. This grant has not been formalised with a licence document, the course not being established, Eventing Canterbury now being based entirely at its venue at McLeans Island. An assessment of the effects of the proposed show-home village is given in the following table, along with comment on how each of these may be mitigated.

Area of Effect	Effects	Comment on Effects and how they can be mitigated
Public Access	The proposed site is not one usually used by the public, except for during the annual A and P Show when it is used for car parking. The site will be open to the public on weekends and closed during the week except for access by appointment.	No loss of normal public access. During the annual A and P Show priority will be given to the needs of that event, in particular car parking in the area surrounding the site. This may mean the show-home village is closed during the three days of the Show unless the A and P Association is comfortable for it to remain open during this time.

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Visual	Will be a highly visible built complex in an area that is currently open paddock, which is the purpose of the proposed occupation. A largish sign will be required just inside the Park boundary that needs to be clearly visible to travellers along Curletts Road. Further signage representing the groups and partners involved with the show-home village will be required on the portable toilet block that will be provided near the entrance to the site.	The buildings will be of high quality and aesthetic design, considering the purpose is to sell the design, and the buildings themselves, to the public. They will be modest sized, single-story, and be built in a material and colour palette that is compatible with the Park surroundings. The need to market, therefore, lends itself to having the site well landscaped and attractive to the eye. The visual addition to the park landscape will be limited to no more than 26 months. The main promotional sign will meet NZTA regulations (RTS7) and comply with policy 6.1 set out in the Management Plan, which requires all signs within, and on the boundaries of, Nga Puna Wai and Canterbury Agricultural Park to be installed only with the consent of the Transport and Greenspace Manager, and be consistent with the Council's policies on park signage and with the Council's Greenspace and Waterways Sign Manual. The signage on the toilet block will face into the Park and the village site, and not be visible from the road. The toilet block itself will be partially obscured from the road by existing trees. These trees will soften the visual impact of the village buildings as viewed from Curletts Road.
Vehicle Access	During the weekends there will be an increase in vehicle traffic through the Park's main entrance off Curletts Road. During the week- days especially, but also possibly during the weekend, any vehicles accessing the show-home village may encounter heavy stock-carrying vehicles that are using the entrance to access the saleyards during the period of time the Southern Motorway is being built.	PrefabNZ has discussed the capability of the Park entrance off Curletts Road to cope with the expected increased traffic resulting from the proposed show-home village on the Park with NZTA. The advice received is that the current intersection on Curletts Road is sufficient to cope with the traffic anticipated to be generated by the proposed village. It is expected that there will be minimal extra traffic at peak times due to the village being open on weekends, with week-day viewing by appointment only. Car parking for the public visiting the village will be kept away from the internal Park road used by stock trucks and signage can be installed that warns of this heavy vehicle traffic.

Physical (Ground)	Some ground works will be required, including underground trenching, to connect the village to electricity and water connections.	The installation of the buildings will not require earthworks, other than trenching required for connection to electricity and water. Electricity for lighting for the houses will be sourced from solar panels, and the balance of power required will be from a connection to the existing switch box situated approximately 190 metres away further in the Park, which will require a cable to be laid underground. An underground water pipe to connect to an existing water supply in the Park may also be required. No cost will accrue to the Council. The Council has the option of requiring the retention of these service extensions at the termination of the temporary occupation, at no cost to the Council. Furthermore, because there are no significant sub-surface ground works required, it is not anticipated any sites of archaeological value will be encountered, although if any are during development of the show-home village, the Historic Places Trust and the Council will be notified immediately and ground work will cease.
Physical (Vegetation)	Any vegetation on the immediate site of the proposed show-home village will be affected by the development.	There are no sites of ecological significance in the proposed area of the village. There will be no removal of vegetation, other than pasture grasses, over the duration of the proposed occupation. The pasture will be reinstated at the termination of the occupation. Existing perimeter specimen trees will not be affected by the proposed development.
Level of compliance with the managemen t plan and City Plan	Strictly speaking, the proposed occupation of Canterbury Agricultural Park is not compliant with the City Plan zoning of the land (it is not promoting the primary industries of Canterbury) nor with the intended use of the area as promoted in the operative management plan (that is, it is part of a general area to promote the primary industries, thereby reflecting the City Plan zone, and contained in a specific area to be used for sports field/open park/recreation).	The proposed occupation does, though, provide a facility and event for display for the appreciation of residents and other visitors, arguably a recreational activity, and is generally aligned with the uses of trade displays and demonstrations, and short-term exhibitions, listed in the Open Space Zone Community Standard 2.3.2. It will add to the variety of experience for Canterbury Agricultural Park visitors rather than detract from it.

