

6. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to provide an update on general issues in the Board area within the month, and over the recess period.

1. BOARD THREE YEAR PLANNING

The Board is required each year to set objectives and performance indicators which form part of the Council's annual plan process. During the past three year term the Board spent some time establishing a planning framework and a strategic plan to achieve its objectives. A planning statement for 2002/2003 and Beyond, was also prepared using the same objectives. These documents have been particularly useful in assisting with prioritising Project Funds and Discretionary Fund allocations.

Initially the objectives and performance indicators have been reviewed and amended each year. However, it would seem much more appropriate for the Board to establish a clear direction and goals, for the whole of the three year term. To enable this to happen I would like to see the Board spend some time early in the new year, on a planning process from which it could set its goals for the 2002/2004 term. This could take the form of a half or full day seminar, with an external facilitator where the Board and appropriate staff could work on these issues. Such a seminar would also help in building strong working relationships within the Board and with the Board and staff.

If members wish to proceed with the above, it is recommended that a date, time and venue be set at this meeting. Suggestions for how this may be programmed would also need to be discussed, so staff can bring back a proposed programme to the January meeting. It is important that all members agree on and feel happy with the process so that it is seen as an all inclusive seminar and build a strong team for the next three years work.

Recommendation: That a date, time and venue be set for a half or full day planning seminar early in the year, and that the programme be finalised at the 30 January Board meeting.

2. SUBMISSION ON SOLUTION FOR NORTHERN CHRISTCHURCH ROADING PROBLEMS

The Open Days on the above proposals have been held. The process now is that following receipt of submissions a report will be prepared to go to Council for consideration. Decisions will be made on the next study stage, which will then go out for further comments from Boards, organisations and stakeholder groups. At the present time it is suggested that the Boards support community groups in their responses.

3. MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2002

The Board adopted the meeting schedule as submitted to the meeting on 21 November. The date of the 30 October meeting was to be further considered.

Recommendation: That the Board consider changing the date of the 30 October meeting.

4. CLOSURE OF ADVOCACY OFFICE DURING CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR

The office will close at 5.00 pm on Monday 24 December and re-open on Monday 7 January 2002. On call staff will be available on Thursday and Friday 3 and 4 of January 2002.

5. BUS TOUR OF SHIRLEY/PAPANUI WARDS

The Community Technical Adviser is preparing a schedule for a tour of the area early next year. It is recommended that a date for this be set.

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.