

**10. FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
– REPORT OF 12 AND 16 AUGUST 1999**

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The purpose of this report is to convey to the Board for decision, the report and accompanying recommendations of the Committee's meeting held on 12 and 16 August as **follows**.

**Report of the Finance and Planning Committee  
held on Thursday 12 August and on Monday 16 August 1999 at 12.00 noon  
in the Board Room, Fendalton Service Centre.**

**PRESENT:** Yiyi Ku (Chairperson), Sally Buck (to 3.00 pm and 2.15 pm respectively), Val Carter, Pat Harrow (until 2.35 pm on 12 August), Mike Wall

**ALSO PRESENT:** Barbara Stewart (until 1.45 pm on both days)

**1. APOLOGIES**

An apology was received and accepted from Keith Nuttall.

**2. DRAFT OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMMES POLICY – BOARD RESPONSE**

The Committee had given preliminary consideration to this matter at its meeting on 18 June, at which time further information on funding issues associated with the Programmes was requested.

The OSP Co-ordinator Louise Birkett and the Policy Analyst Mary Richardson, were both in attendance to assist the Committee.

The Committee was advised that a report on this matter bringing together the responses and feedback so far received is to be submitted to the next round of Board meetings.

As a response had yet to be made by the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board, it was suggested that the outcomes of this meeting be forwarded (pro-forma) for consideration in the overall report to Boards and that such action be ratified by the Board on 31 August.

Members were happy with this approach.

Arising from the resulting discussion the **following** response from the Board was submitted.

*The Board appreciates the opportunity given to respond with feedback on the draft Policy regarding Out of School Programmes and in so doing records its thanks for the assistance provided by the OSP Co-ordinator (Louise Birkett) and the Policy Analyst (Mary Richardson).*

*Before assessing the text of the proposed policy in detail the Board (via its Finance and Planning Committee) spent some time reflecting on the circumstances that have given rise to the need for Out of School Programmes.*

*From this consideration, the following points record the Board's feelings regarding the provision of this service.*

- *General endorsement in the provision of out of school programmes (OSP)*
- *Boards played an important part in determining where OSPs were to be provided in their areas*
- *A concern that ongoing changes in social trends, requiring both parents in some families to be fully/partly employed, have increased the need for Out of School programmes. On this issue the Board would seek Council lobbying of the Government to have the trends arrested.*
- *Professional input from the OSCAR network when required was noted*
- *A need to ensure that resourcing OSP programmes was applied fairly*
- *It was essential that a co-ordinated approach was taken to ensure a clear linkage between other Council related policies thus avoiding duplication*
- *A visit by the Board to OSP providers would be beneficial*
- *The Swedish model of creches/schools being closely linked to elderly daycare was worthy of further investigation.*

*With regard to the penultimate point above, the Board's Community Services Committee undertook visits to St Albans OSCAR and Elmwood OSCAR at its meeting on 10 August 1999.*

#### **DRAFT POLICY**

*Having reviewed the wording of the Policy as proposed, the Board **recommends** the following changes:*

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| <i>Page 1</i> | • <i>Deletion of the section headed "<b>Scope</b>"</i>  |
| <i>Page 2</i> | <b>Strategic Direction</b>  |
|               | • <i>Removal of the reference to Community Boards and replacement of the word "will" with the word "may" where it appears on this page.</i> |

*The balance of the draft Policy dealing with Policy Benefit, Principles, Policy Context and Review was acceptable to the Board.*

*12 August 1999*

- Recommendations:**
1. That the submitted response on the draft Out of School Programme Policy be adopted.
  2. That the action taken by the Committee in 1 above be confirmed.

### 3. 1999 PLANNING STATEMENT

The Committee considered possible “issues” and “project proposals” for inclusion in the Board’s 1999 Planning Statement.

Subject to adoption by the Board on 31 August, it was usual practice that the matters identified be submitted to Business Units for consideration and response to the Board by the end of this year.

The Committee reflected on various “issues” put forward by the Board last year and reviewed also the results from the Consultative Forum held on 5 August along with contributions made by members and staff and the feedback received from community groups and organisations.

The collective results of these considerations are set out in the **attached** draft Planning Statement and accompanying schedule of project proposals.

#### **FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD**

##### **PLANNING STATEMENT 1999**

The Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board has prepared this 1999 Planning Statement having regard to:

- Issues and concerns raised by the community over the past year
- Input from the consultation process carried out in August 1999 as part of the Board’s identification of proposed capital works for the 2000/2001 financial year and beyond.
- The Board’s ongoing concerns about issues which affect its community.

Whilst this Planning Statement should be read in conjunction with the project proposals prioritised by the Board for 2000/2001 it is designed to reinforce to Directors, Unit Managers and staff items of significant importance to the Board.

