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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the new system for prioritising Local Neighbourhood Improvements works in the capital works programme and to provide the Board with the priorities list within the Spreydon/Heathcote Wards.

In the past there has been very little prioritisation, at a technical level, for Neighbourhood Improvement Works seeking a place on the 5 year Capital Programme. Generally two works for each Board area were programmed each year. The priority of each was usually set by Residents' Associations upon completion of a Local Area Traffic Management Scheme.

With extreme limitations on funding it is critical that the Council spends money in the most cost effective manner in the locations where the greatest benefits can be obtained. For this reason the need to introduce a technical prioritisation process across the City has arisen.

The process involves assessing both existing and new projects against eight factors giving a score out of 100. The factors have been weighted to more accurately reflect the severity of the situation ie traffic speed and volume account for 45% of the final score. A copy of the assessment factors and associated values is attached.

To date there are 66 projects and/or proposals that I am aware of on local roads within the Spreydon/Heathcote Wards. These have all been assessed using the new criteria and a prioritised list is attached. It is important that I am made aware of any requests for work on local roads that do not appear on this list so that they can be assessed and plugged into the programme. It should be noted that proposals scoring less than "50" will not be programmed as such but will be reassessed after 5 years.

The list of Neighbourhood Improvement Works in the recently released 5 year programme will alter for the years 2000/2001 onwards as a consequence of this "city wide" ranking system. It is likely that the projects scoring higher than "70" in our list will move into that year at the expense of lesser ranked projects.

The prioritised list should be used as a guide to indicate the severity of a particular problem and consequently as an indication as to when the project is likely to be funded by the Council. If the Board considers any particular project to be a higher priority than that assigned using this system then consideration should be given to funding that project through the Board's project funds.

Recommendation: That the information be received.