

## 19. PLANNING STATEMENT AND PROJECT PROPOSALS 2002/2003

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The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Board regarding the 2002/2003 Project Proposals and Planning Statement. (Refer Clause 20 report from Tony Gemmill)

Each year the Board seeks input into the Council's Annual Plan from the Shirley/Papanui Community. The Council has resolved that in the coming three years all capital and operating budgets be contained within the projections in the financial plan, and that the provision for unspecified capital projects be deleted and the funding held in a capital contingency fund to meet unforeseen costs. The unspecified operating sums in years two, three and four be deleted. This means that from a community input perspective, there is a need to be realistic about new projects leap-frogging ahead of programmed projects. Where the community identify a project which is a priority it must be funded by way of substitution. For substitutions to happen the funding requirement of the new project must match the funding of the programmed item.

Community Boards need to identify which programmed projects within their own area they wish to see substituted with new projects. It is also important to note that substitutions should be capital for capital and operating for operating.

Any new projects can however be funded by way of Community Board funding. The amounts available per Board are:

- *Project Funding* \$240,000
- *Strengthening Communities* \$40,000
- *Community Worker Support/Positions* \$50,000
- *Discretionary Fund* \$60,000

Because of the importance of not creating unrealistic expectations from the community for new works, it is suggested that the any project proposals be limited to priority projects already accumulated over the year. All other projects be referred to the Project Funding allocations in March 2002.

It is also important to remember that later in the year, the Board will be asked to support consideration of a facility in Papanui into the five year capital programme.

Attached is a copy of the Board's current Planning Statement, and it is suggested that this be reviewed in light of information provided by the community during the year, for submission to the appropriate Standing Committees.

**Recommendation:** That the Board review the current Planning Statement and submit it, with amendments to the Standing Committees.

**Chairperson's Recommendation:** That a date be set to prepare the planning statement prior to 24 August and process for reviewing Project Proposal substitutions.