

11. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING OF 18 MARCH 2004

The Board considered a report from the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 18 March 2004 and **resolved** to forward the following submission to the District Health Board regarding the proposed sale of surplus land on the Hillmorton Hospital site:

1. The Board opposes the sale of Lot 5 in its present layout, and requests that a portion of Lot 5 be excluded from the sale and protected for future community use as open space and community facility; namely the portion containing the administration building and the area fronting Annex Road containing a number of protected trees.
2. The Board requests that the proceeds received by the District Health Board from the sale of Lots 2 and 5 (subject to 1 above), be used for future mental health and social services within the Canterbury district.
3. That the District Health Board be requested to ensure that it has retained sufficient land to be able to continue to provide mental health services from the site to meet current and future patient needs.
4. That the District Health Board be requested to ensure that, if Lots 2 and 5 (subject to 1 above) are sold for residential development, the Board retains sufficient land to create a buffer zone between the hospital services and residential development.
5. The District Health Board be advised that the Board wishes to speak to its submission at the appropriate time.

It was further **resolved** that the following recommendations be forwarded to the Council, via the appropriate standing committee:

1. That the Council take appropriate steps to obtain that portion of Lot 5 which contains the administration building and the area of land fronting Annex Road, containing the protected trees, for future community use as open space and community facility.
2. That the following values for the wider community benefit identified by the Board be taken into account by the Council in its consideration of its future involvement in the land set out in the District Health Board Consultation Document:
 - The significant trees contained in Lots 2 and 5.
 - The long-term potential of any development for the community.
 - Roading and traffic issues related to any future development.
 - Present and future significance of the waterways.
 - Potential for walking tracks and cycle ways in the area.
 - Public open space to meet future community needs brought about by residential development on the site.
 - The heritage value of the former administration block and its obvious potential for future community use.

(Barry Corbett recorded his vote against the above resolutions.)