ISSUES	FOR THE ATTENTION OF
<p><b>Strengthening Communities</b></p> <p>The Board strongly endorses this particular Council initiative. While the opportunity has been provided to build on a strong relationship with the local Police, the process of consulting with the community at large has also been greatly enhanced.</p> <p>Earlier concerns about personal and home safety have been realised in early consultation with some sectors of the community. The Board therefore will likely work more closely with neighbourhood support groups, through the Police, to endeavour to enhance safety and wellbeing in its community.</p> <p>The opportunity will also be taken to enhance street pride and fellowship within local communities. The success in developing community pride is also seen as a positive means of combating the annoying nuisance of graffiti which is on the increase in suburban areas.</p>	<p>Community Relations Manager/Director of Policy</p>
<p><b>Economic Development</b></p> <p>The Board fully endorses any Council driven initiatives that will enhance the economic wellbeing of the city and the region and provide for growth and employment opportunities. The Board watched with interest the proposal for the plains irrigation scheme and is strongly supportive of any investigation into the best means of achieving this.</p>	<p>Director of Policy EPP and Water Services Managers</p>

<p><b>Undergrounding</b></p> <p>The Board remains concerned at the slow progress in the undergrounding of overhead services throughout the city. The present commitment to complete undergrounding in a period of over 250 years does not represent an acceptable effort in addressing this now environmentally dubious method of reticulation.</p> <p>As such, the Board urges the Council to promote an enhanced programme of underground conversion in partnership with the electrical lines company, Orion.</p> <p>A greater commitment will be readily accepted by the City's citizens as the Council's acknowledgement of the community's current concerns.</p>	<p>City Streets Manager</p>
<p><b>Environmental Issues</b></p> <p>The Board urges the Council to continue to address the "wicked" issues of air pollution and water quality. While acknowledging that these are primarily the responsibility of the Regional Council, the City Council must also be committed to assisting in the ongoing efforts on behalf of its community.</p> <p>The Board also urges the Council to continue to enhance a programme of coloured plantings as part of the city's streetscape. Such a programme will do much to arrest the loss of the 'garden city' reputation.</p> <p>The Board is also keen to see a review undertaken aimed at enhancing the existing plantings and landscaping along the length of Memorial Avenue from Russley Road through to Fendalton Road. The joint involvement of the EPP, Parks and City Streets Units in such an exercise is suggested.</p>	<p>Environmental Policy and Planning Manager/ Water Services Manager</p> <p>City Streets /EPP/Parks Managers</p>

<p><b>Pedestrian, Cycle and Traffic Safety</b></p> <p>The Board seeks to have the Council make an even greater effort to address pedestrian, cycle and traffic safety throughout the city. In particular a need is seen to continue to work with local schools to provide for safer conditions for pupils adjacent to school precincts.</p> <p>The Board favours the use of ripple strips or similar, and the adoption of a reduced speed zone immediately adjacent to schools as providing the strongest means of ensuring that improved safety is realised in these areas.</p>	<p>City Streets Manager</p>
<p><b>Social Issues</b></p> <p>Ongoing development of initiatives to assist today's youth are seen by the Board as a priority for the Council. In particular the running of appropriate programmes aimed at unemployed youth, in partnership with relevant organisations will do much to assist self esteem. In addition, confidence courses along the lines of the Army based Limited Service Volunteer Scheme considered to provide long term benefit to youth, especially those at risk.</p> <p>The continued provision of appropriate facilities such as community skateparks are also a useful means of recognising the recreational needs of young people.</p>	<p>Director of Policy Community Relations Manager</p>



#### **4. DISCRETIONARY FUNDING 1999/2000**

Of the Board's budget of \$50,000 for 1999/2000, \$1,500 has to date been allocated (Papanui Community Watch).

The remaining \$48,500 was therefore available for allocation, it being noted that it was customary for the Board to allocate about half of the monies at this time with the remaining balance being allocated nearer Christmas or early in the new year.

From the information submitted, the Committee proposes that funding be allocated to the following projects.

• St Stephen's Church -grant towards on-site parking improvements	\$3,000
• Youth initiatives (ex Bryndwr Research 1998)	\$5,000
• Bishopdale Recreation newsletter	\$1,500
• International Year of Older Persons	\$2,500
• Avice Hill Art and Craft Centre – upgrade entry sign	\$1,000
• Christchurch North Citizens Advice Bureau – annual operating grant	\$ 3,000
• Fendalton Hall/ex Fendalton Library building – consultation/review	\$3,500
• Communications with residents	\$5,000
• Bishopdale Community Centre – recreation equipment	<u>\$3,750</u>
	<u>\$28,250</u>

**Recommendation:** That the above projects amounting to \$28,250 from the Board's 1999/2000 discretionary budget be confirmed.

#### **5. 1999/2000 PROJECT FUNDING**

The Committee noted that the basis of the Community Initiatives allocation of \$5,000 had yet to be determined and would be the subject of a further report from the Community Development Adviser. The Millennium Project budget of \$10,000 (\$5,000 ex 1998/99 and \$5,000 1999/00) already had a commitment of \$5,000 towards the Memorial Avenue planting project with the remaining balance still available for allocation.

Staff would report back in due course with suggestions as to how these funds could be utilised.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

#### **6. 1999 COUNCIL PLAN – BOARD SUBMISSION**

Submitted for information was the Council's response to the matters raised by the Board in its submission to the 1999 Edition of the Council's Plan.

The Committee noted the positive manner in which the Board's submission had been addressed.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.



The meeting adjourned at 3.00 pm on 12 August and after reconvening at 12 noon on 16 August, concluded at 2.35 pm  
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**Recommendation:** That the report be received and the recommendations therein be approved and adopted.