- 12. At the request of officers a number of alternative sites were investigated by PrefabNZ for the proposed show-home village, some of which are listed in the following paragraph. These included privately as well as Council owned areas. The reasons stated by PrefabNZ why these alternative sites were discounted in favour of its preferred option of Canterbury Agricultural Park include (not necessarily applying to all sites):
 - (a) Having to purchase land, this being beyond the budget of PrefabNZ and its members;
 - (b) The land area available not being sufficient to locate up to ten homes on;

- (c) The site not being available for long enough (needed for at least one year, preferably two years);
- (d) The site not having access to necessary services, such as electricity supply;
- (e) The site not being in a prominent visible location or too far from the Christchurch CBD;
- (f) No off-street car parking available;
- (g) Access roads needing to be formed to the site;
- (h) The site being insufficiently level or dry, or earthquake damaged;
- (i) The entrance not being wide enough for building-carrying heavy vehicles;
- (j) The site not being a secure site after hours.
- 13. Sites investigated by PrefabNZ include in the former Canterbury Park land alongside Wigram Road, Pegasus Town, Belfast Village, Peterborough Village (Peterborough and Manchester Streets sites owned by individual residents), corner of Main North Road and Johns Road, Council/NZTA land at 35 Groynes Road and Council land at 173 Johns Road. The Council officers' suggestion that commercial sites also be considered was not pursued by PrefabNZ on the grounds that, being a non-profit entity, they cannot afford a commercial lease, and because commercial site owners are reluctant to commit their site to a non-profit group for a period up to two years, and that in their view activities on such sites are seen by the public as being profit-making, which is inconsistent with PrefabNZ' s focus on providing an impartial and balanced view of housing alternatives to Cantabrians.
- 14. PrefabNZ promotes its preferred site at Canterbury Agricultural Park on the grounds that:
 - (a) There is sufficient area available to contain up to ten houses onsite;
 - (b) It is a prominent city location, visible to passing vehicle and foot traffic, and easily accessible for residents;
 - (c) There is no need to purchase a section;
 - (d) Vehicle parking is available off-road;
 - (e) Connection to services, such as electricity and water supply, are nearby;
 - (f) It can be available for the maximum time (two years) it may be required;
 - (g) It is an aesthetically attractive site that is, a green setting free of excessive noise, dust and disruption.
- 15. Officers note, notwithstanding PrefabNZ's stated non-profit status as an industry organisation promoting prefabricated building design and construction, and its view that its proposal now before the Council will be of benefit to Christchurch property owners impacted upon by the earthquakes, that PrefabNZ's members (comprising a number of architect firms and building companies specialising in prefabricated building design and construction) who will be physically occupying the proposed site at Canterbury Agricultural Park are most definitely commercial entities and stand to gain financially from their occupation and activities at the site (that is, the display and on-selling of show-homes). Furthermore, the proposed village will show-case only one form of building design (that is, prefabricated building design). Other companies, in the business of selling homes of different design, are not involved, purely because they are not members of PrefabNZ and therefore not party to PrefabNZ's proposal. Staff advise that the proposal has been publicly notified, as explained in paragraph 39 of this report below, which will allow any other interested party to express their views.

- 16. Officers are further of the view that a precedence for favourable consideration of applications from any other building companies to similarly locate their show-homes on a Council park site is not set because the application in this instance is not one by a building company or companies but a one-off application by a non-profit industry organisation that is able to justify its application by presenting the value of an affordable, quicker and sustainable building option that can potentially benefit those Christchurch property owners impacted upon by the earthquakes. Councillors will need to decide if these benefits are sufficient to justify approval of a use of the proposed Canterbury Agricultural Park site that departs from the usual intended use of this part of the Park.
- 17. In addition,officers advise that, ordinarily, a commercial occupation on a Council park that is to be formalised by the granting of a lease, would need to be advertised for competitive tender. Paragraph 32 of this report below sets out the exceptions to this that may apply in this case.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 18. There are no financial implications for the Council arising from granting permission for PrefabNZ to temporarily occupy the proposed site in Canterbury Agricultural Park. PrefabNZ will meet all costs associated with the establishment and operation of the facility, including all resource and building consents, and costs to reinstate the site, to the satisfaction of the Greenspace Manager or her designate, at the end of the occupation.
- 19. Officers propose that the temporary occupation of the site is formalised with a lease, with a rental or charge determined by the Corporate Support Manager in consultation with the Property Consultancy Team.

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

20. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 21. The area that is proposed to be leased for the temporary show-home village is part of land held in fee simple by the Council and managed as Canterbury Agricultural Park. Whilst the land is not reserve subject to the Reserves Act 1977, it is used as "park" as defined in section 138(2) of the Local Government Act 2002 and therefore the proposed use of the land by PrefabNZ is subject to that provision.
- 22. As a consequence of the 22 February 2011 earthquake the Government made the Canterbury Earthquake (Reserves Legislation) Order 2011 ("Reserves Legislation Order") which permits the Council to authorise the use of reserves and parks (whether held under the Reserves Act 1977 or not) for works or activities directly related to earthquake recovery. Clause 5(c) of the Reserves Legislation Order permits the Council to use a reserve or park if the use is necessary in the opinion of the Council to respond in a timely manner to any circumstances resulting from the Canterbury earthquakes. However, the view of the Council's Legal Services Unit is that the show-home activity proposed by PrefabNZ is primarily a commercial activity which, whilst it may have some peripheral relevance to earthquake recovery in that the red zoning of land by CERA may increase demand for the products and services it promotes, it could not be said to be an activity necessary to respond in a timely manner to the Canterbury earthquakes. The Legal Services Unit is therefore of the view that the powers available to the Council under the Reserves Legislation Order do not apply to the proposed use of the land by PrefabNZ.
- 23. Accordingly, the Legal Services Unit is of the view that the application by PrefabNZ must be dealt with by the Council under 'business-as-usual' processes.
- 24. The proposed use by PrefabNZ will be documented by way of a lease on usual commercial terms, including the requirement to reinstate the land at the end of PrefabNZ's tenure to its former grazing standard. As Canterbury Agricultural Park is a 'metropolitan park', the decision-making authority whether to grant such lease or not rests with the Council, rather than the relevant Community Board, although, as is usual, the Community Board (in this case, the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board) has been asked to make a recommendation.

