

20. FINANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 8 AND 15 AUGUST 2001

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The purpose of this report is submit the following report and recommendations of the Committee's 8 and 15 August meetings.

Report of the Finance and Planning Committee held on Wednesday 8 August 2001 at 8.00 am and reconvened on Wednesday 15 August 2001 at 4.15pm in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, CCC Fendalton

PRESENT: Sally Buck (Chairperson) Val Carter, Pat Harrow, Yiyi Ku, Keith Nuttall, Mike Wall and Ron Wright

ALSO PRESENT: Barbara Stewart (only 8 August 2001)

APOLOGIES: Nil

1. PLANNING STATEMENT 2002/03

The Board's Planning Statement for the 2002/03 period is to be divided into two sections, namely "key issues" for consideration in September by the Council Standing Committees and secondly, a list of project proposals for consideration by Business Units.

The Committee had been granted power to act to complete the Key Issues section of the Planning Statement.

Contributions from members, staff and the community were utilised by the Committee in the preparation of the **attached** document.

The Committee **decided** that the "key issues" section of the Board's Planning Statement for 2002/03 be approved for submission to the relevant Council Standing Committees.

A number of project proposals were also identified as **attached**.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the schedule of project proposals be approved for submission to relevant business units.
 2. That the following measures aimed at reducing vehicle speeds be further investigated.
 - Use of 'Reduce Speed Now' signs at key locations especially at the boundaries of rural and urban areas.
 - Road safety advertising similar to that displayed on state highways.
 - More use made of cobbled/brick paving on carriageways to reinforce the road safety message.
 3. That in response to roading issues raised in Alpha Avenue, contact be made with the local residents.

2. WESTON ROAD TRAFFIC ISSUES - FUNDING

At the joint special meeting with the Shirley/Papanui Community Board on 2 August 2001, the Board **decided** to investigate the funding of two planter islands between Papanui Road and Bretts Road at an estimated cost of \$7,000 each. Furthermore, that the funding of a threshold at the Papanui Road/Weston Road intersection be investigated as part of the Board's 2002/03 project funding allocations. Both measures are subject to a safety audit being carried out.

Possible funding sources for the two mid block planter islands in the Board's section of Weston Road were set out in a report from staff.

Recommendation: That the funding of the two planter islands between Papanui Road and Bretts Road be sourced from a reallocation of the \$12,000 ex Fendalton Hall carparking and a \$2,000 allocation from the Board's 2001/02 discretionary budget.

3. CANTERBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT INC - FUNDING

At its meeting on 3 July 2001, the Board decided to provide funding support of \$5,000 per annum for a 3 year period and further that the Committee consider a means of providing such support.

The preferred source, at least for the first year, was suggested as being from this years Board's discretionary budget.

Staff also indicated that the matter of such support funding for representative community groups needed to be reviewed corporately to ensure that their was no duplication of effort and cost involved in administering similar/same objectives.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the first years allocation of \$5,000 to Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Inc be funded from the Board's 2001/02 discretionary fund.
 2. That the Community Relations Manager be requested to initiate a review as to the suitability of providing support for two similarly orientated organisations namely Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Inc and Christchurch Safer Community Council.

4. COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE BOARD'S SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT 2002 FINANCIAL PLAN

At the Special Council meeting on 12 July 2001, the 2002 Financial Plan and Programme was finalised.

The Council's decisions covering the submission made by the Board were reported to the Committee as follows:

- "a) That the Board be informed that the (Annual Plan) working party has noted its views on a range of city wide and corporate issues.

The "issues" covered by this part of the resolution includes:-

Future Rate Increases	Maintenance of City Infrastructure
Rural Rate Increases	Railway Cycleway/Safe Cycling
Uniform General Increase	Undergrounding
Civic Offices Accommodation	Sustainable Christchurch
Trees	Potential Cost Savings
Orion Sale of Assets	Funding Policy/Management

- b) That, in recognition of the Board's submission and residents submissions, and the Council's new policy on cost sharing of undergrounding, the Council allocate an additional \$100,000 p.a operational funding, and an additional \$30,000 p.a capital, to pay the Council's share of about 800 metres additional undergrounding per year.
- c) That, as the residents of Wai-iti Terrace have undertaken to contribute 50% of the cost, in compliance with the new Council policy, \$37,500 operational and \$11,000 capital expenditure be provided in 2001/02 from the additional undergrounding provision specified in 3b) to allow undergrounding to proceed in Wai-iti Terrace.
- d) That, in view of the fact that Tui Street residents attempted to raise the full cost prior to the Council's new policy of 50% contribution being established, Tui Street also be funded (CCC share \$45,000, plus \$15,000 capital) from the additional undergrounding provision specified in 3b).
- e) That the request from the Thornycroft Street residents be declined on the grounds that it does not comply with the Council's undergrounding policy, unless a substitution is found from the Fendalton area to allow the kerb and channel replacement work to go ahead."

