



Christchurch City Council

SHIRLEY/PAPANUI COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2007

4.00 PM

IN THE BOARDROOM, PAPANUI SERVICE CENTRE,
CNR LANGDONS ROAD AND RESTELL STREET

Community Board: Megan Evans (Chairperson), Ngaire Button, Pauline Cotter, Aaron Keown, Matt Morris, Yvonne Palmer and Norm Withers.

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1. APOLOGIES


2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT – 12 NOVEMBER 2007

The report of the Board's Inaugural meeting 12 November 2007 will be circulated to members before the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON'S OR STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Board's Inaugural meeting be confirmed.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

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- 3.1 Edgware Pool General – Valerie Somerville
 - 3.2 Edgware Pool Plan - Aynsley McNab

4. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS - HUSSEY ROAD: 123 RESIDENTS FOR THE AREA RE 50KM/H SPEED ZONE

5. NOTICE OF MOTION

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. BRIEFINGS

- 5.1 Former Edgware Pool Site: Contamination and Fencing Issues
Mr John Filsell (Unit Manager, Recreation and Sports) will circulate a memorandum to Board members prior to the meeting.

8. SEAFIELD PARK PLAYGROUND

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment Group DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Manager
Author:	Mary Hay Consultation leader, Greenspace

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to proceed to detailed design and construction of the Seafield Park playground.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Seafield Park is a local reserve, which is designed to meet the needs of the adjoining Seafield subdivision at Spencerville. The park connects to the large natural area of Seafield Reserve at its eastern end and has access to Spencer Park and Spencerville Reserve, via its Heyders Road frontage.
3. There have been a number of requests from residents in the Seafield subdivision for play equipment in the park. There are extensive/challenging public playgrounds in Spencer Park (860m away) and Spencerville Reserve (570m away). Therefore, due to the proximity of the other two playgrounds within Spencerville and the wide variety of play options that already exist, the play equipment at Seafield Park will be designed to cater for the younger age group.
4. The project team visited the site to determine a preferred location for the playground. The key factor in determining a site is to provide a site with maximum visibility. Careful placement of park facilities can help make facilities less susceptible to crime and enable people to feel more comfortable outdoors. It is the fear of crime, particularly of attacks associated with theft or sexual motives, which inhibits the mobility of community members. Women and the elderly, for example, suffer disproportionately from the fear of crime. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design ("CPTED") is an important strategy for reducing crime and the fear of crime. The major principle of CPTED is Natural Surveillance or "see and be seen". People are usually less likely to commit crime if they are, or think they may be, being watched. Conversely people are likely to feel safer if they think someone is 'looking out for them.'
5. Another factor was the proximity of the nearby road, which is a potential hazard. The project team also noted that a number of properties are open and oriented to the reserve and that the visual or potential nuisance impacts of any playground on the adjoining neighbours should be minimised. Convenient access and retention of open space for passive recreation are also factors in determining the optimum location for a new playground. Considering all the above, it was proposed that the new playground be located at the western end of Seafield Park, between Nautilus Place and Seabrooke Drive. This area is in good view from surrounding houses and roads, is set back from the road and leaves a good area of open space between the new playground and the more rural area at the eastern end of the reserve.
6. Preliminary research helped to inform the project objectives, which were to:
 - To provide interesting play equipment that promotes physical activity, is adventurous, encourages social and communication skills and helps develop fundamental movement skills
 - To consider the needs of the local community and the constraints of the available funds
 - Provide a play experience for younger playground users
 - Provide a safe and accessible playground
 - Consider the visual effects of the playground on the adjoining properties
 - Integrate the playground into the site with appropriate landscape treatment

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7. The project team developed a concept to meet these objectives. The main feature of the new playground is a boat multiplay structure, which provides opportunities for social and imaginative play. This will be approximately 1.3 metres high and include play items such as a slide, ladders, platform and tunnel. Other items in the playground include a Double Rocker, a Fantail and a three bay swing set (see photos on the concept plan). The concept for the playground was developed to appeal to younger children, to be in keeping with the overall character of this reserve and to consider the visual impact on surrounding neighbours.
8. While the current funding is limited to the playground, the concept has planned for additional features to be included, once funding becomes available. Future improvements in the park include picnic tables, seating, paths and landscaping.
9. In August/September 2007 a publicity pamphlet was distributed to approximately 250 residences (all of Spencerville) and key stakeholders (refer **attachment 1**). This pamphlet included a summary of the concept, an initial concept plan and a feedback form. The project team sought feedback from the community to see whether the proposal was generally supported and to seek comment.
10. The consultation received a 14% response rate (34 responses). Community feedback was generally very positive. The consultation outcome and project team responses are included in **attachment 2**.
 - 26 of the respondents (76%) responded "YES – I generally support the plan"
 - 4 of the respondents (12%) responded "NO – I do not support the plan", because:

Reason for opposition to plan	Project team response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground not necessary/wanted. • Use the money on landscaping or seating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A playground in this area has been approved by Council and funding set aside in the Long Term Council Community Plan • In response to consultation, the implementation of the landscaping around the playground and installation of a seat has been brought forward to coincide with the construction of the playground
Location opposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will spoil the view of adjacent neighbours • Will restrict space available for passive ball sports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to consultation, additional landscaping is proposed around the playground to reduce the visual impact of the playground on the residents of Seabrooke Dr. The landscaping will now be implemented with the construction of the playground • In response to consultation, amendments have been made to the plan to allow for more open space for passive ball sports near the playground. The eastern playground pathway will be realigned to the north and the proposed western playground pathway will not be included in the plan. The project team considers that the site at the eastern end of the reserve would not be suitable for a playground as it does not comply with safety guidelines

11. The main issues raised by the community were:
 - Concern about the location of playground – as it will impinge neighbour's view and the existing space for passive ball sports
 - Requests that the seating and landscaping be done first (partly to mitigate view of playground)
 - Requests for more seating
 - Requests for other types of play equipment – mainly requests for equipment for older children
 - Concern raised about the state of the grass in the reserve

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12. The project team considered the feedback from consultation and revised the concept plan in the following way:
- Amended the proposed pathways around the playground to maximise open space - the eastern playground pathway has been realigned to the north and the proposed western playground pathway has been deleted
 - Reduced the visual impact of the playground on the residents of Seabrooke Drive by bringing forward the implementation of the landscaping around the playground to coincide with the construction of the playground. Additional landscaping is also proposed around the playground
 - Included a seat with the construction of the playground
 - Amended the plan to allow for the gate between the reserve and an adjoining property by providing an informal grassed access way
 - Amended the plan to provide bark softfall instead of sand
 - *Note: the maintenance team will begin work on the turf in autumn*
13. A number of submitters expressed concern about the proposed location of the playground and sought that it be shifted into the eastern end of the reserve. Four respondents noted that this area was currently used for passive ball sports and that the playground would interfere with this. One respondent did not want the existing open space views being impeded.
14. In response to these submissions the project team considered a new site for the playground. In terms of the suggestions made, the area near the end of the Seabrooke Drive cul-de-sac or near the horse park does not meet the required safety guidelines and it is anticipated that this area will have more of a rural character. The area opposite 29/31 Seabrooke Drive is too close to the road and the adjacent neighbour. The team considered all other options and decided that plan could be safely amended by:
- Shifting the playground up to 10m to the west (to maximise open space to the east but retain visibility to the playground from the Nautilus Place cul de sac); and
 - Realigning the eastern playground path to the north; and
 - Removing two of the three proposed trees adjacent to 15/17 Nautilus Place
15. The Consultation Leader (Greenspace) met on site with submitters that had raised concerns about the location of the playground. This provided an opportunity to advise residents of the rationale for the proposed site, i.e. that this site has good visibility from surrounding houses and roads, is set back from the road and leaves a good area of open space between the new playground and the rural area at the eastern end of the reserve. It also provided an opportunity to better understand the residents' concerns about the proposed location and to discuss possible amendments to the location. The above amendments were suggested as a way of providing more open space for passive ball sports. However, due to conflicting community views, the only amendment agreed on was to realign a path. Some residents didn't want to move the playground to the west as they valued that area of open space, some wanted all the proposed trees to remain. However the idea of deleting the western playground path was suggested by the community at this meeting and subsequently adopted by the project team. This meeting of residents concerned with the location of the playground has given the project team a better idea of the preferences of the affected community and has helped to determine modifications to the proposal that reflect community views.
16. The other issue raised in consultation was the request for play equipment for older children. This option was considered in the preliminary planning stages but, given the close proximity of Spencer Park and Spencerville Reserve, which have extensive and challenging playgrounds, it was decided that this proposal would cater more for the younger age group. The project objectives and concept were developed accordingly.
17. The recommended concept plan is included as **attachment 3**. The construction of the playground with a seat and associated landscaping is scheduled to be completed by October 2008. The remaining seating, paths and landscaping is currently unfunded and will be implemented as funding allows.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

18. The total cost of the recommended plan is estimated to be \$108,000 of which the playground is estimated to be \$34,450. The costs for further development of the park will be included for consideration in the 2009-19 LTCCP.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

19. Yes. Funding for the initial playground work is provided from within the Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme in the 2006-16 LTCCP. Specifically:

2007/08	\$3,000	Seafield Park (New Playgrounds)
2008/09	\$30,000	Seafield Park (New Playgrounds)

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

20. Nil.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

21. **LTCCP 2006-2016
Parks, Open Spaces and Waterways – Page 123**

Recreation – By offering a range of active and passive recreation and leisure opportunities
Health – By providing areas for people to engage in healthy activities

Recreation and Leisure – Page 131

Recreation – By encouraging more people to participate in leisure, physical and sporting activities

Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

22. Social Wellbeing and Youth Strategy and Safer Parks Policy

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

23. Extensive consultation has been undertaken with the local community via a letterbox drop and comment form to the local community. A site meeting was also held to discuss the proposed location of the playground.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the plan in **attachment 3** in order to proceed to detailed design and construction of the Seafield Park playground.

Seafield Park – Playground Development

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The City Council has prepared a concept plan for a new playground at Seafield Park (see locality plan overleaf). Seafield Park, which was created as a result of the adjoining subdivision, connects to the large natural area of Seafield Reserve at its eastern end. There have been a number of requests from residents in Seafield subdivision for play equipment in the park. Funding has now been set aside to construct a playground in the 2008/09 financial year.

There are extensive and challenging public playgrounds in nearby Spencer Park and Spencerville Domain. The proposed playground in Seafield Park will cater more for the younger age group but provide sufficient challenge to encourage children's abilities to grow.

To allow easy access from Seabrooke Drive and Nautilus Place the proposed new playground will be located at the western end of Seafield Park. This will leave a good area of open space between the new playground and the horse arena, which is located at the end of Hemingway Place.

The project team has considered the community's needs in terms of a playground at Seafield Park and formed the following project objectives:

- To provide interesting play equipment that promotes physical activity, is adventurous, encourages social and communication skills and helps develop fundamental movement skills
- To consider the needs of the local community and the constraints of the available funds
- Provide a play experience for younger playground users
- Provide a safe and accessible playground
- Consider the visual effects of the playground on the adjoining properties
- Integrate the playground into the site with appropriate landscape treatment

We have prepared a concept plan that we think meets these objectives but would appreciate any comment from the community that could help us finalise this proposal.

At this stage we have \$30,000 to spend on a new playground. *In order to secure future funding, we have included seating, paths and landscaping in the concept. However, this will only be installed when funding becomes available.*



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HAVE YOUR SAY

The enclosed concept plan has not been finalised and the City Council is interested in any feedback that could be used to improve the plan.

To assist us with this project, we would like to determine the views of the local community. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete the attached comment form, with any feedback, and returning it to Council by **Monday 17 September 2007**.

If you would like any further information about this project please don't hesitate to contact Mary Hay, Consultation Leader (Greenspace), on 941-5410 or 027 232 7467 or mary.hay@ccc.govt.nz

The proposed playground concept:

The main feature of the new playground is a multi play structure, which will provide opportunities for social and imaginative play. This will be approximately 1.3 metres high and include play items such as a slide, ladders, platform and tunnel (please note that the colour and some of the other items on the boat will vary slightly from the image shown).

Other items in the playground include a Double rocker, a Fantail and a three bay swing set.

Future improvements included in the concept:

While the current funding is limited to the playground, the concept has planned for additional features to be included, once funding becomes available. Future improvements in the park will include:

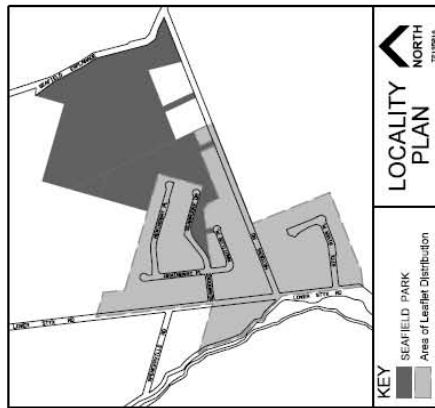
- picnic tables and seating
- paths and landscaping

Consultation and Timeline

Please consider the attached concept plan and let me know what you think about it. We would be happy to meet you onsite to discuss the proposal, if that would be helpful. If you have any comments in regard to this project, please complete the attached form with any feedback and return it by **Monday 17 September 2007**.

