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THE CIVIC CENTRE, 6 WAIPAREIRA AVENUE, LINCOLN, WAITAKERE CITY,
ON TUESDAY, 4 APRIL 2006, COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM.**

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1 APOLOGIES



2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, 7 March 2006

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Waitakere Community Board held on Tuesday, 7 March 2006, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



3 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Board by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairperson has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Board may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

NOTE: Urgent business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



4 **PUBLIC FORUM**

For guidance of Community Board Members, the Council's Standing Orders have the following provisions in regard to Public Forum.

- (i) members of the public wishing to address the Board in Public Forum shall furnish their names to the Chairperson at the beginning of the meeting; and
- (ii) the Chairperson shall determine the order of speakers, and allow five minutes for speaking time;
- (iii) questions by members are to be confined to obtaining information or clarification on matters raised by the speaker.

Section 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of any specific item of business not on the agenda except to refer the items to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. Therefore, no decision may be made on matters raised in Public Forum. However, written reports on matters raised may be requested from the Chief Executive Officer.



5 **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan

The first stage of this process has been completed and now goes out for consultation. I have highlighted some of the key points.

The Annual Plan sets projects and budgets for the 2006/2007 financial year while the Long Term Council Community Plan, a new requirement under the Local Government Act, sets priorities for the next 10 years.

Submissions

Public submissions can be made from Thursday, 13 April 2006 to Friday, 12 May 2006. After that, hearings will be conducted where submitters have the opportunity to present their request, issue or commendations to Councillors and the final plan is adopted in June.

Rates Increase

The draft budgets show an average rates increase of 6.85% for the coming financial year with similar figures indicated for the next 10 years. The major drivers are depreciation and interest charges which alone account for over half of the proposed increases.

In the next financial year the Council will spend the bulk of its money (78%) on stormwater, wastewater, parks and roading.

Some features of the 2006/2007 budget:

- A feasibility study into a 3000 seat covered grandstand at the Douglas Track and Field in Henderson (next to the The Trusts Stadium);
- Water rates remain unchanged (at \$1.48 per cubic metre);
- \$2 million in next year's budget for a re-development of Lopdell House in Titirangi (subject to a feasibility study);
- Universal Drive in Henderson will get a \$2 million upgrade;
- A new Civil Defence headquarters (\$1million);

Capital Value Rating Proposed

Meanwhile, the Council is also considering a change in its rating methodology. As part of the Annual Plan and Long Term Council Community Plan process, it will consult with the public over a proposal to change from a system based on land value to capital value (and a move to a Uniform Annual Charge for wastewater on residential properties, rather than having wastewater assessed against property values).

Under land value, the value of a property as a vacant site determines its rating valuation. Under capital value, the value of improvements (such as buildings) is also taken into account. The change would redistribute the rates burden more evenly and does not increase the Council's total rate requirement.

Over the next few weeks ratepayers will receive individualised letters outlining the impact of the proposed change to Capital Value (and the other proposals) on their property.

There are some proposals that ring alarm bells for me, for example the Pan charge to be levied on schools, aren't the schools struggling enough with out this added financial burden. Our footpath budget had been cut completely but we managed to argue this in the draft process and retained \$50,000. A mere drop in the bucket really. There is an increase in the rural septic tank charges, Council officers have been working with the Onsite Wastewater Liaison Group and this is supported by them.

I would urge all Board members to encourage the Resident and Ratepayer and community groups they are working with to put in their individual submissions and request to speak to them. If a group is requesting the support of the Board on any particular issue, this needs to be brought to the Board as soon as possible for consideration when we meet to finalise our Board submission.

Waitakere City a Vibrant City

It's great to see so many activities happening in the city that raises the level of involvement from within our communities. We need to continue to support and encourage activities that allow families to spend their leisure time together without having to leave the city boundaries to do so. A perfect example is the upcoming SummerSlamz 06 event.

SummerSlamz 06 – 8 April 2006 at Te Pai Park (12-4pm)

Anyone who knows me will know that I have always supported and will continue to support youth events and initiatives in Waitakere City.

Last year SummerSlamz 06 set a new benchmark by attracting approximately 5000 young people and their families to the festivals vibrant atmosphere. But it's not just a youth event; there are activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Event activities included are:

- The chance for the new and old to show their skills in a skateboarding and BMX competition;
- The best Pro-Imports, Street machines, Hot Rods, Show, Muscle and Drifting cars in New Zealand (with road & driver safety promotions);
- Rock Climbing & Bungee for the little ones;
- Dynamo Dave demonstrating his highly honed skills in "Street Art";
- Music from Auckland's hottest young rock bands.

SummerSlamz 06 captures the right "mix" of activities that allows the **whole family** to enjoy the event.

Electoral Representation and Ward Boundary Review

You will be aware by now the Council has decided to take Option 1 out for consultation on the Representation and Ward Boundary Review. Mayor Bob, Councillors Stone and Hulse all opposed this recommendation but unfortunately the excellent presentations by all three as to why the Council should be looking at either retaining the status quo with minor changes or at least retain the Waitakere Ward with reduced numbers and lose a Councillor.

It is up to us now to encourage as many Waitakere Ward residents to file submissions through the formal submission process which will close on April 26 2006, hearings will then take place from 5 – 19 May 2006 and Councillors will resolve to adopt the final plan on Friday, May 19 2006.


RECOMMENDATION


That the Chairperson's Report be received.



