

39. SCENARIOS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO 2010

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Corporate Plan Output:	

Board members were circulated, just prior to Christmas, with copies of the discussion document “Scenarios for Local Government to 2010”.

It will be recalled that this document is a joint publication setting out a number of possible scenarios for local government in the year 2010. The three sponsors (Local Government New Zealand, the Society of Local Government Managers, and the Department of Internal Affairs) are seeking input into the discussion by 26 February 1999.

It will also be recalled that the sponsors are seeking input from the wider community and have requested the Boards to “champion” the opportunity for such input where possible.

To assist with the task of engaging community input, staff have initiated a distribution to some sectors of the community, and taken other measures to encourage individual or group responses. At the time of drafting this report the following has been undertaken:

- document sent to Public Libraries for display, and invitation for public comment.
- document distributed to a number of key stakeholders (including schools, business associations, service clubs, church groups, residents groups) with invitation for comment.
- request made for item to be included in next “City Scene” (at this stage the date of publication is uncertain, although it is expected to be well in advance of the closing date for submissions).

In cases where input has been invited from the individuals/groups circulated the opportunity has been provided for comment either to the Department of Internal Affairs, or directly to the Board itself.

While the end objective in this particular exercise is for the Board to make a submission to the discussion document, it is important that the Board review the extent to which the community has been informed to date, and resolve/recommend on any enhancement of the programme in soliciting community input.

At the February meeting of the Board there will be a need to finalise any draft submission prepared.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board consider whether any further action is required in soliciting community input.
 2. That any initial feedback from members on the options be identified at the Board meeting.
 3. That a draft submission, including the initial views from 2 above, be finalised at the Board 18 February Project Funds meeting for adopting by the Board at its 3 March meeting.

**Chairman's
Recommendation:** For discussion