



Christchurch City Council

LYTTELTON-MT HERBERT COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2008

AT 9:30 AM

**MEETING ROOM
LYTTELTON RECREATION CENTRE
25 WINCHESTER STREET, LYTTELTON**

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT – 21 FEBRUARY 2008

The report of the Board's ordinary meeting of 21 February 2008 is **attached**.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the report of the Board's ordinary meeting held on 21 February 2008 be confirmed.

10.4. 2008

LYTTELTON-MT.HERBERT COMMUNITY BOARD
21 FEBRUARY 2008

A meeting of the Lyttelton-Mt Herbert Community Board
was held on Thursday 21 December 2008 at 9.30am

PRESENT: Paula Smith (Chairperson), Jeremy Agar, Doug Couch and Dawn Kottier

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received and accepted from Ann Jolliffe and Claudia Reid

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

1.1 Governors Bay Parking Problems – Ray Vickers

Ray Vickers, a Committee member of the Governors Bay Community Association presented a written and oral submission to the Board on the parking problems being faced at Governors Bay. He said that parking was a consequential issue in Governors Bay caused through the increase in visitors. He felt that the area needed an overall plan of where it was going because of underlying concerns in the community of the effects the increase in visitors was having. It was noted that no budget allocation had been made for a Governors Bay settlement study; the type of study that was occurring in some other parts of Banks Peninsula.

The Board **decided** to refer Mr Vickers submission to staff for comment.

1.2 Lyttelton Visitor Information Centre – Wendy Everingham

Wendy Everingham addressed the Board to give an update on the Lyttelton Visitor Information Centre, operated by Project Lyttelton. She raised the following issues:

- Committee formed to brainstorm a visitor strategy for Lyttelton and set an overall objective.
- First step to advance objective has been to employ a Development Manager who will carry out tourism and promotional strategic planning and try to gain sponsorship. Position is part funded by Christchurch & Canterbury Marketing.
- Committee is looking at signage for whole Lyttelton area. \$150,000 in Council budget for this. May look at including English and Maori names on signs for towns.
- A group formed to look at marina issues. Committee would like representation on that group, which is reportedly dealing with matters such as the development of the cruise ship industry and inner harbour issues.
- Committee would like more information on the Bridle Path upgrade which is supposedly meant to be a total upgrade.
- Request for more public toilets in Lyttelton and consideration of whether the situation could be changed with regard to the closure of the current toilets at 6.00pm.
- Would Council fund a wireless network for the main street of Lyttelton so that people could work remotely in the cafes etc?

1.3 Waste Disposal - Margaret Jefferies

Margaret Jeffries spoke to the Board about the Council's proposal to dispose of refuse using a wheelie bin kerbside collection system. She tabled a written submission highlighting some problems she envisaged with such a system, including the use of wheelie bins on hilly narrow roads, the difficulties with properties accessed by steps and the likelihood of people leaving the bins on the street, thereby taking up valuable parking space.

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Ms Jeffries also outlined some suggestions as to how waste could (and she thought should) be dealt with locally, through more composting and added incentives for people to minimise waste for example rates exemptions for those not using the green waste bin because they were doing their own composting.

It was noted by members that it would be of assistance to know the views of the rest of the community on this issue and suggested that this could be an item included in the next edition of *OnBoard* asking for feedback from the community.

1.4 College Road - Georgie Hamilton

Georgie Hamilton addressed the Board regarding road safety issues on College Road and Crossland Terrace. She reported that there were a number of areas where tidy road frontages and parked cars seemed to take precedence over the safety of pedestrians, who had nowhere safe to walk off-road. It appeared that some property owners had appropriated public land on their frontages. There had already been a number of incidents where people and animals had been hurt or parked cars had been damaged.

Ms Hamilton said she had been asking for action on this problem for 4 years and she asked the Board for its assistance to ensure people's safety was the main priority. She tabled a petition from some of her neighbours who were also concerned about pedestrian safety in the area.

The Board **decided** to pass this issue to staff for investigation and comment, and also agreed that members would visit the area in person to see the problems first-hand.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

2.1 Thornycroft Torpedo Boat Museum

A letter had been received from Captain John Cleaver, Chairman of the Thornycroft Torpedo Boat Museum, suggesting that a toilet be installed in the former military reserve in Magazine Bay. The letter had also commented on maintenance of the carpark and reserve in the Magazine Bay area.

The Board **received** the letter from Thornycroft Torpedo Boat Museum and requested that a Customer Service Request (CSR) be processed for the required maintenance work on the carpark and reserve, and that staff be asked to comment on the request for the installation of a toilet.

2.2 Leading Light Lane, Governors Bay – Ray Vickers

Ray Vickers had written to the Board regarding the name of Leading Light Lane in Governors Bay, which he felt could be easily confused with Lighthouse Lane, which is in the same area.

It was reported that the Lyttelton-Mt Herbert Community Board under Banks Peninsula District Council had declined permission for this road to be named Leading Light Lane, however that seemed to have been overlooked and the name had been made official.

The Board **received** this letter and asked that it be passed to staff along with the Board's concerns over the similarity of the street names, and that staff be asked to report back on this issue in the context of Council's policy.

The Board also asked that the Governors Bay Residents' Association be asked to comment on this matter and to suggest some suitable replacement names in the event that the road name was officially altered.

2.3 Parking in Governors Bay – Ray Vickers

Ray Vickers had attended the meeting as a deputation to talk to his correspondence regarding the parking in Governors Bay.

2 Cont'd

2.4 Morgans Gully - Diamond Harbour Community Association

The Diamond Harbour Community Association, had contacted the Board, requesting that an area of land between Marine Drive and Bayview Road (in Morgans Gully) be set aside as a reserve. The land concerned is part of the Mt. Herbert Walkway. The Association members are keen to see the gorse on the land managed in a way that would encourage regeneration of native bush.

The Board received this correspondence and asked that it be passed to Property Unit staff and Strategic Support Unit staff for comment.

3. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISERS UPDATE

The Community Board Adviser updated the Board on the following issues:

- Discretionary Funding – advertised. Applications to be considered by Board at April meeting.
- Delegations to Community Boards – adopted by Council. Review to be carried out by 30 June 2008.
- Community Board Objectives - the Board decided to carry out a mini review of its objectives at a seminar on Monday 17 March.
- Report on Customer Service Requests – 26 November 2007 to 3 February 2008. Members asked that staff provide feedback on why *Graffiti* and *Sewer Reactive Maintenance* were particularly high for this period.
- Elderly Persons Housing, Diamond Harbour – Council's City Housing Manager would attend the next Board meeting to comment on this issue.
- Lyttelton Meeting Room options – still being investigated by staff.

4. BRIEFINGS

4.1 Local Roothing Projects Update – David McNaughton, Asset Engineer

David McNaughton (Asset Engineer, Asset & Network Planning Unit) attended the meeting and updated the Board on local roading issues.

Members asked Mr McNaughton to investigate the concerns raised regarding College Road by a deputation to the Board meeting.

It was also noted that Mr McNaughton should liaise with Board member Dawn Kottier regarding any roading issues at Rapaki, and she would in turn liaise with the Runanga.

5. BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Members made specific mention of the following matters:

- Corsair Bay Residents' Association – wish to be consulted regarding the fate of the Corsair Bay Reserve house.
- Council's Refuse Collection – questioned whether there was an opportunity to return this to public ownership. Board member Jeremy Agar signalled that he may put a Notice of Motion to the Board on this issue.
- Neighbourhood Support – may suggest Junior Neighbourhood Support as a project to Youth Group.

5 Cont'd

- Lyttelton Recreation Ground Reserve Management Committee – rabbit infestation and need for irrigation.
- Allandale Reserve Management Committee – have sealed carpark. May request funding for judder bars.
- Police Liaison – Chairperson and Mr Couch to arrange a meeting with the Community Constable.
- Black Point – concern in community that developer is breaching the terms of the resource consent. Also concern that Council is not monitoring the development on a regular basis. This appears to happen on a not infrequent basis and developers simply remedy the situation with a retrospective consent. The Board shared the concerns of the community and asked that its concerns be passed to the appropriate staff.
- Council meeting with Community Board Reports – first meeting has taken place. Chairperson enthusiastic and thinks this will be an excellent forum.
- Community Board Chairpersons Forum – meet on a regular basis.
- Residents Associations boundary reviews. – soon to be carried out. Not appropriate in Lyttelton where organisations with different objectives overlap and cover the entire area.
- Community Board Members Remuneration – city boards want to organise a petition regarding the latest determination by the Remuneration Authority. Organisers would like all Christchurch Community Boards to support the petition. Community Boards will also be talking to local Members of Parliament. Board members asked that a copy of the Remuneration Authority decision be circulated to all members.

PART C – DELEGATED DECISIONS

6. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT

The Board **resolved** that the report of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 12 December 2007 be confirmed, subject to the following alterations:

Page 7 Clause 6 Paragraph 5 Special Amenity Areas

Add: *"The possibility of Lyttelton Town Centre and Norwich Quay becoming a Special Amenity Area was discussed"*.

Page 7 Clause 8 Board Representation on Outside Organisations

Delete: Summit Road Advisory Committee – Doug Couch (Representative)

7. LYTTELTON PLUNKET PLAYGROUND BARK REPLACEMENT – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

The Board **resolved** to allocate \$2,878.20 from its Reserve Project Funding to replace the bark around the playground at the Lyttelton Plunket grounds.

8. ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND WORKSHOP

The Board **resolved** to approve attendance by Board members Jeremy Agar and Paula Smith (and other members who may express an interest) at the one-day Local Government New Zealand workshop on 29 April 2008.

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9. LYTTELTON-MT HERBERT COMMUNITY BOARD NEWSLETTER - ONBOARD

The Board **resolved** to approve the allocation of \$560.50 from its Discretionary Funding for the production of the OnBoard newsletter to 30 June 2008.

Members asked that staff report back on the costs for circulating OnBoard via a household mail drop and discussed the possibility of carrying out such a circulation if there were sufficient monies remaining in the Discretionary Funding following the upcoming funding round.

10. SALE OF LIQUOR COMMITTEE

The Board **resolved** to:

- (a) Appoint Board Members Ann Jolliffe & Doug Couch to the Lyttelton-Mt. Herbert Community Board Sale of Liquor Committee, with the Chairperson appointed as an ex-officio member.
- (b) Delegate to the Sale of Liquor Committee the authority to carry out the Board's delegations from Council in regard to Sale of Liquor issues.
- (c) Grant the Committee the power to co-opt additional Board members as required.

11. MEMBERSHIP OF 2009 COMMUNITY BOARD CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The Board **resolved** to appoint Board Member Ann Jolliffe to be the Board's representative on the 2009 Community Board Conference Organising Committee.

12. ADOPTION OF SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Board **resolved** to adopt the schedule of meetings for 2008, as follows:

Tuesday 18 March 2008	9.30am	Lyttelton Recreation Centre
Tuesday 15 April 2008	9.30am	Lyttelton Recreation Centre
Tuesday 20 May 2008	9.30am	Lyttelton Recreation Centre
Tuesday 17 June 2008	9.30am	Lyttelton Recreation Centre
Tuesday 8 July 2008	9.30am	Lyttelton Recreation Centre (Extraordinary Meeting)
Tuesday 15 July 2008	9.30am	Lyttelton Recreation Centre
Tuesday 19 August 2008	9.30am	Lyttelton Recreation Centre
Tuesday 16 September 2008	9.30am	Lyttelton Recreation Centre
Tuesday 21 October 2008	9.30am	Lyttelton Recreation Centre
Tuesday 18 November 2008	9.30am	Lyttelton Recreation Centre
Tuesday 16 December 2008	9.30am	Lyttelton Recreation Centre

The Board noted that in adopting this schedule it wished to retain the flexibility to be able to alter the meeting venue should a particular issue arise in one of the localities outside of Lyttelton.

The meeting concluded at 12.00 noon.

CONSIDERED THIS 18TH DAY OF MARCH 2008

Paula Smith
CHAIRPERSON

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 DIAMOND HARBOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Below is an e-mail received from the Diamond Harbour Community Association, regarding Godley House.

Dear Paula

Would you kindly pass this on to the secretary of the Community Board for consideration at the meeting.

At the meeting of the Diamond Harbour Community Association Committee on 18 February the following matters were raised concerning Godley House.

- 1 The community regards Godley House as a priceless historic and cultural asset for locals and visitors.*
- 2 In 2004 the DHCA approached the Banks Peninsula District Council for a grant to cover the preparation of a conservation plan for the building. This was granted and Ian Bowman, a respected conservation architect, came from Wellington and studied the building. He produced a plan which went to the Council and the Community Association outlining -*
 - a) Urgent work that needed to be done so that parts of the building didn't deteriorate beyond repair.*
 - b) Aspects of the building that were original and worthy of conservation.*
 - c) Aspects that had previously been altered and were no longer important to conserve.*

We would like to know what part of the lease money received from the lessee has been used in upkeep and restoration. Also when the conservation plan will be able to be acted on so that Godley House remains an asset owned by the Council and attractive to locals, visitors, and present and prospective lessees.

Thank you for considering these issues.

*Joy McLeod
Secretary
Diamond Harbour Community Association*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board receive this correspondence and that it be passed to Property Unit staff for comment.

4. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

4.1 LYTTTELTON ROTARY CLUB – LIBBY ORNSBY

Libby Ornsby wishes to address the Board regarding the Memorial Wall for seafarers.

4.2 CORSAIR BAY RESERVE HOUSE - BRENDA DARGAN

Brenda Dargan wishes to address the Board regarding the Corsair Bay Reserve House.

5. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS

6. NOTICES OF MOTION

7. 2007/08 PROJECT AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDING – SIX MONTH ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Regulation and Democracy Services , DDI 941-8462
Officer responsible:	Democracy Services Manager
Author:	Liz Carter, Community Board Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with a six month update on the balance of its 2007/08 project and discretionary funding allocations and progress on the expenditure of those funds.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Council's funding to the Board for the 2007/08 financial year is \$35,000 comprising:
 - Discretionary \$15,000
 - Project (Reserves) \$20,000

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Discretionary Funding

3. Applications have been received for discretionary funding and a report on those applications will be presented to the Board for consideration at the 15 April meeting.
4. The only commitment to date is \$560.50 has so far been committed, leaving a balance of \$14,439.50 available for allocation up to 30 June 2008.

Project Reserves Funding

5. On 19 September 2007, the Board allocated \$5,000 towards a development plan for the Purau Bay foreshore. The **attached** schedule provides details of that project and comments from staff on the expenditure and project progress for the first six month period of this financial year.
6. The Board has since allocated \$2,878.20 to the soft fall project at Lyttelton Plunket. This project is not included on the schedule as it falls in the second half of the financial year.
7. The balance available in the Project Reserves Funding is \$12,121.80
8. Any unspent project reserves and discretionary funds cannot be carried over into the 2008/09 financial year and as such need to be (re)allocated and spent by 30 June 2008.

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

9. Yes, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 above refer.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

10. There are no direct legal issues involved in this review process.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

11. Not applicable.

7. Cont'd

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. The funding allocation process carried out by the Christchurch community boards is covered in Council policy.
13. Funding allocations made contribute to fulfilling the Council's 2006/16 Strategic Objectives (Strong Communities) and Community Outcomes (Governance and Community), are aligned with the Strengthening Communities Strategy 2007 and contribute to meeting the Board's Objectives for the 2006/09 period.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. Yes, as per paragraph 11 above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board receive the information.

8. JAMES DRIVE PLAYGROUND UPGRADE AND LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT

General Manager responsible:	General Manager City Environment Group DDI 941-8656
Officer responsible:	Transport and Greenspace Manager
Author:	Tara Smith – Consultation Leader Greenspace

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board to:
 - (a) approve the final landscape plan for the playground upgrade and landscape enhancement for James Drive Playground and to proceed to detailed design and construction (**refer attachment 1**),
 - (b) allocate \$5,000 from the reserve discretionary fund to assist in providing sheltered planting around the play area following a number of requests from the community during the playground consultation.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. James Drive Playground is located in James Drive Reserve in Church Bay. The park is bounded by James Drive, Muriwai Drive and Takutai Place. The primary access to the park and the children's playground is from James Drive. It is a gentle sloping site facing north.
3. The existing playground has been identified for additional equipment. The existing equipment is to be retained. The new equipment chosen meets the city plan set back requirements. Positive aspects of the site are:
 - some parts of the structure can be retained
 - the site has good casual surveillance from adjacent houses and roads
 - there are some established plants near to the playground
4. The project objectives were:
 - to provide some additional equipment that offers a range of physical and mental stimulation that is different but compliments the existing equipment
 - to cater for a wide range of ages
 - to relocate the basketball hoop and provide a better surface for more uses
 - to create a well designed safe play space that fits into the surrounding environment by making use of some of the parks important natural play assets
 - to ensure the playground complies with the NZ Safety Standards
5. The project team developed a concept plan to meet these objectives, which included the following:
 - additional play equipment including the dolphin and spica play equipment and the choice of either an action pyramid or climbing tree
 - relocation of the basketball hoop and the installation of a new half court and hard surface area
 - painting and cleaning up of existing play equipment
 - extension of the existing asphalt path
 - installation of a picnic table and relocation of seating
 - removal of stumps and replace with new wooden steps within the playground area
 - new landscaping to compliment the design and soften the existing play area
6. This concept plan was developed to appeal to a wide range of children and to retain as much of the existing structure as possible.

8. Cont'd

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The estimated total cost of the project is \$40,000. The funding from Council is being provided from the Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme:

2008/09 \$40,000 James Drive Reserve - Playground Renewals.

8. An additional \$5,000 is being requested from the Community Board Reserve Discretionary fund to assist with providing sheltered planting as a result of feedback received from the community. The current budget does not allow for additional planting.

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

9. Yes. Funding is provided from within the Transport and Greenspace Capital Programme in the 2006-16 LTCCP.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

10. All work will be carried out by a Council approved contractor.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. LTCCP 2006-2016

- (a) 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.
- (b) Recreation and Leisure – Page 131
- Recreation – By encouraging more people to participate in leisure, physical and sporting activities.

12. Parks and Open Spaces Activity Management Plan

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Social Wellbeing
Youth Strategy
Safer Parks Policy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

14. In January 2008 a publicity pamphlet was distributed to approximately 257 residences and key stakeholders (**refer attachment 2**). This pamphlet included a summary of the concept, initial concept plans and a feedback form. The project team sought feedback from the community to see whether the proposal was generally supported and to ask them to make a choice of play equipment. The choice of play equipment was between the “action pyramid” or the “climbing tree”.
15. The consultation received a 30% response rate (78 responses) and community feedback was extremely positive (**refer attachment 3**).
- 70 submitters (90%) responded “YES – I support the concept plan”
 - 2 submitter (2%) responded “NO – I do not support the concept plan”
 - 6 submitters (8%) neither supported or opposed the proposal
 - 48 submitters (62%) supported the “action pyramid” as their play item choice
 - 16 submitters (20%) supported the “climbing tree” as their play item choice
 - 14 submitters (18%) did not indicate a choice of play equipment.