- 25. As indicated in paragraph 9 of this report above, the land proposed to be leased to PrefabNZ is subject to the Nga Puna Wai and Canterbury Agricultural Park Management Plan ("Management Plan"). The area proposed to be leased to PrefabNZ falls within what the Management Plan terms at a high level to be the 'Agricultural Area', which is to be used for facilities, events (including as an ongoing venue for the A and P Show) and activities servicing and promoting the primary industries of Canterbury. At a more detailed level, the Management Plan contemplates that the area proposed to be leased to PrefabNZ is in an open park/recreation activity area (Figure 2 Activities Plan in the Management Plan) and is in Booking Area 8 (Sports fields/Recreation), as shown in Figure 3 Booking System Plan in the Management Plan. It therefore appears that the proposed use of this area by PrefabNZ would be inconsistent with the Management Plan.
- 26. The Management Plan covers land that is reserve under the Reserves Act 1977 and land that is not formally reserve. Whilst the Management Plan was prepared and adopted using Reserves Act 1977 processes, the land proposed to be leased to PrefabNZ is not held under the Reserves Act 1977. The Management Plan is therefore, in respect of the land proposed to be leased to PrefabNZ, not a Reserves Act 1977 plan.
- 27. Section 80 of the Local Government Act 2002 provides that if a decision by the Council is significantly inconsistent with a Council policy or plan, the Council must when making the decision clearly identify:
 - (a) the inconsistency;
 - (b) the reasons for the inconsistency; and
 - (c) any intention to amend the policy or plan to accommodate the decision.
- 28. The form of the staff recommendation has been drafted to comply with section 80 of the Local Government Act.
- 29. As indicated in paragraph 10 of this report above, it will be necessary for PrefabNZ to obtain land use consent, and any other required consents, under the Resource Management Act 1991 for its proposed activity. Building consents under the Building Act 2004 will also be required.
- 30. As discussed in paragraph 11 of this report above, the area proposed to be leased to PrefabNZ is the subject of a licence in favour of the A&P Association and possibly also to Eventing Canterbury. Any agreement on the part of the Council to grant a lease to PrefabNZ will therefore need to be subject to the agreement of those two parties to relinquish their rights for the term of the proposed PrefabNZ lease.
- 31. It will be necessary for PrefabNZ to agree to the conditions of, and sign, a Temporary Access Licence before moving onto the site, the purpose of this agreement is to protect the interests of Council while construction activities are being undertaken on the site.
- 32. The Office of the Auditor General 'Procurement Guidance for Public Entities' ("Procurement Guidelines") sets out a statement of good practice (not rules) for public entities (including local authorities) when procuring goods and services, including granting leases. Ordinarily, the Procurement Guidelines state that "in principle advertising an open request for tender or proposal should be the preferred method for higher value and/or higher risk procurement". However, the Procurement Guidelines do provide exceptions to this, such as where a contract may not fit the conventional market model because there is not an effective market to provide the services or due to the strategic importance of the services or the relationship with the provider is such that the objectives of the procurement may not be achieved through the market. Given the current circumstances arising from the recent earthquakes of large numbers of people being displaced and urgently requiring affordable and convenient housing solutions, and PrefabNZ being the industry wide organisation formed to promote the use of prefabricated housing solutions, it is arguable that the conventional tender model of procuring these services is inappropriate and that a competitive tender is not required.

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

33. Yes, see above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

34. Not applicable.

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

35. No.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

36. Not applicable.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

37. No.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

- 38. Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2002 requires the Council to consult on any disposal of land used as a "park". For these purposes "park" means land acquired or used for community, recreational, environmental, cultural or spiritual purposes. "Disposal" includes the grant of a lease with a term of more than six months, which has the effect of excluding or substantially interfering with the public's access to the park.
- 39. Public notice of the proposal was made in The Press on Saturday 15 October 2011, inviting public comment, to be received no later than 5pm, Friday 4 November 2011. Copies of the submissions received, and a summary and analysis of these, will be tabled at the meeting.
- 40. PrefabNZ has advised Council officers it has consulted with a number of agencies and affected parties over its proposal to lease the identified site on Canterbury Agricultural Park, including operational staff and members of the Board of the Canterbury Agricultural and Pastoral Association (A and P). The A and P Board has indicated its support, which was ratified at its meeting on 17 October 2011 and then confirmed by the A and P Committee at its meeting on 19 October 2011. Council officers have met onsite with PrefabNZ's project management representative and A and P operational staff to discuss measures needing to be taken to ensure that the proposed occupation is compatible with A and P's future operations to run the Show. A letter of support of PrefabNZ's proposal from A and P is provided in **Attachment D**.
- 41. Officers have contacted Eventing Canterbury, who have advised they will not be seeking to renew their licence to establish a cross country equestrian course at Nga Puna Wai and Canterbury Agricultural Park.
- 42. The proposed site for the show-home village lies within in the Spreydon Ward and is therefore a matter for the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to consider and make recommendations to the Council on. As the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board was engaged in the processes of classification of the Nga Puna Wai reserves in 2009 and the hearing of submitters on the Canterbury Park Draft Management Plan in 2010, this report has been forwarded to the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board at its meeting on 15 November 2011 in the form of an information memo.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, having considered the views of any submitters on this proposal, recommend that the Council resolve as follows:

- (a) Pursuant to section 80 of the Local Government Act 2002 the Council notes:
 - (i) The proposal to lease part of Canterbury Agricultural Park to PrefabNZ Incorporated for the purposes of developing a temporary show-home village is inconsistent with the Nga Puna Wai and Canterbury Agricultural Park Management Plan;
 - (ii) The reason for the inconsistency is due to the Nga Puna Wai and Canterbury Agricultural Park Management Plan providing for the use of Canterbury Agricultural Park for facilities, events (including as an ongoing venue for the A and P Show) and activities servicing and promoting the primary industries of Canterbury; and
 - (iii) Given the temporary nature of the proposed activity, there is no intention to amend the Nga Puna Wai and Canterbury Agricultural Park Management Plan to accommodate the decision to lease part of Canterbury Agricultural Park to PrefabNZ Incorporated.
- (b) Subject to PrefabNZ Incorporated obtaining all necessary regulatory consents and all parties with existing rights of tenure consenting to such use, and with due consideration of the implications of approving a one-off departure from the normal use of Canterbury Agricultural Park greenspace as described in paragraphs 15, 16 and 17 of this report, that the Council grants a lease pursuant to section 12 of the Local Government Act 2002 to PrefabNZ Incorporated over an area of approximately 6,000 square metres of Lot 1 DP 302504 and some of Section 2 SO 300665 contained in certificate of title 9505 shown as the hatched area labelled "Canterbury Housing Innovation Park" on the concept site plan attached to this report as Attachment B for the development of a temporary prefabricated design show-home village for a period of up to 26 months, the lease period to begin on 1 January 2012.
- (c) That the Corporate Support Manager and his staff be delegated the power to negotiate the lease on behalf of the Council on such terms and conditions as he shall consider necessary, including the obligation on the lessee to remove the developments and to reinstate the land on the expiry of the lease.
- (d) That the lessee be required to sign a temporary access licence before accessing the site, the purpose of which is to clearly delineate the Council's and lessee's responsibilities during any construction phase of the developments on the leased site.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

10. SELWYN STREET SHOPPING AREA - SUBURBAN CENTRE MASTER PLANS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. This report seeks Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's endorsement and recommendation to the Council that it approve the draft Master Plan for the Selwyn Street Shopping Area (separately circulated to members) for consultation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. The recent earthquakes have caused significant damage to a number of suburban commercial centres across Christchurch. At its meeting on 23 June 2011 the City Council approved a programme of work including master plans and case management for identified suburban centres.
- 3. Due to the scale and nature of damage to the Selwyn Street Shopping Area, between the intersections of Selwyn Street with Brougham Street and Coronation Street, it was selected for a master planning approach aimed at assisting its rebuild and recovery.
- 4. Preparation of the Master Plan has involved considerable public consultation and participation. the Master Plan sets out a vision for the rebuild and recovery of the centre, including a spatial plan, projects and an implementation plan.
- 5. This report presents the draft Selwyn Street Shopping Area Master Plan for consultation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The Annual Plan has made provision within the Strategy and Planning Group's budget for the Suburban Centres Programme, including the production of this Master Plan.

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

7. Yes, see above.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. There are no immediate legal considerations. Officers have met with officials from CERA and will continue to do so to ensure that the work is consistent with, and will inform, the development of the Recovery Strategy and Recovery Plans.

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

9. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. The Master Plan was not anticipated by the LTCCP or Activity Management Plans but is a response to natural disaster and reflect the Council's land use planning functions. Provision has been made for the Suburban Centre Programme through the Annual Plan process.

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

11. Yes – the Annual Plan 2011/12 includes a revised level of service: the recovery of Suburban Centres is supported by urban design and planning initiatives.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

- 12. The Master Plan is consistent with the Urban Development Strategy objectives and its implementation tool Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement. It recognises the current hierarchy of centres, and is consistent with the vision of enabling the central city to be the pre-eminent business, social and cultural heart of the City.
- 13. The draft CERA Recovery Strategy identifies local neighbourhood plans and initiatives as one of its goals to help communities recover. The Suburban Centres Programme and these Master Plans are therefore consistent with the Recovery Strategy.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. Yes, see above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. There has been extensive consultation with the local communities, stakeholders and the Community Board during the preparation of the Selwyn Street Shopping Area Master Plan. Approval of the draft Master Plan will enable a further formal stage of consultation to be undertaken.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board recommend that the Council:

(a) Endorse the content of the draft Selwyn Street Shopping Area Master Plan (Attachment 1) and approved it for public consultation;

and:

(b) In 2012, receive a consultation report on submissions on the draft Master Plan and in conjunction with the Community Board consider whether to conduct hearings prior to adopting the final version of the Selwyn Street Shopping Area Master Plan.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

- 16. The series of earthquakes that has occurred across the region since September 2010 has caused significant damage to the Selwyn Street Shopping Area with the loss of many buildings, services and facilities that support the residents living around the centre.
- 17. The scale and concentration of the earthquake damage to the Selwyn Street Shopping Area, together with the needs of the local community, indicated that a more comprehensive and co-ordinated approach would be required for the rebuild and recovery of the centre. Council approved the preparation of a Master Plan for this centre as part of the Suburban Centres programme at its meeting on 23 June 2011.
- 18. The Selwyn Street Shopping Area suffered damage from the September 2010 earthquake and additional damage from the February 2011 earthquake. The damage sustained to a number of buildings in the centre has resulted in the demolition of the buildings and clearance of the site comprising 285 to 299 Selwyn Street and the building at the front of 304 Selwyn Street. In addition the buildings comprising 288 to 290a Selwyn Street were severely damaged and are likely to be demolished. Likewise, the buildings comprising 320 Selwyn Street and 57 Somerset Crescent are also likely to be demolished. In total the loss or potential loss of these buildings accounts for approximately 60 percent of the commercial floor area of Selwyn Street and 179 meters of the shop frontage onto Selwyn Street (out of a total of 262 meters).
- 19. Under the draft CERA Recovery Strategy the Suburban Centres Programme sits within the Local Neighbourhood Plans and Initiatives. The Strategy does not identify Suburban Centre Master Plans as formal Recovery Plans. However, there is potential, should it become necessary, to request that the CERA legislation be used to assist the delivery of the Master Plans. This could include opportunities to fast track District Plan changes.

THE OBJECTIVES

- 20. The overall objectives for the Master Plan are two fold:
 - to assist in achieving a rapid recovery, and;
 - to create a platform for long term regeneration.
- 21. In order to achieve this the Master Plan will set out a vision for the centre. This will be accompanied by a spatial plan that sets out where development concepts have been identified, and an implementation plan that sets out the actions needed to give effect to the proposals. Through this it is hoped to build community and investor confidence for the future of the centre.

MASTER PLAN PROCESS

- 22. Council staff have worked with property owners, local businesses and the local community in the preparation of the draft Master Plan. This has included the following four stages:
 - **Project Foundation** comprising information gathering, site visits, and meeting with community leaders
 - Community Engagement 'ideas gathering' workshops held with property owners, business owners and the local community on 25 August 2011. Across these meetings approximately 70 people shared their likes, dislikes and aspirations. In the weeks that followed, people continued to share ideas by telephoning and sending comments in by post or email. In addition, consultation discussions were held with the Community Board and the local Member of Parliament.

- **Design Workshop** Council staff participated in a Council-led one day technical design workshop on 31 August 2011. Through an integrated and iterative process, urban planners, transport planners and engineers, landscape architects, urban designers, community engagement and resource consent staff took the base information for the centre and the ideas from the community engagement sessions and developed, tested and refined options to generate the initial concepts for the Master Plan.
- **Documentation** this stage focused on development of the draft Master Plan. Analysis of the community comments was undertaken and further technical evaluation of the concepts occurred. The concepts were translated into actions and an implementation plan was developed.
- 23. The Draft Master Plan is now to be considered for public consultation. It is anticipated that the consultation period will run from mid-December to early February. Adoption of the Master Plan is anticipated for early 2012.

KEY ISSUES AND PROPOSALS

- 24. From the initial consultations with the community and key stakeholders a number of issues emerged highlighting the concerns and aspirations of the community.
 - The community felt that the centre was improving prior to the earthquakes and was catering well to the changing demographics of the area (more young families, more young professionals, for example). In particular there was support for the shops and services that were (and, for some, still are) fulfilling convenience needs (such as the dairy, grocer, restaurant, café, fish and chip shop, medical centre and pharmacy). The aim should not be to try and compete with the nearby malls.
 - The community wanted a centre to be rebuilt with the same or an improved variety of shops. It should continue to become a centre that appeals primarily to local convenience needs but also possess some measure of city wide appeal.
 - There was a strong desire to reflect on the built heritage of the centre with the rebuild, but not to replace it like for like. A mix of one and two storey buildings; uniformity but not repetition of blanc facades; open, light and airy shops; and the retention of verandas. Street frontages were preferred, rather than set-back buildings behind parking.
 - Overall the new buildings should work well and complement each other, and together create a boutique and village feel to the centre.
 - The community wanted a better pedestrian environment that improved safety for all users and made the street more inviting by providing informal meeting spaces, a calmer and slower traffic environment with safe crossing points.
 - There was a strong desire to use this opportunity to address some of the traffic safety concerns in the centre, such as at the intersection between Selwyn and Coronation Streets. There was some concern regarding the impact of the State Highway expansion and how this may increase traffic through the centre. At the same time the good connection with the rest of the city afforded by Brougham Street and Selwyn Street to the north was considered an asset for the centre.
 - Improved cycling facilities were also wanted and the parking arrangements for the centre needed to be considered during the rebuild.
 - Better use of Selwyn Street Reserve to make it more attractive, more family friendly and safer for small children.
 - A desire for a new meeting space in the form of a square or plaza incorporated into redevelopment and providing outdoor seating but not directly on the street. This could be in combination with commercial activities such as cafes also having an outdoor element.