Once consultation on this project has been completed, the concept will be finalised and amended to reflect community views, where appropriate. Approval will then be sought from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to proceed to detailed design and construction of the playground.

The construction of the playground is scheduled to be completed in October 2008. As there is currently no funding allocated to the proposed paths and landscaping, we cannot provide a timeline for this part of the proposal. However we anticipate that, once this concept is approved by the Community Board, funding will be made available to complete this work.



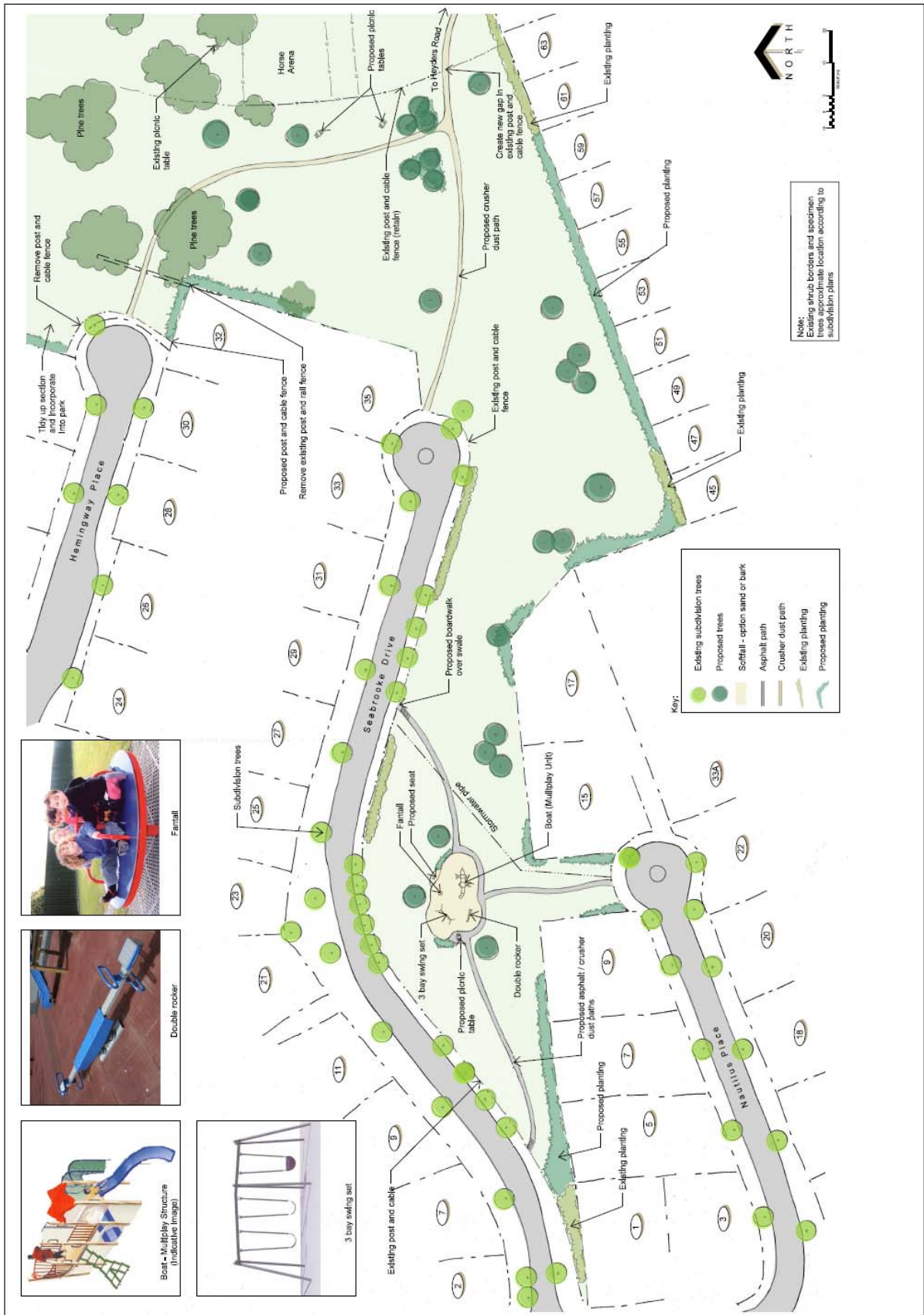
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Attachment 2: Seafield Park – Consultation Responses – August 2007

ID	COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSAL	COUNCIL PROJECT TEAM RESPONSE
1.	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Great looking park. Unfortunately a little late for our children to enjoy as they are older now, but it looks really great. Good luck getting support from some of the community P.S. may be a bin close by for doggy doo! As some of the neighbours let their dogs loose on the reserve 	<p>The installation of rubbish bins in small neighbourhood parks sometimes results in domestic rubbish being illegally dumped in the park. Therefore a rubbish bin will not be installed immediately but can be added in future if a need is identified. Dog waste should be picked up and taken away by the owner</p>
2.	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a resident at [] and as a committee member of the Spencerville Residents Assn. I would like to express my agreement with your proposals. They appear reasonable and sensible. I also like the proposals for asphalt and crusher dust paths as designated I would suggest that Council either now, prior to the works or at the same time of commencement give attention to the uneven nature of the “grassed” areas of this reserve. The ground is lumpy with tufted grasses and hollows and holes – creating an ankle twisting, buggy (pushchair pushing nightmare)! I would consider that the remedy would be low cost and be essential to the successful outcome of the proposed play area. Now is the time to get this right. Rolling, leveling or possibly regressing might be solutions. Over to you. Also I suggest that the track exiting the park to the north and leading down to the lagoon be tidied up and similarly have crusher dust applied. About 2 weeks ago a fully tracked digger “smashed” its way down this track to access the removal of trees around the Adrenalin Forest ropes course. This track is now very hazardous for walkers and joggers and is further now being cut up with horse riders using the track illegally. A clear sign prohibiting horses would be useful at the start of this track at Seafield Park. Thank you for the opportunity to “have your say” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to feedback from the community, the maintenance team will begin work on the turf in autumn. The worst areas will be levelled and re-sowed. This will help with some of the weeds as the stronger the grass growth, the less weeds are likely to survive. The issue with the track to the lagoon has been referred to the ranger team to investigate and respond to
3.	<p>Yes</p> <p>I think it is an appropriate size playground considering the nearby availability of Spencer Park playground. I think it will cater well for the younger age group in the subdivision until they are old enough to move on independently to the Spencer Park playground</p>	-
4.	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It looks excellent! Perhaps the children’s playground could include monkey bars! 	<p>The proposed boat play structure will provide opportunities for imaginative climbing play. However the designers will investigate including monkey bars in the boat play structure</p>
5.	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We need some seating now. There is nowhere to sit & rest for us over 50’s. Also my concern is the horses that come through the park on their way to the horse park. The park is very uneven and very hard for people to walk around More seating around play area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to consultation, the seat near the playground will be installed at the same time as the playground It is expected that, once the playground is installed, people are less likely to bring their horses through this area In response to feedback from the community, the maintenance team will begin work on the turf in autumn. The worst areas will be levelled and re-sowed. This will help with some of the

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			weeds as the stronger the grass growth, the less weeds are likely to survive.
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional seating will be installed at this stage but this could be reassessed at a later date if the need arises
6.	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In my opinion there are sufficient children's playgrounds within a few minutes walk of the Seafield subdivision. Since the proposed facilities are almost exclusively for the use of neighbouring houses, I believe that these residents should contribute the majority of the cost, say 75%. If Council rates (my money) to be used at all then I would prefer to see that money invested in either Spencer Park or the Spencerville Domain playgrounds. Encourage an attitude of self help in the community rather than perpetuate the hand out mentality. I am in favour of the crusher dust paths linking to Heyders Rd and some modest expenditure on landscaping around the reserve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The funding for this playground was set aside in response to requests from the local community. However, given the proximity of Spencer Park and Spencerville Reserve, this proposal is limited to junior play facilities only as this group are less mobile than older children. This consultation indicates strong support for a junior playground at Seafield Park
7.	Yes	-	-
8.	Yes	-	-
9.	Yes	-	-
10.	Yes	-	-
11.	Yes	This is a great idea to put a playground in & to enhance the park in the future. The park is very plain at the moment. Our 2 ½ year old daughter will be very pleased with the playground. the proposed plan looks excellent thanks	-
12.	Yes	We would like also to propose a public bbq area for our subdivision as part of this proposal. This would greatly compliment the proposed picnic table & encourage more of a community spirit amongst local residents. A basic bbq area would also greatly enhance the qualities of living in this beautiful part of Christchurch. It is recommended that residents are consulted on this matter but in talking to others this idea would be extremely popular among parents	It is expected that this park will be utilised by local people, rather than by people from other parts of the city. A bbq is an expensive item which can cost as much as \$10,000 to install. Council is currently investigating upgrading the bbq at the Spencerville Reserve. There are also bbqs nearby at Spencer Park
13.	Yes	Great, loads of young kids round here. We have 2 under 2 so would enjoy it finished October next year. Go Mary go, we say!	-
14.	-	I would like to see out of my gate and find a path leading out into the subdivision. I think that looking out of my gate & finding a big bush would give me a decent fright (age 9) <i>Picture attached</i>	In response to this feedback the plan will be amended to allow for the gate between the reserve and this property. This will provide an informal grassed access way
15.	-	I would like the flying fox to be electrical so when you get to the bottom it will come back up automatically and a new climbing frame on the boat. Cheers! (age 7) <i>Picture attached</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unfortunately there is not enough space or funds to install a flying fox in this playground The designers will investigate including monkey bars in the boat play structure
16.	Yes	Looks great – perhaps extra seating or more picnic tables if possible. Many thanks – it will be great to have this	No additional seating will be installed at this stage but this could be reassessed at a later date if the need arises
17.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suggest crusher dust path made into asphalt path so people can walk to camp shop (Heyders Road) with dry feet from Hemingway Place please I also would like to support the proposed post and cable fence to the edge of Hemingway Pl 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The crusher dust path will be compacted and will be as accessible as an asphalt path The kennel will be removed from the reserve and this resident

18.	<p>road the end No. [] has a dog kennel & park cars all over the Council park over this area at present</p> <p>A great idea. Some additional ideas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer goals (two?) as local children often play soccer or something similar there • A basketball hoop, backboard & a small bit of concrete or asphalt. These would be good activities for slightly older children say 8-14 years 	<p>has been advised not to park on the reserve. When funds allow, this area will be fenced off as indicated on the plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately there is insufficient space for goal posts in this area as we are trying to retain as much open space as possible. The older age kids are well catered for in nearby Spencer Park and Spencerville Reserve, which includes a goal post • A basketball hoop would be catering for the older age kids, which can go to Spencer Park and Spencerville Reserve. This proposal will cater more for the younger age group but provide sufficient challenges to encourage children's ability's to grow
19.	<p>The proposed pathways would be more attractive in asphalt, also easier for pushing prams</p>	<p>The crusher dust path will be compacted and will be as accessible as an asphalt path. They can be more attractive long term as holes can be filled without leaving patches</p>
20.	-	-
21.	<p>But I feel the location of the playground would be better towards the eastern end of the reserve. This is because a lot of kids play soccer or rugby or just kick in the wider part of the reserve – there is more room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I would also like to see some provision for the older kids, say from 8 yrs up, such as a basketball hoop or cricket pitch • We have lived here for 4 ½ years & have noted the deterioration of the grass with sand & some gorse starting to become quite prevalent, so I feel this needs to be addressed before any other development takes place • We live at [] & have a back gate leading onto the reserve, so would appreciate not having the proposed plantings right along our back fence line (only a small point but valid to us) • On a closing note, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to have my say. It is great to have the reserve there as all the kids use it a lot & my son has made firm friends in the neighbourhood & as a parent I feel he is quite safe to go out there and play. I have spoken to a couple of the neighbours & they would be happy to have a meeting face to face if that is of any help. Once again, thankyou! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project team does not support the relocation of the playground to the eastern end of the reserve, primarily because this area is not open and well supervised • In response to consultation, amendments will be made to the plan to allow for more open space for passive ball sports near the playground. The eastern playground pathway will be realigned to the north and the proposed western playground pathway will not be included in the plan. Additional landscaping is proposed around the playground to reduce the visual impact of the playground on the residents of Seabrooke Dr. The implementation of the landscaping around the playground and installation of a seat has also been brought forward to coincide with the construction of the playground. • The older age kids are well catered for in nearby Spencer Park and Spencerville Reserve. This proposal will cater more for the younger age group but provide sufficient challenges to encourage children's ability's to grow • In response to feedback from the community, the maintenance team will begin work on the turf in autumn. The worst areas will be levelled and re-sowed. This will help with some of the weeds as the stronger the grass growth, the less weeds are likely to survive. • In response to this feedback the plan will be amended to allow for the gate between the reserve to provide an informal grassed accessway to this property
22.	An excellent idea	-

