

## 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 6 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 11 September.

### CONSULTATION ACTIONS

The following actions are routinely put into practice:

- 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 2000 Plan, to give organisations time to meet and discuss the matter.
- News media release to all community newspapers.

### OTHER OPTIONS

- Invite all Residents Associations, Business Associations, Neighbourhood Support Group representatives, Schools' Board of Trustees, Principals Clusters and representatives from the High School Councils to meet with the Board to discuss issues of interest in the community.

Part of the consultation process should also be to 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 an emphasis on safety, recreation, children, elderly people, 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.

### BOARD PLANNING

When considering projects reference should be made to the 'Planning Framework' document adopted by the Board and the various enhancement works such as "greening the environment" identified in the various workshops the Board has held during the year. Examples of this include:

- waterways enhancement;
- tree planting;
- provision of seating in parks, bus stops and walkways;
- continuous cycleways;
- waste reduction - creative use of recycled materials;
- recreation, leisure and continuous learning.

Reviewing recent research recommendations will also identify local needs and desires.

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

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That a meeting be held in early September with representatives from a wide number of community organisations.