

20. REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION AND PRIORITIES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING POLICY

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Community Boards of the review of the implementation of the Community Development and Social Wellbeing Policy, as requested when the policy was adopted.

INTRODUCTION

In late 1996 when the Council adopted the Community Development and Social Well-being Policy, it was agreed that the effectiveness of its implementation should be regularly reviewed. This was reiterated by the City Manager in the Community Leisure and Associated Services (CLAS) Review where he identified that the Policy Unit in collaboration with other Units should review the effectiveness of the Community Development and Social Well-being Policy.

More recently Community Boards and Councillors have expressed a desire that the policy is clearer, more specific and measurable. They have expressed concerns that there is no strategy or guidelines for implementing the policy.

On this basis the Policy Unit, in collaboration with the Community Relations Unit, Leisure Unit and Canterbury Development Corporation, has initiated a review of the policy implementation. This is a staged process in which those responsible for implementing the policy, including staff, elected members and community agencies will have an opportunity to have input.

THE SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The project is seeking to evaluate the implementation of the Community Development and Social Wellbeing Policy rather than re-litigate the policy. However, the initial stages of the project identified that aspects of the policy require further clarity and elaboration to improve the effectiveness of its ongoing implementation.

The project will therefore include clarification of the roles and the scope identified in the policy and further specification of outcomes so performance measurement is possible. It will develop an operational strategy and identify an ongoing monitoring process.

The *Operational Strategy* will identify linkages with Council's strategic objectives and with other policies, particularly the target group policies (eg Children's Policy, Older Persons Policy, etc). It will provide a practical framework for determining priorities and implementing the policy statement and achieving measurable outcomes.

COMMUNITY BOARD INPUT

Because of Community Board members' obvious interest in the policy and its implementation we are seeking Community Board input at several stages of the review process.

At this stage we are asking Boards to provide input on the scope, roles and outcomes of the policy. For example, we would like to know whether you believe the outcome statement appropriately reflects the outcomes we are seeking. We would also like feedback on what you consider are the key Council roles, how you think these should perform and with whom. Similarly we would like to know which, if any, communities or groups you consider should have priority.

We are also proposing to hold a Committee Seminar on the policy on 13 June 2000. At that stage we hope to have a draft Operational Strategy and will be seeking feedback on that.

The final Operational Strategy will be presented to Boards and the Community Services Committee for discussion and endorsement.

We would also welcome any other feedback at any stage during the project.

Recommendation: It is recommended the Community Boards:

1. Note that the review process for the Community Development and Social Wellbeing Policy.
2. Endorse the proposed seminar.
3. Provide feedback regarding aspects of the policy and its implementation.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the 13 June 2000 Seminar be open to all Community Board members to allow provision of feedback regarding aspects of the policy and its implementation.