

15. **REPORT OF COMMUNITY, POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
28 JANUARY 2002 AND 18 FEBRUARY 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration the committee reports and accompanying recommendation as follows.

Report of a meeting of the Community, Policy and Finance Committee held on Monday, 28 January 2002, at 2.00pm in the Board Room, Linwood Service Centre.

Present: Linda Rutland (Chairperson), Bob Todd, Yani Johanson, Rod Cameron, David Cox and Erin Baker.

In Attendance: John Freeman

At the last meeting of the previous board the Community Advocate was asked to arrange a meeting of Board members, representatives from Environment Canterbury and the Ferrymead/Brookhaven Residents' Association about bus services to Brookhaven. There have also been issues raised about the service to the Linrose Retirement Home.

In attendance were Environment Canterbury councillors Diana Shand and Richard Budd, Valerie Campbell put in her apologies. Jill Atkinson and Wayne Holton-Jefferies from Environment Canterbury provided advice. Lorraine Wilmshurst and Andrew Hensley from the Council also provided advice. Representatives from the Ferrymead/Brookhaven Residents' Association, and the Linrose Retirement Home were also in attendance.

Environment Canterbury made a presentation. They discussed the categories of bus routes and discussed, in particular the 33 service to Woolston which also took in Brookhaven. They noted that patronage on the Woolston service is declining and ECAN has an emphasis to increase the patronage. This may require changes to the Brookhaven service. However, ECAN undertook to consult on this and notify the Board if changes were to be made.

The situation will be reviewed, particularly following possible changes to the Dyers Road/Linwood Avenue intersection being undertaken by Transit New Zealand.

The Area Engineer agreed to consider the possibility that a bus stop be installed on Linwood Avenue closer to Smith Street.

David Cox did not take part in the discussion relating to a possible variation to the City Plan.

Recommendation: The Committee requested that officers' report on the possibility of a variation to the City Plan on options for Dyers Road.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the recommendation be adopted.

Report of a meeting of the Community, Policy and Finance Committee held on Monday, 18 February 2002, at 10.00am in the Board Room, Linwood Service Centre.

Present: Linda Rutland, (Chairperson), Bob Todd, Rod Cameron, David Cox and Yani Johanson

1. YOUTH INITIATIVES FACILITATORS' REPORT

The Community Development Adviser advised members that a Youth Trust is being established to consider the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Youth Initiatives Facilitators' report. The Adviser noted that money will be needed to implement the recommendations and suggested that some of the money in the Strengthening Communities Fund could be earmarked to assist in implementing the recommendations.

The remainder of the Strengthening Communities Fund could be earmarked for other youth issues as raised through the Linwood Park consultation process.

1. The committee recommended that the remaining \$25,000 in the Strengthening Communities Fund 2001/02 be tagged for undertaking the recommendations in the Youth Initiatives Facilitators' report and any Linwood Park work.

2. OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMME DRAFT STRATEGY AND AREA IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

Ingrid de Meyer, Project Co-ordinator, briefed the committee on the Out of School Care Programme Draft Strategy and the Area Implementation Plans.

Out of School Care is a significant area of Council funding and Council staff also spend a considerable amount of time and support in this area. There is a lack of Government support and funding for the Out of School sector. Committee members asked that this issue be placed on the agenda for the meeting with local Members of Parliament. It is an issue which requires advocacy from the Board and Council to Central Government.

There is a continuum of need throughout the ward for support of Out of School Programmes. Programmes in higher socio-economic areas are able to generate 70 to 80 percent of parent contributions, while those in lower socio-economic areas can only expect to generate 10-15% of funding from parent charges.

Ingrid de Meyer also noted difficulties with the present Work and Income subsidy which is only available to low income people in work or in training. Some members noted that there may well be other areas in the Board's area that have need of a programme.

The Strategy and Area Implementation Plan is a tool for the Board to use when making funding decisions.

The Committee recommended:

2. That the Draft Out of School Programme Strategy be received for information.
3. That the Community Board consider area implementation recommendations when allocating and prioritising project funds (2002/05) for local Out of school Programmes (after school and holiday).
4. That the Community Board consider a three year funding commitment when allocating project funds for Out of school Programmes.

3. CRÈCHE OPERATING TIMES

The Chairperson raised the issue of creche's operating times in some of the facilities owned by the Council. Often these only run from 9am till 3pm and she questioned whether this adequately provides for the needs of the parents who use them.

The Community Advocate and Community Development Adviser were asked to look into this issue.

4. FUNDING OF PHILLIPSTOWN FESTIVAL

The committee received a request from the organisers of the Phillipstown Festival to hold over the funds they received for their 2001 festival (\$700) to 2002/03. The festival was postponed twice due to bad weather.

The committee **decided** to agree to this request.

5. OTHER FUNDING DECISIONS

The committee agreed to grant \$1,000 to the Linwood Community Arts Centre Multi Cultural Festival 2002 for the festival on 16 March 2002.

- Recommendations:**
1. That the \$25,000 remaining in the Strengthening Communities Fund 2001/02 be tagged for undertaking the recommendations in the Youth Initiatives Facilitators' report and any Linwood Park work.
 2. That the Draft Out of School Programme Strategy be received for information.
 3. That the Community Board consider area implementation recommendations when allocating and prioritising project funds (2002/05) for local Out of school Programmes (after school and holiday).
 4. That the Community Board consider a three year funding commitment when allocating project funds for Out of school Programmes.
 5. That the Phillipstown Festival organisers be allowed to hold over the \$700 allocated to them for a festival to the 2002/03 year.
 6. That \$1,000 be allocated to the Linwood Community Arts Centre Multi Cultural Festival 2002 for the festival on 16 March 2002.

Chairperson's Recommendation: That the recommendations be adopted.