8. Cont'd

16. The key issues identified by submitters relate to:
 - Wind/Shelter from the easterly wind into the playground (12 submitters)
 - Planting choices, residents do not want their view obscured (6 submitters)
 - Amendment to entranceway, to prevent children running down the path and onto the road (6 submitters)
 - There were some requests for further seating (4 submitters).
17. The issue concerning the easterly wind and shelter was considered by the project team and funding is being requested as part of this report to enable additional shelter planting to be included as part of this project, as current funds do not allow for this.
18. In terms of the planting choices and residents not wanting their view obscured, this has been taken into account when species and placement were decided.
19. The issue around the entranceway safety has been included in the final plan, however, there are a few options that can resolve this issue, so a final site visit will determine the outcome and construction will be included as part of this project.
20. Funding for further seating is not available at present. The project team considered there was enough seating around the play area with the addition of a picnic table and the existing seat being relocated to a more appropriate spot. The wooden steps within the playground itself can also be used as seating for parents who wish to be closer to the play equipment to supervise their children.
21. Additional seating around the reserve will be added to our seating programme for installation as funding allows and future development takes place.
22. This project will be implemented by October 2008.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board resolve to:

- (a) approve the final landscape plan (File Reference LP221501) for James Drive Reserve Playground Upgrade and Landscape Enhancement and to proceed to detailed design and construction.
- (b) allocate \$5,000 from the reserve discretionary fund to assist in providing sheltered planting around the play area.

Comments continued ...

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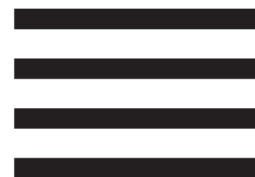
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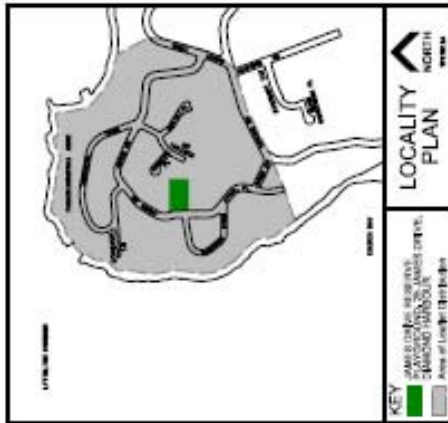
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Sockburn Service Centre
Christchurch City Council
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Christchurch



TIMELINE

Once consultation has been completed and any necessary alterations to the proposed plan are finalised, approval will be sought from the Lyttelton/Mt Herbert Community Board to proceed to detailed design and construction.

It is anticipated that construction on this project will be undertaken and completed by June 2008, dependent on contractor availability.



PLEASE HAVE YOUR SAY

Your input will mean that the James Drive Reserve playground upgrade and landscape enhancement project fulfils community aspirations and provides a play area for children with an improved landscape environment for everyone to enjoy.

Comments regarding this proposal are invited from local residents. Please return your submission in the reply paid envelope no later than Friday 15 February 2008



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**James Drive Reserve
Playground Upgrade and Landscape
Enhancement**

The Transport and Greenspace Unit has funding available in the 2007/08 financial year to upgrade the existing play equipment at James Drive Reserve. This will include the addition of new play items and a small amount of landscaping.



Key features of the proposed plan include:

- Installation of dolphin and spica play equipment and the choice of either an action pyramid or climbing tree.
- Relocation of the basketball hoop and the installation of a new half court and hard surface area.
- Existing play equipment to be painted and cleaned up.
- Extension of the existing asphalt path
- Installation of a picnic table and relocation of seating.
- Removal of stumps and replacement with new wood steps within playground area.
- New landscaping to compliment the design and to "soften" the existing play area



CHRISTCHURCH
CITY COUNCIL

**JAMES DRIVE PLAYGROUND UPGRADE AND LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT
Consultation Summary**

The consultation on this project was carried out in January 2008 and received 78 submissions.

Submitters were asked to respond to a concept for a playground upgrade including choosing option A – Action Pyramid or Option B – Climbing Tree and landscape enhancement at James Drive Playground.

Landscape Proposals	Number of Responses	Percentage
<i>Yes – I support the proposed concept plan</i>	70	90%
<i>No – I do not support the proposed concept plan</i>	2	2%
<i>Position not indicated</i>	6	8%

Playground Options	Number of Responses	Percentage
<i>Option A – Action Pyramid</i>	48	62%
<i>Option B – Climbing Tree</i>	16	20%
<i>Position not indicated</i>	14	18%

While these figures indicate strong support for the project and for the choice of the Action Pyramid in general the following issues were also identified:

- Wind/Shelter
- Entranceway
- Types of planting to be used
- More seating

Support Yes	Support No	Option A
Yes		A
Yes		A
Yes		A
Yes		A
Yes		A
No		
Yes		A
Yes		A
Yes		A

Option B	Comments
	Shelter is an issue in this playground. It is often windy to the point of being unpleasant around this area and long term it would be great to see plantings providing more windbreak. Also, possibly a gate on the playground as children run down the path and onto the road. Provides peace of mind for parents if a gate can be closed, especially if you have your hands full with pre-schoolers, buggies etc. Thank you.
	Sounds very nice - and a pleasant place for the wider community. Please don't let the trees/bushes become too dense or high. What about rubbish bins? Pity the money spent on the expensive paper for this presentation was not lessened by cheaper options and the money saved spent on more lasting things. When do the "big kids" get their marina?
	Please, additional 2 seats so parents can enjoy their children playing - situated close to climbing tree, swings and fort, making 3 in all. PS As your people do parks and rec. grounds, the Reserve in Koromiko could do with a couple of seats; also, height of plants getting out of control, blocking residents' view to Lyttelton Heads. There are covenants on the sections stating this should not happen. As your men will be here can they do this also?
B	
	This is definitely a waste of money. Within the Marine Drive/Koromiko/James Drive area I know of <u>3</u> families with children who would use the facilities. The new subdivision out James Dr/Koromiko have no "children families" at all. Occasional grandchildren only. The "reserve" section in Koromiko could be improved - one bench is all that is there presently, and the steps to the cliff track are unusable. They were last done by volunteers over 5 years ago. The small area in Koromiko which adjoins James Dr. has a seat which was put there by a private person, as were all the native plantings - pohutakawa and other nice natives. It makes more sense to improve these two areas - the other is a nonsense project!! What about Laurenson "Park" - never been developed and it's right opposite Diamond Harbour School! And it has a much larger, completely flat area and is clearly visible from the main road - fence (?) could do with beautification. It also has plenty of space for parking.
	I think it's a great proposal and in full support. One problem I do have is the existing planting at the road frontage. It is tall enough to be acting as a screen looking into the play area and I feel it should remain clear so that the public can see in from a safety perspective, ie bullying, congregation area for idle teenagers, etc.

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	<p>1. There is currently no protection in this reserve from the prevailing northeast wind, which means that it is very windy there most days after about mid-morning, so we don't use it. Some sort of windbreak along the back boundary needs to be established. 2. The entrance to this reserve has always concerned me, in view of the fact that many motorists seem to think that James Drive is a racetrack, particularly the downhill traffic. It is not possible to see what is proposed for the entrance from this plan, but some sort of gate or staggered fencing needs to be put in place. Currently, with its steeply sloped path, children come hurtling down on scooters, bikes, etc, or even running, and are straight onto the road, which is very dangerous.</p>
	<p>It would be a far more usual (sic) idea to lower the ridiculous jump in rates, stop sending out expensive flyers and put the money (if you have to spend at all) into improving our abysmal roads here in Church Bay. This is an area where a lot of retirees dwell, we do NOT need any improvements at the Park - we do NOT need more noise - changing it will bring an increased number of the little uncontrollable upcoming thugs. With no discipline allowed, children are too unruly and this park especially brings and attracts children with NO supervision. It is not fair on the locals who do not want noisy "change". We came here for peace and quiet! I know I'm not alone in this, but as usual, Council won't listen, they never have, never will. They'll ride roughshod over us 'oldies' - who deserve a bit of peace in our later years. Plonk a Park closer to 'NEW' people's area - in the middle of - see how THEY react! PLEASE DON'T DO IT HERE!</p>
B	
	<p>I like the stumps and the fort and hope they don't go, so does my son. Is there an alleyway/right-of-way from the new subdivision, ie Muriwai Drive and Takutai Place, to the park? This would be great!! Also, love the native plantings that are already established. Overall the new plans sound great.</p>
B	<p>(Note: Both options chosen for Play Item)</p>
B	<p>Good idea, needs more variety - thank you. Why is this not going to Lyttelton Service Centre? (Note: Both options chosen for Play Item)</p>
	<p>Great ideas. Brought visitors to play at playground. The enhancements will make it even more enjoyable! Plan well thought out and imaginative. Well done!!</p>
B	<p>I fully support the plan - it may help attract young families to our aging community. The only concern I have is about the wood fort. Its partial "transparency should be maintained or improved: a similar "fort" in the Liffey Reserve in Lincoln had to be demolished as it became a refuge for "young adults" having sex, drugs, liquor. In the end it was a filthy sty.</p>
	<p>I appreciate the Council's efforts in this upgrade and also the opportunity to comment. Great work.</p>

