



Christchurch City Council

LIBRARIES 2025 FACILITIES PLAN HEARINGS PANEL AGENDA

MONDAY 14 JULY 2008

AT 8.30AM

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GROUND FLOOR, CIVIC OFFICES

Panel:

Councillor Norm Withers (Chairperson),
The Mayor, Bob Parker, Councillors Helen Broughton, Sally Buck, Ngaire Button, Barry Corbett,
David Cox, Yani Johanson, Claudia Reid, Bob Shearing, Gail Sheriff, Mike Wall, Sue Wells and
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1. **APOLOGIES**
2. **DRAFT LIBRARIES 2025 FACILITIES PLAN –
STAFF RESPONSES TO THE MAIN ISSUES AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY WAY OF
WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS AND AT THE HEARINGS**

Attached.

Draft Libraries 2025 Facilities Plan

Response to the main issues and questions from hearings and written submissions.

Priority projects

We request confirmation that these projects are priorities for action and will be developed into detailed business cases for the LTCCP 2009-19, subject to Council sign-off of the 2025 plan.

Aranui

Submissions confirm this proposal as a high priority. Key issues identified include the opportunities for partnership and location options.

Subject to approval of the draft plan by the Council, answers to the detailed questions will be analysed as part of the work for the LTCCP business case, including analysis of current library membership and activity statistics for Aranui and adjacent suburbs. Design features of the proposed facility would be addressed as part of the detailed work to be undertaken in collaboration with the community, including established learning providers.

Points to note in response to various questions from Cr Wells, Button, Broughton

Research will be undertaken in preparation for the Lifelong Learning Strategy (scheduled to commence in 2009) on the value of a library and learning facility in a community of need and the relationship between literacy statistics and prison statistics.

Halswell

This is in response to questions relating to the securing of land, site selection and partnership opportunities with the school. *Crs, Wells, Wall and Williams.*

Viable location options available for the placement of a new library will be discussed in the business case as part of the 2009/19 LTCCP process.

The Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS) will be used to guide and inform decisions in terms of citing libraries with other community facilities to support the development strong connected communities.¹

Area Plans will identify where and what Council infrastructure and services are required to achieve the vision of the UDS by 2041. The Draft Libraries 2025 Facilities Plan provides further detail on what needs to be provided. In order for this to happen the Strategic Land Purchase will be used to ensure land is purchased in the right location.

The original \$500,000 that was budgeted for land purchase has been placed in the Council's Strategic Land Purchase Fund. The original purchase was not made because an optimum site has not yet been identified.

¹ Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy p58

Belfast

In response to queries as to the process to determine a suitable site for a proposed library at Belfast Cr *Broughton and Button*

Viable location options available for the placement of a new library will be discussed in the business case as part of the 2009/19 LTCCP process.

Work is underway on the Belfast Area Plan. A draft plan will be completed by 2009 with adoption of the final plan anticipated for late 2009. Library site selection at Belfast will be integral to the development of the Belfast Area Plan. Developers' plans for the area will be considered as one of several location options for the new library.

Belfast has been identified in the UDS as a key area of growth and a 'new city edge activity centre' in the north which will meet the 'needs of residents within the city and the northern corridor'².

Other projects

We request approval to proceed with a programme of work, undertaking further research, feasibility studies and review of service provision as required.

Fendalton

Two issues emerged through the submission processes, the provision of a seven day service and a café for the library. Support was received in the written submissions to both these proposals, including endorsement from the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board. However, concerns were also raised from some residents living in close proximity to the library.

It is proposed that a project be undertaken exploring enhanced service provision for Fendalton Library, including an assessment of the feasibility of a café. Further dialogue and consultation with the community will be an integral part of this work.

The Library has commenced the research phase of a project on cafés in libraries which will be used to inform future decision making.

Other issues identified in the submission by Grant Lovell regarding the use of the building will be investigated and will inform any further work in developing the library service.

Bank Peninsula Libraries

Submissions are noted concerning the importance to the local community of a library at Little River, hours of opening at Lyttleton Library and partnership opportunities at Diamond Harbour.

² Ibid p38

It is recommended that the Library reviews the service provision to all Bank Peninsula Libraries within the framework of service levels for the Library Network. This will include scoping future and current needs and producing an action plan for ongoing enhancement of services to these communities.

Voluntary Libraries

Strong support was demonstrated in the submissions for the voluntary libraries in Opawa and Redcliffs.

In investigating partnership opportunities and reviewing council's contribution to maintaining facilities, the Library would engage in an open and inclusive manner with Voluntary Libraries, in consultation with the communities and Community Boards concerned. Both the UDS and Strengthening Communities Strategy will provide inform the investigations and research.

Partnerships

Reply to Citizens Advice Bureau submission proposal on partnership opportunities with the library.

All potential partnership opportunities will be addressed within the Key Attributes of the Plan as follows;

All future library developments will give priority to improving the utilisation of Council land assets, while still delivering the required facilities. Options will need to be assessed as part of the business case for each development, with particular reference to long term benefit and ability to meet proven community need.

While remaining alert for any opportunity, Council should not be tempted to enter into a partnership merely because the possibility of one exists. The option would be weighed against all the agreed criteria for assessment suitability of sites on a case by case basis.³

New World Supermarkets

In reply to questions from Cr Button regarding the costs and benefits of refurbishing existing building or building new facilities.

Cost benefit analyses will be undertaken on a case by case basis when evaluating potential sites as part of the LTCCP business cases.

Business as Usual

All libraries not included in the draft plan for redevelopment/replacement or renewal will continue to deliver library services. The buildings will be maintained and refurbished in accordance with the Library Asset Management plan and regular scheduled maintenance programmes.

These libraries are Lyttleton, Akaroa, Spreydon and Upper Riccarton.

³ Draft Libraries 2025 Facilities Plan p 33