

16. CITY WIDE PARKING STRATEGY UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the progress of the City-wide Parking Strategy and the next steps as proposed.

In 1999 the first stage of consultation was undertaken for the development of a City-wide Parking Strategy. The need for the strategy was identified through the City Plan process and other transport planning processes. The final document will sit alongside and complement other strategy documents, including Cycle Strategy, Pedestrian Strategy, Public Transport Strategy and Road Safety Strategy. It is also hoped that the strategy will provide a basis to address a number of issues raised in a reference to the Environment Court by Environment Canterbury.

The second stage of consultation is now well under way and has involved seven focus groups:

1. Education (Kindergarten, Primary/Intermediate)
2. Education (Secondary/Tertiary)
3. Central City
4. Malls and Main Road Shops
5. Recreation
6. Traffic Management and Public Transport

A seventh group made up from Environment Canterbury and Christchurch City Council staff has also been created.

These groups will each meet three times over the development of the Parking Strategy. They have already been through their first round of meetings, where the process and purpose of the Parking Strategy was outlined and their input in terms of specific issue identification and brainstorming of solutions was sought. At the second meeting each group will discuss the solutions that have come forward from all the groups, as well as the implications of the adoption/introduction of the solutions. The third meeting will be an opportunity to discuss a possible outline of the Parking Strategy.

The above process will involve round two focus group meetings in March, with round three in May.

Additional research is programmed to ensure the resulting strategy is technically robust and consistent with other Council documents. Following recent decisions, this will include research on the proposal related to central city commuter parking restraint.

A seminar will be held with the committee in May/June to discuss findings of the work to that time and to enable Committee input to the preparation of a draft strategy. The draft will then be presented to the Community Boards for feedback, prior to Committee approval of the draft for public consultation. At the conclusion of the consultation, a summary of the submissions and a proposed final strategy (with recommended amendments from the draft strategy) will be presented to the Committee for adoption.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.