- Mixed use redevelopment with retail and services at ground floor and residential or professional offices above.
- Better communication and coordination between business owners in the centre.
- 25. In response, the key elements of the Draft Selwyn Street Shopping Area Master Plans are:
 - 1. Bulk and scale plans, elevations and impressions of the redevelopment sites.
 - 2. Selwyn Street Reserve upgrade.
 - 3. An upgrade proposal for the street including improvements to the pedestrian environment, intersection changes, traffic management and parking arrangements.
 - 4. Proposal for incorporation of an area of open space for public use, on the largest redevelopment site in Selwyn Street.
 - 5. Encourage and assist the formation of a business association for Selwyn Street.
 - 6. Provide an ongoing 'case management' facility to property owners.
- 26. A copy of the draft Master Plan is included as a separately circulated attachment to this report. This provides full details of the issues and proposals for the centre and outlines the options that have been considered as part of the master-planning process. This document still requires redesigning for publication. This will be done once the content has been approved.
- 27. It is not currently proposed that a request be made to CERA for this Master Plan to become a formal recovery plan as other options exist to assist implementation. Further consideration can be given to the potential use of the CERA legislation following evaluation of the feedback on the draft consultation plan.

CONSULTATION

- 28. As outlined in paragraph 12 above, considerable consultation has been undertaken with the local communities during the preparation of the draft Master Plan. It is acknowledged that achieving a sense of community ownership is an important part of a successful plan. However, there is also a need to ensure that the planning process is expedient, enabling the community to progress with the recovery process. As such, it is considered that a further final round of consultation will be an appropriate means of providing the community and stakeholders with another opportunity to engage in the process and comment on the formal proposals of the draft plans.
- 29. The consultation period needs to allow sufficient opportunity for the community and stakeholders to consider the draft proposals. It also needs to take into account the time of year in which the consultation period falls. As the consultation will be over the Christmas holiday period it is proposed that the draft Master Plan be out for consultation for a longer than typical period (seven weeks). This would enable progress to finalising the plans early in the new year. Copies of the full Master Plan documentation will be made available on the Council's web site, with hard copies also provided for reference in the local Service Centres and Libraries. Copies of the summary version will be circulated to local household and businesses. Other relevant stakeholders will also be provided with copies. In addition it is intended to hold open day drop-in sessions in the centre during this consultation period.
- 30. For Selwyn Street a seven week consultation period from mid-December through to the beginning of February 2012. Following this, officers will analyse the responses and prepare a consultation report on submissions on the draft Master Plan for the Council to consider, in conjunction with the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board. At this time, a decision will be sought as to whether to conduct hearings prior to adopting the final version of the Selwyn Street Master Plan.

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11. ORBELL STREET – PROPOSED P60 PARKING RESTRICTION

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment, DDI 941-8608	
Officer responsible:	Unit Manager Transport and Greenspace	
Author:	Sonia Pollard, Traffic Engineer, Transport	

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval that a parking restriction be installed on the west side of Orbell Street.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. Council staff received a request from Hunter Furniture for a short term parking restriction to be installed on Orbell Street. Please refer to **Attachment A**.
- 3. Following the earthquake a number of businesses have relocated into this area, increasing the demand for on-street parking. In order to utilise the current available parking in the most efficient way it is proposed that an area of time restricted parking is installed. Staff recommend that the parking of vehicles in this area be restricted to a maximum period of 60 minutes.
- 4. The two businesses adjacent to the proposed parking restrictions are Hunter Furniture, situated at number 8 Orbell Street, and Mitre 10, which will be situated at number 32 Montreal Street. Hunter Furniture will be operating from Orbell Street for approximately 12 months until their premises on Moorhouse Avenue are repaired. Consultation was undertaken with these businesses and their responses are summarised in paragraph 12.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. The estimated cost of this proposal is approximately \$1,500.

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

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

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

7. Part 1, Clause 5 of the Christchurch City Council Traffic and Parking Bylaw 2008 provides Council with the authority to install parking restrictions by resolution.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. 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?

9. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. The recommendations align with the Parking Strategy 2003.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11 As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

- 12. The two businesses affected in this area, Hunter Furniture and Mitre 10, both agree to this proposal. Hunter Furniture also requested the removal of the loading zone outside their premises but this is not supported by Mitre 10. As Hunter Furniture is only situated on Orbell Street temporarily, and the loading zone is still required by other businesses in the area, staff recommend that the loading zone remains.
- 13. The Officer in Charge Parking Enforcement agrees with this recommendation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board approve the following on Orbell Street:

- (a) That the parking of vehicles be restricted to a maximum period of 60 minutes on the east side of Orbell Street, commencing at a point 15 metres north from its intersection with Brougham Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 104 metres.
- (b) That a P5 Loading Zone (Restricted to Goods Vehicles Only) be installed on the east side of Orbell Street, commencing at a point 13 metres north from its intersection with Brougham Street and extending in a northerly direction for a distance of 54 metres. (*Note: This loading zone is already in existence, the resolution is to formalise this.*)

