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Corporate Plan Output: Subdivisions	

The purpose of this report is to canvas all Community Boards on the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's suggestion to seek input to a possible pool of road names for their Wards from the residents of those wards.

At the Spreydon/Heathcote's August Board meeting, a suggestion was made that the residents in the Board's area be requested to contribute towards a pool of names that could be made available for use when a developer is unable to select suitable names.

The residents will be made aware of the Council's policy on road names and to check their proposed names against an existing street map index to avoid duplication with names currently in use. Groups of names with a common theme will also be requested for those subdivisions with several roads and rights of way. The following format has been proposed for the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board's consideration:

1. Seek the co-operation of one of the local papers (perhaps the Christchurch Mail) to publicise the project and set out the guidelines.
2. Canvas the other Community Boards to gauge their interest in also participating. If all are in favour, it is suggested that the names be forwarded to the appropriate Service Centre for an initial check for duplicity before they are sent to the subdivision officer for a full check. (Checks are made by syllable to ensure the proposed names are easily identifiable and will not be confused with names currently in use in either pronunciation in an emergency or in hand written form.)
3. Once checked by the subdivision officer the suitable names will be returned to the Service Centre who will advise submitters which of their names have been accepted for possible use.

Note: The residents will be advised that because of the probability of large numbers of names being submitted the subdivision officer will need four to five weeks to check the names. When a pool of names is established, the Council's long standing policy of inviting the developers to select the names for their subdivision will still be adhered to, but when a developer cannot find a suitable name or does not wish to select a name then the pool will be used. It should also be realised that the names submitted, while being appropriate for the Spreydon/Heathcote Wards overall will probably not have a specific connection with the parcel of land being subdivided

Recommendation: That the Board consider the above proposal.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Board not support this proposal.