

14. FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 11 AUGUST 2000

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The purpose of this report is to have the Board consider the report and accompanying recommendations of the Committee meeting held on 11 August as follows:

**Report of a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee
held on Friday 11 August 2000 at 11.30 am
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

PRESENT: Sally Buck (Chairperson) Val Carter, Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku, Keith Nuttall, Mike Wall

APOLOGIES: An apology for absence was received and accepted from Ron Wright.

1. RECREATION AND SPORT STRATEGY

At its meeting on 1 August, the Board decided to refer the discussion document on the proposed Recreation and Sport Strategy to the Committee for consideration and to report back to the Board in September.

The Committee was assisted in its considerations by the Community Recreation Adviser and the comments that follow form the basis of the suggested Board response to the proposed Strategy.

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2. The Council's Current Involvement In Recreation and Sport

Delete the last sentence in the fourth bullet point.

The Board's belief is that the Council's Recreation and Sport Policy must be aimed at enhancing the wellbeing of all citizens.

The Board again endorses the Council's role as one of facilitation and assistance where required rather than in the direct provision of activities itself (2nd bullet point refers).

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3. Demographics

The Board is of the view that future demographic trends should not unduly affect the provision of recreation and sport in Christchurch.

Once again, the Council has a role to facilitate the dissemination of demographic information to other sports providers.

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4. Recreation and Sports Trends

Clearly, the Council needs to be closely aware of trends and to be able to respond to them.

The benefits of exercising need to be communicated on an ongoing basis.

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5. Supply of Recreation and Sport in Christchurch

In general the Board endorses the content of this section and in particular clause (f) Role of Council on page 21.

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6. Recreation and Sport Participation in Christchurch

On the matter of the Council providing for the community's "needs", the Board again places a real emphasis on the importance of education and communication.

There was also a pressing need to cater for the needs of youth who were not directly associated with organised clubs but who made heavy use of the Council's parks and reserves. Playing for fun and the provision of non-competitive but challenging facilities was so important.

Recommendation: That the recorded comments form the basis of the Board's response on the Recreation and Sports Strategy discussion document.

2. PLANNING STATEMENT 2001/02

Possible "issues" and "project proposals" for inclusion in the Board's Planning Statement for 2001/02 were considered.

Contributions from members and staff along with feedback from the community and the Consultative Forum held on 7 August, was reviewed by the Committee.

The overall results of these considerations in the form of a draft planning statement and accompanying schedule of project proposals are **attached**.

Recommendation:

1. That the Planning Statement for 2001/02 be approved for submission to relevant Managers and Business Units.
2. That the various contributors be thanked for their input and assistance to the Board.
3. That the recordings of the Consultative Forum be received and the action points therein be endorsed.

3. DISCRETIONARY FUNDING 2000/01

In the 2000/01 period, the Board has available to allocate at its discretion an amount of \$60,000.

Commitments to date have been \$11,200 thereby leaving a balance available for allocation of \$48,800.

Allocations so far made have been:

Project	\$	Resolved On
Community Facilities Review (part only)	3,500	28.3.00
Arbor Day	2,000	28.3.00
Speed Trailer	700	2.5.00
Fendalton/Waimairi Recreation, Arts and Sports Plan	5,000	1.8.00
	<u>\$ 11,200</u>	

Having considered the suggestions and information submitted, the Committee supports funding being allocated to the following projects.

• Neighbourhood Week 2000	2,500
• Community Gardening Projects (for materials only)	2,000
• Withells Road – Pedestrian Island at Margaret Murray Courts	6,000
• Rossall Street – Pedestrian Island south of Holmwood Road	6,000
• Parks Seating/Tables	5,000
• Heritage Week	500
• Communications with Residents	5,000
• Community Support Seeding Fund	5,000
• Community Awards (administration, costs, certificates, function expenses)	1,500
• Additional coloured plantings (at three selected sites)	1,000
	<u>\$34,500</u>

Recommendation: That the above projects amounting to \$34,500 from the Board's 2000/01 discretionary budget be confirmed.

4. PROJECT FUNDING 2000/01 - UPDATE

In the allocation of its project funds for 2000/01 totalling \$250,000, the Board established a Community Initiatives budget of \$66,500. The Committee was asked to evaluate a number of possible projects against which this funding could be allocated, it being noted that \$1,500 had already been set aside by the Board on 1 August for an Older Persons Event in 2001.

At the point of commencing its consideration of possible projects, it was recalled that the Board had in fact given this responsibility to the Community Services Committee and accordingly it was **agreed** to defer the matter to that Committee.

**5. COUNCIL FINANCIAL PLAN AND PROGRAMME
2000 EDITION BOARD SUBMISSION**

Details of the Council's response to these matters raised by the Board in its submission to this year's Plan were reported on.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

**6. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY – LOOKING AHEAD 2000-2008
– BOARD SUBMISSION**

Submitted for the Committee's information was the response received from Environment Canterbury to the submissions made earlier by the Board.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

7. COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

The Committee **agreed** on the following meeting dates through until December 2000.

Thursday	14 September	9.30 am
Thursday	12 October	9.30 am
Friday	10 November	9.30 am
Friday	8 December	9.30 am

The meeting concluded at 2.45 pm

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be adopted.