Christine Shepherd, JP
CHAIRPERSON











6 COMMITTEE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer								
Anzac Day Parade Tuesday, 25 April 2006	<p>The purpose of this report is to seek appointment of a Community Board representative to attend the RSA Anzac Day Parades in the Waitakere Ward. In addition to the City's Dawn Parade at the Waikumete Cenotaph, each of the City's RSA's will host its own parade. The Council and the Community Boards have been invited to nominate official representatives to attend these parades. The Council at its meeting held on Wednesday, 15 March 2006, appointed Councillors to attend the various parades in the City. Appointment of Community Board Members to attend the Anzac Day Parades is now referred to the Board for consideration. The venues and times are as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>Swanson</td><td>9.00 am</td></tr><tr><td>Laingholm</td><td>10.30 am</td></tr><tr><td>Waitakere</td><td>11.00 am</td></tr><tr><td>Piha</td><td>2.00 pm</td></tr></table>	Swanson	9.00 am	Laingholm	10.30 am	Waitakere	11.00 am	Piha	2.00 pm	Owena Schuster  836 8000 Ext 8864
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<p>Draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016</p> <p>Public Submission Period</p> <p>Officer's Report</p>	<p>The draft Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 public submission period, runs from Thursday, 13 April to Friday, 12 May 2006.</p> <p>It is hoped that the Waitakere Community Board Members will want to engage with their local communities on the Long Term Council Community Plan and to this end council officers from the Public Affairs and Strategy and Development Units have started preparing display materials to use during this submission period.</p> <p>It is envisaged that these materials will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission guides. • Submission forms. • A3 laminated copy of the LTCCP billboard. • Issues for public consultation. • The Waitakere City News special LTCCP edition. • The Community Outcomes booklet (optional). • Community Outcomes poster (optional). <p>Setting up displays</p> <p>Council staff will be setting up displays in libraries. At this point they are establishing space availability and timing at each of the libraries and will keep Members posted on the final outcome.</p> <p>It is envisaged that some Board Members may like to be present at these venues to discuss consultation issues with members of the public.</p> <p>Alternative displays</p> <p>As some Board Members may wish to visit the outer areas, or other venues, a lightweight spider frame (approx 2m x 2m) and display material will be made available, with bookings (for up to 3 days) to go through Arlene Fredericks, 836 8000 ext 8401 or email arlene.fredericks@waitakere.govt.nz.</p>	<p>Nada Cottrell</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext 8427</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
<p>Draft Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Submission Process</p> <p>Chairperson's Request</p>	<p>The Chairperson of the New Lynn Community Board has requested that a copy of the draft Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan submission process be included on all Community Board agendas for Board Members information. The process is as follows:</p> <p>Submission Period</p> <p>13 April 2006 Submissions Open</p> <p>12 May 2006 Submissions Close - 5.00 pm</p> <p>Hearings</p> <p>Tuesday, 23 May 2006 - 3.00 pm - 9.00 pm</p> <p>Thursday, 25 May 2006 - 3.00 pm - 9.00 pm</p> <p>Friday, 26 May 2006 - 9.30 am - 4.00 pm</p> <p>Monday, 29 May 2006 - 9.30 am - 4.00 pm</p> <p>Tuesday, 30 May 2006 - 9.30 am - 4.00 pm</p> <p>Friday, 2 June 2006 - 9.30 am - 4.00 pm</p> <p>Deliberations On Final Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 and Annual Plan 2006/2007</p> <p>Friday, 16 June 2006 - 9.30 am - 4.00 pm</p> <p>Monday, 19 June 2006 - 9.30 am - 4.00 pm</p> <p>Tuesday, 20 June 2006 - 9.30 am - 4.00 pm</p> <p>Wednesday, 21 June 2006 - 9.30 am - 4.00 pm</p> <p>Friday, 23 June 2006 - 9.30 am - 4.00 pm</p> <p>Adoption of Annual Plan</p> <p>The Council adoption of the draft Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan 2006/2007 incorporating the final Audit Report is scheduled for Friday, 30 June 2006.</p> <p>The Boards Submission</p> <p>The Board is requested to make a submission on the Annual Plan.</p> <p>If Members so require, a workshop could be held on the Annual Plan with the Chairperson being given authorisation to sign off the final submission.</p>	<p>Antonina Georgetti</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext 8760</p>
<p>Traffic Calming for Seaview Road</p> <p>7 March 2006</p> <p>Public Forum</p>	<p>The traffic calming work is part of a larger contract that includes possible humps for several roads in the New Lynn Ward. These roads are being considered at the April 2006 meeting of the New Lynn Community Board. If approved, Council can advertise the contract. The physical site works are likely to be in May 2006 if the tender process goes smoothly.</p>	<p>Neil Prendiville</p> <p> 836 8000</p> <p>Ext 8778</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
<p>Candia Road, Swanson - New No Overtaking Control 7 February 2006 Resolution No. 39/2006</p>	<p>The Candia Road, Swanson - Road Markings and No Overtaking Control has been installed. The road marking work was completed on Tuesday, 14 March 2006 and the signs work was completed on Thursday, 16 March 2006.</p>	<p>Paul Schischka  836 8000 Ext 8742</p>
<p>Waterstone Way, Western Heights – New Give Way Control 7 February 2006 Resolution No. 40/2006</p>	<p>The new give way controls in Waterstone Way, Western Heights were installed on Tuesday, 14 March 2006.</p>	<p>Paul Schischka  836 8000 Ext 8742</p>
<p>A1-A4 McLaren Park Community Project</p>	<p>A report updating on the McLaren Park Community Project was submitted to the March 2006 City Development Committee. Attached is a copy of the report from the City Development Committee for the Community Board Members information which is attached at pages A1 to A4.</p>	<p>Kimberly Rees  836 8000 Ext 8559</p>
<p>Claude Abel Pond Reserve, Piha</p>	<p>The location of an area on private land for disposal of material from the Claude Abel Pond has not been successful. Council is currently undertaking a feasibility study with Wildland Consultants for two other options that were discussed at a workshop with the community in mid 2005. The two options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To dispose of the material in a low lying area within the Domain • To fill in one area of the pond at Claude Abel Reserve. <p>These options will be taken to the Residents and Ratepayers meeting and discussed on Friday, 7 April 2006 and reported back to the Community Board in May 2006.</p> <p>The optimal time for works to be undertaken on the pond is between February and April, this is when the pond level is at its lowest and the impacts on wildlife will be at a minimum. Although the optimal time is between February and April we will proceed with the project as soon as approval of an option and consents have been obtained.</p> <p>Funding that has already been assigned to this project in 2005/2006 financial year may need to be carried over to the 2006/2007 financial year.</p>	<p>Tracey Hamilton  836 8000 Ext 8969</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
<p>West Coast Road, Oratia Safety Improvements 7 February 2006 Resolution No. 44/2006</p>	<p>The Waitakere Community Board at its meeting held on Tuesday, 7 February 2006 considered and approved safety improvements on West Coast Road, Oratia. Due to the quantity of work involved it will be included in a contract, shortly to go out to tender, with the likely implementation date of April 2006.</p>	<p>Adam Moller  836 8000 Ext 8750</p>
<p>Gorse Management For Piha Road, Piha 31 August 2004 Resolution No. 1619/2004</p>	<p>Piha Road Gorse Management is currently being undertaken. Gorse is being cleared and replanting is scheduled to go ahead in May 2006.</p>	<p>Debbie Chapman  836 8000 Ext 8303</p>
<p>Waitakere River Realignment 6 May 2003 Resolution No. 864/2003</p>	<p>Works to realign the river are being undertaken on an ongoing basis. Council staff are now investigating some hard engineering options such as the installation of gabions or rock structures. These structures, however, will be subject to Auckland Regional Council consents which could be complicated and quite expensive to obtain. Funds have been allocated through the draft 2006/2007 Annual Plan to undertake the design work and to obtain consents. Further funds have been included in the 2007/2008 financial year for the necessary physical works to be implemented. In the meantime Council staff will continue with the physical works to realign the river.</p>	<p>Grant Jennings  836 8000 Ext 8537</p>
<p>Piha Stream Pedestrian Bridge 6 May 2003 Resolution No. 865/2003</p>	<p>Initial investigative works to determine the parameters required to design the bridge are now complete. Consultation with the community will be undertaken in April 2006 to determine the finer details of the structure.</p>	<p>Grant Jennings  836 8000 Ext 8537</p>