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

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12. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2011/12 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – RUBY SIDDALL AND ALEXANDER IRVINE

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services DDI 941-8607	
Officer responsible:	Recreation and Sport Unit Manager	
Author:	Sarah Benton, Community Recreation Advise	

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Board two applications for funding assistance from the Spreydon/Heathcote 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. Funding is being sought by Ruby Siddall, a 14 year old from Cashmere, to attend the Royal Academy of Dance New Zealand International Summer School in Wellington from 9 to 21 January 2012, and Alexander Irvine, a 15 year old from Hoon Hay, to represent the South Island at the Under 17 Basketball Tournament in Australia from 11 to 22 January 2012.
- 3. Alexander was advised of his selection in late September 2011, allowing him only five weeks to raise the total tour cost by the deadline in November.
- 4. The following tables detail event expenses and funding requested for each applicant:
 - (a) Ruby Siddall

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ\$)
Airfares	80
Accommodation	650
Course Fees	910
Food	350
Total Cost	1,990
Amount raised	1,150
Amount requested	\$500

(b) Alexander Irvine

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ\$)
Airfares, Accommodation, entry fees	3,250
Total Cost	3,250
Amount raised	0
Amount requested	\$500

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5. Neither applicant has received funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement Scheme.
- 6. There is currently a balance of \$6,900 available in the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

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

7. Yes see page 184, regarding Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

9. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Yes.

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

11. Yes, Community Grants (page 176), Strengthening Communities (page 172), and Recreation and Sports Services (page 108).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

- 12. Application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy, Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.
- 13. Application also aligns with the following Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Objectives: 'Increased participation of Spreydon/Heathcote residents in local and city-wide recreation events/programmes.'

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Allocate \$100 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Ruby Siddall towards costs associated with attending the Royal Academy of Dance New Zealand International Summer School in Wellington from 9 to 21 January 2012.
- (b) Allocate \$350 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Alexander Irvine towards costs associated with representing the South Island in the under 17 Basketball Tournament in Australia from 11 to 22 January 2012.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

Ruby Siddall

- 15. Ruby attends Cashmere High School and dances for Evolution School of Dance in St Albans with Nicky Falloon. She has been learning dance since she was eight years old and is currently learning Grade 6 in Ballet, Grade 2 in Contemporary, and Grade 5 in Jazz.
- 16. Evolution Dance school does not compete in competitions but they hold an annual performance every year in which Ruby always performs. For the last performance Ruby played in one of the lead roles. Ruby participates in three classes per week, training for a total of five hours each week. Ruby's whole dance class has registered to attend the International summer school where admittance is determined on a first-in first-served basis.
- 17. The International Summer School is held every four years and organised by the Royal Academy of Dance. The programme is a two week Performance Course for Vocational students who are 12 years and older and are at Intermediate Foundation level to participate in stimulating, enjoyable and worthwhile classes including Classical, Contemporary, Repertoire and Jazz. Students will get the opportunity to experience two public performances and work with professional international dancers and teachers to create original pieces of choreography in a range of dance disciplines.
- 18. Ruby has been involved in various fundraising efforts including a disco, selling goods and baby sitting. Ruby is also involved in Air Training Corps, plays badminton for Cashmere High and sails with the Christchurch Yacht Club.

Alexander Irvine

- 19. Alex has played Basketball since he was seven years old and has been representing Canterbury for the past four years. He currently plays for his age group and represents Cashmere High School in the under 17 and under 20 teams. Alex practices four times a week and plays two games per week on top of his Canterbury commitments to the sport.
- 20. Alex's under 20 team recently came fourth in the South Island tournament and won the Canterbury tournament. Based on his recent playing form and team results, Alex was selected to represent the South Island in the under 17 tournament in Sydney and at the 'Pacific Coast Slam' in Port Macquarie (New South Wales). Teams represented at the tournaments are Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. Alex's selection and the tour is organised by Basketball Pacific Incorporated which is made up of (regional) Basketball Associations that are registered with Basketball New Zealand.
- 21. Alex sees this opportunity as a way to gain experience and develop his game, and bring this back to his local teams. In the future Alex plans to represent Canterbury in the National Basketball League and eventually play in the United States.

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13. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE 2011/12 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT FUNDING APPLICATION – MATTHEW MCNEIL, NICK SMITH, SERENA PEARCE AND CRAIG MURRAY

General Manager responsible:	General Manager, Community Services DDI 941-8607
Officer responsible:	Recreation and Sport Unit Manager
Author:	Sarah Benton, Community Recreation Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Board four applications for funding assistance from the Spreydon/Heathcote 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2. Funding is being sought by the following applicants to represent Canterbury/West Coast Region at the national Youthtown Get2Go Challenge on Great Barrier Island from 5 to 9 December 2011; Matthew McNeill, 14 year old from Hoon Hay; Nick Smith, 14 year old from St Martins; Serena Pearce, 14 year old from Cashmere and Craig Murray, 13 year old from Cashmere.
- 3. The team became aware of their selection after winning the Regional Challenge on 12 September 2011. Their applications to the Youth Achievement Scheme fund were received in late October.
- 4. The following table details event expenses and funding requested for each applicant (same amounts for each applicant):

EXPENSES	Cost (NZ \$)
Airfares	163
Accommodation	63
Fees (including Ferry, Meals, Island	400
Accommodation, Instructors etc)	
Total Cost	626
Other funding, Lions Club	62.50
Amount requested	500

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5. None of the applicants have ever received funding from the Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Achievement scheme.
- 6. There is currently a balance of \$6,900 available in the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund.