On the matter of Thornycroft Street ((e) above refers), the Committee considered a number of scenarios aimed at bringing Thornycroft Street into the 5 year capital programme.

The substitution option favoured by the Committee was for Thornycroft Street to be introduced in years 2003/04 and for Garreg Road to move to 2004/05 and for Halton Street and Winchester Street to be moved to 2005/06.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the information be received.
 2. That the proposed substitution arrangements to enable Thornycroft Street to be introduced into the five year kerb and channel renewal programme be given effect to.

5. 2001/02 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING – FURTHER ALLOCATIONS

Details of funding allocations already made by the Board were reported on as follows:

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Asian Youth Project	3,000
Burnside Residents Support Group – Christmas Event	1,000
Fendalton/Waimairi Community Liaison Meetings	1,500
Neighbourhood Week 2001	1,500
Youth Forum	1,500
Burnside Residents Support Group – Mid Winter Concert	1,500
Annual Event – Avice Hill Reserve	3,000
Speed Trailer	700
St Barnabas – Commemorative Plaque	1,500
Merivale Precinct Society – Christmas Carol Service	500
St Margarets Church – Community Christmas Lunch	250
	<u>\$15,950</u>

Separately proposed for recommending to the Board (via this report) were allocations for:

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• Canterbury Neighbourhood Support Inc	5,000
• Asian Youth Trust	1,100
• Weston Road traffic calming	2,000
	<u>\$8,100</u>

The Committee was also presented with a number of other potential projects from which the following were **agreed** on for recommending to the Board:

	\$
• Arbour Day – community tree planting involving local schools	2,000
• Heritage Week – grant to Merivale Precinct Society towards its Heritage Awards	500
• Communications with the Community (in partnership with the Advocacy Team)	3,000
• Community Awards (administration costs, certificates and function expenses)	1,500
• Bishopdale Community Centre – preparation of draft floor plans for concept	3,000
• Community Liaison meetings	1,500
• Avice Hill commemoration/unveiling ceremony	1,000
• Westburn Out of School Care programme – establishment phase costs	2,000
• Fendalton/Waimairi Immigrant/Refugee Liaison Group – establishment and meeting costs	1,750
• Bishopdale Community Centre – 25 th Anniversary Celebrations	3,250
	<u>\$19,500</u>

Total allocations to date (approved and proposed) amount to \$43,550 therefore leaving a balance of \$16,450 available to the new Board.

Recommendation: That the additional allocations from the Board's 2001/02 discretionary budget totalling \$19,500 as scheduled above, be confirmed.

6. ASIAN YOUTH TRUST – SUPPORT FUNDING

At its meeting on 31 July 2001 the Board decided to support the request made by the Trust for funding assistance of \$1,100 towards an outstanding account owed to the Canterbury Development Corporation. Matching funding was also requested from the Shirley/Papanui and the Riccarton/Wigram Community Boards.

The Committee was asked by the Board to identify a source of funding to help the Trust.

Ongoing planning for the Trust's future activities is also being separately addressed.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the funding support of \$1,100 to the Asian Youth Trust be allocated from the Board's 2001/02 discretionary budget.
 2. That the further discussions with the Asian Youth Trust be endorsed and be reported back to the Board in due course.

7. 2002/03 BOARD OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Following on from the Board's two seminars (14 July and 4 August 2001) on "Advocacy/Communication" it was **agreed** that the Committee meet in mid September to finalise the contents of the Board's Objectives and Performance Indicators for the 2002/03 period.

It was noted that the Committee would need to have power to act in dealing with this matter as the Board's final meeting was on 4 September 2001.

Recommendation: That the Finance and Planning Committee be granted power to act to finalise the Board's Objectives and Performance Indicators for 2002/03.

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Recommendation: That the report be received and the recommendations therein be approved and adopted.