

17. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

- 17.1 For members' information attached are schedules of funds distributed in 2003/04 for the Discretionary Funds (following the allocation meeting on 19 February 2003) and the Community Response Assistance Fund.
- 17.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.

17.3 NOTICE OF UPCOMING REPORTS TO THE BOARD

The following reports are expected to be presented to the Board within the next month:

Reports	Meeting
• Farnborough Street Rezoning - Greenspace	29 March
• Parklands/Queenspark Youth Project Update - Community and Recreation	29 March
• Te Pani Sculpture Garden, Traffic Calming and Landscape Work - Greenspace	29 March
• Rawhiti Domain Community Garden - Advocacy Team/Greenspace	29 March
• Civic Awards Criteria - Officer Working Party	29 March
• Spit Reserve Reclassification - Facility Assets	26 April
• New Brighton Pier Jurisdiction - Legal Services	Subject to further consultation

17.4 RETAIL VARIATION CONSULTATION

The Council is preparing changes to the City Plan to improve management of the distribution of business activity citywide, especially proposed retail development. The changes would help the Council to assess the effects that proposed large-scale retail development may have on existing central city and suburban shopping centres, around which transport routes and residential housing are already planned.

The changes are known as the "Retail Variation" or Draft Variation 86 - Retail Distribution. The draft Retail Variation is open for public comment until 23 April 2004.

Following this initial consultation, the Retail Variation will be publicly notified and submissions will be received through the statutory process governed by the Resource Management Act 1991.

Additional information is available on the Council website www.ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay/retailvariation.

It is understood that the Urban Planning and Growth Committee is planning a briefing for elected members on 31 March 2004 on work being done on a Commercial Strategy for Christchurch. Further details will be provided when the briefing is confirmed.