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	Great work.
	I am very pleased that you are extending and enhancing the playground. This will be very pleasant for our grandchildren when I bring them to it.
	Congratulations on this revamp proposal. It looks great and is timely.
	Wonderful plan. I have used this park a lot, however, there is nowhere to take a picnic and sit to eat, so pleased to see picnic table included. The relocated hoop with half-court is wonderful as current location is not suitable playing area. The park as it is looks rather boring, this plan will give it more of a park look, also will be a nice area just to sit and will be used by adults without children.
B	
	Can you please keep us informed, as we have started to build our new house which you have illustrated on the proposed plans for the reserve (the address is 11 Takutai Place). Would be great if you could incorporate some planting to protect the kids (and the parents!) against the easterly winds on the reserve.
	Option A - Action Pyramid - definitely! I have two young boys who would love it! Would be grateful if you could keep us informed, as we are shortly going to start building our new home, which will be at 11 Takutai Place which will back onto the reserve, which address you have illustrated on the proposed plans for the play area. Would be good if you could incorporate some planting to protect against the easterly winds on the reserve.
B	Fantastic, especially picnic table and half-ball court. The easterly wind is a problem when using the playground. I would like to see a windbreak planted on the NE corner of the playground.
	We fully support the redevelopment of our local playground. It is great to see options that cater to the needs of older children as well as young children. One of the great features is the amazing view of the harbour. Our only suggestion is that seating be placed so that parents can watch their children while enjoying the view. Otherwise, let's go for it - we're delighted!
B	Please add more picnic tables and seating for parents and elderly, also in the surrounding area. Thank you.
	Should consider a toilet block.
B	1. Access from the East side would increase use. 2. V. few children are seen playing in the area at moment. 3. Is this the best use of scarce resources? 4. A skate park in DHB area would be a more useful option.
B	Wind break native shrubs and trees to east and north boundary. Clear view from James Drive into park.

Yes		
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	(Online submission) I think that the proposed upgrade of the park generally looks good and includes the type of equipment that I feel would be good for the children in the area. I would ask that you consider a variation of the climbing equipment suggested. We recently visited a park in Palmerston North which has been transformed (ie, increase use) from the installation of a climbing frame, picnic tables and half court. The climbing frame in particular was excellent for children of many ages. Details of this should be available from the PNCC and information about Milverton Park can be seen at http://www.pncc.govt.nz/City/News/CivicNews.htm?id=4918 Also, James Drive park is exposed to the wind, primarily easterly, so consideration of this should be given to placement of picnic tables/seating and also plantings for shelter.
	Either option. Good design - well done. Could I also enquire as to the plans for the rest of the reserve? Is there enough room for a community tennis court for children and <u>adults</u> to use? (NB: nearest court(s) at the moment are either near Orton Bradley Park or Diamond Harbour - both not within walking distance for Church Bay residents.)
	1. Excellent to see landscaping - it is much needed to soften <u>not</u> the playground <u>but the new</u> development. Trees will be really good. I would be prepared to assist with watering new plantings. 2. Generally good concept - however, the playground meets the needs of <u>small children</u> (<7 yrs) only (except for shooting hoops). In order to meet older children's play needs the 'action pyramid/climbing tree' could be a much larger piece of equipment, such as in Spencer Park, which looks like a 'spiderweb pyramid'? Other ideas include high monkey bars. 3. Can you ask: What will children 8 yrs and up want to play on? and put the answer in the plan. If we must have Option A or B - <u>A</u> would be our choice. Note: The following additional comments made via online submission 14/02/2008: 1. Creation of shelter from easterly winds which impact significantly on the use of the park. In the afternoons, it simply gets too windy to be pleasant up there. 2. A gate on the park would be helpful to stop cars being driven up to the play area; surprisingly, this does happen, and it is totally unnecessary, damages plantings and can be dangerous. Thank you.
	I can see problems with the ball from the adjacent half-ball court bouncing into the line of the swings. Suggest an extra 5m of separation. Also, doubt if plants will survive long on the edge of the half-court, due to trampling from the basketball players. Otherwise, looks good.
	I would like to see a flat grassed area left available for children to kick a ball or play tip and run cricket, as most sections in the area are not flat. A wall to hit a tennis ball against - perhaps on the side of the proposed half-ball court, to the south side maybe, would be an asset also.
	Plan looks great. Consider access from rear via Bayswater Estate??

Yes				While we support the concept plan in general, we believe that further landscaping of the Jame Drive Reserve should also be undertaken. In its current state the reserve is generally unattractive, and while the open space is an asset, further plantings would enhance the area, encouraging more use. Planting on the eastern boundary would shelter the reserve from the easterly wind, and 'islands' of mixed bush and trees would provide sun shelter for picnic areas. The bush areas would become habitats for native birds, something the Church Bay area lacks, outside of the Hunter/Church Gully Reserve. Removal of the wire fence on the James Drive frontage, and replacement with further planting, would increase the reserve's appearance.
Yes		A		Would like to see some plantings that are not natives, ie hedging or English plain trees and others such as the purple leaf flowering blossom, variegated Ash, or indeed the yellow leaf Rebinia or such like.
Yes				Park exposed to wind, plant more aki-aki trees, on eastern side. NB: The James Drive footpath outside the park should be extended for safety.
Yes			B	Two more picnic tables and seats and seating required for adults, close to swings and half-ball court. I am retired, but think this is a good concept plan and would help in any way possible.
Yes				Would appreciate more picnic tables. I am prepared to contribute to the cost of one.
				(Online submission) I am a parent of 2 young children who regularly use the playground. Your proposal complements existing facilities in Diamond Harbour area. However, the existing fort has a unique hand-crafted character, so I would prefer to see it unpainted.
Yes		A		Great idea!!
Yes		A		We think this is a great idea and can't wait for it to be done.
Yes		A		
Yes		A		We love it!! My children are very excited about the upgrade and landscape of the playground. The Action Pyramid would be a great addition. At the moment there needs to be play equipment to extend the primary-aged children. Providing shelter from the wind would also be helpful. Could the basketball asphalt area be big enough for a mini-tennis court too?! We would also find very useful a skateboard/concrete area.
Yes				The concept plan looks very impressive. As an occasional user of the playground, with grandchildren, I am keen to see more shelter from the prevailing easterly wind. This wind spoils many visits to the playground, and I'm sure there would be more use made of the playground if the shelter was better.
	No			I am not a resident in Church Bay. I am there regularly at weekends throughout the year. I would pass the James Drive Reserve at least once each day. There are not always children in the reserve. There are usually only a handful. Consequently, I wonder if the concept is too elaborate for the number of children in the area.
Yes		A		The concept looks great. Hopefully the park will be open, with not too many bushes that are out of sight of public for the sake of safety for any lone children who may be playing. Also hedges on street boundaries.

Yes			B	Looks great - an excellent initiative for the community.
Yes			B	Good idea.
Yes		A		Well thought out and put together - well done☺ It will be great to have a local playground for our daughter (that has enough for her age - 5 years) and for the growing number of children in the area. Please plant natives, especially specimen trees. I note covenants in Bayswater prevent the planting of exotics such as pines, macrocarpa, etc☺ I suggest you seek input/opinion from the Diamond Harbour under-20 trust and local youth group(s).
				I suggest the following to be considered when improving James Drive Reserve and Playground: 1. Shelter belt plantings along the North and East perimeter to shelter from the northeasterly wind. 2. Native plantings designed in a fashion to become a feature of the park (eg, trails through the natives for little ones to explore and play hide and seek). 3. Sheltered picnic areas similar to those in Victoria Park on the Port Hills. A coin-operated BBQ would be good, too. 4. A design that inhibits vandalism through clear vantage points and proper lighting. 5. Half Basketball court. 6. A gate at the entrance to the park to stop runaway children on cycles before they spill out onto the roadway. 7. A drinking fountain. 8. Extend playground facilities (eg modern climbing frame, etc).
Yes		A		
Yes		A		Yes, I'm sure the planners are aware of the problems caused by the prevailing wind, the easterly. Even in summer this very cold wind is sometimes a disincentive in using the playground. I would like to know whether there is any plan to set up some kind of windbreak on the upper borders around the proposed half-ball court. I think this is important.
Yes		A		Looks good.
Yes				I am very much in favour of the proposal. I live just opposite the gateway to the reserve and so frequently observe people using the playground. It will be great to have some trees to provide shade and shelter (it would be great if more planting was done on the eastern boundary to provide shelter from the wind), but even the limited planting proposed will make it more attractive. One of my concerns is that the exit to James Drive is both straight and steep, and I have observed children hurtling down the path. It seems to me it would be safer if that path could be altered in some way to make it less of a hazard.
Yes			B	What a wonderful proposal. I use the playground frequently with my grandchildren and the upgrading is exciting for us. Either the Action Pyramid or Climbing Tree would be very acceptable, however, the Climbing Tree would probably last longer and not look shabby after a few years.
Yes			B	Please ensure wheelchair access to all parts of the reserve, ie level access to children's play equipment. I note steps to Wood Fort. New soft fall preferred to bark chips for disabled access if in a wheelchair. A good design in general. Would there be a wheelchair spare to use at picnic table.
Yes		A		Many thanks for asking my opinion - my grandchildren will very much enjoy this.

