19. 2000 ANNUAL PLAN – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's decision on how it wishes to proceed with community consultation for the 2000 Annual Plan.

Time Frame

The time frame for this is prior to the 1 September Board meeting, so the schedule of proposals can be confirmed by the Board at that meeting, or if a Special Meeting is required, no later than Friday 10 September.

Consultation Actions

The following actions have been already undertaken:

- Letter to all Residents' Associations, community groups, schools, Business Associations, sports, culture and pre-school groups. This action is standard practice and will be sent out after the release of the 1999 Plan, to give organisations time to meet and discuss the matter.

- News media release to all community newspapers.

Other Options

- Public Meeting.

- Submission meeting with interest groups.

Part of the consultation process should also encourage groups and residents to consider the broader picture, in that as well as putting forward specific proposals, they outline directions for the Board to consider. For example it could be emphasis on safety, recreation, children, elderly, youth, or whatever. This would assist the Board in prioritising the proposals.

Emphasis also needs to be placed on the long term aspects of the Annual Plan process, so that participants are aware that proposals may be added into the fifth year of the five year programme. Also the opportunity to substitute and review projects within the same groups. In considering how it wishes to handle this process the Board's attention is drawn to the Council's 'Seeking Community Views' policy, adopted by the Board.

If Board Members know of projects which have come or been brought to their attention and which should be included for consideration please pass these on to the Community Technical Adviser for inclusion on the list.

For discussion