

**SUBMISSION OF THE
SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD**

ON

THE CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL'S 2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board (the Board) makes the following submissions on the draft Christchurch City Council 2007/08 Annual Plan.

The Board would like to be heard in support of its submission.

Comments on specific aspects of the draft plan are as follows:

- **The Board's number one priority is our environment.** The Board wants to see the continued development and maintenance of the Heathcote River in relation to heritage, ecology and recreational values. In particular the Board would like to draw to Council attention the need to advance tree planting on the banks of the Heathcote where trees have been removed especially following the storm of the year 2000 and removal since then. The replacement needs for new tree planting have developed faster than was anticipated by Council plans. Therefore there is increasing pressure for replanting to occur in this financial year and if this not going to occur the Board would like to know why this is not going to happen. The Board believes that the Heathcote plan should be moved into the capital plan under the LTCCP.
- In relation to the **Mid Heathcote Opawaho Linear Park Master Plan** the Board would like to see an increased emphasis on all related matters. If this is not going to happen the Board would like to know why not? This Plan should be given priority in the LTCCP.
- The Board believes that priority must be given to the need for **metropolitan recreational parking to be addressed in the Montgomery Spur Recreational plan.** Is metropolitan parking to be addressed in this plan and by what date is this expected occur?
- The Board considers that the Council should give urgent consideration through the Annual Plan to resolve **metropolitan traffic and parking infrastructure issues for Rapaki, Mt Vernon, Murray Aynsley and Montgomery Spur recreational areas.**
- With regard to the **Waltham War Memorial Gates and Wall**, the Board would like an allocation of financial resources made to ensure that appropriate restoration work is able to be undertaken as the gate is showing signs of movement in the pillars. Is this allocation of additional financial resources already planned for and if it is not, why not? It is currently subject to a regular monitoring programme.
- In relation to Operational Expenditure on page 21 of the Draft Annual Plan, the Board would like more resources to be allocated under the line item **Community Support Democracy and Governance.** The Board wishes to know why there has been a reduction in the amount of money allocated under this line item.
- The Board wishes to express its concern that there are **uniform charges made for rates and waste collection.** These are viewed as inequitable in relation to residents with lower value properties and unfair in relation to waste collection charges. The Board wishes to indicate that it will be raising this matter in its submission to the LTCCP. This matter refers to page 65.
- The Board would like to indicated that it objects to the proposed increase of 24% in **rent for Council tenants.** The Board would like to know the rationale for this increase given that there was no warning that this increase would be instigated and the LTCCP 2006-2016 indicated rent increases of only about 2.5% per year. The draft Annual Plan sets out rental income with rent increases of about 2.5% and the Board considers that the Council should rescind it decision of 27 March 2008.
- The Board wonders if the **increase in charges for childcare** referred to on page 87 are fair. What is the justification for the increase? We understand that the childcare service is run on a cost recovery basis rather than as a profit making business.

- The Board would like the **attached ideas for off road bicycle routes** to be part of the Draft Annual Plan. The extension of off road cycle ways would increase safety for bicycle riders and encourage more residents to ride bicycles in the City. The Board would like to know what actions will be taken in relation to these suggested off road bicycle routes?

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft 2008/09 Annual Plan.

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