Yes		A
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Yes		A

	My children can't wait! Would also love a big slide! Also a whirly gig round about!
	Each week more children are using the local park, which is excellent. I like the basketball area development as local children support basketball. The small asphalt path would be good for learner biking to practise skills safety. The lawn mower contractor does a good job, area is very tidy after each visit. Need some more substantial trees to make an impact on park.
B	Random Investments Limited are the developers of Bayswater Estate which, when completed, will total 123 residential sections, 94 of these having been completed to date. We will shortly be submitting to the Christchurch City Council a subdivision plan for Stage 5, which includes the extension of Muriwai Drive. It is intended to include a 4-metre access strip from the extension of Muriwai Drive into the eastern boundary of the James Drive reserve. A plan as prepared by Eliot Sinclair, being Plan no. 289191C1 of January 2008, showing this proposed access, was left with Tara Smith on Thursday 7 February 2008. This information has been provided simply to make you aware of the proposed access strip.
	We note that some seven "Proposed Tree Species" are included in the upgrade. Unless there is some compelling reason why they should be a tall growing species, we would certainly prefer a species of limited mature height. Homes will eventually be constructed on sections east of the Reserve and enjoy fantastic views of the inner harbour and Quail Island. It would be a great pity if this view was interrupted by tall trees. From our observations of the Reserve area, we would also recommend that the selected trees be of a deciduous variety, providing shade in summer but letting sun in in winter to dry the ground. Thank you for the opportunity to present this submission.

9. ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY – CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE – BOARD REPRESENTATION

General Manager responsible:	General Manager Peter Mitchell, DDI 941-8462
Officer responsible:	Democracy Services Manager
Author:	Peter Dow, Community Board Adviser

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to invite the Board to consider the appointment of a Board representative to be a member of Environment Canterbury's Christchurch Area Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The **attached** papers describe the terms of reference, objectives and delegated powers of the Christchurch Area Committee being a Standing Committee of Environment Canterbury and include the agenda for the first meeting.
3. In the 2004/07 term, the city boards were represented on the Christchurch Area Committee by the Board Chairs or deputies.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4. Where Board members are appointed to outside organisations, attendances at meetings are covered by their elected member's salary. Thus, there are no financial implications apart from mileage allowances for attending such meetings.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

5. There are no direct legal issues involved.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

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

6. Not applicable

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies/policies?

7. Council's 2006/16 Strategic Directions – yes, contributes to Strong Communities and the Community Outcomes (Governance and Community).

Strengthening Communities Strategy 2007 – yes, is aligned with the engagement components of this strategy.

Board Objectives 2006/09 – yes, the appointments contribute to meeting various objectives set by the Board for the period.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

8. Not applicable.

9. Cont'd

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board consider appointing a representative to Environment Canterbury's Christchurch Area Committee.

COUNCIL AREA COMMITTEES
TERMS OF REFERENCE
CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

“To build and maintain the highest and best co-operative relationship with the community of Christchurch, encompassing the regional and legislative responsibilities of Environment Canterbury”.

1. MEMBERSHIP

The Christchurch Area Committee shall be a Standing Committee of the Council and comprise the eight Christchurch constituency councillors, two Christchurch City Council councillors, one representative from each of the Community Boards in the city, at least one representative of Tangata Whenua and appointees from key stakeholder groups, and individual opinion leaders.

In addition the Council Chairperson will be an ex-officio member, with the Deputy Chairperson as his/her alternate. Alternates will be sought for all external members.

2. QUORUM

Four Regional Councillors and four other members.

3. OBJECTIVES AND DELEGATED POWERS

In achieving its purpose the Christchurch Area Committee shall engage with key stakeholders and groups in the community and support the Council's Communications Strategy. In order to do these the Committee shall:

- (a) Meet in committee mode in February each year to identify issues and to programme its activities for the year (including forums and liaison meetings) designed to:
 - listen to stakeholder views on issues and report back to the councils, boards and organisations its members represent;
 - communicate the role, objectives and responsibilities of the Regional Council and raise awareness of an interest in them; and
 - generate stakeholder involvement, support and satisfaction.
- (b) Meet in committee or workshop mode, as required, to aid the implementation of the Purpose;
- (c) Assist in the facilitation of the consultation process and discussion of issues before the Regional Council's Portfolio Committees;
- (d) Report annually and make recommendations from time to time to the councils, boards and stakeholders represented on the committee; and
- (e) Publicise the results of the work of the Committee.

Rec'd 3/3/8

MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE

TO THE CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Cr Carole Evans (Chairperson)

Mr Steve Collins - Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce
Mr Alex Drysdale - Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust
Mr David East - Burwood/Pegasus Community Board
Ms Megan Evans - Shirley/Papanui Community Board
Dr Phil Hart - Landcare Research
Mr Murray Lane
Ms Brenda Lowe-Johnson - Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board
Mr Ralph Ross - Combined Residents Assn
Prof. Ian Spellerberg - Canterbury Tertiary Alliance
Mr Rhys Taylor
Mr Peter Townsend - Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce

Environment Canterbury

Cr Kerry Burke
Cr Jane Demeter
Cr Pat Harrow
Cr Bob Kirk
Cr Alec Neill
Cr David Sutherland
Cr Rik Tindall

A meeting of the Committee will be held on

Monday, 3 March 2008 commencing at 9.30 a.m.
The meeting will conclude with a light lunch.

VENUE: Council Chamber
First Floor
Pegasus Building
58 Kilmore Street
CHRISTCHURCH

BUSINESS: As per Order Paper attached.

Dr Bryan Jenkins
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 DECISION-MAKING REQUIREMENTS

Except as below, a statement of compliance and a completed decision checklist is required for any agenda item on a council committee or the council recommending that a decision be made. This will be the responsibility of the person signing off the agenda item.

The compliance statement and checklist will not be used for:

- Recommendations that information be received or that the Council make a decision.
- Decisions taken under the Resource Management Act 1991 or the Biosecurity Act 1993 in relation to resource consents, decisions required when following the procedures set out in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, other permissions, submissions on plans, or references to the Environment Court.
- Decisions taken to proceed with enforcement procedures under various primary or secondary legislation or regulations, including procedures under the Resource Management Act 1991, the Biosecurity Act 1993, the Local Government Act 2002, and Environment Canterbury Bylaws.
- Administrative and personnel decisions that are entirely internal to Environment Canterbury.
- Other decisions where the procedures to be followed are set out in Legislation.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

The council committee (or the council) must formally certify that:

- (a) It is satisfied that it has sufficient information about the options and their benefits and costs, in terms of the region's social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being and the effects on community outcomes, bearing in mind the significance of the decisions.
- (b) It is satisfied that it knows enough about and has given adequate consideration to the views and preferences of affected and interested parties bearing in mind the significance of the decision.

INFORMATION CHECKLIST

(a)	A Statement of the Proposed Decision
(b)	A Statement of the Objective of the Proposed Decision and the Issue or Problem being addressed
(c)	A list of all reasonably practicable options, (including doing nothing).
(d)	For each option in (c): An evaluation of the Benefits and Costs, in terms of the region's social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being.
(e)	For each option in (c): A statement of the extent to which community outcomes would be promoted or achieved in an integrated and efficient manner.
(f)	For each option in (c): A statement of the Impact, if any, on Environment Canterbury's capacity to undertake its statutory responsibilities
(g)	If the Proposed Decision is a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, a statement of how Maori values have been taken into account
(h)	A Statement of significant inconsistencies, if any, with any Existing Policy, Plan or Legislation arising from the Proposed Decision.
(i)	A statement how the views and preferences of affected or interested persons have been given adequate consideration during the definition of the problem or issue, the objective, the assessment of options and the development of the proposed decision, including the particular contribution of Maori to the decision-making process.

Notes:

The significance of proposals and decisions determines how much time, money and effort is put into exploring and evaluating options and obtaining the views of affected and interested parties. The significance of proposals and decisions is determined through reference to criteria contained in the policy on significance.

The policy on significance together with Section 76 of the Local Government Act 2002 set out the Council's requirements in relation to decisions. Some decisions can only be made through the Long-Term Council Community Plan, or after the Special Consultative Procedures set out in the Act have been used, (refer to the policy on significance and the Act).

All decisions of Environment Canterbury are subject to the decision-making requirements of section 76 of the Act unless inconsistent with specific requirements of other legislation.

**ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY
CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE
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ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY
CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE
HELD ON MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2007 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR,
PEGASUS BUILDING, 58 KILMORE STREET, CHRISTCHURCH FROM 9.30AM.

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PRESENT

Cr N J Wagner (Chairperson), Dr N Bennett, Cr R A Budd, Cr T K Burke, Cr A S Carroll, Mr A Drysdale, Mr Y Johanson, Cr R M Kirk, Mr M Lane, Cr A G Neill, Mr R Ross, Mr D Rowlands, Mr R Taylor, Mr P Townsend, Cr J M Waters.

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms M Evans (on behalf of Ms Y Palmer)

MANAGEMENT AND STAFF PRESENT

Dr B R Jenkins (Chief Executive), Ms J Atkinson (Portfolio Manager, Public Passenger Services), and Mrs R A Crowther (Executive Assistant)

1. APOLOGIES

Mr S Collins, Cr E Cunningham, Ms Y Palmer, Prof I Spellerberg, Mr M Wall.
 Dr N Bennett and Mr D Rowlands (for early departure)
 Cr Sir Kerry Burke (for lateness)

2. MINUTES**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2006 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

Mr Townsend/Mr Taylor

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

Nil.

5. CHAIRPERSONS REPORT

Cr Wagner welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded the members that the committee had met previously in March 2006 followed by a seminar later in the year. Cr Wagner suggested that the committee follow this format in 2007, noting the importance of being able to update members in a formal meeting at least once a year.

Cr Wagner also took the opportunity to note the good news coming from the passenger transport sector.

6. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

Bryan Jenkins reported on Council activities by portfolio including the following highlights:

Air Quality

- Establishment of Community Advisory Group for Rangiora, Kaiapoi.
- The National Environmental Standards (NES) for ambient air quality took effect on 1 September 2005 and requires by 1 September 2013 no more than one annual exceedance of the PM₁₀ standard of 50 micrograms per cubic metre.
- Seven airsheds for Canterbury were gazetted: Christchurch, Timaru, Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Ashburton, Waimate and Geraldine.
- Clean Heat has 16,600 registrations to date and has completed 15,500 assessments to date.

Coastal Environment

- Regional Coastal Environment Plan changes are in preparation designed to remove the need for resource consents for swing moorings and other structures in approved locations.
- Further work is being undertaken on planning for aquaculture through the notification of "Excluded Areas".
- ECan is currently working with central government on the review of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.
- Work is progressing well towards the formulation of a non-statutory coastal management plan for Pegasus Bay.

Emergency Management

- The transfer of CDEM responsibilities to Christchurch City from 1 July 2006.
- The June 2006 snow event and the subsequent recovery, which took several weeks, was a very busy period for the CDEM Group Emergency Management Office at ECan, the affected Territorial authorities and partner agencies
- The NZ Police, in conjunction with Christchurch City and CDEM Group staff, have totally updated the evacuation plan for the Christchurch coastal areas that would be affected by a tsunami.
- The Emergency Management Office, Territorial Authorities and Partner Agencies have been very involved with Pandemic Influenza planning with a major National exercise planned in May 2007.
- The CDEM Group annual exercise, Exercise Pandora, was successfully run in October 06. Next year's exercise in September 07 will be a Pan-Regional exercise under the National Exercise Programme and also involve the West Coast, Marlborough and Nelson/Tasman CDEM Groups.

Energy

- ECan, together with CAE, Chamber of Commerce, Orion, Transpower and Meridian (collectively CRESF) is developing a regional energy strategy project with the intent of achieving for the people of Canterbury, a secure, reliable, sustainable and affordable energy system.
- ECan is also revising its 2004 Regional Energy Strategy which essentially sets out Council's role in the region and will reference the late 2005 energy seminars and NZES. This is due by June 07.
- ECan is preparing a report on the impact of Peak Oil and Climate change on Council's services and operations.

Hazards

- Consultation and additional investigations have been undertaken in relation to the Waimakariri secondary stopbank project, which will provide 1 in 10,000 year flood protection for Christchurch.
- River morphology and gravel investigations for the Ashley River are currently being undertaken.
- Environment Court mediation for Aidanfield continuing; numerous matters settled.
- Dangerous dams policy applauded by stakeholders including other Regional Councils and Meridian Energy, while still awaiting regulations from Central Government.
- Submission made on Central Plains Water consent.

Land

- Council will be involved with the 3 new Meat and Wool Monitor farms and with the 2 Deer Industry focus farms. All agricultural land use needs to be managed – not just dairying.
- Current work addressing the impacts of land use practices on waterways in the Amuri Basin is to be extended to other streams in the area. Monitoring has shown some improvement.
- Biodiversity Advisory Group established and making good progress.

Navigation Safety

- Continue to patrol waterway in the southern lakes and areas of high boating use.

Pests & Biosecurity

- Launch of Community Initiative Programme in Banks Peninsula.
- Didymo - Biosecurity New Zealand made an offer to regional councils to fund public awareness programmes over the summer. Environment Canterbury put \$20,000 towards this proposal which was accepted. Didymo is still in the pest incursion phase and therefore a Biosecurity responsibility. The Waitaki catchment is the only area in Canterbury that has Didymo. National monitoring survey is currently underway throughout the country.
- Wilding conifers - as part of our ten year control programme large works have been completed for the year in the Dobson Valley and Burkes Pass.
- Rabbits – RHD epidemic is currently cycling through Canterbury and reducing susceptible populations. We are currently undertaking serological surveys to determine any change to the susceptibility of rabbits to RCV in targeted areas within Canterbury.
- Nassella tussock - the compliance programme has been completed for the year, all known properties outside of the Hurunui District have been inspected.
- Chatham Island Regional Pest Management Strategy has been proposed and is in the submission phase.
- Chatham Island Biosecurity ((boarder surveillance) Strategy is being implemented.
- Boneseed - all known initial control has been undertaken on all but two known sites and currently working within the Port Hills zone to reduce the area of infestation.

Public Passenger Transport

- Patronage plateaued for the majority of the year however December and January showed an increase when compared to the same time last year.
- A biodiesel trial was initiated, the results of which have far exceeded expectations thus far. Winter conditions could affect performance.
- The new Northern Star service between Waimakariri and Christchurch was launched on 30 October 2006.
- The Passenger Transport Strategy attracted over 2000 submissions, with over 80% of submitters supporting the proposals. It will be launched in March 2007.
- The Canterbury Regional Passenger Transport Plan was updated and published in August 2006, six months ahead of schedule.
- The new Timaru bus service commenced in January 2007. The metro brand was introduced to Timaru at the same time, as was the ever popular metrocard.

Regional Land Transport

- Scoping for the Greater Christchurch Transport model update was completed.
- A household interview survey and an on-board bus survey were undertaken. A roadside interview survey was also initiated, all of which are key inputs to Greater Christchurch Transport model update.

- The Canterbury Regional road safety programme was delivered in full.
- Significant time and energy was spent on providing technical input into the Draft Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy.
- The Christchurch/Rolleston Environs Transportation Study (CRETS) draft strategy was developed and consulted on.
- The Annual monitoring report and technical report, which report on progress towards the delivery of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy, were produced.

Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites

- Pollution Prevention - 3 FTE recruited, following concern raised by Community Boards after a diesel spill in the Heathcote.
- Agrichemical collections in Waimakariri, Ashburton, Selwyn and Timaru districts to be carried out in February and March.
- New Waste Exchanges established in Waimakariri, Waimate and Kaikoura districts.
- A programme to identify all sites in Hurunui District with current or historic activities on the Hazardous Activities and Industries List is being implemented. One district is being targeted each year.

Water Quality, Quantity and Ecosystems

- Community meetings were held in Hinds, Chertsey, Dunsandel and West Melton to discuss water management. These meetings attracted a total of 34 interested people to discuss the state of the water resource, a prognosis for the 2006-07 summer season, and a summary of the Restorative Programme for Lowland Streams.
- Stage 3 of the Canterbury Strategic Water Study has been completed for the northern part of the Canterbury Region. The central and southern parts will be completed by July 31, 2007. Stage 3 is concerned with physical, social, environmental and economic aspects of water storage and impacts of development proposals for Canterbury.
- The Restorative Programme for Lowland Streams is underway. The main objectives of the programme are to increase flows in lowland streams in the Rakaia-Selwyn Groundwater Zone and to improve reliability of supply to groundwater users in the zone.
- Groundwater levels throughout the region are at average or above average levels.
- Hearings on submissions to the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan will take place over the next 18 months.
- A series of environmental flow reviews are underway. These include Lake Ellesmere tributaries, Waipara River, Hurunui River, Kaikoura Rivers, Conway River amongst others.

Democratic Process

- Draft Annual Plan will be notified 31 March 2007, submissions close 1 May and hearings will be held later in May and decisions made by the end of June 2007.

Cr Wagner invited questions on the information provided in the Chief Executive's report.

Democratic Process:

Dr Jenkins reported that the LTNZ's cost index has led to the only significant change in LTCCP and that will impact on the targeted rate for Public Passenger Transport.

Emergency Management:

Is there to be a national system of sirens/warnings? While there has been some work done in this area, national consistency is required.

Mr Lane asked if there is to be a purpose-built Civil Defence building. Dr Jenkins noted that CCC and Environment Canterbury can have different roles and while our facility will continue to be used for regional co-ordination, CCC may well need to provide a facility to meet their needs.

Water:

There was considerable interest in many aspects of water management. Dr Jenkins informed the committee of the successful legal outcomes achieved through enforcement, and that the draft national standard for metering to come from Central Government will help. There is a growing acceptance of metering, and an understanding that water is a precious resource.

Dr Jenkins was asked if the proposal to have River Guardians had made any progress. He undertook to update the committee on this through the minutes. Cr Waters noted that it is important not to duplicate their role. Mr Ross added that CCC and Ecan had created an expectation of this proposal.

Mr Drysdale raised the issue of the Avon River. Dr Jenkins advised that Richard English's paper, in which he suggests groundwater extraction has led to reduced flows in the Avon, is to be reviewed by our technical staff in an effort to see if there is any substance to his views. A review of the aquifer may be needed.

Dr Bennett expressed concern with water quality, noting that there are no trout in the Avon any more, and that raw sewage has been discharged into the Avon on occasion. Dr Jenkins replied that the Avon is spring-fed hence the quality of the groundwater is of concern, and this can be affected by land use. Storm events only affect smaller catchments. He would rather see improved storm-water design for new developments and sediment management control measures in place.

Regional Land Transport:

Roadwork development for Pegasus Bay is of concern. This formed part of the UDS work.

Pollution Hotline:

Mr Drysdale pointed out that members of the public will often report pollution concerns to his group rather than to the Hotline, which highlights the wider issue of public engagement. Dr Jenkins affirmed that reports can be made confidentially to the Hotline but agreed that there could be a perception problem.

PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Ms Jill Atkinson, Portfolio Manager for Public Passenger Transport provided an update for the meeting.

High points included:

- Recognition as a high performing system
- A highly successful marketing plan
- Huge response to the Draft Metro Strategy – 2,154 submissions received.
- Publication of the Metro Passenger Transport Strategy/PT Plan

- The biodiesel trial

Low points included:

- Patronage at a plateau
- Passenger Transport safety

Looking ahead, the plan is to increase the use of Passenger Transport to reduce the growth in traffic congestion, and to provide members of the community with a convenient, attractive transport system that provides access to employment, education and social facilities.

Key challenges to achieving this are:

- Increasing travel-time reliability
- Bus exchange capacity
- Maintaining patronage growth
- Integration of passenger transport into land-use decision-making.

Ms Atkinson welcomed the suggestion that maps be included in the journey planner section, and that the television advertisements be available on the website for downloading and be posted on U-Tube. Mr Johanson expanded this idea to encouraging users to make their own videos of their travel experiences.

Concern was expressed over safety in the interchange, and that this needs to be made clear to CCC. Cr Wagner asked that members do their part to support the positive aspects when the bad incidents are so rare yet receive such high profile.

Dr Jenkins noted the key initiative of biodiesel, with the bus getting the sustainable transport message across. Mr Taylor suggested the bus be used by community groups, e.g. OC's tour of energy efficient houses.

The difficulty some people have with knowing "who does what" in relation to buses was noted, and was it possible for one body to manage the whole system. Dr Jenkins advised that there is an excellent level of co-operation now and that a recent review has shown that the current distribution of responsibilities is the most effective that can be achieved.

Mr Johanson suggested that more radical moves are needed to change driver behaviour, such as free public transport or public traffic-only routes. Dr Jenkins noted that the integration of public passenger transport into land-use planning is under way in UDS, including Park-and-Ride concepts. Mr Ross noted that consultation is necessary, with the bus companies, Ecan, CCC and community talking together, and Mr Drysdale wondered what planning had gone into the development of Blenheim Road now as another retail centre.

7. CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE COMMITTEE

It was agreed that a seminar on urban water issues, including managing the effects of climate change with regard to the effects of reduced rainfall on river flows; the impact of water requirements in satellite towns on the Christchurch urban water supply; and stormwater infrastructure be held in August.

A future workshop will be on the process of integrating land-use decision-making and city planning in the context of the Regional Policy Statement (RPS) and the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (UDS).

Recommended to the Council

*That the Christchurch Area Committee arrange the following workshop:
August 2007 - on urban water issues, including managing the effects of climate change with regard to the effects of reduced rainfall on river flows; the impact of water requirements in satellite towns on the Christchurch urban water supply; and stormwater infrastructure.*

8. QUESTIONS

Nil

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be held in March 2008, to be confirmed.

11. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

In accordance with Standing Orders Clause 3.18.2 we confirm the correctness of the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee prior to the next election of members.

_____ CHAIRPERSON

_____ CHIEF EXECUTIVE

_____ DATE

AGENDA ITEM NO: 7	SUBJECT MATTER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT
REPORT: Christchurch Area Committee	DATE OF MEETING: 3 March 2008
FILE REFERENCES:	PORTFOLIO: PROJECT: OUTPUT:
REPORT BY: Bryan Jenkins Chief Executive	ENDORSED BY:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present information to the Committee on current Environment Canterbury portfolio activities.

ATTACHMENT

A report on portfolio activities in the Christchurch City area and the Canterbury region.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee receives the Chief Executive's report.

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT
13 FEBRUARY 2008**

Air Quality

- Decisions on the Air Plan were notified in September 2007. 25 appeals received, with one subsequently withdrawn and two going through strikeout proceedings currently. The contents of the appeals have been divided into 20 separate topic areas, for the purposes of processing them through the court. Timetabling to hear the appeals received has been considered by the Environment Court with appeals in relation to Priority 1 appeals for Christchurch being heard first in October (if negotiation and mediation is not successful prior to that time). Priority 2, 3 and 4 appeals will be heard later if necessary.
- The scope of the 50 variations recommended by the Hearings Commissioners for Chapters 1-3 have been assessed, and in March staff will bring a paper to Council to request approval to work on a number of these variations.
- The two Kaiapoi and Rangiora air quality working parties that were established; including a Policy Working Party, to look at options for achieving the NES, and a Community Advisory Working Party, to concentrate on education and awareness raising for winter 2007, have been successful and the variations to the Air Plan have been notified for Rangiora and Kaiapoi. 36 submissions were received for Rangiora and 16 submissions for Kaiapoi. The summary of decisions requested on both variations will be notified on 16 February 2008. Clean Heat Projects for both towns to be considered alongside the Annual Plan process for each of these towns. Budget has been allocated in the draft Annual Plan but final programme to be part of further community consultation.
- Christchurch's Clean Heat Project has completed 11,193 conversions to cleaner heating and insulation by the end of 2007.

Coastal Environment

- Environment Canterbury has applied to the Ministry for the Environment's planning fund for a grant to move forward to develop a process for the creation of Aquaculture Management Areas through Invited Private Plan Changes.
- Regional Coastal Environment Plan Change Number 3 (Updating Coastal Hazard Zone positions) is about to enter the consultation stage.
- A new regional coastal water quality monitoring programme is underway. 32 region wide coastal sites (including 10 between the Rakaia and Waitaki Rivers) are now monitored quarterly for ecosystem health including sampling of suspended sediments, nutrients, pH, salinity, dissolved oxygen and water temperature.

Emergency Management

- Over the past 12 months the Emergency Management Office, Territorial Authorities and Partner Agencies have continued to be very involved with Pandemic Influenza planning. There was a major National exercise in May 2007 to test the systems/procedures that have been put in place. The Canterbury CDEM Group, in partnership with the Ministry of Health and the region's District

Health Boards launched an Influenza Pandemic Road show in May. The show has been very well received and, supported by additional funding from the Ministry of Health, will continue to tour Canterbury, and wider afield, over the next 12 months.

- The Boxing Day Tsunami event and subsequent events elsewhere have led to a major review of the NZ National Warning System that operates from National down to Territorial Authority level. The system is exercised quarterly and the revamped system was exercised in late 2007. It worked well. Additional work is being carried out at the national level to identify and recommend a range of systems that can be used by Territorial Authorities to issue warnings down to local community level.
- The CDEM Group annual exercise, Exercise Pandora, was held in September. This was a Pan-Regional exercise under the National Exercise Programme involving all the South Island CDEM Groups. The scenario used was that of an earthquake on the alpine fault and it was the first occasion in which the South Island Groups have all exercised together. Concurrent with the exercise, the Fire Service's Christchurch based Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Task Force exercised in the Timaru area with South Island CDEM volunteer rescue teams.
- The first Canterbury CDEM Group Plan was approved by the Group in April 2005. Under the CDEM Act 2002 the plan is required to be reviewed after 5 years and that process will begin in the 2009-2009 financial year.

Energy

- Environment Canterbury is developing a regional energy strategy with CAE, Chamber of Commerce, Orion, Transpower and Meridian (collectively the Canterbury Regional Energy Forum). The project output so far has characterized the energy (grid and non-grid) system in the Canterbury region and is examining a Regional Statement of Energy Opportunities in 2008. The Forum is expected to be expanded to include additional members in 2008.
- Environment Canterbury has prepared a report on the impact of Peak Oil and Climate Change on Council's services and operations during the period of the LTCCP. Environment Canterbury is also looking at the inter-relationships of energy with portfolios such as water.
- Environment Canterbury is providing support for community energy demand reduction projects.
- The biennial regional energy survey has been prepared indicating energy and electricity trends in usage for the period 2005-2006.

Hazards

- Modelling of flood scenarios to aid land use planning on the Ashley floodplain is nearing completion.
- A detailed LiDAR topographic survey is being undertaken in partnership with Christchurch City Council to provide data for modelling the Halswell floodplain.

- Consultation and investigations are continuing on Washdyke Creek flood mitigation.
- The Canterbury probabilistic seismic hazard model was updated in late 2007.
- The Canterbury active faults database is currently being updated.
- We are working with Christchurch City Council to collect natural hazard information as part of the Akaroa Harbour Basin Settlement Study.
- A public education booklet about tsunamis was launched in October 2007 in conjunction with Christchurch City Council's tsunami evacuation brochure.
- We continue to provide flood and geological hazard advice throughout the region.
- The natural hazards chapter of the draft regional policy statement has been written and will be going to the Regional Planning Committee on 14 February.
- The consent hearing for the Waimakariri secondary stopbank is scheduled for April. Sixty submissions have been received.
- The Regional Engineer's submissions have been presented to hearings on the North Bank Tunnel and the Hunter Downs Irrigation Scheme.
- The Regional Engineer's submission presentation on the Central Plains Water Scheme is being prepared.
- Maintenance of structural works and channel capacity continues in river rating districts.
- We have employed a full time gravel resource officer to oversee gravel extraction consenting and set up extraction charges.
- We are working towards registration and classification of dams within the region and are in the process of becoming registered as a Building Consent Authority for dams.

