

2. SUBMISSION TO DRAFT CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL PLAN 2002

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of the process for the Board to make a submission to the draft Christchurch City Council Financial Plan 2002 Edition.

There is an opportunity to make a submission on the following three draft documents:

- Financial Plan and Programme 2002, containing the Council's spending proposals for the 2001/02 financial year.
- Community Capital Works Programme 2002, detailing the Capital Works planned in the area from 2001/02 to 2005/06 (refer to pages 6 to 17).
- Strategic Statement 2002, outlining the Council's long term plans.

The timetable for the process leading up to the adoption of the Plan is as follows:

21 May	Closing date for submissions
19 to 22 June	Hearing of submissions by the Annual Plan Working Party
12 July	Council meeting to adopt final Plan.

A key aspect of the Plan is the prioritisation of programmes. The Board may wish to make submissions on the timing of Capital Works. The Board's priority list of Capital Works formulated at the Special Meeting on 29 August 2000 has been circulated separately to assist in this assessment.

The Council has signalled the need for a moratorium on new programmes and projects and a concentration on successful implementation of programmes and projects that are already planned and committed. New programmes or projects will not be considered unless they can be funded by substitutions.

The Board may also wish to consider the strategic direction set for the Council and how this aligns with the community's perceived focus and direction.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board prepare a submission to the draft Christchurch City Council Financial Plan 2002 Edition based on the discussions from today's meeting.
 2. That the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson present the Board's submission to the Annual Plan Working Party.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendations be adopted.