

3. EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THE PARKS, GARDENS AND WATERWAYS COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to confirm the work programme and expected time table for outcomes confirmed at the February Committee Meeting which are expected to be achieved over the next three years by the Committee.

BACKGROUND

Each Standing Committee is asked to report to the February Council on:

- Main outcomes to be achieved over the next year, year 2 and year 3
- What is to be done differently from the past

And in March on:

- The programme of works to meet the outcomes

The objectives of those reports are to:

- Know and plan for the major streams of work and developments over the next three years.
- Ensure triple bottom line/sustainable outcomes are achieved
- Expand and develop relationships with appropriate external entities

It is assumed the operational outputs and deliverables under the Annual Plan will continue as they are developed under the future Annual Plans. These outcomes are additional issues which it considers important to be resolved and actioned, together with the expected timetable.

The items listed below were confirmed at the February 2002 meeting of the Committee.

THE OUTCOME LIST

The issues for inclusion in the list of achievements are organised under the terms of reference for the Committee. The items brought forward by the Committee are in italics.

OPERATIONAL OUTPUTS OF THE COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference	Expected Outcome	Delivery	Completion date
Parks and Reserves	<i>Review the standards of maintenance contracts – including consultation with the public on costs</i>	Seminar with City Care & Reports	March 2002 and ongoing
	<i>Develop the proposed City perimeter walkway</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Allow the creative use of windfall wood for Art, seats and park furniture generally</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Creative design of Parks furniture including special design for special areas</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Art in Parks – at least one major piece per annum</i>	\$55,000 in A. Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Completion of Travis Wetland boardwalk</i>	In the Annual Plan	Over 5 years
	<i>Resolve the contamination at Bexley Wetland – Cunningham land</i>	In the Annual Plan	June 2002
	<i>Upgrade the standard of presentation of Botanic Gardens and Mona Vale.</i>	Asset Management Plan and Garden City Subcommittee	Ongoing
Waterways and Wetlands	<i>Monitor and enhance the quality of stormwater discharge</i>	Some quality tests now also ECAN tests. Mostly new work.	Ongoing
Cemeteries	<i>Develop a policy on the memorial use of parks, and gifts of furniture and art.</i>	Partially covered in the existing policy. More policy work required. Seminar on this.	02/03
	<i>Review the maintenance and the provision of cemetery plans for upgrades.</i>	Seminar on this	02/03

ASSET MANAGEMENT OUTPUTS

Asset Management	<i>Review the standards – and generally upgrade them</i>	This is the essence of the Asset Management Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Develop walkways including information boards, and the 'story' of parks</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Develop a full register of all fountains, statues and artworks in Parks</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Restore special heritage areas to their original concept eg Poplar Crescent with poplars not native plantings</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Develop a capital expenditure strategy</i>	In the Annual Plan – the 5 year Capital Expenditure programme	Ongoing
	<i>Review Playground Equipment</i>	Annual inspection and maintenance checks	Ongoing
	<i>Lakes in Jellie Park – improve the maintenance</i>	In the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Focus on and develop the Parks and assets we already own, before buying more</i>	Part of the 5 year Capital programme	Ongoing
	<i>If the development of new Parks is unsustainable then allow to hold land undeveloped until required by the community</i>	Part of the 5 year Capital programme	Ongoing

STRATEGY AND POLICY REVIEW

Natural Environment strategy	<i>Review and report on the Objectives and Policies of the City Plan Natural Environment for: Water – both potable and groundwater and waterways Natural features and habitats Coastal Environment Port Hills The Plains Environment awareness</i>	Outline plan is in the City Plan. This needs to be developed into an action plan for the Parks and Waterways Unit.	June 03
	<i>Develop and adopt a strategy for the natural environment</i>	As above	June 03
Planting Strategy	<i>Develop and adopt a planting strategy and policy – including the use of native v exotic plants</i>	Draft Policy published. Final statement to be completed.	Dec 2002
	<i>Black poplar/silver birch planting & health issues</i>	As above	Dec 2002
Policies for streets trees and green spaces on streets	<i>Develop a list of suitable trees for the streetscape</i>	Report required and aligned with Planting Strategy	Dec 2002
	<i>Coordinate with planting strategies generally</i>	As above	Dec 2002
	<i>Work with Transit to adopt strategies similar to CCC to ensure coordination of landscape works</i>	Aim for a memorandum of understanding between CCC and Transit NZ	ongoing
Open space acquisition Strategy	<i>Allow to acquire but not immediately develop new Parks etc. as the maintenance costs are high following development</i>	This is in the 5 year Capital programme	Ongoing

Policy - general	<i>Coastal Management Plan – prioritise and implement the strategy</i>	Strategy is developed some work is in the Annual Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Waterways & drainage – develop a total land drainage system</i>	This is the Asset Management Plan	Ongoing
	<i>Submissions to ECAN on the Natural Resources Regional Plan Strategy</i>	Report to Committee	March 2002
	<i>Biodiversity Strategy – Obtain Councillor input and signoff of Council submissions to the Government Papers</i>	Parks Unit has a botanist on staff now to address these issues	Ongoing

WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

Work with others	<i>Work with other Committees of Council to enhance the natural environment of the city and other TLA's</i>	Total Solutions model and cross boundary meetings	Ongoing
Visits by Committee	<i>Savannah Grassland Travis Wetland Bexley Wetland Charlesworth St Wigram Retention Basin Nga Puna Wai Estuary Botanic Gardens and Mona Vale Styx, Lower Avon including boat trip or Kayak Halswell Quarry Bottle Lake Port Hills Community Gardens Variety of Community Parks Heritage areas Cemeteries especially heritage sites</i>		Over 3 years

STANDING SUBCOMMITTEES

Estuary Green Edge	<i>Develop a working relationship with interested groups eg Estuary Trust</i>	David Newey is leading this	Ongoing
Garden City Advisory group.	<i>Get the basic of the Garden City right</i>	The subcommittee is setting up the team to work through the issues	Ongoing
	<i>Develop the unique character of the city</i>	As above	Ongoing

CONCLUSION

Most outcomes are included in the current programme. For those that are not, the delivery dates are being addressed with Unit staff and advisers.

Recommendation: That the Committee confirm the outcomes and timetable as above

Chairman's Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.