

4. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELLBEING POLICY AND STRATEGY

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The purpose of this report is to provide a draft of the Community Strategy and seek feedback from Community Board members.

BACKGROUND

The Community Development and Social Well-being Policy was adopted by the Council in October 1996. At the time of its adoption it was identified that the policy should be regularly reviewed. There has always been a certain level of confusion about the policy in terms of its status as an umbrella policy, the meaning of many elements of the policy and processes for implementing the policy. A review of the policy and its implementation was initiated in February 2000.

The first stage of the review identified that there was general support for the principles behind the current policy and there is still the need for the broad umbrella policy focusing on the social wellbeing outcomes the Council is seeking to achieve for the people of Christchurch. It also identified that social wellbeing and community development were considered to be two distinct policy areas. The first stage of the review also identified the need for an implementation strategy.

This document is proposing that the existing policy be retitled *Social Wellbeing* and remain as the umbrella policy. In the area of community the document proposes that another existing *Community Policy* be amended and re-ratified. It also proposes that a *Community Strategy* be adopted at the same time as the revised policies are ratified.

DRAFT STRATEGY

The policies and strategies in the attached document are based on staff and elected member feedback via emails, workshops, interviews, and committee and Board discussions and on comments by the Corporate Team.

The policies and strategies are still very much in draft form and we would welcome your seeking feedback and suggestions regarding these documents. The policies and strategies will be revised based on this feedback and presented to the **seminar on 13 June 2000**. The revised document will be circulated again after the seminar for Board and Committee, and staff ratification.

- Recommendation:**
1. The Community Board provide initial feedback on the draft document
 2. Participate in the Seminar, 13 June 2000

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Officer's recommendations be adopted.