

6. URBAN GROWTH MANAGEMENT

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At a meeting of the Resource Management Committee on Friday 7 July 2000, the following recommendations were made:

1. That Council officers prepare a report on the practicality of:
 - (i) The preparation of a potential programme for Professor Troy, including the holding of discussions with Councillors (to be discussed with Professor Memon of Lincoln University).
 - (ii) That an invitation be extended to Professor Troy to address the Council and community.
 - (iii) That representatives from the Auckland Growth Forum be invited to explain the process Auckland Councils have adopted in the preparation of the Auckland Growth Strategy.

Professor Troy is the Professor and Head of the Urban and Environmental program at the Australian National University. He was a keynote speaker at the NZPI conference in May this year.

Professor Troy has been contacted for an initial comment and availability and is interested in principle, although as he stated, he is not an expert on New Zealand, nor does he have an in-depth knowledge of the City. He would like to know more detail of what is required of him though is happy to engage in round table discussions.

Professor Troy could be available for the suggested dates at the beginning of October, however some City Councillors will be attending the RMLA conference in Auckland. Also Lincoln University students will be having exams and break for the summer holidays at that time. Therefore a potential seminar could be held in say March 2001.

A suggested format for a programme is:

- Day 1 Field trip around the City and surrounding areas by Professor Troy and a Policy section staff member.
- Day 2 Morning - Councillor session with Professor Troy. This could take the format of a question and answer session for Professor Troy in addressing key aspects of urban growth management as a result of his research and experience.
- Afternoon - He could be available to speak to other groups such as Canterbury Dialogues and Lincoln planning students.

There are other options to consider. Members of the Auckland Growth Forum, which developed the Auckland Growth Strategy, would be happy to assist with a forum for example. Initial thoughts were that the audience could be wider. The Auckland experience found it important to bring on board business leaders, developers, real estate agents etc.

Canterbury Dialogues, which aims to maximise cross sector involvement between the Community, Corporate and public sectors with initiatives for a sustainable future, is supportive of the initiative for urban growth management focussed specifically on the city's needs. The organisation would also like to see other agencies involved, eg Canterbury Development Corporation and MfE.

Lindsay Gow, MfE Wellington is interested in being involved at this stage. Because of his interest in urban growth matters, he could act as facilitator in a potential forum. Lindsay also sees other interested parties involved such as Canterbury Dialogues and ECAN with objectives, issues and implementation of results needing to be clarified.

Unless the Council wants to organise a major event, the most practical option at the present time would be the suggested programme above.

- Recommendation:**
1. That an urban growth management seminar or wider forum be considered for the early part of March 2001.
 2. That the Committee set down specific objectives and outcomes it wishes to achieve, by the various parties involved.
 3. That the Committee give consideration to involving a wider representation of interested groups in urban growth management.

- Chairman's Recommendation:**
1. That the officer's recommendation be supported, that Professor Troy be invited to discuss the sustainability of the traditional suburbia as opposed to the Portland model, and that Lindsay Gow also be invited to participate in the programme.
 2. That the seminar be held towards the end of February, to be held in two parts, the morning session being for Council members and the afternoon for development and resident groups, etc.