

11. COMMUNITY BOARD PLANNING STATEMENTS

Officer responsible Community Advocate	Author Nick Chapman, DDI 337-4508
Corporate Plan Output: Accountability	

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of a proposed change in the manner of dealing with its annual planning statement (along with all other boards) so as to enable them to have more direct input and comment to the Council on "key issues" in the community.

At the start of the Annual Plan process boards submit a statement of priorities or planning statement to the Council and business units at the same time as their project proposals. A copy of the Board's planning statement for 2000/01 is attached.

It has been a matter of concern that these statements have not been acknowledged in the same way as project proposals, or had any apparent influence on standing committee, Council or business unit objectives. To overcome this, it is proposed to submit a schedule of key issues (see sample attached) for consideration by standing committees at the same time as they receive annual monitoring reports.

The key issues will need to be prepared by 24 August 2001 to meeting standing committee agenda deadlines. Project proposals which are normally submitted at the same time will be separately submitted to business units in September.

Recommendation: That the Community Affairs Committee be given delegated authority to prepare a statement of key issues at its meeting on 21 August 2001.