23.	Yes	Would be great if it could <u>all</u> be completed at the same time	There are insufficient funds with which to complete all of the proposed works but the work will be implemented as soon as possible
24.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As there are an increasing number of older children living in Seafield Park, could additional funds be found to set up a set of goal posts? Similar to the goal posts in the Styx River Place reserve & Brooklands Domain. I don't think this would be a great cost & it would create a focal point for the older children to meet one another and play I like the plans and agree that they will enhance Seafield Park 	Unfortunately there is insufficient space for goal posts in this area as we are trying to retain as much open space as possible. The older age kids are well catered for in nearby Spencer Park and Spencerville Reserve, which includes a goal post
25.	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some ideas that could be considered: Tennis/netball/basketball court <u>or</u> ball bounce/1 person tennis wall Bicycle area for kids learning to ride or a more challenging area like a bmx type track 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A court would be catering for the older age kids, which are well catered for in Spencer Park and Spencerville Reserve. This proposal will cater more for the younger age group but provide sufficient challenges to encourage children's ability's to grow Unfortunately there is insufficient space for a bike track in this area as we are trying to retain as much open space as possible
26.	Yes	-	-
27.	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We think the playground is wonderful, however we would like the position of it to be moved. Every day parents and children use this area for playing soccer, rugby and cricket. Today 7 children have been out playing soccer and rugby. As our children grow up (now 6 and 8 yrs) we will see them play hundreds of games on this wide open space. We suggest the playground is moved further down the reserve to a narrower space opposite 29, 31 or 33/35 Seabrooke Dr The paths shown would also be a hindrance to the games that are so frequently played here. The older children would love to have a rugby post or soccer goal to use as they grow. We have a few teenager in the community & this would give them something to do also We would love you to come and have a look and meet some of the families on the site. <p>Thanks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project team does not support the relocation of the playground to the area suggested as it would put the playground very close to the road boundary In response to consultation, amendments will be made to the plan to allow for more open space for passive ball sports near the playground. The eastern playground pathway will be realigned to the north and the proposed western playground pathway will not be included in the plan. Additional landscaping is proposed around the playground to reduce the visual impact of the playground on the residents of Seabrooke Dr. The implementation of the landscaping around the playground and installation of a seat has also been brought forward to coincide with the construction of the playground. Unfortunately there is insufficient space for goal posts in this area as we are trying to retain as much open space as possible. The older age kids are well catered for in nearby Spencer Park and Spencerville Reserve, which includes a goal post
28.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks for doing this, will be an excellent addition to Seafield Park. the location is good and allows parents to watch the playground Did notice the plan showed existing subdivision trees, but these do not exist in Nautilus Place 	As noted on the plans, the concept was developed on the basis of the subdivision plans, which indicated trees in Nautilus Place
29.	Yes	-	-
30.	Yes	-	-

31.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent idea! For a play area • Sand beneath the play area is not a good idea. We have many cats in the estate and they will use it as a litter tray. This will be a health hazard to children as 'cat mess' can cause blindness in kids. Instead use asphalt that contains rubber & is soft for kids if they fall. • A shaded area either a sail or something similar is good in the play area, to protect kids in the hot sun • What about drinking fountain too? Public water drinking fountain for walkers too • Great idea of play area, we look forward to using it thanks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to consultation, the proposed sand soffit fall will be replaced with bark • There are insufficient funds to supply a shade sail, however the specimen trees will provide some shade • There are insufficient funds to supply a drinking fountain in this local reserve. It is expected that walkers will be carrying their own water
32.	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are pleased the Council has \$30,000 to spend on Seafield Park but do not consider that money should be spent on the playground as proposed. We live directly across from the proposed site & have no use at all for the playground. By restricting the use of the playground to one for younger children we wonder whether demand in the area warrants it, especially given the larger playground in Spencer Park, which does include equipment for younger children. • We would prefer the funds to be spent on planting/ landscaping in the reserve – the grass itself is in a shocking state. • We also oppose the proposed location. A more appropriate location would be in the corner to the rear of 45 & 47 Heyders Rd. Then no houses would need to have their view spoiled by the playground. It would also leave a large, long area for all/ older children to play ball games etc in view of the houses many of them live in. As the playground is aimed at younger children they will need to be accompanied by an adult. We suggest it would be a more relaxing experience for those adults not to be in the direct view of so many houses. This location is still a long way from the horse park (not that we consider any risk is posed by the horse park as it is fenced off anyway). • Finally, we consider that the proposed landscaping & seating that is proposed for future funding should be done first if this plan is going ahead. In that way parents will have somewhere to sit and be sheltered & residents will have some protection from looking out onto what would otherwise be a garish (and I suggest little used) playground in a barren dust bowl, which is what the reserve becomes in summer when the grass dies. While we appreciate that funds have been allocated to the reserve we consider they should more appropriately be applied to attending to the problems with the grass & upgrading landscaping/ plantings before any playground equipment. Thank you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This consultation indicates strong support for a junior playground at Seafield Park. • In response to feedback from the community, the maintenance team will begin work on the turf in autumn. The worst areas will be levelled and re-sowed. This will help with some of the weeds as the stronger the grass growth, the less weeds are likely to survive. • The project team does not support the relocation of the playground to the eastern end of the reserve, primarily because this area is not open and well supervised • In response to consultation, amendments will be made to the plan to allow for more open space for passive ball sports near the playground. The eastern playground pathway will be realigned to the north and the proposed western playground pathway will not be included in the plan. Additional landscaping is proposed around the playground to reduce the visual impact of the playground on the residents of Seabrooke Dr. The implementation of the landscaping around the playground and installation of a seat has also been brought forward to coincide with the construction of the playground. • The play equipment will be use natural colours to blend in with the surrounding environment
33.	-	<p>I think the overall idea for a playground for this area is fantastic, I just have a few idea that could possibly improve the plans. As a trained early childhood educator & nanny for a family living in Hemingway Pl, I think the proposed playground concept for Seafield Pk reserve is an excellent idea for younger children (as opposed to more challenging playgrounds at Spencer Pk and Spencerville Dom for older, more capable & skilled children) & would be located in a very accessible location to all residents living in Seafield Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I feel as a safety issue the distance between playground items needs to be considered as well as a more diverse range of equipment to suit younger children's needs & locomotor skill 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distance between play items is in accordance with the NZ Playground safety standards. • The project team is aware of the need for children to develop locomotor skills and has this as one of the objectives of the project. The proposal includes the Double Rocker, which has a rocking motion. The slide has been selected as one that can be used by younger children. The boat is approximately 1.3 metres high

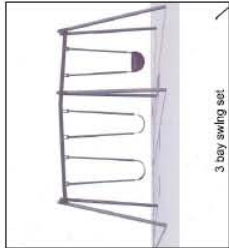
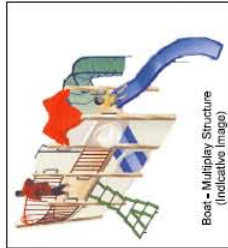
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	<p>abilities such as: more baby swings, a smaller slide (depending on the height of the boat) and some individual animal rockers on large springs (as found in the younger children's playground in the Botanical Gardens, Hagley Park) as this rocking action can comfort a distressed & upset younger child or infant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I propose more seating for parents, caregivers & their younger children to rest and relax, As well as some shade sails to provide shade to young children (who would otherwise remove their sunhats) in the summer months. However I understand that space & funding are a contributing issue for the building of this playground. I hope that you may consider some, if not all of, these ideas into your proposed playground concept plans for Seafield Park Reserve (see attached sketch) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional seating will be installed at this stage but this could be reassessed at a later date if the need arises. However one seat will be installed at the time of installation of the playground There are insufficient funds to supply a shade sail, however the specimen trees will provide some shade
<p>34. No</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current use of the area where the playground is proposed is used by local children for playing cricket, soccer, softball, kite flying etc. Due to the location of this area and the large number of houses which look onto this area & views by residents as a reasonably safe area to allow kids to go on their own. It is also the area where corrugations, undulations & holes in the park are smallest. If a playground was sited in this location then all those activities would be forced down to the large area at the end of Seabrooke Dr bordering onto the horse park. Kids kicking around balls & flying kites near horses is not a good mix and as already stated the turf is very rugged & not conducive to ball activities & is dangerous in some places to run on due to 'tufts' of grass etc. this area is also out to sight & I would personally be reluctant to allow my children to go down to this area unsupervised to play due to less visual from housing & park & driveway (vehicle access) on other side of the fence. I propose that the playground is sited at the end of Seabrooke Dr in the triangular section where the recently cleared trees were. Some residents may say this is too secluded ie not as visual however the playground proposal is for under 5's & how many parents allow their under 5's to go to a playground unsupervised? Some residents may also say that a playground in this area could cause issues with the horse park but a playground will be approx 120m from the horse park & the children using this will be supervised. I will also question whether a playground for the proposed age group meets the needs of the community. I have not completed a formal survey of residents children's ages however I am aware of very few under 5's. The main age group of children I would guess is from 5-12 within the Seafield Park community 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project team does not support the relocation of the playground to the eastern end of the reserve, primarily because this area is not open and well supervised In response to consultation, amendments will be made to the plan to allow for more open space for passive ball sports near the playground. The eastern playground pathway will be realigned to the north and the proposed western playground pathway will not be included in the plan. Additional landscaping is proposed around the playground to reduce the visual impact of the playground on the residents of Seabrooke Dr. The implementation of the landscaping around the playground and installation of a seat has also been brought forward to coincide with the construction of the playground. In response to feedback from the community, the maintenance team will begin work on the turf in autumn. The worst areas will be levelled and re-sowed. This will help with some of the weeds as the stronger the grass growth, the less weeds are likely to survive The demographics show that there are 51 children aged 0-5 years old in this area

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SEAFIELD PARK - PLAYGROUND PROPOSAL
Landscape Concept



9. NORFOLK STREET AND SCOTSTON AVENUE, PAPANUI – KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL PROJECT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Shirley Papanui Community Board to proceed to final design, tender and construction for the Norfolk Street and Scotston Avenue kerb and channel renewal project as shown in the plan for Community Board approval in **Attachment 1**. The two streets are treated as a 'cluster' for this project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The primary aim of this project is to replace the existing damaged kerb and deep dish channel with kerb and flat channel along the length of both streets. A key objective is also to retain the existing trees and improve their living environment, and to provide further landscape enhancement where possible. There are also objectives for the project relating to safety for pedestrians, (including the visually impaired), cyclists and vehicles, street parking, drainage design, landscaping and street lighting upgrades, and to further the objectives of the East Papanui Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.
3. Norfolk Street is a local urban road that runs between Tomes Road (also a local road) to the North and Mays Road (a collector) to the South.
4. Scotston Avenue is also a local urban road that running parallel, east of and next to Norfolk Street, between Tomes Road and Mays Road. Scotston Avenue is on a bus route.
5. Both streets are tree-lined 'memorial streets' established in the 1950s by the RSA and other organisations as a WWII memorial (see **Attachment 3**). Norfolk Street has oak trees and Scotston Avenue has liquid amber trees. Some trees are poor specimens or damaged, and will be replaced as part of this project.
6. Planning for this project has included consideration of:
 - (a) The number 18 bus route (St Albans to Huntsbury) in Scotston Avenue
 - (b) Protecting the trees during and after construction.
7. Three stages of consultation were carried out - initial issues consultation in March 2006; preferred option consultation in August September 2007, and a follow up to this in mid October 2007 informing residents of both streets of changes made to the plan as a result of their submissions along with a copy of the plan attached to this report.
8. Almost all feedback received was positive (details provided later in this report) and after a number of personal visits and discussions with residents, several changes were made to the location of parking bays in both streets as a result of feedback received and team reconsideration of parking in relation to position of several trees.
9. The key aspects of the preferred option are outlined in paragraphs 29 (Norfolk Street) and 37 (Scotston Avenue) below, and shown on the plan for Board approval at **Attachment 1** to this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The street renewal works for Norfolk Street and Scotston Avenue were recommended in the Transport & Greenspace Unit's capital programme for implementation in the 2007/2008 financial year. Budget for Norfolk Street is \$323,921 and the estimated cost of this project is \$368,700. Budget for Scotston Avenue is \$310,743 and the estimated cost of this project is \$403,200.
11. It is expected that the project works will be carried out in late 2007/08.

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LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

12. There are no land ownership issues associated with this project.
13. The trees in both streets were planted as part of a memorial project (**see Attachment 3**), but none are notable or heritage trees. There are no heritage or historic buildings, places and objects, shown in the City Plan or on Webmap2 on the intranet.
14. The proposed plans for both Norfolk Street and Scotston Avenue have the carriageway reduced to 7.5m plus 2m parking pays, making the total carriageway width 9.5m. The requirement in the City Plan is 9m so no consent is required.
15. A number of traffic resolutions will require amendment or addition to the Christchurch City Traffic and Bylaw 1991. These are detailed later in this report.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

16. This project aligns with the street renewal capital works programme, as detailed on page 85 of the LTCCP (2006-2016).

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

17. The recommendations of this report support the capital programme in the 2006-2016 LTCCP.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

18. This project aligns with the Council's parking strategy, road safety strategy, cycling strategy and pedestrian strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. Initial issues consultation in March 2006 raised the following issues for each street:
 - (a) Norfolk Street – width of carriageway, maintenance of trees and tree roots, street lighting blocked by tree growth, desire for under-grounding, damage to existing berms, reduction of volume and speed of through traffic
 - (b) Scotston Avenue – desire for bus service to be re-routed, maintenance of trees and tree roots especially branches impeding the bus, street lighting blocked by tree growth, desire for under-grounding, desire for definition of parking areas and not to lose existing number of parks.
20. The preferred option was presented to the Shirley Papanui Community Board in early August 2007 prior to public consultation commencing. The Board members were pleased about the attention being given to the trees. Community Board Members attended a street walk with the arborist and project team members.
21. Public consultation on the preferred option in August and September 2007 was well received, although few residents in either street attended the Saturday afternoon 'tree walk'. 380 leaflets were distributed to households, property owners and other stakeholders in the vicinity. For Norfolk Street, 12 responses were received, 11 (92 %) of which gave full support. For Scotston Avenue 17 responses were received, and after follow-up of a few concerns expressed, 16 were in support of the changes. The one remaining negative response was an anonymous person who responded regarding both streets, saying there was not enough street parking anywhere.
22. Several changes were made to the location of parking bays in both streets as a result of feedback received from residents and team reconsideration of parking in relation to position of several trees.

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23. An 'inform' style leaflet was distributed to all owners and residents in both streets, all those who responded to earlier consultation, and key internal and external stakeholders in mid October 2007 along with advice of the Community Board meeting dates at which the project would be presented for final signoff.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

24. It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Approve the Norfolk Street and Scotston Avenue Street renewal project to proceed to final design, tender and construction, as shown in the plan for Board approval in **Attachment 1**.

- (a) Approve the following traffic restrictions:

New no Stopping for Norfolk Street:

- (a) Tomes Road

- (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Tomes Road commencing at its intersection with Norfolk Street and extending 10 metres in an easterly direction.
- (ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Tomes Road commencing at its intersection with Norfolk Street and extending 9 metres in a westerly direction.

- (b) Norfolk Street

- (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Norfolk Street commencing at its intersection with Tomes Road and extending 17 metres in a southerly direction.
- (ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the west side of Norfolk Street commencing at its intersection with Tomes Road and extending 16 metres in a southerly direction.
- (iii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the west side of Norfolk Street commencing at its intersection with Mays Road and extending 15 metres in a northerly direction.

- (c) Mays Road

- (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Mays Road commencing at its intersection with Norfolk Street and extending 11 metres in an easterly direction.
- (ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Mays Road commencing at its intersection with Norfolk Street and extending 12 metres in a westerly direction.

New no Stopping for Scotston Avenue :

- (a) Tomes Road

- (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Tomes Road commencing at its intersection with Scotston Avenue and extending 11 metres in an easterly direction.
- (ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the south side of Tomes Road commencing at its intersection with Scotston Avenue and extending 12 metres in a westerly direction.

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- (b) Scotston Avenue
 - (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the east side of Scotston Avenue commencing at its intersection with Tomes Road and extending 16 metres in a southerly direction.
 - (ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the west side of Scotston Avenue commencing at its intersection with Tomes Road and extending 13 metres in a southerly direction.
 - (iii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the west side of Scotston Avenue commencing at its intersection with Mays Road and extending 11 metres in a northerly direction.
- (c) Mays Road
 - (i) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Mays Road commencing at its intersection with Scotston Avenue and extending 12 metres in an easterly direction.
 - (ii) That the stopping of vehicles be prohibited at any time on the north side of Mays Road commencing at its intersection with Scotston Avenue and extending 12 metres in a westerly direction.

BACKGROUND (THE ISSUES)

- 25. Norfolk Street and Scotston Avenue are located in the Papanui Ward, which falls within the jurisdiction of the Shirley Papanui Community Board. They are both classified as local roads in the Council's roading hierarchy. Norfolk Street runs between Tomes Road (also a local road) to the North and Mays Road (a collector) to the South. Scotston Avenue runs parallel, east of and next to Norfolk Street, between Tomes Road and Mays Road. Scotston Avenue is on the No 18 bus route.
- 26. Both streets are 190m long. Norfolk Street has a legal width of 20m and a formed carriageway of 9.5m. Scotston Avenue has a legal width of 20m and a 8.3m carriageway. The intersections of both streets with Tomes Road have previously been upgraded and both have threshold narrowed to 7m. Both streets have in the past had a continuous grass berm around the trees, but over the years this has been eroded by vehicles parking on the grass, and in some places grass has been replaced by seal.
- 27. The intersections of both streets with Mays Road are part of a Special Amenity Area (SAM 39).
- 28. Footpaths are provided on both sides of the road with a grass strip next to the property boundaries. Around the trees, between the footpath and the carriage way is a wide grass berm area that has been damaged extensively by car parking.
- 29. Both streets are tree-lined 'memorial streets' established in the 1950s by the RSA and other organisations as a WWII memorial (see Attachment 3). Norfolk St has oak trees and Scotston Avenue has liquid amber trees. Some trees are poor specimens or damaged, and will be replaced as part of this project.
- 30. Planning for this project has included consideration of:
 - (a) The number 18 bus route (St Albans to Huntsbury) in Scotston Avenue
 - (b) Protecting the trees during and after construction.

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THE OBJECTIVES

27. The objectives for both Norfolk St and Scotston Avenue kerb and channel replacement project are as follows:
- (a) To replace the existing kerb and deep dish channel with kerb and flat channel.
 - (b) To reflect the local road nature of the streets.
 - (c) To improve or maintain safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
 - (d) To ensure the design meets the demand for on street parking.
 - (e) To retain existing trees and improve their living environment and to provide further landscape enhancement where possible.
 - (f) To ensure that the design caters for the visually impaired.
 - (g) To upgrade street lighting if appropriate.
 - (h) To ensure adequate drainage design.
 - (i) To further the objectives of the East Papanui Neighbourhood Improvement Plan.

THE OPTIONS

NORFOLK STREET

28. In accordance with the aims and objectives of the project, five options were developed for comparison for Norfolk Street.

Option 5 for Norfolk Street with modifications based on consultation feedback

29. This is the preferred option. It comprises full pavement reconstruction of Norfolk Street and the replacement of the existing kerb and deep dish channel and incorporates:
- (a) Carriageway width altered from the existing 9.5m to 7.5m with the new kerb and channel located on the road centre line side of the trees.
 - (b) Thirteen inset parking bays (2m wide) each side of Norfolk Street located between the existing and new street trees. This positions the kerb and channel about 2m away from the trees thus reducing the impact of construction and compression by parked vehicles.
 - (c) Replacement of the footpath to a width of 1.5m on the existing alignment.
 - (g) Pedestrian cut-downs on both sides of Norfolk Street to facilitate crossing over Tomes Road.
 - (h) Installation of tactile paving at the intersection with Mays Road.
 - (i) Upgrade street lighting to current standards.
 - (j) upgrade of drainage as required.

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Other Options 1 – 4 for Norfolk Street

30. All the other options involved removing the existing dish channel and replacing it with kerb and flat channel.
31. Variants included
 - (a) Carriageway width either 9m, 7.5m or 6m.
 - (b) Lowering the level of the carriageway by 300mm to allow drainage from properties or retaining the existing street level.
 - (c) Grass berm designed to act as a swale
 - (d) Construction of new kerb and flat channel between the existing kerb alignment and the property boundaries rather than on carriageway side of trees.
 - (e) Slotted kerb that allows a fixed volume of water to enter the berm areas to restrict the maximum water flow during heavy rainfall.
 - (f) A PVC stormwater pipe laid in the existing kerb and channel to collect property drainage and any excess water in the berm.

ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS FOR NORFOLK STREET – STREET RENEWAL PROJECT

32. **Maintain the Status Quo** – not acceptable
33. **The preferred option - Option 5** satisfies all of the project objectives as follows:
 - (a) It reflects the local road nature of Norfolk Street, with a 7.5m wide carriageway.
 - (b) It maintains and improves safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
 - (c) It meets the demand for on street parking, with 13 parking bays.
 - (d) The wide berm with street trees provides landscape enhancement.
 - (e) It caters for the visually impaired.
 - (f) A street lighting upgrade if required, will be undertaken.
 - (g) Drainage upgrade will be carried out.
34. Additional Shortfalls/Benefits/Risks of Option 5 are:
 - (a) The preferred design optimises care of the trees.
 - (b) Reduction in parking from a possible 25 on-street parks to 13 may be seen by some residents as a shortfall but consultation feedback to date supports the reduction. However a parking survey revealed a general demand for only 6 spaces.

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	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Positive impact on social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of community.	Loss of 12 potential parking spaces.
Cultural	As above.	
Environmental		
Economic	As above.	

Extent to which community outcomes are achieved:

Consistent with the Community Outcomes, and in particular the strategic direction for strong communities, a healthy environment, a liveable city, and a prosperous economy.

Impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities:

Minimal impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities to undertake its functions.

Effects on Maori:

No specific effects on Maori identified.

Consistency with existing Council policies:

Consistent with the street renewal capital programme in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP.

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:

As stated in paragraphs 19 to 23 above, and as detailed in **Attachment 2** to this report.

Other relevant matters:

No other relevant matters identified.

35. All other options meet the project objectives but Option 5 meets them better.

**THE OPTIONS
SCOTSTON AVENUE**

36. In accordance with the aims and objectives of the project, five options were developed for comparison for Scotston Avenue.

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Option 5 for Scotston Avenue with modifications based on consultation feedback

37. This is the preferred option. It comprises full pavement reconstruction of Norfolk Street and the replacement of the existing kerb and deep dish channel and incorporates:
- (a) Reduced carriageway width from the existing 8.3m to 7.5m with the new kerb and channel located on the road centre line side of the trees.
 - (b) Eleven inset parking bays (2m wide) each side of Scotston Avenue located between the existing and new street trees. This positions the kerb and channel about 2m away from the trees thus reducing the impact of construction and compression by parked vehicles.
 - (d) Replacement of the footpath to a width of 1.5m on the existing alignment
 - (e) Pedestrian cut-downs on both sides of Scotston Avenue to facilitate crossing over Tomes Road
 - (f) Installation of tactile paving at the intersection with Mays Road.

Other Options 1 – 4 for Scotston Avenue

38. All the other options involved removing the existing dish channel and replacing it with kerb and flat channel.
39. Variants included
- (a) Carriageway width either 9m, 7.5m or 6m.
 - (b) Lowering the level of the carriageway by 300mm to allow drainage from properties or retaining the existing street level.
 - (c) Grass berm designed to act as a swale
 - (d) Construction of new kerb and flat channel between the existing kerb alignment and the property boundaries rather than on carriageway side of trees.
 - (e) Slotted kerb that allows a fixed volume of water to enter the berm areas to restrict the maximum water flow during heavy rainfall.
 - (f) A PVC stormwater pipe laid in the existing kerb and channel to collect property drainage and any excess water in the berm.

ASSESSMENT OF OPTIONS FOR SCOTSTON AVENUE – STREET RENEWAL PROJECT

40. **Maintain the Status Quo** – not acceptable
41. **The preferred option - Option 5** satisfies all of the project objectives as follows:
- (a) It reflects the local road nature of Scotston Ave, with a 7.5m wide carriageway.
 - (b) It maintains and improves safety for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles.
 - (c) It meets the demand for on street parking, with 11 parking bays.
 - (d) The wide berm with street trees provides landscape enhancement.
 - (e) It caters for the visually impaired.
 - (f) A street lighting upgrade if required, will be undertaken
 - (g) Drainage upgrade will be carried out.

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42. Additional Shortfalls/Benefits/Risks of Option 5 are:

- (a) The preferred design optimises care of the trees.
- (b) Reduction in parking from a possible 25 on-street parks to 11 may be seen by some residents as a shortfall but consultation feedback to date supports the reduction. However a parking survey revealed a general demand for only 7 spaces.

	Benefits (current and future)	Costs (current and future)
Social	Positive impact on social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing of community.	Loss of 13 potential parking spaces.
Cultural	As above.	
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Minimal impact on the Council's capacity and responsibilities to undertake its functions.

Effects on Maori:

No specific effects on Maori identified.

Consistency with existing Council policies:

Consistent with the street renewal capital programme in the Council's 2006-2016 LTCCP.

Views and preferences of persons affected or likely to have an interest:

As stated in paragraphs 19 to 23 above, and as detailed in **Attachment 2** to this report.

Other relevant matters:

No other relevant matters identified.

43. All other options meet the project objectives but Option 5 meets them better.

10. COURTENAY STREET / WESTMINSTER STREET (EAST) KERB AND CHANNEL RENEWAL / TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. Courtenay Street is scheduled for infrastructure improvement works in the 2009/10 financial year under the City Council's Asset Improvement / Road Network Improvements programme. Early consultation with a number of Shirley/Papanui Community Board Members and local Courtenay Street residents concerning the nature of those improvements, led to consideration of the matter by the City Council's Liveable City Portfolio Group in August 2007. As a result of those and further consultations with local residents, a draft Scoping Brief has been prepared for the Board's comments and endorsement prior to the commencement of preliminary scheme design(s)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Courtenay Street is designated as a collector road in the City Plan, a status that was last confirmed by an independent report for the City Council in 2004. A total provisional scheme budget in the order of \$1.226m would enable the programmed road network improvement works to be undertaken at the same time as achieving a standard collector road functional design. This budget would also support necessary land acquisition from adjoining properties in order to achieve a full collector road standard design width.
3. Ongoing consultation with local Courtenay Street residents and some Community Board members recently facilitated by the Liveable City Portfolio Group has however identified a desire to achieve a wider set of key scheme objectives commensurate with meeting the following key aims:
 - Road safety (and in particular, child pedestrian safety) improvements at the junction of Courtenay Street / Roosevelt Avenue / Westminster Street junction
 - Speed restraint measures through the Westminster Street / Courtenay Street / Roosevelt Avenue junction and at the entry to those roads.
 - Improved cyclist and pedestrian safety and amenity throughout Courtenay Street
 - Kerb and channel replacement along Courtenay Street
 - Maintaining the necessary traffic network functionality, particularly where Westminster Street (East) accesses Cranford Street.
4. The proposal is therefore to develop an asset improvement design that is commensurate with meeting the above principal aims. The design would acknowledge, in turn, that the achievement of a standard collector road design width may well not in this particular instance offer the most appropriate means of meeting those over – riding speed restraint and road safety improvement objectives. Nevertheless it is important to note that a resulting design would likely however represent a departure to the achievement of a standard collector road design in accordance with the City Plan. A resource consent would therefore be required to pursue implementation of such a design.
5. This report seeks the Board's views on the attached Draft Scoping Brief with a view to commencing preliminary design work and further detailed consultation with local residents and the Board at a later date over resulting design(s).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. Provision is made in the LTCCP for asset (Roading) improvements to Courtenay Street / Westminster Street primarily to achieve kerb and channel replacement. The currently scheduled sums are \$25060 in 2007/08, \$430,209 in 2008/09 and \$771,058 in 2009/10. It is expected that the resultant design and works delivery costs associated with delivering against the draft scoping brief attached to this report will be achieved wholly within those existing allocated budget sums.

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Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

7. Fully, in that the scheme is currently programmed for asset renewal as well as offering speed restraint and consequential road safety, and pedestrian and cyclist amenity improvements.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8. The Draft Scoping Brief (**attachment 1**), if converted to a preliminary design, would not conform to the standard minimum collector road design width as designated in the City Plan. Therefore, if a deliverable design against the brief is achievable it will be necessary for the City Council to apply for a resource consent in order to reconcile such a deviation from the City Plan.
9. Having developed and implemented a design that maintains the necessary traffic network functionality, it is not anticipated that Council will seek to change the collector status of Courtenay Street. However, once the roading design is implemented Council will consider the need for the Designations for road widening on Courtenay Street. The designated land that has not been required to fulfil the aims of this project may be uplifted or allowed to lapse.

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

10. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. The scheme features in the LTCCP (2006-16) and meets the road safety and other key community outcomes related to transport in the current LTCCP.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

12. Yes – asset and roading network improvement and a city – wide programme of kerb and channel replacement.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. The key aims of the scheme align fully with the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (2007) and the Draft Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy (2008 -18)

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. The nature of the proposed scheme aligns with the key objectives of the City Council's Road Safety, Cycling and Pedestrian Strategies

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. The **attached** Draft Scoping Brief has been subject to informal but detailed consultation with local resident representatives who are fully supportive of the Draft Brief being presented to the Board for endorsement in order to commence preliminary design work.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

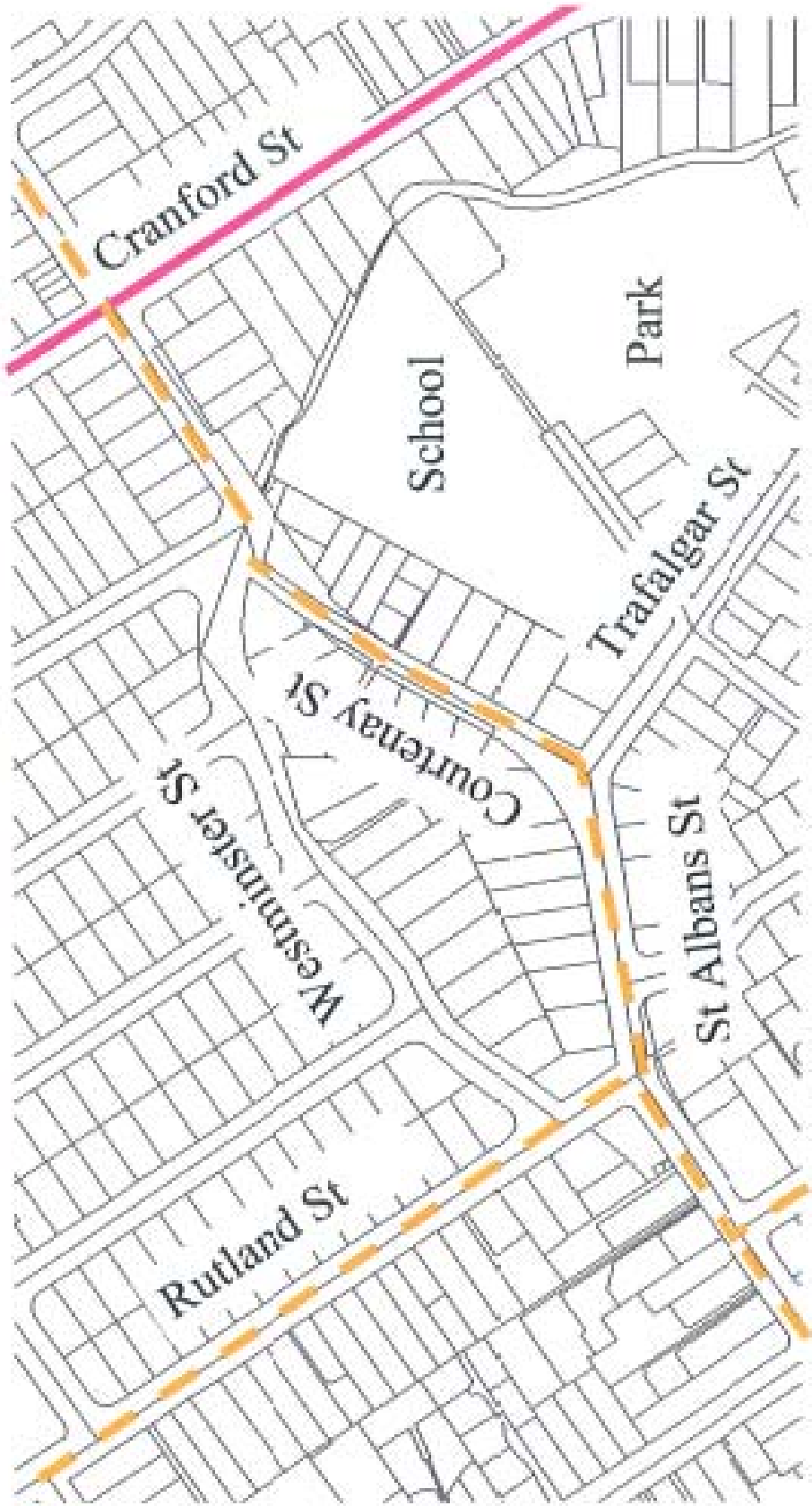
It is recommended that the Community Board

- (a) Endorse the attached Draft Scoping Brief as the basis for the commissioning of preliminary design option(s) for the improvement of Courtenay Street and Westminster Street (East).
- (b) Receive further advice, via a seminar, in due course over the resultant preliminary design plans and options for the Courtenay Street / Westminster Street (East) asset renewal / traffic calming works.
- (c) Note that any resultant design for this location that does not meet the City Plan's detailed design requirements for a collector road (as Courtenay Street is designated) would require a Resource Consent prior to implementation. If a Resource Consent is not granted by Council a new scheme, which is more compliant with the City Plan, will need to be developed.

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Local Roading Hierarchy



Minor Arterial

Collector

CITY ENVIRONMENT - CAPITAL PROGRAMME UNIT - TRANSPORT**PROJECT SCOPING BRIEF**

Brief Issued to: CAPITAL DELIVERY	Date Issued: 5 November 2007
Project Name: Courtenay Street (Westminster Street East) Kerb and Channel and Traffic Calming Scheme	
Capital Development Project Manager:	Capital Delivery Project Manager:
Budget Category: Asset Improvements – Road Network Improvements	Cost Code: 542/ 1477
Budget Amount: \$1.226m total (over 2007/08 to 2009/10 financial years)	Year of delivery: 2009/10
Current Estimate: To be determined, but within above budget sum.	Estimate date:

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CITY ENVIRONMENT - CAPITAL PROGRAMME UNIT - TRANSPORT**PROJECT SCOPING BRIEF**

Project Details
<p>Aims of the Project:</p> <p>Westminster Street / Courtenay Street Junction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed examination of design options to re - shape the Courtenay Street / Westminster Street / Roosevelt Avenue junction, in order to achieve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed restraint through the junction to the benefit of Westminster Street, Courtenay Street and Roosevelt Avenue • Narrowing of road width adjacent to the nearby school access onto Westminster Street • Improved pedestrian crossing arrangements across Westminster Street and Roosevelt Ave in the vicinity of Courtenay Street junction, order to improve pedestrian (especially child) safety in the vicinity of the junction • Above to be achieved by provision of two design key options for Community Board / Resident Group consultation, entailing either kerbing and narrowing the approaches to the existing roundabout junction or, alternatively seeking to amend priority through the junction, potentially combined with a junction "table" at the eastern entrance to Courtenay Street including the location of the culvert. • To explore the potential for appropriate hard and soft landscaping measures to enhance road user safety and reduce vehicle speeds. <p>Courtenay Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure (primarily kerb and channel renewal) on Courtenay Street between its junctions with Westminster Street and St Albans Street ,in order to achieve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All roading works to be contained within the existing road reserve boundaries • Measures to be largely consistent with the available existing road width at the location of the culvert (Westminster Street junction), through provision of traffic management and roading environment treatments consistent with speed restraint throughout • Entry (speed restraint) measures at both the eastern (culvert) and western (immediate access from the St Albans Street roundabout junction) entry points to Courtenay Street. • Improvements to pedestrian footway and (where appropriate) crossing amenity, with provision of at least two footpaths • A roading design which makes adequate and safe provision for cycle movements, principally through speed restraint. • Exploration of potential speed restraint benefits to be gained from removal of carriageway centre markings. • Accommodation of limited on street parking for Courtenay Street frontage properties. • Potential for appropriate environmental enhancement / landscaping measures within the existing available road reserve boundary. and provision of • A separate costing of for the under-grounding utilities services. (NB Funding for undergrounding of services has not been made available for this project) <p>Westminster Street (between Courtenay Street and Cranford Street)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigation of infrastructure improvements to achieve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speed restraint on Westminster Street west of the junction with Cranford Street, with investigation of the potential for an appropriate "threshold treatment" consistent with adequate traffic access and egress capacity from Westminster Street onto Cranford Street ○ Physical control of vehicle parking in order to improve road safety and school pedestrian access close to the junction with Courtenay and Roosevelt Streets

CITY ENVIRONMENT - CAPITAL PROGRAMME UNIT - TRANSPORT**PROJECT SCOPING BRIEF****Objectives of the Project**

Primary Objectives

- Implement necessary kerb and channel improvements on Courtenay Street between Westminster Street and St Albans Street.
- Implementation of necessary road safety, speed restraint and pedestrian crossing / safety measures at the Courtenay Street / Roosevelt Street / Westminster Street junction.
- To develop a streetscape design to achieve optimum road safety for all road users, consistent with the principles of speed restraint.

Secondary Objectives

- To give priority to pedestrian movements and amenity while still providing for slow vehicle movements and on-street car parking for frontage properties. To incorporate the recent footway and landscaping enhancements adjacent to the school within the local pedestrian network.
- To achieve pedestrian crossing improvements in the vicinity of the Courtenay Street / Westminster Street / Roosevelt Avenue junction
- To accommodate cyclists in a safe manner consistent with a slow speed regime.
- To provide for appropriate soft and hard landscaping and planting consistent with avoidance of additional highway land requirements
- To avoid structural alterations to the Courtenay Street culvert.

Does a Project Team exist? If yes, provide details:

Tim Cheesebrough, Brent Smith, Lorraine Wilmshurst, Mary Hay

Project Thresholds met:

Property Purchase Complete:	NA
Consents Issued:	NA
Consultation complete:	Ongoing
Community Board/Council Approval:	Ongoing
Budget validated:	To be reviewed

11. SANCTUARY GARDENS RESERVE PLAYGROUND

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment Group DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Manager
Author:	Mary Hay, Consultation Leader - Greenspace

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Board to proceed to detailed design and construction of the Sanctuary Gardens Reserve playground.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Sanctuary Gardens Reserve is a small local park in Marshlands, which is designed to meet the needs of the immediate neighbourhood. The reserve, which includes a retention basin, was developed as part of the residential subdivision but never included any play equipment. Since Sanctuary Gardens was first developed, there have been a number of requests from the residents to provide some play equipment. The nearest reserves are Briggs, Havana Gardens, Wilmington and Macfarlane Park. The latter has a playground and half court.
3. The key factor in determining a location for a playground is to provide a site with maximum visibility. Careful placement of park facilities can help make them less susceptible to crime and enable people to feel more comfortable outdoors. It is the fear of crime, particularly of attacks associated with theft or sexual motives, which inhibits the mobility of community members. Women and the elderly, for example, suffer disproportionately from the fear of crime. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design ("CPTED") is an important strategy for reducing crime and the fear of crime. The major principle of CPTED is Natural Surveillance or "see and be seen". People are usually less likely to commit crime if they are, or think they may be, being watched. Conversely people are likely to feel safer if they think someone is 'looking out for them.'
4. In developing this proposal, the project team visited the site to determine a preferred location for the playground. The eastern side of the reserve is larger and is more open to passive surveillance from surrounding roads and houses, which provides safety benefits. There is insufficient space for a playground on the western side of the retention basin and this area would have poor visibility. Having selected the eastern side of the reserve as the desirable area for a playground, a number of hazards needed to be considered. The nearby roads and the retention basin both posed potential hazards but the retention basin is considered to be less of a threat due to its static and predictable nature. Considering a potential site purely from a safety perspective would result in locating the playground in the centre of the eastern part of the reserve (but this would impinge on the limited open space in the reserve) or on the Southern boundary of the reserve (but this would impinge on the view of the adjoining neighbours). Therefore it was decided to locate the playground on the Eastern side of the reserve, along the Western boundary, adjacent to an existing path. This site provides sufficient separation distance from the retention basin and the road to provide a safe play environment but also allow the retention of open space and neighbours' views.
5. Preliminary research helped to inform the project objectives, which were to:
 - To provide interesting play equipment that promotes physical activity, is adventures, encourages social and communication skills and helps develop fundamental movement skills
 - To consider the needs of the local community and the constraints of the available funds
 - Provide a play experience for a wide range of playground users
 - Provide a safe and accessible playground
 - Consider the visual effects of the playground on the adjoining properties
 - Integrate the playground into the site with appropriate landscape treatment

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6. The project team developed a concept to meet these objectives, which included the following:
 - A choice of either a Spiders Web net *or* a Small Orion Spacenet
 - 3 bay swing set
 - Fantail
 - Picnic table
 - Landscaping

7. This concept plan was developed to appeal to a wide range of children, have minimum visual impact on surrounding neighbours, and retain open space and to be in keeping with the overall character of this reserve.

8. In August/September 2007 a publicity pamphlet was distributed to approximately 330 residences and key stakeholders (refer **attachment 1**). This pamphlet included a summary of the concept, an initial concept plan and a feedback form. The project team sought feedback from the community to see whether the proposal was generally supported and to help determine which climbing net to install.

9. The consultation received an 18% response rate (58 responses). Community feedback was generally very positive. The consultation outcome and project team responses are included in **attachment 2**;
 - 51 of the 58 respondents (88%) responded “YES – I generally support the plan”
 - 7 of the 58 respondents (12%) responded “NO – I do not support the plan”, because:

Reason for opposition to plan	Project team response
Use the money elsewhere - fix the stormwater	This matter is being addressed by the land drainage team
Playground not necessary/wanted	This project has been driven by the local community, which has been requesting play equipment over the last five years, since the subdivision was developed. A playground in this area has been approved by Council and funding set aside in the LTCCP for this facility
Location opposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will restrict available space for passive ball sports • Will spoil the view of adjacent neighbours • Will be too close to the retention pond 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While the proposed playground site is in part of an area that is currently used for passive ball sports, it is also the safest area for a playground in terms of visibility and safe distances from roads. Walter Park is about a kilometre away and this is a designated sports park with ample room for ball sports • The proposed site was chosen as it was as far from adjoining neighbours as safely possible • In response to consultation, post and cable fencing will be installed around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground. A seat will also be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground, which will provide an opportunity to stop any children that may be heading for the lake. If the playground were to be relocated it would either have poor visibility, impinge on neighbours views, impinge on open space or be too close to the road

10. In terms of the choice of play equipment there was a clear preference for the Spiders Web net. The main issues raised by the community were:
 - Concern about the location of playground
 - Requests for other types (or more) play equipment and concern about the safety of nets
 - Requests for more seating

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11. The project team considered the feedback from consultation and revised the concept plan by including the installation of a:
 - Spiders Web climbing net
 - Post and cable fencing around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground
 - Bench seat on the existing path near the access to the playground
12. The proposed location of the playground generated the most concern from local residents. The location of the playground is illustrated in **attachment 3**. This proposal sites the playground about 10-15 metres from the retention basin and 20 metres from the road (Sanctuary Gardens). This site is a safe distance from the retention basin and roads, as far away from the houses as possible, and maximises open space in the reserve.
13. Three main concerns about the location of the playground were raised: a reduction in available space for passive ball sports, degradation of the view of adjacent neighbours and proximity to the retention pond. As outlined above, the selection of the site is a balance between personal safety (a central location would be ideal) and the retention of open space and the views of neighbours (no playground would be ideal).
14. The project team does not support an alternate location for the playground to enable the provision of more open space because alternate sites would either locate it in a hazardous position (e.g. too near roads or hidden from view) or undesirable position (i.e. impinge on neighbours' views). In response concerns raised about the proximity to the lake, post and cable fencing will be installed around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground. A seat will also be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground, which will provide an opportunity to stop any toddler that may be running towards the lake.
15. The consultation included a number of requests for more traditional play items. However, one of the objectives of this project was to consider the visual effects of the playground on the adjoining properties. The suggested slides, climbing walls and forts all require reasonably large structures to support them and this would impinge on the neighbour's outlook. In contrast the climbing nets are relatively 'see through'. The project team would like to offer new and challenging alternative to some of the traditional equipment that is used around the city.
16. The consultation did reveal a surprising degree of concern about the safety of climbing nets. In response to this, respondents will be advised that climbing nets of this type have recently been installed in Grampian Reserve (Casebrook) and Spencer Park (Spencerville) and have proved to be safe and extremely popular with children. The nets comply with the current NZ Playground Safety Standards, which are based on European standards. These climbing nets allow children to easily find a hand-hold in the regularly arranged mesh. The individual ropes in the climbing net are flexibly anchored and break possible falls. In terms of the risk of vandalism, the core of the rope is made of galvanised steel wire strands, which are wrapped with polyamide yarn. This prevents the unravelling of strands if anyone tries to cut them.
17. The recommended concept plan is included as **attachment 4**. The construction of the playground with a seat and implementation of the associated landscaping is scheduled to be completed by October 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

18. Funding has been set aside in the Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme in the 2006-16 LTCCP. Specifically:
 - 2007/08 \$5,000 Sanctuary Gardens Reserve (New Playgrounds)
 - 2008/09 \$50,000 Sanctuary Gardens Reserve (New Playgrounds)
19. As a result of consultation, additional items were included in the proposal and the cost estimate for this project now stands at \$60,000 for the playground development. The additional funds required to cover the shortfall will be sourced from the Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme.

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Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

20. As per above

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

21. All necessary Resource Consents and Building Consents will be obtained before any construction is undertaken.
22. All work will be carried out by a Council approved contractor.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

23. **LTCCP 2006-2016**

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- Environment – By offering opportunities for people to contribute to projects that improve our city's environment
- Recreation – By offering a range of active and passive recreation and leisure opportunities
- Health – By providing areas for people to engage in healthy activities

Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

24. Social Wellbeing and Youth Strategy and Safer Parks Policy

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

25. Extensive consultation has been undertaken with the local community via a letterbox drop and comment form to the local community.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board:

Approve the plan in **attachment 4** in order to proceed to detailed design and construction of the Sanctuary Gardens Reserve playground.

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Sanctuary Gardens Reserve – Playground Development

Sanctuary Gardens Reserve is located to the south of Queen Elizabeth II Drive and west of Marshlands Road (see locality plan overleaf). The reserve, which includes a retention basin, was developed as part of the recent subdivision but did not include a playground. There have been a number of requests from residents to provide some play equipment and funding has now been set aside for this.

The project team has considered the community's needs in terms of a playground at Sanctuary Gardens Reserve and formed the following project objectives:

- To provide interesting play equipment that promotes physical activity, is adventures, encourages social and communication skills and helps develop fundamental movement skills
- To consider the needs of the local community and the constraints of the available funds
- Provide a play experience for a wide range of playground users
- Provide a safe and accessible playground
- Consider the visual effects of the playground on the adjoining properties
- Integrate the playground into the site with appropriate landscape treatment

We have prepared a concept plan that we think meets these objectives but would appreciate any comments that could help us finalise the proposal. We are also asking you to choose between the following two play items:



Spiders Web Net



Orion Spacenet



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HAVE YOUR SAY

The enclosed concept plan has not been finalised and the City Council are interested in any feedback that could be used to improve the plan.

To assist us with this project, we would like to determine what the local community thinks about this proposal. We would appreciate you taking the time to complete the attached comment form, with any feedback, and return it by:
Monday 3 September 2007.

If you would like any further information about this project please don't hesitate to contact:

Mary Hay,
Consultation Leader (Greenspace),
Ph: 941-5410 or 027 232 7467
or mary.hay@ccc.govt.nz

The proposed concept for the playground includes:

- A choice of either a Spiders Web net or a Small Orion Spacenet
- 3 bay swing set
- Fantail
- Picnic table
- Landscaping

Consultation and Timeline

Please consider the attached development plan and let me know what you think about it. We would be happy to meet you onsite to discuss the proposal, if that would be useful, if you have any comments in regard to this project, please complete the attached form with any feedback and return it by **Monday 3 September 2007.**

Once consultation on this project has been completed, the concept will be finalised and amended to reflect community views, where appropriate. Approval will then be sought from the Shirley/Papanui Community Board to proceed to detailed design and construction of the playground. The construction of the playground is scheduled to be completed early next year and the landscaping will be implemented around April 2008, in the winter planting season.



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Sanctuary Gardens Reserve – Playground Development

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Attachment 2: Sanctuary Gardens Reserve – Consultation Responses – August 2007

Preferred Play items		'Small Orion Spacenet' 19	'Spiders Web net' 27
ID	SUPPORT PLAN?	COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON THE PROPOSAL	
1.	Yes	<p>We think this initiative is fantastic as we have a young child & will certainly make use of the playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We do believe that in additions to the proposed concept components you should add a children's slide. While we recognise that a slide may impact on the project objective of 'provision of a safe playground', we feel that given the area is in close proximity to unfenced water the level of parental supervision required is necessarily high. Kids love a slide for the thrill and excitement! 	<p style="text-align: center;">COUNCIL PROJECT TEAM RESPONSE</p> <p>One of the objectives of this project was to consider the visual effects of the playground on the adjoining properties. A slide needs a reasonably large structure to provide the elevation and this would impinge on the neighbour's outlook. The climbing net will provide a challenging exciting alternative to the slide</p>
2.	Yes	<p>What great news. We have just had twin girls in April this year and the proposal will make the reserve a great family activity when the girls are a bit older</p>	-
3.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a resident of Clearbrook Palms and parents of a young child, I commend the Council plans and fully support the plan and would rather see my rates spent on this project as opposed to unnecessary and dangerous bus boarder schemes in nearby Hills Rd. I would also like to suggest a solar powered fountain is installed in the lake to air-ate and clean the water as it nothing more than a stagnant, smelly puddle which lets the reserve down 	<p>There is insufficient funding to include a fountain in this playground development plan</p>
4.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have 3 boys aged 4 ½, 2 ½ and 1. We are all very excited to hear about the playground proposal. We go to the Redwood Grimseys Rd playground area a lot as the boys love the flying fox. If we could have something like Redwood we would all be 'happy campers'. If there is only these choices we would think Small Orion Spacenet would be best. A slide is always a hit with the younger ones also. Please feel free to ring me anytime 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is not enough room in this small local park for a flying fox One of the objectives of this project was to consider the visual effects of the playground on the adjoining properties. A slide needs a reasonable large structure to provide the elevation and this would impinge on the neighbour's outlook
5.	Yes	-	-
6.	Yes	<p>Lighting! Have it well lit up</p>	<p>This playground is designed for daytime use. Lighting the playground would give the impression that it is safe to use at night which may not be the case. Night time use may also disturb the neighbours</p>

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7.	Yes	-	-
8.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have reservations about either of the nets as I feel smaller children could fall through the nets or get tangled in the mesh also being made from rope it would be open to vandals I prefer to see a more solidly built jungle gym or something similar Please note the plan is not drawn correctly the area marked for development is where the lake is 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The climbing nets comply with the current NZ Playground Safety Standards. These climbing nets allow children to easily find a hand-hold in the regularly arranged mesh. The individual ropes in the climbing net are flexibly anchored and break possible falls. The core of the rope is made of galvanised steel wire strands, which are wrapped with polyamide yarn. This prevents the unravelling of strands if it is cut A climbing net will provide a similar play experience as a jungle gym We have checked the plan and note that the lake is in the lower left corner In response to consultation, an additional seat will be installed on the existing path near the access to the playground In response to consultation, post and cable fencing will be installed around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground. A seat will also be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground, which will provide an opportunity to stop any children that may be heading for the lake
9.	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a very good idea. There could be more seating for adults A good boundary between the lake and the playground needs to be kept to ensure children do not 'escape' into the lake 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to consultation a seat will be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground
10	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a brilliant idea & we look forward to it being done Just wondered if more than one picnic table would be appropriate 	
11	Yes	-	-
12	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would be strongly opposed to the Spiders Web net, I feel it could potentially pose possible risks with the ropes being able to be used as weapons (potential accidental or deliberate strangling could happen). Also might be dangerous if rough older kids are playing there with younger kids, also if they get wet, may cause rope burn type injuries to children. Another thing to consider is potential vandalism with the ropes being cut or burnt & the cost of replacing these could prove over time costly. I also think a small fence should be erected around all the play equipment as added security I would also like to point out the proposed planting of cabbage trees is not ideal, they drop a lot of leaves that are not able to be placed in green bin collections Also the frequency of the Garden maintenance is not enough to collect all the dropped leaves, they will end up in the drains, or on the roads, potentially getting caught up in bicycle tyres & car wheels I would suggest some type of palm to be planted instead of cabbage trees. Palms that do not shed their leaves. Also this would be in keeping with the existing palms in 'Clearbrook Palms' – in short cabbage trees are just too much work to maintain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The climbing nets comply with the current NZ Playground Safety Standards. These climbing nets allow children to easily find a hand-hold in the regularly arranged mesh. The individual ropes in the climbing net are flexibly anchored and break possible falls. The core of the rope is made of galvanised steel wire strands, which are wrapped with polyamide yarn. This prevents the unravelling of strands if it is cut In response to consultation, post and cable fencing will be installed around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground. A seat will also be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground, which will provide an opportunity to stop any children that may be heading for the lake The maintenance team have been consulted about the proposed cabbage trees and support their use as they are hardy, look good and don't require a great deal of maintenance Palms are not as hardy as cabbage trees and are slower growing
13	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I would prefer to see a slide of some sort rather than the Fantail, as its 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the objectives of this project was to consider the visual effects of the

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	<p>good to have something little ones can climb on and 'do themselves' rather than having something for them to sit on and be pushed e.g. swing & Fantail only.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The larger structures appear to be more suited to older kids which is fine, but what about the 2-4s? Even most 2 yr olds will climb a tall slide which can be used by older children also. Or if you want to keep it for small ones even a mound of earth with a small curved slide will bring plenty of fun & wouldn't need too much more space than Fantail? (mother of 2x under 3s) 	<p>playground on the adjoining properties. A slide needs a reasonable large structure to provide the elevation and this would impinge on the neighbour's outlook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2-4 year olds will be able to play on the infant swing, the fantail and also play around at the ground level of the net
14	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awesome, about time we got a park. Top marks. What will the Council be doing about the lake. If we have to put fences around our spa pool & swimming pool, how does the Council get away with putting lakes everywhere with no fences? But apart from that great idea though 	<p>In response to consultation, post and cable fencing will be installed around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground. A seat will also be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground, which will provide an opportunity to stop any children that may be heading for the lake</p>
15	<p>Yes</p> <p>Great!</p>	-
16	<p>Yes</p> <p>Think it will be great to have somewhere for the kids. The sooner the better it happens</p>	-
17	<p>Yes</p> <p>There are 28 new sections planned for the area so this will be good for the new children in the area</p>	-
18	<p>Yes</p> <p>It is a great idea & we look forward to it being built. We have a 7 year old who will love to use it. We often walk over to feed the ducks – it will be nice to have the play equipment there as well</p>	-
19	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fantail proposed looks to be rather small. It looks to be more for preschooler children and this area has more primary school age upwards. Not confident the Fantail would be too popular Also more seating would be nice as there is only one picnic table proposed. Due to the pond at this location there is sooooo much duck poo on the grass you just can't sit on it at all or let children play on it. Therefore more seats required so we are not sitting on duck poo. Ps thanks so much for the playground at last!! My son is so excited.... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fantail is designed to be used by older and younger children, which is desirable. We have found them to be popular with a range of children In response to consultation, an additional seat will be installed on the existing path near the access to the playground
20	<p>Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank goodness a playground within walking distance for toddlers. Awesome to hear! But due to the number of very small children and recent babies in Clearbrook Palms we would dearly love to see more equipment suitable for the little ones eg slide, rockers etc climbing tower, tunnel etc. Fairway Park has a fabulous playground but a little to far for us to walk. We are hesitant about the Spiders Web and Orion Spacenet as this type of equipment tends to attract high schoolers to linger about on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The toddlers will be able to play on the infant swing, the fantail and also play around at the ground level of the net. The larger equipment describes would intrude on the views of the adjoining neighbors The concept caters for a range of age groups, including teenagers, and we hope that locating the playground in a clearly visible site will help to avoid antisocial behaviour In response to consultation, post and cable fencing will be installed around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground. A seat will also be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground, which will provide an opportunity to stop any children that may be heading for the lake

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern also lies around the existing lake for safety reasons. Little children are not attracted to this risk area at the moment but would be once playground is installed. Apart from 'observing' the existing lake which is continuously surrounded by duck excretions what purpose is it really? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The lake is a retention pond for storm water
21	Yes	-	-
22	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Looks good Need to ensure trees are retained sufficiently so that the playground is visible from the road. No hiding places Any chance of a bigger spinning thing like at the small park on Twyford St in Bishopdale? Kids will spend ages on turning/spinning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appropriate tree species will be selected to ensure good visibility to the playground The Fantail is designed to be used by older and younger children, which is desirable. We have found them to be popular with a range of children
23	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Think it is a fabulous idea. Would really like to see a slide there as well. Hope it all goes ahead as it would be great for our community and it is about time we had something like this in our area. 	<p>One of the objectives of this project was to consider the visual effects of the playground on the adjoining properties. A slide needs a reasonably large structure to provide the elevation and this would impinge on the neighbour's outlook</p>
24	Yes	-	-
25	Yes	-	-
26	Yes	Interested to know what the policy is in regards to a playground beside a lake. Is this not dangerous? I am surprised that it doesn't have to be fenced? Anyway just a query. Thanks	<p>In response to consultation, post and cable fencing will be installed around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground. A seat will also be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground, which will provide an opportunity to stop any children that may be heading for the lake</p> <p>One of the objectives of the project is to cater for a wide range of playground users, including teenagers, and we hope that locating the playground in a clearly visible site will help to avoid antisocial behaviour</p>
27	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I support the plan for a playground, but would prefer it just to be for the younger kids. I am worried that teenagers might congregate on the playground and make it their meeting place and get up to mischief 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The climbing nets comply with the current NZ Playground Safety Standards. These climbing nets allow children to easily find a hand-hold in the regularly arranged mesh. The individual ropes in the climbing net are flexibly anchored and break possible falls. Climbing nets of this type have recently been installed in Grampian Reserve (Casebrook) and Spencer Park (Spencerville) and have proved to be safe and extremely popular with children One of the objectives of this project was to consider the visual effects of the playground on the adjoining properties. A slide/fort needs a reasonable large structure to provide the elevation and this would impinge on the neighbour's outlook. A seesaw only caters for two children, while the Fantail can be used by many In response to consultation, post and cable fencing will be installed around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground. A seat will also be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground, which will provide an opportunity to stop any
28	No	<p>If it must go ahead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefer Spiders Web net, if I had to have one but don't like either. Look dangerous for small children. We have a 4 yr old More use would be made from traditional play equipment like slide & seesaw then Fantail, which looks quite boring! Really bad idea to have playground right next to duck pond You need a rubbish bin, if you have a picnic table, which is regularly emptied If you only have 3 pieces of play equipment they need to be chosen very carefully or it will be soon uninteresting to children, but we will have our view interrupted for no benefit I think a piece of equipment that is multi faceted would be better. A sort of hut where you climb up one side, go through a tunnel then slide down a slide, but you can go underneath & and make believe it a cave, hut, train whatever gives more opportunities for creative play (see 	

	<p><i>'castle' pic attached to submission)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It should be natural timber. No gaudy bright plastic equipment • I understand from someone in Havana Gardens that on the original plans, the playground was planned in the bit near Clearbrook St. • As the owner of a property directly facing this reserve my preference would be to leave this green space as natural as it is now. I understood this to be the case when we purchased this property. There are already play areas within reasonable walking distance in both directions of this subdivision. Leave the space for people to make their own fun & be creative with good space for ball games. 90% of the time it will be unused & impede the view. Bunnings is ugly enough in the skyline now. Please no more. 	<p>children that may be heading for the lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of rubbish bins in small neighbourhood parks sometimes results in domestic rubbish being illegally dumped in the park. A rubbish bin can be installed in future if a need is identified • The climbing nets will provide an opportunity for creative play • Natural colours will be selected for the play equipment, where possible, so that the playground blends in with the surrounding environment • This is the first Council proposal for a playground in Sanctuary Gardens Reserve. There is insufficient room for a playground in the area to the west of the lake (near Clearbrook St) and this area would not be clearly visible from surrounding houses and roads, which is a safety requirement • This project has been driven by the local community, which has been requesting play equipment over the last five years, since the subdivision was developed. While the proposed playground site is in part of an area that is currently used for passive ball sports, it is also the safest area for a playground in terms of visibility and safe distances from roads. 	
29	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It would not be utilised enough • Just another thing that vandals can destroy and would it be properly maintained? • Its too close to the lake. Not safe for small children • The park is too small • The ducks poo around there not good for children's playground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This project has been driven by the local community, which has been requesting play equipment over the last five years, since the subdivision was developed • The core of the rope is made of galvanised steel wire strands, which are wrapped with polyamide yarn. This prevents the unravelling of strands if it is cut • In response to consultation, post and cable fencing will be installed around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground. A seat will also be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground, which will provide an opportunity to stop any children that may be heading for the lake • While the proposed playground site is in part of an area that is currently used for passive ball sports, it is also the safest area for a playground in terms of visibility and safe distances from roads. • The ducks are part of the existing environment and provide and environmental education opportunity for children
30	Yes	-	-
31	Yes	Good to see this about to happen, hopefully will encourage more outdoor play for children & families	-
32	Yes	-	-
33	Yes	A great start – is there the possibility for more as it feels a little sparse	The equipment chosen will cater to a range of children, from toddlers to teenagers. There is insufficient funding for additional equipment
34	Yes	A good idea	-
35	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long overdue providing safe play area for children • Will you be putting a fence around the pond to ensure safety? Thank you 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In response to consultation, post and cable fencing will be installed around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground. A seat will also be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground, which will provide an opportunity to stop any children

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there any chance of a sports court or basketball hoop etc 	<p>that may be heading for the lake</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is insufficient space or budget for a half court, which may also provide a nuisance to the neighbours. There is a court in nearby McFarlane Park 	
36	Yes	-	
37	Yes	-	
38	Yes	Think good idea provided the area is well lit after dark so as not to attract undesirables in to the area. Parts of Clearbrook Palms are not very well lit at present	This playground is designed for daytime use. Lighting the playground would give the impression that it is safe to use at night which may not be the case. Night time use may also disturb the neighbours
39	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I support the proposal of a play area but have serious concerns as to the position as shown on your plan. I feel if placed there it will restrict the playing area for all the local children for such games as cricket, softball or just kicking a ball around. Although all these games will still be played it will move the kids closer to roads. The speed of some of the young drivers that use these roads is far too fast and it will be only a matter of time until a child is hit while chasing a ball onto the road. There are a number of other sites in the park where the play area could be placed and still leave the main area for older children to play their ball sports. I would be happy to meet with you on site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the proposed playground site is in part of an area that is currently used for passive ball sports, it is also the safest area for a playground in terms of visibility and safe distances from roads. Walter Park is about a kilometre away and this is a designated sports park with ample room for ball sports We have investigated all other options and have not found any other sites that are clearly visible from surrounding houses and roads, a safe distance from roads and a reasonable distance from houses
40	Yes	-	-
41	Yes	Any chance of a petanque court?	If petanque is played on the grass there is more space left for other recreational activities
42	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> I trust that there will be protective matting under the swing set & Fantail so children will not break bones if they fall I disagree with cabbage trees being planted in a public area where no one is responsible for picking up the leaves dropped – on a more regular basis than the Council staff are able to do. They will look untidy otherwise. Why not plant kowhai or other native trees that do not require such maintenance – likewise lancewoods do not look attractive when they age Is it possible to have a petanque court installed on the north west side of the existing asphalt path – between the 2 small existing trees? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bark will be used under the play equipment as a softfall City Care will visit the park on a two weekly basis to tidy it up and remove and cabbage tree leaves and litter. Cabbage trees and lancewoods are hardy and low maintenance and allow good visibility around the play area If petanque is played on the grass there is more space left for other recreational activities
43	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The reserve is not big enough to be split into 2 areas. Our house over looks the reserve and the view is very pleasant as it is We often notice many activities being played at the same time a playground will stop this. Children & adult play touch, cricket, fly kites all of which would be affected by a playground Dogs are often let off to run free, again not good with a playground Also these playgrounds often become a meeting place for young people after dark which could involve underage drinking or drugs. I do not 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project has been driven by the local community, which has been requesting play equipment over the last five years, since the subdivision was developed. While the proposed playground site is in part of an area that is currently used for passive ball sports, it is also the safest area for a playground in terms of visibility and safe distances from roads. Walter Park is about a kilometre away and this is a designated sports park with ample room for ball sports Dogs must always be under control in public places, either on a leash or by verbal commands. In addition to this, dogs in Council owned reserves are prohibited from

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	want to see this happen on my doorstep, nor do I want to see a pleasant scenic reserve developed	within one metre of playground equipment. If dogs are creating a nuisance in the park, please call Dog Control on 941 6643 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The concept caters for a range of age groups, including teenagers, and we hope that locating the playground in a clearly visible site will help to avoid antisocial behaviour
44	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great idea for the children in the area. they need to have an interesting playground to get them away from computers, TV etc. hopefully the equipment you provide is respected by them We would like to see a slide included in playground equipment. Also how are you going to stop the ducks from shitting all over the ground around the play area? this will cause a health hazard if the children stand in the muck with their bare feet in summer
45	Yes	
46	No	
47	No	How about fixing the water seepage problems in Montego Place first? This is a very serious issue and should be addressed first. I have notified the Council but have had no reply Quote Job No 090700942 Brian Smith
48	No & Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open area is great for cricket, touch rugby, discus, fun ball games etc already. We haven't been queried on placement of playground in park either (<i>see pic of suggested locations on other side of lake or near intersection</i>) But if we are to have a playground area; the children would like a 'spinning balance circle' (<i>see pic</i>) and a climbing wall (<i>see pic</i>) & swing set & spiders web. Proposed Fantail appears to be for preschool age child
49	Yes	Look forward to it
50	Yes	My only concern would be the playground's proximity to the water for the little children. Ideally it should be fenced
51	Yes	This looks wonderful. We are looking forward to its completion
52	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We would prefer to see the playground on the other side of pond At the moment children play cricket, touch & other ball games. To put in a playground would cut the area down. They can't throw balls on 2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the proposed playground site is in part of an area that is currently used for passive ball sports, it is also the safest area for a playground in terms of visibility and safe distances from roads. There is insufficient room for a playground in the
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The land drainage team are investigating the issue that was raised in CSR090700942
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While the proposed playground site is in part of an area that is currently used for passive ball sports, it is also the safest area for a playground in terms of visibility and safe distances from roads. There is insufficient room for a playground in the suggested site to the west of the lake (near Clearbrooke St) and this area would not be clearly visible from surrounding houses and roads, which is a safety requirement. The suggested site near the intersections of Sanctuary Gardens and Palm Drive would be too close to traffic, which is an unpredictable hazard Walter Park is about a kilometre away and this is a designated sports park with ample room for ball sports The spinning balance circle (Supernova) is for older children, which will be catered to by the climbing net. The Fantail is designed to be used by older and younger children, which is desirable. A climbing wall would be too intrusive to the adjoining neighbours
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to consultation, post and cable fencing will be installed around the lake-side edge of the proposed playground. A seat will also be installed at the lake-side entrance to the playground, which will provide an opportunity to stop any children that may be heading for the lake
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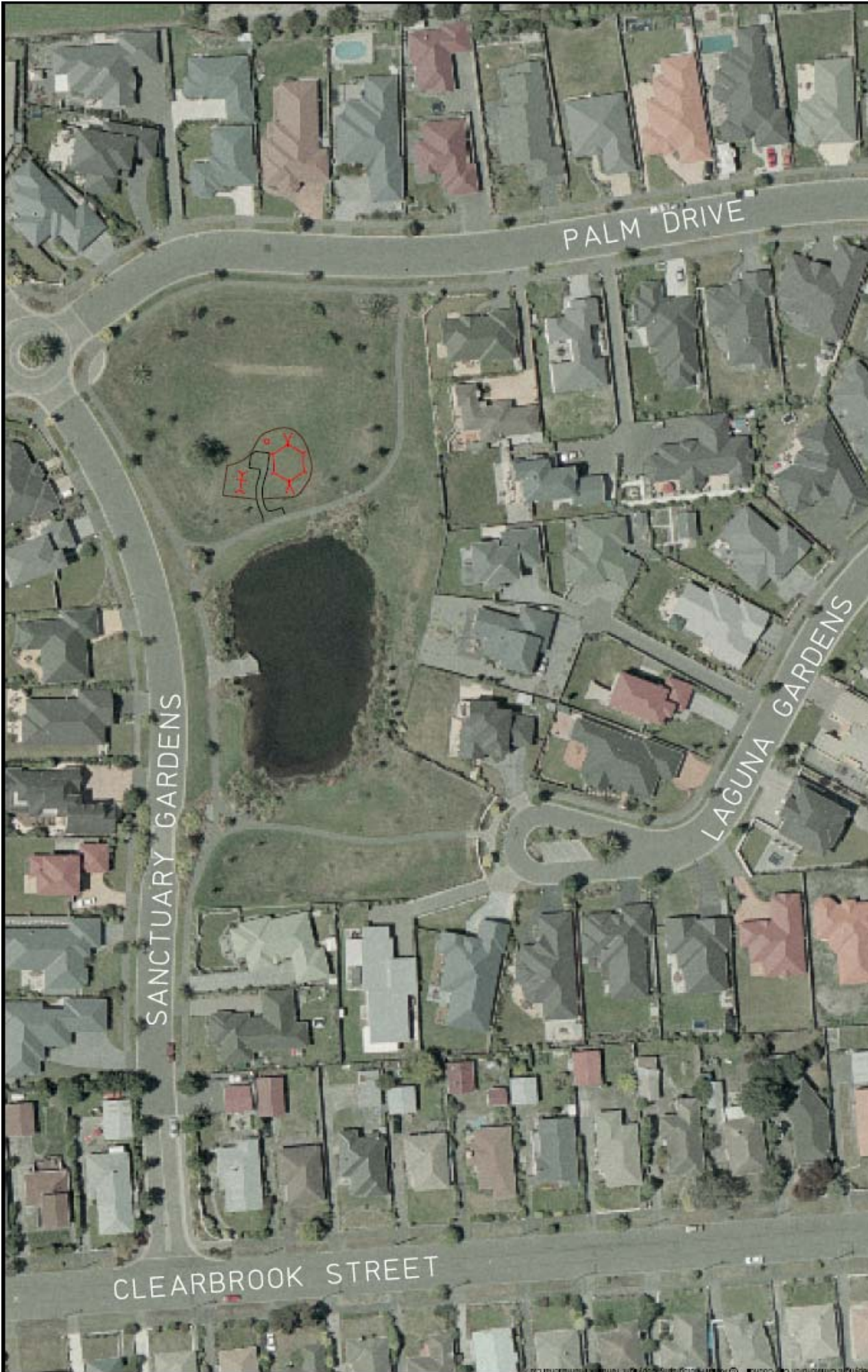
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	<p>sides as houses are close but on the other side of pond a small playground would be idea</p>	<p>suggested site to the west of the lake (near Clearbrooke St) and this area would not be clearly visible from surrounding houses and roads, which is a safety requirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walter Park is about a kilometre away and this is a designated sports park with ample room for ball sports
53	<p>I just welcome this proposal</p>	
54	<p>We are particularly excited about the proposal & most importantly we support the concept. We do however have reservations about the two options of either a Spiders Web or Orion Spacenet.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our main concern is Health & Safety & the potential risk to injury due to the unstable nature of the rope/tension bridge of either option. We assume there is a certain level of skill & age required to use these items of equipment which may be safe for a single user but when multiple users are climbing the equipment there is an increase risk of injury While these equipment options are original in concept we suggest that before a final decision is made a survey of existing Spiders Web nets & Orion Spacenets be carried out & assessed for their safety, success & popularity. We would also be keen to know where we can see these items of equipment for a further evaluation of our own Another matter of concern is the maintenance & life expectancy of the equipment options. The rope option for example will deteriorate in a short period of time compared to other items of equipment With reference to the overall proposed playground area we would strongly recommend there be a provision for some physical screening from the prevailing easterly winds which quite often sweep through this reserve Finally we offer as an alternative to the two options a suggestion; a modular type of equipment which is durable, low maintenance and most importantly very popular. <i>See the attached photos of the type of equipment that would suit a wider range of ages & skill levels</i> We thank you for this opportunity to have our say & look forward to the development a much needed playground area in our subdivision. If there was an opportunity to get involved with the process further please contact us to advise. Please keep us informed of any further updates on this proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The climbing nets comply with the current NZ Playground Safety Standards. These climbing nets allow children to easily find a hand-hold in the regularly arranged mesh. The individual ropes in the climbing net are flexibly anchored and break possible falls. Climbing nets of this type have recently been installed in Grampian Reserve (Casebrook) and Spencer Park (Spencerville) and have proved to be safe and extremely popular with children The core of the rope is made of galvanised steel wire strands, which are wrapped with polyamide yarn. This means that the ropes last for a long time There is insufficient space to allow for more trees to be planted as a wind break due to the requests for more open space. The playground also needs to be open to view from Palm Drive to improve the feeling of safety in the playground One of the objectives of this project was to consider the visual effects of the playground on the adjoining properties. The suggested modular equipment and fort would impinge on the neighbour's outlook. The climbing net was chosen as it provides an exciting alternative to the traditional modular equipment
55	<p>A slide & swings would be great Also a hoop for goal shooting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One of the objectives of this project was to consider the visual effects of the playground on the adjoining properties. A slide needs a reasonable large structure to provide the elevation and this would impinge on the neighbour's outlook. The climbing net will provide a challenging exciting alternative to the slide Swings are included with the proposal There is insufficient space for a goal hoop due to the requests for more open space.

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SANCTUARY GARDENS PLAYGROUND



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12. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW TERM

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services, DDI 941-8549
Officer responsible:	Democracy Services Manager
Author:	Peter Croucher, Community Board Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to seek the adoption of a governance structure for the Board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. There are two options for the Board to consider for its governance structure for the new term.

Option One

3. A number of community boards over the previous term of the Council developed a programme of having two ordinary meetings in a calendar month. This allows for all items of business to be progressed on a regular basis and only debated on one occasion. The report of the Board meeting is then confirmed at the following fortnightly board meeting and then progressed to the next appropriate Council meeting. In addition to the decision-making Board meetings, seminar meetings can be scheduled for the conclusion of the Board meeting if necessary, or prior to the commencement of the Board meeting. Seminar meetings provide an opportunity for board members and staff to have an in-depth discussion on issues where no decisions at that time are required.
4. In addition to meeting twice a month the Board could also decide to set up ad hoc committees to meet on an as required basis. These would not be standing committees. An ad hoc committee may be established to consider a particular issue that needs more consideration eg the commissioning of a public artwork in the ward. Some for example include a Funding Assessment Committee (which has community representatives as well) to make decisions on the Small Projects Fund and a Liquor Licensing Committee to appear before the Licensing Authority or District Licence Agency and provide input when necessary.
5. This is the structure that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board operated in the previous term. Board meetings were held fortnightly. In addition there were two ad hoc Committees. All Board members other than the two Councillors were members of each committees.

Committee	Areas of Responsibility
Youth Development Committee (meetings held as required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To celebrate and support young people living positively in the local community by providing financial assistance for their development.
Events Committee (meetings held as required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To actively support Neighbourhood Week, Heritage Awards (in conjunction with Rehua Marae), Good Neighbour Awards, Community Garden Pride and other community events.

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Option Two

6. A second option is to decide to operate with a Standing Committee structure where committees have specific subject areas and consider all reports first. The Board would then have one ordinary meeting a month to which the reports of the committee meetings are put along with any urgent issues. If the Board adopts a committee structure then some reports where Council is making the decision but the matter has also been referred to the board (Part A reports) could be debated at three separate meetings by elected members. Variances include: giving one or more of the committees delegated authority (power to act); establishing the committees as a committee of the whole with all members being on the committees; or establishing the committees with three or four members only.
7. The Council has determined its meeting schedule for 2008. It will hold Council meetings on the second and fourth Thursday of the month with reports and recommendations from Community Boards on the agenda for the second Thursday of the month. The Council has requested that Community Boards, when considering their meeting arrangements, to as far as possible schedule Community Board meetings for week 3 of each month. There will also be a review of delegations to boards early in this term.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

8. Provision is made in the 2006 – 16 LTCCP on page 115 for the elected member representation and governance support.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

9. Clause 30 of Schedule 7 of the Local Government Act 2002 provides that community boards may appoint committees that it considers appropriate and clause 32 (3) of the same schedule provides for community boards to delegate powers to a committee.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Page 111 of the LTCCP level of service under democracy and governance.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Not applicable.


CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board decide upon its governance structure.

13. SUBMISSION TO REMUNERATION AUTHORITY



The submission to the Remuneration Authority requires retrospective approval. It will be circulated prior to the meeting for informal approval.

14. UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER

15. ELECTED MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

16. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS