

## 17. MERIVALE JOINT WORKING PARTY – REPORT OF 16 MARCH 2001

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The purpose of this report is to submit for consideration by the Board, the following report of the Working Party's meeting of 16 March as follows:

**Report of a meeting of the Merivale Joint Working Party  
held on Friday 16 March 2001 at 8.00 am  
in Meeting Room 1, CCC Fendalton**

**PRESENT:** Keith Nuttall (Chairman,) Val Carter, Barbara Stewart, Colin Foggo, Paul Lonsdale, Pat Quinn, Jeff Vesey, Gina Williamson

### 1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received and accepted from Tony Wallace and for lateness from Barbara Stewart who arrived at 8.26am.

### 2. PROJECT UPDATES

#### 2.1 Aikmans Road Landscaping

Andrew Craig, Landscape Architect, reported that the estimated cost of the earlier submitted landscape concept plan for the Merivale Mall frontage on Aikmans Road was \$18,000. Key features of the plan were replacement ground cover and the planting and relocation of existing trees and a maintenance component to cover the first year.

Most of the planting was located on land belonging to the Council as part of the road reserve with the remaining 20 metre section at the Aikmans/Akela intersection being owned by the Mall owners.

With \$6,000 approximately remaining in the budget, it was felt that priority should be given to the northern section and that this take into account likely changes to the existing entranceway to the Mall carpark and further that the Mall owners be approached to participate and fund improving their section of the frontage. Funding to complete the mid section could be sought from the Board's discretionary budget for 2001/02.

The meeting therefore **agreed** that officer's work along side the Mall Manager to finalise design details and costings for the northern section and the probable impacts arising from changes to the existing entranceway to the Mall carpark. Further that the Mall owners be approached to contribute to the landscaping enhancements of the Aikmans/Akela section.

#### 2.2 St George's Hospital

The Working Party was advised that St George's Hospital had reaffirmed its preparedness to contribute funding to landscaping in the immediate vicinity of the hospital should this eventuate.

#### 2.3 Ground Cover for Planter Boxes

It was **agreed** that Gina Williamson and Andrew Craig undertake a trial planting utilising an appropriate grass species.

#### 2.4 Replacement Street Furniture

The replacement seats and litterbins had recently been installed in Papanui Road and the feedback received has been very favourable. Funds to complete the project were supplemented from the Board provided general allocation for public seating and litter containers.

### 3. GENERAL BUSINESS

In response to a number of general issues raised at the 12 December 2000 meeting of the Working Party, officer's reported back on the various matters.

These included, recycling bins, the Aikmans Road entrance to the Mall, the topiary trees, an update on the footpath programme, street cleaning, Leinster House, litter control and the redevelopment at St George's Hospital.

The Working Party **received** the report.

With the key elements of the plan now completed or nearing completion, it was acknowledged that future meetings of the Working Party be convened on an as needs basis.

Thanks were accorded to all involved for what had been achieved.

The meeting concluded at 8.50am

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#### **Chairman's**

**Recommendation** That the report be received.