

9. COMMUNITY BOARD PLANNING STATEMENTS

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The purpose of this report is to recommend a process for the Board to prepare and adopt its Planning Statement for 2002 (2003).

BACKGROUND

Community Boards have, over recent years, prepared Planning Statements covering “Key Issues” in the community, and identifying “Project Proposals” for potential inclusion in the Council’s future forward capital programme.

The present timing for preparation and forwarding of the Planning Statements is planned to coincide with the Council Standing Committee’s review (monitoring) of performance for the 2001/02 year. The opportunity to consider “community input” into standards/practices/levels of commitment is seen of value by the Standing Committees as they proceed to look ahead for future years.

Planning Statements this year are required to be completed by 23 August to allow consolidation in preparation for the September Standing Committee’s scheduled meetings.

DISCUSSION

This task has customarily been carried out by the Finance and Planning Committee. Because of the short time available this year it would seem appropriate to provide this Committee with power to act to complete the task on behalf of the Board.

Recommendation: That the Finance and Planning Committee be granted power to act on behalf to the Board to complete the preparation of the Board’s Planning Statement in time for inclusion within the present Standing Committee deadlines.

Deputy Chairman’s Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.