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

7. Yes see page 184, regarding Board funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. There are no legal issues to be considered.

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

9. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Yes.

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

11. Yes, Community Grants (pg 176), Strengthening Communities (pg 172), and Recreation and Sports Services (pg.108).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

- 12. Application aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy, Youth Strategy and the Physical Recreation and Sport Strategy.
- 13. Application also aligns with the following Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Objectives: 'Increased participation of S/H residents in local and city-wide recreation events/ programmes.'

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board

- (a) Allocate \$250 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Matthew McNeil to represent Canterbury/West Coast Region at the national Youthtown Get2Go Challenge on Great Barrier Island from 5 to 9 December 2011.
- (b) Allocate \$250 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Nick Smith to represent Canterbury/West Coast Region at the national Youthtown Get2Go Challenge on Great Barrier Island from 5 to 9 December 2011.
- (c) Allocate \$250 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Serena Pearce to represent Canterbury/West Coast Region at the national Youthtown Get2Go Challenge on Great Barrier Island from 5 to 9 December 2011.
- (d) Allocate \$250 from the 2011/12 Youth Achievement Scheme fund to Craig Murray to represent Canterbury/West Coast Region at the national Youthtown Get2Go Challenge on Great Barrier Island from 5 to 9 December 2011.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND

- 15. The Youthtown Get2Go Challenge is in its sixth year and is coordinated by the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre (OPC). It is intended to be an introduction to outdoor sports and further OPC challenges through the age ranges. Get2Go Challenges involve many outdoor pursuits including rock climbing, kayaking, rafting, mountain biking, orienteering and other mental or physical team challenges.
- 16. The applicants belong to the Cashmere High School Get2Go team that won the Regional Challenge out of over 20 teams from the Canterbury/West Coast area. The team is made up of four girls and four boys. The winning team in each of the 12 Regions have been invited to compete at the grand final on Great Barrier Island in December.
- 17. The team have organised their own fundraising activities together to help build on their teamwork skills. This includes car washes, sausage sizzles and an orienteering event.

Matthew McNeil

- 18. Matthew is involved in a range of sports however, he needed to learn new pursuits for the Get2Go Challenge including, rock climbing, rogaine and orienteering. He currently plays basketball for Cashmere High and belongs to the school cycling team. He also plays hockey for the Sydenham/Selwyn (junior merged) Hockey Club.
- 19. Matthew is always keen to learn more about leadership and has undertaken an extension programme through school and is also a class representative for student council. Matthew has enjoyed the challenges of learning new sports and developing new skills, especially teamwork skills, for Get2Go. He says "I have a greater appreciation of the importance of working together, supporting and encouraging my friends to believe in themselves and keep going, even when they are tired."

Nick Smith

- 20. Nick plays many sports including Football (soccer) for Woolston-Tech and school Orienteering and Mountain Biking. He has been involved in other aspects of each sport including captaining his football team and helping build mountain bike tracks at Halswell Quarry with the Huxster Club. This winter he also coached and refereed a year five to six football team at St Martins Primary while his school was site sharing with Linwood College.
- 21. Nick organised the Cashmere High Get2Go team to compete in the Canterbury Rogaine Series as a training experience leading up to the Challenge. The team came first in their grade. Nick aims to use the Get2Go Grand Final as a opportunity to improve his leadership and teamwork skills. He believes this event will help raise the profile of Cashmere High School and encourage his peers to get into outdoor activities.

Serena Pearce

- 22. Serena has been involved in outdoor pursuits for many years including multi-day tramps, mountain biking, orienteering and skiing. She has also started rock climbing once a week with her school climbing club. In the last two years Serena has got a place in the Canterbury Schools Orienteering Championships. Recently she has completed the North West circuit of Stewart Island which is a challenging eight day tramp.
- 23. Serena enjoys the healthy fun that outdoor pursuits provide and she likes to involve her peers in these activities as often as she can. She hopes that by competing in the Grand Final, this will raise the profile of outdoor activities amongst her peers. Serena is looking forward to this opportunity to develop self reliance, confidence, perseverance and individual responsibility along with teamwork skills.

Craig Murray

- 24. Craig has been involved in outdoor pursuits from a young age starting with skiing and tramping with the family at four years old. He skis at the Mt Olympus ski club where, after the earthquake, he helped rebuild part of the building with his brother. Craig is a keen mountain biker and last year he won the 'Overall Trophy' at the New Zealand Secondary School Mountain Bike Championships in Levin. He also volunteers his time to build mountain bike tracks in the Port Hills.
- 25. Craig recognises that everyone who has helped the Get2Go team also loves the outdoors and he sees this as a positive thing 'when life in the city becomes stressful'.

14. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

15. ELECTED MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

16. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS