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The purpose of this report is to reintroduce the concept of “Strengthening Community Action Plans” and to receive the presentation of the Riccarton/Wigram Plan, as developed by the SCAP Core Group.

Members will recall the (full) report and presentation made at the February meeting of the Board.

Introduction

An Elected Member Seminar in November 1998 endorsed the concept of developing “Strengthening Community” Action Plans as one means through which Council and Community Boards, collectively with their metropolitan and local communities, can work to make communities a “healthier and safer” place to live. The Action Plans will identify the priorities and the projects that the Council and the Community Boards will support in order to enhance social well-being and community safety.

Background

Community development and personal safety are clearly articulated in the Council’s vision and strategic objectives. The Community Development and Social Well-being Policy was adopted by the Council in 1996. It articulates the Council’s commitment to “promoting a healthy social, cultural and economic community, and self help, self determination and progressive social change through the empowerment of its residents”. Central to this Policy is the development of strong nurturing communities in which people feel valued and safe and feel a sense of belonging.

Aims

The aims of the Strengthening Community Action Plans are:

- To improve people’s sense of belonging to and being part of the community
- To enhance safety from crime
- To support people, communities and neighbourhoods to identify and achieve their own aims

The project has been proposed on the understanding that each Community Board will develop its own Action Plan. Each Board has a different starting point. Plans will incorporate the varying levels and understanding of “community”. The plans will be one of many ways which communities can and will work to address issues of community wellbeing.

Community Involvement

The success of the Action Plans will hinge on Community Boards’ ability to engage communities, create co-operation and maintain community interest and involvement.

Process

The Community Development Planning Team is responsible for advising on, and monitoring the process and outcomes of this project. It is proposed that the process by which Action Plans will be developed is as follows:

- (a) What's in our community?
- (b) Core and advisory groups
- (c) Report to each Board and City Services Committee
- (d) Funding introduced by Annual Plan Working Party
- (e) What would further strengthen our community in order to achieve identified outcomes?
- (f) Projects prioritised
- (g) Boards consider draft plans and summary of projects
- (h) Information sharing
- (i) Allocation of resources
- (j) Implementation and development
- (k) Review and improve

At its February meeting the Board agreed that Alison Wilkie, Bob Shearing and Mike Mora would be its representatives on the Core Group.

Community representatives are Jan Savage and Wendy Barney; the Police are represented by John Doyle, with Peter Laloli and Bill Chamberlain.

Members of the Service Centre Advocacy Team support the Core Group.

At its meeting held on Monday 22 November the Core Group will approve the SCAP plan for publication. In terms of the SCAP process we are at, therefore, step (g).

Recommendation: That the Community Board receive the Strengthening Communities Action Plan report for consideration.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.