

FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD

SUBMISSION ON THE COUNCIL'S DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2007/08 AND THE DRAFT 2007 AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN (LTCCP) 2006-16

The Board is appreciative of the opportunity to present a submission to the above documents and signals that it wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

Before recording in detail its submission, the Board takes this opportunity to thank all involved with the preparations of the draft documents, and thanks also, those staff members associated with the presentations at recent seminars.

DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2007/08

1. FUNDING FOR FACILITIES

The Board's submission on Facilities relates to the Christchurch Art Gallery (page 28), Canterbury Museum (page 28) and also the Christchurch International Airport (page 18 we assume, under the heading – dividends etc?).

As has been submitted in previous years, the Board continues to support the proposition of entry charges to the Christchurch Art Gallery and the Canterbury Museum – the charges being by way of differentials between visitors to the city at the top end of the scale, and local ratepayers and residents at the bottom end of a formulated scale.

By way of a wider concept, the Board asks the Council to consider two additional funding options we refer to:

- a hotel bed tax
- an airport departure tax

With ever increasing pressures on rates as a source of revenue the Board urges the Council to investigate additional forms of revenue raising.

2. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME (pages 21-23)

- 2.1 The Board requests that it be given ample notice to peruse preliminary plans of capital works programmed for its area, long before such projects become a fait accompli.
- 2.2 Where planting is required for capital works (or replanting for maintenance items) the Board strongly recommends the planting of exotic plants. The present autumn tonings of exotics confirm the attractions that such vibrant plantings give to “Christchurch – Our Garden City”.

3. CITY DEVELOPMENT (page 26)

Heritage Protection

- 3.1 With \$6.3m programmed, the Board seeks a break down of items or projects that will qualify under heritage protection.

4. COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Early Learning Centres

- 4.1 Last year the Board noted that three early learning centres operated by the Council were to be reviewed. As a cost recovery mechanism the Board supports the privatisation of the early learning centres.

The Board submits that such centres are not a core responsibility under the Local Government Act.

5. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (page 30)

5.1 The Board considers that the number of skilled migrants relocated per year should be increased and recommends that the Council actively lobby the Government to permit the entry of more skilled migrants to New Zealand. Such a measure would assist in business development.

6. REFUSE MINIMISATION AND DISPOSAL (page 33)

6.1 While supporting the targets relating to kilograms of waste sent to the landfill per capita, per year, the Board asks if such targets are achievable by 2020? The Board considers 2050 as a more achievable option.

7. STREETS AND TRANSPORT (page 35)

7.1 Similarly, the Board asks if such targets are achievable and if the formula used to measure are based on overseas measurement programmes.

8.1 FUNDING FOR NEW FOOTPATHS

The Board is disappointed that council has not allocated any funding for new footpaths over the next few years.. this council has a safe city strategy and it is very important that our streets have footpaths on both sides of the road for accessibility and safety for both pedestrians , people with disabilities and our elderly population.

The Board would support Council identifying capital funding for new footpaths targeted at safety improvements for both pedestrian and vehicle traffic where there have been identified risks.

For any new development proposals, the Board requests that the developer provide footpaths on both side of the road for all members of our community to use. The Board submits that there also needs to be a change to the City Plan to ensure all new subdivisions have footpaths on both sides of the streets.

**DRAFT: 2007 AMENDMENTS TO THE LONG-TERM COUNCIL
COMMUNITY PLAN 2006-2016**

**1. FUNDING PROPOSALS – DEVELOPMENT OF JADE STADIUM
- NEW CIVIC BUILDING**

While acknowledging the decisions taken to finance the above projects, in particular the loans being raised, the Board asks if consideration has been, or will be, given to financial partnerships with the business community.

The Board would recommend S107 of the Local Government Act 2002, in particular S107(1)(b)(i) for this purpose.

“A policy adopted under section (102)(4)(e) – must include the circumstances (if any) in which the local authority will provide funding or other resources to form any partnership with the private sector, whether by way of grant loan (underlining by Community Board) or investment, (underlining by Community Board) or by way of meeting as a guarantor for any such partnership.”



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