

17. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

17.1 For members' information attached are schedules of funds distributed in 2001/02 for the Discretionary Funds (since the allocation meeting on 13 February 2001), the Community Response Assistance Fund and the Community Development Initiatives Fund.

17.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.

17.3 SPITTING IN PUBLIC

A Board member has suggested that the Board take action to support Councillor Condon's recent article in the media (The Press, Saturday 6 April 2002) about the need to dissuade people from spitting on footpaths. The issue has also been considered recently by Keep Christchurch Beautiful. It is suggested that the Board write to public health authorities expressing this concern and requesting some action.

Recommendation: That the Board write to public health authorities expressing concern at the level of spitting on footpaths and requesting an education campaign to alleviate this problem.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.

17.4 DRAFT PUBLIC STREET ENCLOSURES POLICY

The Council has called for submissions on a draft Public Street Enclosures Policy that will guide Council decision-making on the licensing of public areas for outdoor dining.

The Policy will determine the location and extent of licensed areas and the type of furniture, planters, windbreaks and other enclosing structures permitted. It will also determine requirements relating to pedestrian access, the size and design of windbreaks, the type and amount of street furniture, umbrellas, plants and advertising.

The Council can license individual operators to use public spaces if they can provide complementary services and facilities that enhance their business activities, and those of adjoining buildings.

The policy has been developed because the Council, as landowner, needs to consider the private and commercial benefits of licensing public areas for private use, as well as the impact on the environment and the community.

A copy of the draft Policy has been circulated separately to Board members.

The Board may wish to make a submission on the draft Policy. The draft policy has also been drawn to the attention of the New Brighton Taskforce and members of the Taskforce may be in attendance at the Board meeting.

Recommendation: That the Board make a submission on the draft Public Street Enclosures Policy based on the discussion at the Board meeting.

Chairperson's

Recommendations:

1. That the abovementioned recommendation be adopted.
2. That the Board seek provision of appropriate policies to enable the implementation of the recommendations of the New Brighton Taskforce.

17.5 NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK 2002

Attached are the minutes of the Neighbourhood Week Joint Board Committee meeting on 11 April 2002.

17.6 REQUEST FOR PAYPHONE ON MARINE PARADE

At the Board's meeting on 4 March 2002, the Board decided to make representations to Telecom New Zealand Limited for the installation of a public payphone in the vicinity of the New Brighton Pier/Library.

The response from Telecom indicates some willingness to reconsider the installation of a payphone once the New Brighton revitalisation plans are prepared. A further letter from Telecom also noted that an emergency phone option is always available, although this would not address all the demand for a public phone in this area.

Discussions are being held with the New Brighton Community Taskforce and the New Brighton Pier Liaison Team. An update will be provided at the Board meeting.

17.7 WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT SEWERAGE PROJECT

The Waimakariri District Council invited comment from the Board on three options being investigated for improvements to the Waimakariri District Sewerage scheme. The timeframe of the consultation did not permit the Board to discuss the matter.

The options under consideration are:

- Option A is based around an upgraded oxidation pond system plus ocean outfall.
- Option B1 is for a mechanical system plus discharge to the central Waimakariri River.
- Option B2 is a mechanical system plus discharge through an ocean outfall in the longer term.

The District Council has stated its preference for Option A, at this stage. The District Council has included Option A in the Draft Annual Plan and Long-Term Financial Strategy for illustrative purposes at this stage, because it is cost effective, utilises the existing sewerage assets and is environmentally acceptable.

The District Council will make a decision on which option to proceed with in June. This will then be finalised when the Council finalises the Annual Plan and Long-Term Financial Strategy, which is expected to be adopted in July.

Given the timeframe of the consultation, the Chairperson of the Board responded that he would anticipate that:

- The Board would be seeking the highest quality of water discharge from any sewerage treatment plan.
- Whether the discharge be into the Waimakariri River or the sea, the Board would be seeking moves to improve the quality of the discharge to drinking water standard at the earliest possible time.

17.8 WORKSHOP ON STV VOTING

The Waimakariri District Council has arranged a workshop presentation on STV voting at the District Council offices in Rangiora on Tuesday 14 May at 4.00-6.00 pm. Community Board members are invited to attend.

17.9 CREATIVE PLACES AWARD 2002

The Council's Artworks in Public Places Subcommittee has received information from Creative New Zealand on the Creative Places Awards 2002, which is principally to recognise local authority arts innovation.

There are seven specific award categories and one further “catch all” for other initiatives:

- Arts Support and Development Initiatives.
- Celebrating Cultural Identity and Diversity.
- Community Participation Initiatives.
- Cultural Tourism/Economic Development Initiatives.
- Enhancing the Built Environment.
- Major Arts Activities and Events.
- Youth Initiatives.
- Other Initiatives.

Entries close on 31 May 2002. The Council’s Arts Advisers can assist with submitting an application and checking on its eligibility.

17.10 ACCOMMODATION

An update on the New Brighton accommodation option for the Board/Advocacy Team will be provided at the Board meeting.