

3. **RICCARTON/WIGRAM ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT OF 20 JULY 2004 MEETING**

The Board considered the report of the Environment Committee meeting of Tuesday 20 July 2004.

1. **Draft Biodiversity Strategy**

Co-author, Kelvin McMillan, was present to discuss the draft strategy.

The draft strategy provides a framework for the Council to work with local communities to protect, restore and celebrate the plants, animals, and ecosystems that occur naturally in New Zealand. The strategy also aims to raise awareness and improve ecological functioning across the entire fabric of the city.

In **receiving** the presentation, members expressed their support of the draft strategy, and agreed to prepare a submission.

2. **Revised Draft City-Wide Planting Strategy**

Liz Briggs, the Project Leader, was present to discuss the draft strategy.

The draft strategy is a framework and philosophy to guide the planting practice in the Council's public open spaces.

In **receiving** the presentation, members expressed their support for the draft strategy.

3. **Litter/City Cleaning**

Following a presentation to the June meeting of the Committee from a spokesperson from "Keep Christchurch Beautiful", the Committee then received a copy of the Sustainable Transport and Utilities Committee meeting report "City Cleaning – Let's Pick It Up".

In a wide ranging discussion, the Committee was supportive of the proposed approach to the problems of litter. However, the Committee sought to enforce a "zero tolerance" approach citywide, rather than the small trial area of the city that had been agreed to.

A recommendation (from the Environment Committee's June meeting) seeking to increase the infringement fee to \$500 was not supported.

The Board, in **receiving** the report, supported the Committee's recommendation to seek a "zero tolerance" approach, city-wide, to litter.