Land

- Biodiversity Strategy signed off. (note that Hurunui and McKenzie not signed off at this stage). An event to launch the Strategy is planned for 27th March with invites going out to Mayors and CEO's and some staff at the end of this week. The Minister of Conservation, Ms Steve Chadwick will attend. People are welcome to attend but we will need to know numbers so could they liaise with their mayor or CEO. Copies of the finalised strategy will also sent out at end of this month.
- Investigation into the effects of adding compost on soil quality (chemical, physical and biological) of a dairy farm. This is associated with the success of waste reduction initiatives and the need to identify disposal options for compost. Investigations on use on arable land have already identified that too much unwanted material makes it through the composting process.

- Council is involved with the Deer Industry focus farm being set up in the Geraldine.
- Environment Canterbury will have a display at AMP show in Fairlie at Easter.

Navigation Safety

- Contracted and voluntary enforcement officers continue to patrol the southern lakes focusing on areas of high boating use.
- Additional "No boating" buoys deployed up and downstream of dams at the start of the season.
- Reserved Jet Ski area buoyed in Lake Ruataniwha; some negative feedback about this from other users.
- Low levels in Lake Tekapo and lately Lake Opuha reduced activity.
- No significant incidents reported.
- Overall, behaviour has been good this season, apart from the few who push the limits.

Pests & Biosecurity

- Rabbit populations have increased to high levels on a number of properties in the Mackenzie basin due to the declining impact of RHD. Environment Canterbury has engaged a coordinator to assist land occupiers with planning and implementing rabbit control operations on a user pays basis.
- Wilding conifer control operations are taking place in the Dobson Valley (above Lake Ohau) and at Burkes Pass as part of an ongoing programme in partnership with the relevant land occupiers and DOC.
- Inspections have been undertaken on the 35 sites within the southern area known to contain nassella tussock to ensure control programmes have been completed to prevent seeding.
- A partnership between Environment Canterbury, DOC, Timaru District Council and the South Canterbury Conservation Trust in an attempt to reverse the declining population of long tailed bats estimated to number 150 -200 individuals. The Hanging Rock/ Kakahu area is the last known home of this bat species in the eastern South Island. Environment Canterbury is undertaking a predator control on approximately 3000 hectares of bat habitat.
- Environment Canterbury is working with DOC and Lincoln University to protect the only known site containing the Canterbury Knobbled Weevil. The weevil thought to be extinct since 1920 was rediscovered near Burkes Pass 4 years ago. While scientists work to identify the risks to this invertebrate Environment Canterbury is trapping feral cats, mustelids and hedgehogs at the site and surrounding area to minimize the potential impact of predation.
- Property compliance inspections are currently underway to ensure land occupiers are meeting Regional Pest Management Strategy requirements as they relate to broom, gorse, ragwort, Old man's beard and Bennett's wallaby.

- A control operation to control Bell's heather infesting 375 hectares of tall tussock grassland in the Hunters Hills. This is the only known site in the South Island.

Public Passenger Transport

- A biodiesel trial in Christchurch is meeting expectations and the four trial buses are now running on B20 (20% biodiesel blend). Leopard Coachlines has now decided to use bio-diesel (B5) across their entire fleet of urban buses and tour coaches.
- An implementation plan for the Christchurch passenger transport strategy has been developed with the City Council to ensure the targets are implemented on time.
- The Canterbury Regional Passenger Transport Plan was updated and published in August 2006, six months ahead of schedule.

Regional Land Transport

- The Canterbury Regional road safety programme was delivered in full.
- Significant time and energy was spent on providing technical input into the Draft Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy.
- The Annual monitoring report and technical report, which report on progress towards the delivery of the Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy, were produced.
- The updated Canterbury Regional Land Transport Strategy was approved by Council for consultation. This included the development of the Canterbury Transport Regional Implementation Plan (TRIP) which will ensure a coordinated approach in delivering the Regional Land Transport Strategy. Significant region wide collaboration in preparing this document.

Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites

- Pollution Prevention - 3 FTE staff and 236 businesses worked with using the Pollution Prevention Guide in the 06/07 financial year.
- Agrichemical collections in Christchurch, Ashburton, Selwyn, Waimate and Timaru districts to be carried out this financial year.
- There are now Waste Exchanges in all districts.
- Contaminated land: A programme to identify all sites with current or historic activities on the Hazardous Activities and Industries List is in its second year. Kaikoura is being targeted this year.
- Environment Canterbury has released its Contaminated Land Management Strategy.

Water Quality, Quantity and Ecosystems

- Stage 3 of the Canterbury Strategic Water Study has been completed for the Canterbury Region. Stage 3 is concerned with physical, social, environmental and economic aspects of water storage and development proposals for Canterbury. The Stage 3 report will be released to the public in March 2008.
- The Reference Group working on evaluating potential storage sites (using physical, social, economic and environmental criteria) in the Southern Area has completed its deliberations. There were 12 Southern Area people on the Reference Group for this part of the work with local knowledge and perspectives ranging from farming and the Opuha Water Company to Maori, fisheries and ecology. What has become clear is that while reasonable storage sites exist, the natural replenishment of those storage sites with water from year to year is not very reliable.
- Consent Reviews for the Restorative Programme for Lowland Streams are underway. The main objectives of the programme are to increase flows in lowland streams in the Rakaia-Selwyn Groundwater Zone and to improve reliability of supply to groundwater users in the zone. As a condition of the consent review metering and datalogging equipment will be required.
- Hearings on submission to the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan halfway through with an expected completion date of December 2008.
- A series of environmental flow reviews are underway. Rivers that have a notified environmental flow review include Kaikoura, Conway, Hurunui, Waihao and part of the Ellesmere system. Work has started on the Waipara and Pareora.
- Work has begun on managing the cumulative effects of nitrogen & phosphorus discharges. This will cumulate with a variation to the Water Quality chapter of the NRRP.
- National Environmental Standard for Water Metering Devices. Work is underway to prepare Environment Canterbury for the imminent implementation of this NES principally through the employment of a Water Metering Manager and a Water Data Manager as well as several projects looking at metering implementation, data management and non-regulatory models.
- Environment Canterbury is supporting work towards an Audited Self Management programme being sponsored by Irrigation NZ in the Opuha scheme.
- A Hearings Review process has been instigated to strategically review our processes and methodology in Hearings.
- North Bank Tunnel Concept and Hunter Downs are both in the consent process.

Democratic Process

- Work is underway to finalise the Annual Plan for 2008/09. Emphasis is on delivering the necessary work programmes within the limits of the budget forecast for 2008/09 back in the 2006-16 Long Term Council Community Plan.

AGENDA ITEM NO: 8	SUBJECT MATTER: COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE
REPORT: Christchurch Area Committee	DATE OF MEETING: 3 March 2008
FILE REFERENCES:	PORTFOLIO: PROJECT: OUTPUT:
REPORT BY: Louise McDonald Administration Officer	ENDORSED BY:

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is for the Committee to consider its Terms of Reference for recommendation to the Council.

The Committee can review the Terms of Reference and recommend changes to Council any time during the term of the Committee.

ATTACHMENT

The Christchurch Area Committee Terms of Reference from the 2004-2007 term of Council.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee recommends to Council the adoption of the Christchurch Terms of Reference.

COUNCIL AREA COMMITTEES
TERMS OF REFERENCE
CHRISTCHURCH AREA COMMITTEE

PURPOSE

"To build and maintain the highest and best co-operative relationship with the community of Christchurch, encompassing the regional and legislative responsibilities of Environment Canterbury".

1. MEMBERSHIP

The Christchurch Area Committee shall be a Standing Committee of the Council and comprise the eight Christchurch constituency councillors, two Christchurch City Council councillors, one representative from each of the Community Boards in the city, at least one representative of Tangata Whenua and appointees from key stakeholder groups, and individual opinion leaders.

In addition the Council Chairperson will be an ex-officio member, with the Deputy Chairperson as his/her alternate. Alternates will be sought for all external members.

2. QUORUM

Four Regional Councillors and four other members.

3. OBJECTIVES AND DELEGATED POWERS

In achieving its purpose the Christchurch Area Committee shall engage with key stakeholders and groups in the community and support the Council's Communications Strategy. In order to do these the Committee shall:

- (a) Meet in committee mode in February each year to identify issues and to programme its activities for the year (including forums and liaison meetings) designed to:
 - listen to stakeholder views on issues and report back to the councils, boards and organisations its members represent;
 - communicate the role, objectives and responsibilities of the Regional Council and raise awareness of an interest in them; and
 - generate stakeholder involvement, support and satisfaction.
- (b) Meet in committee or workshop mode, as required, to aid the implementation of the Purpose;
- (c) Assist in the facilitation of the consultation process and discussion of issues before the Regional Council's Portfolio Committees;
- (d) Report annually and make recommendations from time to time to the councils, boards and stakeholders represented on the committee; and
- (e) Publicise the results of the work of the Committee.

10. BRIEFINGS

10.1 DIAMOND HARBOUR ELDERLY HOUSING – KEVIN BENNETT, CITY HOUSING MANAGER

10.2 LOCAL ROADING PROJECTS UPDATE -DAVID MCNAUGHTON, ASSET ENGINEER

11. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISERS UPDATE

12. BOARD MEMBERS INFORMATION EXCHANGE

13. BOARD MEMBERS QUESTIONS