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The purpose of this report is to seek the new Board's endorsement of the 2001 Planning Statement, and to address an ongoing process for handling the responses received to the various project proposals that were developed as part of the Planning Statement.

## PLANNING STATEMENT

The preparation of a Planning Statement by the Board is a standard part of the council's annual planning process. The Statement was prepared by the former Board and adopted for submission at the 4 September meeting of the Board. A copy is **attached** for members' information.

In order that the new Board can continue to acknowledge the issues and projects identified in the Statement it is appropriate that the Board now endorse the Planning Statement.

## PROJECT PROPOSALS

As part of the overall process, the "Project Proposals" contents of the Planning Statement are submitted to relevant Council Units for comment. The submissions, from all six Community Boards, are considered within criteria set from time to time, by these Units and appropriate comment formulated in response.

All proposals are to be responded to and, at the time of preparing this report, the various responses are still to be received.

The next stage of the annual planning process provides for Boards to consider the various responses received, and to resolve to seek an audience with the respective policy Units, for discussion, it there is any concern about the manner in which any proposal is to be handled. Historically the Boards generally resolve to take issue with very few of the responses received.

As the further process covering examination of the responses received, and deputations before respective policy Units is required to be completed prior to Christmas, there is no opportunity for the Board itself to address this. It would however seem appropriate that this task of considering the Units responses be delegated to the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, and that they also represent the Board in the case of any concerns requiring further discussion with the relevant Units.

Recommendation:

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- That the Board endorse the 2001 Planning Statement prepared by the previous Board.
- 2. That the Chairman and Deputy Chairman be delegated power to act in considering the project proposal responses, and representing the Board in conveying any concerns of the responses received from the relevant Unit(s).
- 3. That the outcomes from this delegation be reported back to the first meeting of the Board in the new year.

