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Corporate Plan Output: Amenity Improvements	

Following the Board's resolution at its meeting of 31 May 1999 Mr James Lunday was commissioned by Council to examine the opportunities for the future development of the New Brighton commercial area.

Mr Lunday has met with representatives of the New Brighton Residents' Association and representatives of the New Brighton commercial sector.

Following the combined meetings a working party comprising of four representatives from each group was formed to further the plans for the areas development and additionally to work with Council in determining the future strategy.

Following a progress report from James Lunday to Board members at a Board Seminar of 15 July 1999, the meeting resolved to recommend:

1. That Mr Lunday's report be presented to the 2 August 1999 meeting of the Community Board.
2. That a combined seminar of the City Services and Environmental Committees and the Board be arranged for 30 July 1999 to receive a presentation from Mr Lunday on his report.
3. That the Community Board be asked to provide seeding funding for the newly established working party and that the Board meet with the working party as soon as possible after 2 August 1999.
4. That the working party be asked to undertake consultative and informative meetings with the New Brighton community on the issue of redevelopment. The Shirley Advocacy Team would undertake the provision of venues and cover any associated costs.

As the report from Mr Lunday was not available for inclusion in this agenda it will be tabled at today's meeting.

Chairman's

Recommendation: For discussion.

Recommendations from the Board meeting:

4. NEW BRIGHTON MALL UPGRADE

The Community Advocate reported on the outcomes of meetings between Mr James Lunday and representatives of the New Brighton Residents' Association and New Brighton commercial sector. The Board **decided** to recommend to the City Services and Environmental Committees:

1. That the Christchurch City Council support the Joint Working Party (a) by appointing the Chairperson of the Board, Councillor David Close, and Councillor Alister James (as Deputy to the Working Party), (b) by engaging James Lunday as supervisory design consultant, and (c) with staff input.
2. That the Working Party develop a 10 year urban design strategy and action plan for the New Brighton village and surrounding area, including a review of the Vision 2005 documents.

The strategy will include:

Landscaping	Recreation and Tourism
Car Parking	Provision of Public Toilets
Zoning	Gateways and Approaches
Mall Development	Accessways
Traffic Flows	Signage
Cycleways	Housing Development
Marketing	Buses
Image Themes and Re-imaging	Provision for Saltwater Pools and Cinema
Economic Development	

3. That the Working Party develop a communication protocol to ensure all stakeholders are informed of the process being undertaken and progress on this process, including regular reports to the Burwood/Pegasus Community Board and Standing Committees of the Council.
4. That the Working Party meet with the Housing Subcommittee of the Christchurch City Council to develop a concept plan for housing in New Brighton, including the possibilities of Council housing, private developments and joint ventures and report these findings to the Board.
5. That the Board ratify the recommendations made from its 15 July 1999 Seminar briefing from Mr Lunday.

Environmental Policy and Planning Manager's Comments

Since the early 1990s the revitalisation of New Brighton Mall and the surrounding area have been the subject of much examination. The New Brighton Commercial and Foreshore Study 1991, the Vision 2005 document produced in 1995 and a report prepared jointly by the Environmental Policy and Planning and City Streets Units earlier this year have identified a strategy and programme of actions as the way forward. Latterly, stalemate has been reached because of opposing views about the need for reinstating a roadway, through part of the mall. Mr Lunday, was employed to mediate between the two opposing groups. He was able to ascertain that while there was general agreement between both groups on most matters, no agreement was reached as to whether a roadway should be reinstated or not.

Throughout all the previous work, including the recent workshops undertaken by Mr Lunday, generally the same recommendations have recurred. These can be grouped into action points as shown on the attached table. Clearly, the community are anxious to see some positive results on the ground, capitalising on the new attractions of the pier and library building. In order for these action points to be implemented, time and resources must be devoted to them. Put simply, in our view now is the time for resources to be devoted to action rather than words.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the attached action points be agreed, prioritised and actioned.

Note: This item will be reported to the next meeting of the City Services Committee