Issue	Comments	Reporting Council Officer
Waitakere Citizens Advice Bureau(Inc) Board - Community Board Representative/s	<p>In early 2006, the four Citizens Advice Bureaux in Waitakere City merged into one legal entity. The Waitakere Citizens Advice Bureaux Inc (WaiCAB). At present three of their Bureau Management Committees have Community Board Representatives on them. Following the mergers, these individual Bureaux will only have less formal committees with no constitutional powers or responsibilities which will be taken over by WaiCAB. Under the circumstances it is considered that Community Board representation would be more effective on their own board rather than on the bureau Committees.</p> <p>WaiCAB have requested that the four Community Boards jointly consider nominating one/two members to sit on the WaiCAB Board which meets monthly, from 9.30 am on the third Thursday of each month.</p>	Owena Schuster ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8864

REPORTS PENDING			
Subject	Date Requested	Report Due	Reporting Officer
Community Hall Review	12 September 2005 Resolution No. 1737/2005	May 2006	Kimberly Rees ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8559
Piha / Karekare and Huia / Cornwallis Local Water Plans	September 2004 Environmental Management Committee	May 2006	Tony Miguel ☎ 836 8000 Ext 8294

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee Secretary's Report for 4 April 2006 be received.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board nominate a representative to attend each of the following RSA Anzac Day Parades in the Waitakere Ward on Tuesday, 25 April 2006:

Swanson	9.00 am
Laingholm	10.30 am
Waitakere	11.00 am
Piha	2.00 pm
3.
 - a) That the Board make a submission on the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan;
 - b) That a workshop on the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan be held; and
 - c) That the Chairperson be authorised to sign off the final submission.

4. That the Waitakere Community Board nominate one/two members to represent all four Community Boards on the Waitakere Citizens Bureaux Inc. (WaiCAB).

Report prepared by: Owena Schuster, Committee Secretary.



7 **REPRESENTATION REVIEW - UPDATE ON THE ADOPTION OF INITIAL PROPOSAL**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Waitakere Community Board on the decision made by Council on Wednesday, 15 March, 2006 regarding the adoption of an Initial Proposal for formal public consultation and to inform the Board of the opportunity to make a submission in respect of the Initial Proposal pursuant to Section 19M of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

BACKGROUND

The Local Electoral Act 2001 reduced the frequency of reviews of the basis of elections by local authorities from every three years to at least one every six years. Because the Council chose not to undertake a review in 2003 it must do so in the 2006 year. The Local Government Commission has advised that its workload to deal with any appeals and objections when considering Final Proposals from territorial authorities and regional councils is likely to be substantial. Accordingly, the Commission advises that if a local authority is able to make its determination ahead of the statutory deadlines then it is much more likely that local hearings will be possible.

The Representation Review is required to determine the boundaries for election of the Council and its Community Boards, in order to provide for fair and effective representation, as defined in the Local Electoral Act 2001.

The Electoral Officer started this process for Council by preparing a Discussion Document for Elected Members, and commissioning a consultant to undertake a study identifying Communities of Interest. A number of workshops reviewed the consultants report and updates thereto.

Feedback from the Community Boards was sought by Council in October/November 2005.

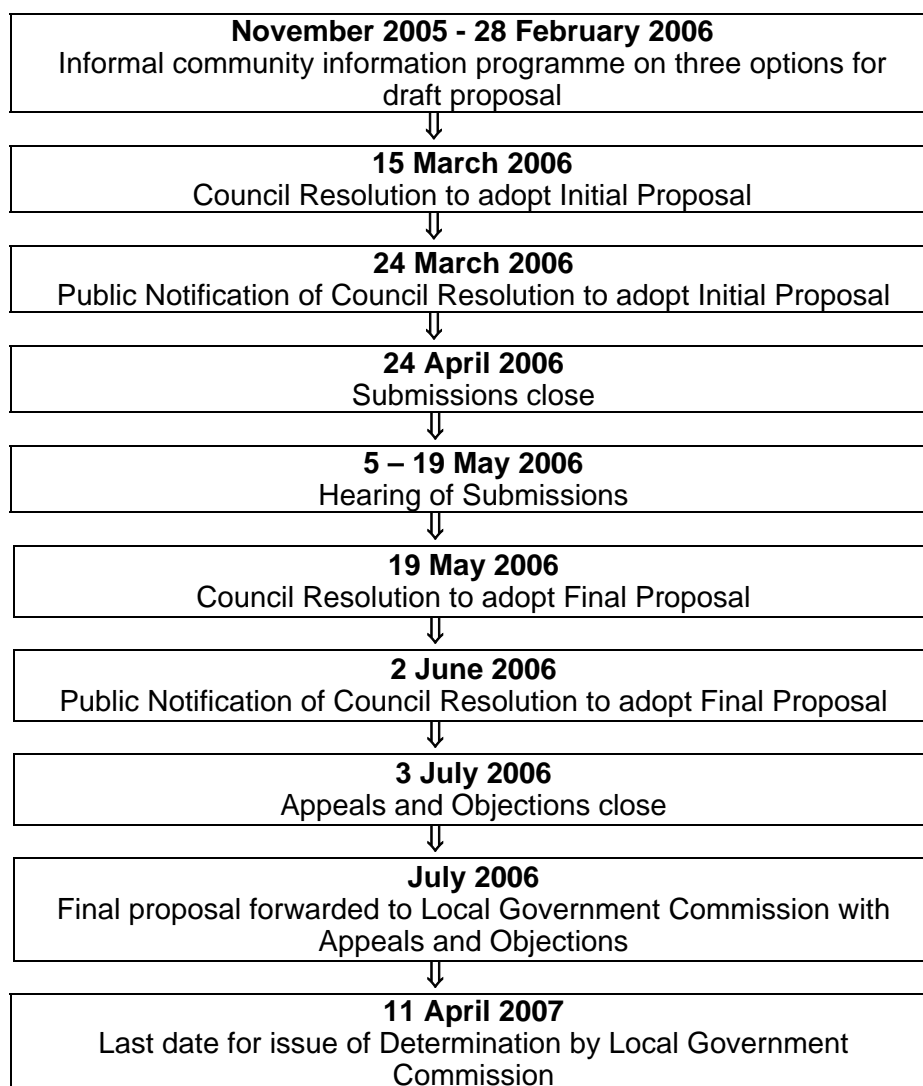
The Waitakere Community Board resolved on Tuesday, 1 November 2005 to support the enhanced status quo option and request preliminary public consultation.

The Henderson Community Board resolved on Thursday, 3 November 2005 to support Option Two. Massey Community Board gave its support to Option One on Wednesday 2 November 2005. New Lynn Community Board resolved at their meeting of Monday, 31 October 2005 to support Option One.

On Monday, 7 November 2005 the Finance and Operational Performance Committee resolved to undertake an informal information process finishing at the end of February 2006 prior to Council making its decision on the Initial Proposal for formal consultation in March 2006.

The following timeline was prepared to facilitate the implementation of this resolution.

Basis for Election provisional timescale:



Public meetings were held in each of the current four wards during the month of February as follows:

- 14 February 2006 - Waiatarua Community Hall for the Waitakere Ward;
- 16 February 2006 - Massey & Birdwood Settlers Hall (Lion's Den) for the Massey Ward;
- 17 February 2006 - Te Atatu South Community Centre for the Henderson Ward;
- 21 February 2006 - New Lynn Community Centre for the New Lynn Ward.

A total of 575 submissions were received by Council as a result of the informal community information process

Further feedback from the Community Boards was sought by Council in March 2006, following the closure of submissions under the informal community information process on 28 February 2006.

The Henderson Community Board resolved, on Thursday, 9 March 2006, to reaffirm its support for Option Two and also requested the inclusion of minor boundary adjustments requested at the various public meetings held during February 2006. On Wednesday, 8 March 2006, the Massey Community Board rescinded its for Option One, and resolved to support Option Two with a request to retain the name Massey Ward for the proposed Northern Urban Ward and to include Ranui in this. On Monday, 6 March 2006 the New Lynn Community Board resolved to reaffirm its support of Option One as its preferred option.

The Waitakere Community Board resolved, on Tuesday, 7 March 2006, to rescind its support for the enhanced status quo option (Option Three) and to support Option Two, as follows:

“That the Waitakere Community Board rescinds resolution 2150/2005 based on information arising out of the Informal Public Information Process.”

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“That the Waitakere Community Board supports Option 2 as the preferred option for Ward and Community Board boundaries.”

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“That the Waitakere Community Board call for the Council to seek isolated community status for the Waitakere Ward within this review process, in order to retain representation by three Councillors for the Waitakere Ward.”

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- “1. That the Waitakere (Rural) Ward also include all areas within the Waitakere Ranges Heritage Area, which is currently before Parliament.*
- 2. That the Ward names are left unchanged, and therefore, the four Wards retain their existing names (Waitakere, Henderson, Massey and New Lynn).”*

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“That the Waitakere Community Board supports the retention of Parrs Park and Hoani Waititi Marae in the Waitakere Ward, in the context of Option 2.”

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On Monday, 13 March 2006 the Finance and Operational Performance Committee deferred its decision on the adoption of a single preferred option for formal public consultation to the meeting of Council on Wednesday, 15 March 2006. At this meeting of Council the following was resolved:

“That, following the recommendation of the Finance and Operational Performance Committee, Council has determined which of the three Representation Review options, consulted on through the Informal Community Information Process, should be adopted for formal public consultation, Council adopts Option 1 as itemised in the previously distributed consultant report entitled “Basis of Representation Review - Communities of Interest - Updated following Public Information Process March 2006”, as the Representation Review initial proposal for public consultation, pursuant to Sections 19H, 19J and 19K of the Local Electoral Act 2001. Accordingly the following comprises the initial proposal determining the membership and electoral arrangements of the Waitakere City Council to apply for the triennial election to be held on 13 October 2007:

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- 1) *That pursuant to Section 19K of the Local Electoral Act 2001 it is noted that the current division of the Waitakere City into four Wards for Electoral purposes, represented by 14 Councillors, does not comply with the fair representation population ratio requirements of Section 19V of the Act and Council considers that a division of the City into three Wards would appropriately reflect the broad communities of interest in Waitakere City.*
- 2) *That Council proposes, that the Council to be elected at the October 2007 triennial election comprise 14 Councillors, and a Mayor elected at large.*
- 3) *That three Wards, based on integrated land-use, transportation and landscapes communities of interest be constituted as follows:*
 - (i) *A Central Ward represented by five Councillors.*
 - (ii) *A Northern Ward represented by four Councillors.*
 - (iii) *A Southern Ward represented by five Councillors.*
- 4) *That the proposed Wards follow the boundaries indicated on the map attached to these minutes (see attached at page A5) as follows:*
 - (i) **Central Ward** - *The Central Ward is the area generally comprising Piha, Karekare, Western Heights, McLaren Park, Henderson, Lincoln, Oratia, Te Atatu South and Te Atatu Peninsula.*
 - (ii) **Northern Ward** - *The Northern Ward is the area generally comprising Bethells / Te Henga, Swanson, Ranui, Whenuapai, Hobsonville, West Harbour and Massey.*
 - (iii) **Southern Ward** - *The Southern Ward is the area generally comprising Whatipu, Huia, Laingholm, Titirangi, Green Bay, Kelston, Glen Eden and New Lynn.*
- 5)
 - (i) *That pursuant to Section 19J of the Local Electoral Act 2001 the Council proposes the retention of Community Boards to assist the efficient operation of the City. In order to provide for fair and effective representation by the Community Boards, Council proposes that the Community Boards cover the same areas as the Council Wards.*
 - (ii) *That Council therefore proposes to disestablish the Henderson, New Lynn, Massey and Waitakere Community Boards and that the following three Community Boards be established:*
 - (a) **Central Community**
 - (1) *There shall be constituted a Community for the area of the Central Ward to be known as "the Central Community".*

- (2) *The Community Board for the Central Community shall comprise:*
 - (a) *Six Members elected by the Electors of the Central Community; and*
 - (b) *Three persons elected, as Members of the Council representing the Central Ward and appointed, from time to time, to the Community Board by the Council.*
- (b) **Northern Community**
 - (1) *There shall be constituted a Community for the area of the Northern Ward to be known as "the Northern Community".*
 - (2) *The Community Board for the Northern Community shall comprise:*
 - (a) *Six Members elected by the Electors of the Northern Community; and*
 - (b) *Three persons elected, as Members of the Council representing the Northern Ward and appointed, from time to time, to the Community Board by the Council.*
- (c) **Southern Community**
 - (1) *There shall be constituted a Community for the area of the Southern Ward to be known as "the Southern Community.*
 - (2) *The Community Board for the Southern Community shall comprise:*
 - (a) *Six Members elected by the Electors of the Southern Community; and*
 - (b) *Three persons elected, as Members of the Council representing the Southern Ward and appointed, from time to time, to the Community Board by the Council."*

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It was thus resolved by Council that the single preferred option for formal public consultation, referred to in the Local Electoral Act 2001 as the Initial Proposal, would be Option One. This has been Publicly Notified as Council's Initial Proposal and a formal process of public consultation has commenced, including the opportunity for the making of submissions and the subsequent hearing of those submissions by the Council and the review of Council's Final Decision by the Local Government Commission.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Active Democracy is one of the Council's nine strategic platforms identified in its Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan 2005/2006. This platform supports the involvement of citizens in the Council's decision-making process through education, removing barriers, developing partnerships, improving information flows and supporting the communities' own ways of interacting with the Council.

The Council measures its success in meeting active democracy targets by conducting regular household surveys. Although the public's perception of engagement in the Council's decision-making processes has improved since 2001/2002, (partly due to this Council's extensive community consultation processes), the voter turnout for Council elections remains low. Voter turnout was only 35.68% at the last election. The electoral representation review process will assist the Council in determining why this is so by addressing issues around Communities of Interest and how to structure a system that is more conducive to active voter participation.

ISSUES

The Local Electoral Act 2001 states that any person or organisation, including a Community Board, may make a submission with respect to a Representation Review Initial Proposal. Section 19O states that if the Council decides to confirm its Initial Proposal without changes, only those who made a submission have standing to appeal this decision to the Local Government Commission. If, however, the Council decides to amend the Initial Proposal then any person may object to that decision pursuant to Section 19P of the Local Electoral Act 2001.

RESOURCES

Provision has been made in the Annual Plan 2005/2006 and the draft Annual Plan 2006/2007 to resource the Representation Review. No additional resources are required.

CONCLUSION

The Waitakere Community Board is being invited to make a submission expressing its opinion on the decision of Council to adopt Option One as the Initial Proposal for formal public consultation as is provided for in the Local Electoral Act 2001. It is suggested that the Waitakere Community Board authorises the Chairperson to sign off the submission on behalf of the Waitakere Community Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Representation Review - Update on the Adoption of Initial Proposal report be received.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board make a submission to Council in respect of the Representation Review Initial Proposal and delegate to the Chairperson the authority to sign off a submission to Council on the subject of the preferred option for Ward and Community Board boundaries on behalf of the Waitakere Community Board.

Report prepared by: Stephen McDaid, Electoral Official and Charlie Inggs, Deputy Electoral Officer.



8 FREESTONE PLACE LINK ROAD – SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Waitakere Community Board with information about the link road between Freestone Place and Summerland Drive.

BACKGROUND

At the Waitakere Community Board's meeting of 2 August 2005, the Board considered a report regarding safety improvements made to the link road between Summerland Drive and Freestone Place. After considering the report and the comments of a number of local residents regarding the link road made during Public Forum the Board made the following resolutions:

- “1. That the Freestone Place Link Road, Western Heights - Safety Improvements report be received.
2. That an updated report be brought back to the November 2005 meeting of the Community Board regarding the Freestone Place Link Road incorporating the previous agenda reports.
3. That an invitation be forwarded to Community Board Members and residents of the Freestone Place area inviting them to a site visit at Freestone Place and that the invite also be sent to residents of the properties originally surveyed as well as a questionnaire drop.”
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A6 A recent photograph of the link road is shown as an attachment at page A6.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Waitakere City Council's 'Integrated Transport and Communication' platform provides the strategic context for this report. The vision is for public transport and communications systems that provide fast, effective services, and for city travel facilitated by integrated, environmentally responsible, and innovative design, with a focus on meeting the essential needs of all, for access, communication, and safety.

Under the Local Government Act 2002, Council has a responsibility to promote for the well being of its community in terms of social, cultural, economic and environmental outcomes. Ensuring public safety is of paramount importance under the Safe City priority.

ISSUES

Previous Agenda Reports

Four previous reports regarding the link road between Summerland Drive and Freestone Place have been presented to the Waitakere Community Board. These reports were;

- Freestone Place Road Closure (6 April 2004);
- Freestone Place Link-Road, Western Heights: Consultation (1 June 2004);
- Freestone Place Link-Road, Western Heights: Legal Advice (6 July 2004);
- Freestone Place Link-Road, Western Heights: Safety Improvements (2 August 2005);

A7-A52 Copies of the four previous agenda reports on the link road between Summerland Drive and Freestone Place and minutes of the meetings that considered these reports are attached at pages A7 to A52.

Questionnaire and Public Meeting

A questionnaire was sent to 110 properties in February 2006. The questionnaire asked residents if they favoured the link remaining open or being closed and if there were any further safety improvements that they would like to see made to the link. Replies to the questionnaire were received from 43 properties, 35 of the 43 responses (81%) were in favour of the link road remaining open and 8 (19%) of the responses were in favour of the link road being closed.

A similar questionnaire was sent to the same properties in 2004 seeking resident's opinions about the link road. There were 40 responses received to this earlier questionnaire of which 31 (77%) favoured the link road remaining open with safety improvements installed and 9 (23%) favoured wanting the link road closed.

The questionnaire also provided residents the opportunity to write their comments and suggestions regarding the link road.

The comments made by residents who favoured closing the link road are summarised below:

- If the link road is closed to vehicle traffic it should remain open for pedestrians (3 respondents);
- The volume of traffic using the link has increased since the Paremuka Bridge opened (2 respondents);
- Alternative routes exist which would not increase travel time significantly (2 respondents);
- It is difficult to reverse out into the link from adjacent properties due to the presence of moving traffic;
- Many students from Summerland School use the link and are in danger from moving vehicles;
- If the link stays open Council must install more measures to slow the traffic;
- If the link stays open it should be made one way only;
- The respondent has stopped using the link as they consider it to dangerous;
- The link was not shown on the plans when they purchased their property;
- Users of the link have no consideration for residents and travel too fast.
- Limited onsite parking means residents must park in parking area within central island in the Freestone Place cul de sac. When high sided vehicles are also parked in this area the resident is unable to see approaching traffic from the link when unparking.

The comments made by residents who favoured the link road remaining open are summarised below:

- Respondent is a regular user of the link and has not observed any problems. (6 respondents);
- Residents were aware of the link when purchasing their properties. (4 respondents);
- The link is very convenient for residents. (4 respondents);
- The safety improvements have worked well. (3 respondents);
- If the link road is closed to vehicle traffic it should remain open for pedestrians (2 respondents);
- Closure of the link will result in higher traffic volumes on alternative routes (2 respondents);
- The concrete lip on the edge of channel at each end makes noise;
- Traffic volume in link is not excessive;
- Impressed with the effectiveness of bollards as a speed reduction measure;
- Will seek to take legal action if Council chooses to close the link.

The respondents also suggested the following changes to the link. Their suggestions are summarised below along with comments on the suitability of the proposed improvement, as follows:

- Speed humps should be installed in the link to slow traffic.

Comment - Speed humps were previously considered for inclusion in the improvements made in 2004, but were rejected due to noise concerns with neighboring properties.

- The link should be made wider or the bollards removed.

Comment - The bollards were installed to intentionally narrow the link and reduce vehicle speeds. Their removal would result in an increase in operating speeds in the link and would not provide a safety benefit to users of the link.

- Signs should be installed to indicate which direction has priority.

Comment - These signs are not considered necessary. Traffic volumes in the link are very low and it is unlikely that a vehicle will meet a vehicle approaching from the other direction. Space has been provided at each end of the link for waiting traffic.

- Railing and mesh fencing should be installed between the bollards to prevent children moving from the footpath on to the carriageway.

Comment - Observations made during the collection of data for an earlier Board report show that a small proportion of pedestrians are walking on the carriageway rather than the footpath. Installation of railing and mesh would impede these pedestrians from easily moving out of the path of vehicle traffic.

- A speed camera should be installed.

Comment - A survey of traffic speeds in the link carried out last year found no vehicles exceeding 30km/h in the link. The current configuration of the link appears to be effective in preventing high vehicle speeds without additional measures.

- A stop sign should be installed at the Summerland Drive end of the link.

Comment - A stop sign in this location is not believed to be necessary by officers. During on site surveys of usage of the link no issues with vehicles exiting the link failing to give way to Summerland Drive traffic were observed, there are no accidents reported by the police in this location and no other residents have raised concerns of this nature.

A public meeting was held on the evening of Monday 6 March 2006 at the Sturges West Community House to discuss the future of the accessway. This meeting was attended by members of the Community Board and 11 local residents, with Council officers available to provide information. The majority of residents who stated an opinion in regard to the link road at the meeting were in favour of the link road remaining open although this was not a unanimous opinion.

Two additional suggestions for improvements to the walkway were made at the public meeting. One suggestion was that either the words 'Check Before You Step' or painted foot prints should be installed on the footpath at each end on both sides of the link road to remind pedestrians to be cautious when crossing the link. This improvement can be easily made and would supplement the existing tactile pavers in these locations.

The second suggestion was that 'zebra' crossing markings be painted across each end of the link road. The installation of these road markings is not recommended. These markings can give pedestrians a false sense of security and are only recommended in high volume traffic situations where it is necessary to give pedestrians priority over vehicular traffic.

RESOURCES

The proposed new 'Check Before You Step' markings at on the footpaths at each end of the link can be funded from the 2005/06 Annual Plan Minor Safety Budget.

CONCLUSION

The bollards, signs, markings, tactile pavers, planting and fencing have together resulted in a significant improvement in driver and pedestrian behavior. The boundary fences, footpath demarcations, and lower traffic speeds have significantly reduced the danger of a collision between a vehicle and pedestrian.

Safety works for the link road between Freestone Place and Summerland Drive have been effective in addressing the issues identified early in 2004. The high standard of safety and amenity envisaged has been achieved.

Public consultation on the future of the link shows a high level support for the link road remaining open among local residents.

For these reasons it is recommended that the link remain open the vehicle traffic on a permanent basis.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Freestone Place Link Road – Safety Improvements report be received.
2. That the link road between Freestone Place and Summerland Drive remain open on a permanent basis.

Report prepared by: Paul Schischka, Transport Engineer.



9 PROJECT TWIN STREAMS UPDATE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Waitakere Community Board with an update of Project Twin Streams outcomes to March 2006.

BACKGROUND

Project Twin Streams is an exciting and innovative multi-faceted project which is gaining national recognition and funding. It focuses on achieving long-term sustainable integrated management of the Henderson Creek and Huruhuru Creek catchments. This project weaves together the issues of integrated storm water management and the restoration of 125 kilometres of stream banks along the Oratia, Waikumete, Opanuku, Pixie and Swanson Streams, with a sustainable community development approach. The Project Twin Streams catchment has a population of 100,000 people.

Central to the long term success of the project is finding ways of raising people's awareness of the causes of the degradation of streams, and behaviour changes to address these. This requires working across all aspects of wellbeing (environmental, social, economic and cultural), and actions that promote strong, healthy, engaged local communities who understand the challenges facing their catchment and take responsibility for them. Community engagement is being achieved through contracting six locality-based community organisations to develop Project Twin Streams in their own areas cross the catchment

The 6 December 2005 agenda report provided additional background information on Project Twin Streams and the detailed project plan.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Project Twin Streams has been identified as one of Council's catalytic projects and will contribute to implementing the Vision of Waitakere as an Eco City through all Council's strategic objectives and platforms. The Vision for Project Twin Streams is *Working Together for Healthy Streams & Strong Communities: Creating a Sustainable Future*.

In particular Project Twin Streams supports the Council strategic platforms of:

- Strong Communities – people are active, healthy and content;
- Active Democracy – people feel they can make a difference. There are high levels of community participation and respect for each others views;
- Green Network – caring for natural areas. Protection and enhancement is on both public and private land; community involvement is encouraged, as is the protection of landscapes, native plants, wildlife and ecosystems;
- Three Waters – stream restoration and resolving stormwater management issues.

Project Twin Streams also demonstrates the integration of Council's Quadruple Bottom Line approach in programme development and implementation as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

OUTCOMES

Planting & Maintenance Programme

Since the Project Twin Stream began (2003) 20 percent of the required planting in the Infrastructure Auckland application has been achieved. A total of 146,012 plants have been planted covering 31,091 sq metres. Weed and maintenance programmes have been carried out over 53,239 square metres of stream banks. Approximately 3,500 volunteers have taken part in 107 planting events, site preparation and weed maintenance programmes.

Highlights for 2005/2006 include the following:

- Planting undertaken by Rutherford High School at Pixie Stream. The school began planting the stream in 2004. Over this period they have planted in excess of 8,000 plants. The school has also commenced monitoring to assess the effect the revegetation has had on the stream. Pixie Stream is also being developed by Project Twin Streams as a demonstration site through the construction of bioretention (stormwater systems that use natural filtration through plants to clean up stormwater) prototype devices which are being monitored for stormwater treatment efficiency. There has also been construction of permeable paving using Permapave products;
- Princes Trust – a group of youth offenders have been working on the Henderson Creek undertaking both planting and weeding. Over the 2005 planting season they have planted over 8,000 plants;

- 25 Staff from GE Electrical spent a day doing weeding and maintenance on the stream banks of the Lower Opanuku in January 2006;
- Community Probation workers have undertaken site preparation and maintenance on areas that are difficult for community to access.

Community Contracts & Community Engagement

A key goal of Project Twin Streams is to build community ownership of the Project in ways that are inclusive and meaningful for local neighbourhood communities and communities of interest. Community uptake is being achieved through working to engage and contract six locality-based community organisations to develop Project Twin Streams in their neighbourhoods. As well as co-ordinating community involvement in the weeding and maintenance of the stream banks, local contract holders will develop, with their local communities, opportunities to integrate environmental awareness through music, arts, cultural, storytelling, youth, job creation and employment and training initiatives.

There are now three organisations that have community contracts with Project Twin Streams which have been approved by the Tenders Subcommittee. These are:

- Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi Limited in Ranui-Massey along the Swanson Stream from Birdwood Road to Huruhuru Creek;
- West Auckland District Council of Social Services (WADCOSS) in the Henderson area along the Henderson Creek;
- Corban Estate Arts Centre has recently signed a contract to deliver Project Twin Streams in the Henderson South area along the Lower Opanuku Stream to Border Road.

Consultation is currently being undertaken in the Lower Oratia and Glen Eden areas to ascertain how these local communities would like to engage with Project Twin Stream and to identify suitable organisations to undertake a community contract. The Swanson community is also exploring options for an appropriate organisation to take up a community contract. It is anticipated that by the end of 2006 there will be six community organisations contracted to deliver Project Twin Streams in their localities. This will cover the majority of the Catchment.

A snapshot of achievements from Te Ukaipo Mercy Initiatives for Rangatahi Limited (Ranui-Massey) and WADCOSS (Henderson Creek) community contract organisations include the following:

- Establishing Project Twin Streams in their local communities;
- Ranui-Massey Project Twin Streams have held three extremely successful community planting & education days attracting approximately 400 residents including a large number of children. Local groups are also beginning to adopt sections of the stream. Five local groups have adopted a section of the stream. A programme for rangatahi (youth) at risk are working weekly on the stream banks doing weeding, planting and maintenance. It has been reported that there have been significant improvements in the students' behaviour and also their educational attainment from being involved in Project Twin Streams. At the end of one programme a rangatahi stated that "I have learnt to respect mother nature". A total of 8,972 plants have been planted by the local community covering approximately 4,740 square metres;
- WADCOSS began their contract part way through the planting season. They have organised planting days with Flanshaw Road Primary School, Scouts and local residents.

Creative Processes

Project Twin Streams is demonstrating that using creativity is an essential tool for generating interest and excitement in Project Twin Streams and in beginning to understand the issues facing the catchment. The Project Twin Streams Community Arts Worker, a temporary position, who was initially funded through external funding, has been working for the past 9 months alongside the community contract organisations to creatively engage people in re-building their relationship with their local streams.

Some achievements of this position to date include:

- Working with children in the Ranui After-School Project who have made a mosaic gecko (mokomoko) that is now displayed outside the Ranui Community Centre. The children also drew pictures and wrote stories of their vision for the Swanson Stream. This has been put together into a book and entered into the OSCAR (National Association for After-School Care) competition;
- Children at Birdwood School have written and performed a rap about Project Twin Streams. Youth from the local youth group designed tee shirts that the younger children wore for their performance. Over 2006 they will be working with students from the AUT Communications Course to make a DVD on their rap and involvement in planting;
- Children at West Wave After-School designed flags depicting how they see Henderson Creek. These flags have been sewn up by a group of trainee machinists;
- Working with WADCOSS to organise the Celebrating Henderson Creek weekend that included art displays by children from Flanshaw Road and Edmonton Road schools, music, ecological and historical walks, painting, educational displays, a performance by the Waitakere Women's Choir and a parade and installation of the flags designed by the West Wave After-School.

A significant number of people, particularly children, who are engaging with Project Twin Streams through the community arts projects, are also taking an active interest in planting days.

Cycle & Walkways

In 2004 an application was approved by Infrastructure Auckland (now Auckland Regional Holdings) for \$5.2 million to construct 14.5 kilometres of walk/cycleways along the Opanuku, Oratia and Waikumete Streams.

Work is well underway for this project and is on track for completion by the end of 2006 beginning of 2007, including the following:

- Extensive community consultation has been undertaken for stage one of the project. This also included final consultation of the Lower Oratia Stream Reserves Management Plan;
- Non-notified consents have been approved for routes along the Lower Oratia and Lower Opanuku Streams and partially notified consents for the Lower Waikumete. Consents will be lodged for the remainder of the routes along Millbrook Road, the Upper Waikumete and Upper Opanuku by March 2006.

Property Buy Outs

Following approvals from the Finance and Operational Performance Committee, Project Twin Streams commenced buying properties in the Serwayne Place, Millbrook Rd area (2003), in Henderson Valley (2004) and Glen Eden (2005.) To date 45 properties have been purchased, 3 are awaiting settlement and 32 are under negotiation. Seven further properties are under negotiation for the purchase of a strip of land for the walk/cycleway project.

To date the careful and sensitive process used by Project Twin Streams in working with affected property owners has meant that it has not been necessary for Council to resort to using the Public Works Act to acquire properties. Apart from one brief article which was based on inaccurate information, and was subsequently resolved with the owner, there has been no adverse publicity. Significant financial savings have been achieved by totally avoiding the need for protracted legal and arbitration processes.

