

**REGULATORY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
29 FEBRUARY 2012**

**A meeting of the Regulatory and Planning Committee
was held in Committee Room 2, 53 Hereford Street, Civic Offices
on Wednesday 29 February 2012 at 9.15am.**

PRESENT: Councillor Sue Wells (Chairperson),
Councillors Helen Broughton, Peter Beck, Jimmy Chen, Barry Corbett, Jamie Gough,
Yani Johanson, Glenn Livingstone.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absences were received and accepted from Councillors Tim Carter and
Claudia Reid.

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

Nil.

2. FEEDBACK FROM STREET WORKERS WORKING PARTY

Councillor Wells, as Chairperson of the working party provided feedback to the Committee. The working party was constituted by Council to address issues of street prostitution in the residential area of Manchester Street, north of Bealey Avenue. The working party has met four times to date including meetings with representatives from the New Zealand Police, New Zealand Prostitutes Collective (NZPC), and from both the Shirley/Papanui, and Hagley/Ferrymead Community Boards.

It has been identified that the presence of the cordon restricting access to the inner city has reduced the area on Manchester Street historically used by street workers. This has consequently pushed the activity of prostitution further down Manchester Street with a flow on effect into the residential area north of Bealey Avenue. It has been identified that there may only be a small number of workers who are currently working in this area.

The NZPC has surveyed street workers on Manchester Street to identify factors influencing their location. These factors include lighting, the presence of CCTV cameras and Police, two way streets, the location of other street workers, and well populated areas.

The working party are investigating a number of alternative locations and have identified that Manchester Street may not be a viable option in the future as the nature of business in the area may change during the rebuild.

The working party are currently in the process of setting up a meeting with residents, Police, NZPC, and Youth and Cultural Development (YCD).

PART C - DELEGATED DECISIONS

3. SUBMISSION ON THE MANUKAU CITY COUNCIL (REGULATION OF PROSTITUTION IN SPECIFIED PLACES) BILL

The Committee considered a draft submission on the Manakau City Council (Regulation of Prostitution in Specified Places) Bill (the Bill). The Committee commended staff on the quality of the submission.

Following discussion with staff, the Committee made the following amendments to the draft submission:

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- to insert a subparagraph to clause 5 of the Bill that would require a Council to have regard to a social/health issues impact assessment.
- to insert a paragraph reflecting an alternative view of the minority of the Committee that the bylaw be rephrased to regulate where street prostitution can occur (not where it cannot occur as currently worded).

It was **resolved** on the motion of Councillor Broughton, seconded by Councillor Gough, to approve the submission as amended and that the Council request to be heard before the Select Committee in support of its submission, and that Councillor Wells appear on the Council's behalf.

The meeting concluded 11.10am.

CONSIDERED THIS 22ND DAY OF MARCH 2012

MAYOR