Relationship with Manawhenua & Iwi

Te Kawerau a Maki and Ngati Whatua have both been engaged to prepare cultural heritage reports for the parts of the catchment covered by the cycle and walkways. Both iwi have in principle given their support for the project.

Meetings have been held with Hoani Waitiiti Kura Whanau and Te Whanau o Waipareira to begin discussions regarding their interests in Project Twin Streams. Each of the contracted community organisations is being encouraged and supported to develop relationships with local Maori in their own localities.

A training workshop for people associated with Project Twin Streams (from across Council and the community) was jointly organised and hosted with Te Piringatahi o Maungarongo Marae. Five kaumātua attended and significant interest was generated in developing opportunities for Maori involvement in Project Twin Streams.

Project Twin Streams is working with other key stakeholders to support the recently established Maori Economic Development Project – Turuki Turuki Paneke Paneke – a joint venture between Te Kawerau a Maki and Te Piataata Trust (funded by Department of Internal Affairs). A number of the objectives for this project are aligned to Project Twin Streams.

Achieving Project Twin Stream Goals through Collaborative Partnerships

Project Twin Streams has been selected as one of two demonstration sites for Sustainable Communities, one of the work strands of Sustainable Auckland, which is a government demonstration project. This brings additional resources of \$65,000 - \$85,000 a year for three years through direct funding. It also includes the possible realignment of existing central government resources to further the social, economic, environmental and social goals of Project Twin Streams. Through Sustainable Communities collaborative working relationships have been developed with Auckland Regional Council, Department of Internal Affairs, Te Puni Kokiri and Enterprise Waitakere.

Economic Goals

Enterprise Waitakere, Project Twin Streams and the Sustainable Communities have agreed to form a partnership to identify existing and potential opportunities and an implementation plan for economic development in the Project Twin Streams catchments. Funding of \$50,000 has been provided by Sustainable Communities for this initial work which is due for completion by June 2006. This work will also strengthen the roles of Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Social Development and the Sustainable Business Network as potential partners in the implementation of economic development opportunities.

Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Quadruple Bottom Line Approach

An integrated framework is currently being developed to capture the effectiveness of a quadruple bottom line approach to evaluating an environmental project. Evaluation will include the effectiveness and learnings of using a community development model, and a range of environmental, economic and social outcomes.

ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD

Community Contracts

The Swanson Community have organised three very successful community planting days in 2005 which have resulted in the planting of 5,971 plants along Parklands Reserve. The planting days were a great community occasion with music, face painting, BBQ and each event attracted around 100 community members.

There is a lot of interest in Swanson to hold a community contract to develop Project Twin Streams in their community. A number of meetings have been held with groups over the last few months to discuss the Council criteria required for a community contract. Registrations of Interest for organisations interested in contracting with Council to develop Project Twin Streams in the Swanson community will be publicly advertised in the next few weeks.

Project Twin Streams Cycle and Walkways – Stage Two Consultation

During July to September 2005, consultation was undertaken on Stage One of the Project Twin Streams cycle and walkways, involving a route in the Henderson area from Great North Road and Corban Estate along the Opanuku Stream to Border Road, and another route from Parrs Cross Road along the Oratia Stream, past the Sunnyvale rail station to Millbrook Road.

Consultation can now begin on stage two of the cycle and walkways, which for Waitakere involves:

- Extending the stage one cycle and walkway from Border Road to Henderson Valley Road.

Border Road to Henderson Valley Road

- The proposed consultation and communication approach is as follows;
- A letter and pamphlet will be sent to adjacent and nearby residents showing the proposed route, providing a feedback form and phone number for further information or to provide feedback;
- Directly affected property owners will be visited to talk them through the proposal and seek their written consent;
- Key groups will be contacted directly (eg the Pony Club) and visited to work through the proposal.

A safety and access audit has been undertaken for this route.

The process above will run from 10 April to 8 May. Feedback on will be taken to the Community Board's June meeting for consideration.

PROJECTIONS FOR NEXT THREE YEARS – A SNAPSHOT

It is planned that over the next three years Project Twin Streams will achieve the following:

- 60 percent on the planting programme for the Infrastructure Auckland funding will have been achieved;
- An additional three community contract organisations will be engaged in the Glen Eden, Lower Oratia and Swanson areas bringing the total number of community contracts to six;

- Community contract organisations will be increasing their capacity to organise community planting of between 12,000-15,000 plants per planting season and have community-based maintenance plans in place for long term maintenance of the areas planted;
- Creative programmes and processes for community involvement and awareness raising of the causes of the degradation of the streams and what people can do about it will increase the diversity of community understanding, participation and ownership of Project Twin Streams;
- The first of regular city-wide Water Festivals will be held;
- 14.5 km of walk/cycleways will be completed and well-used;
- Property purchase of flood prone properties in the Lower Opanuku will be completed and the purchase of riparian strips or easements for stormwater management in the Waikumete, Oratia and Swanson areas will be underway;
- The programme could be relocated in a community based centre as a step towards becoming community governed;
- Catchment management plants utilising the treatment train approach will be progressively developed;
- Economic development, skills training opportunities and new jobs arising from Project Twin Streams will begin to be realised through collaborative projects with Enterprise Waitakere, business, tertiary training institutions, iwi and local communities;
- Planning and consultation will be underway for a permanent, catchment-wide, self funded community governance structure for Project Twin Streams;
- Increased external funding and resources will be sourced to support the wider goals of Project Twin Streams;
- Increased cross-Council alignment and integration of Project Twin Streams will be achieved;
- An integrated evaluation framework will be implemented and capturing the environmental, social and economic outcomes of the Project. Local communities will be actively involved in data collection and monitoring the changes in their local streams.

RESOURCES

The resources available are as follows:

- Funding of \$38.2 million has been allocated from Infrastructure Auckland (now Auckland Regional Holdings) for stormwater management, repair and restoration of 125 km of streams and to provide social and economic benefits as outline in the contract. A claim has just been submitted to Auckland Regional Holdings for \$7,112,000 for 2004/2005. This will make a total of \$10 million that has been claimed;
- Funding of \$5.2 million has been allocated from Infrastructure Auckland for the construction of cycle and walkways along the Oratia, Opanuku and Waikumete streams;
- Direct funding of \$70,000 from Sustainable Communities for three years has been secured to progress agreed social, cultural and economic goals of the programme;
- A Community Advisor from Department of Internal Affairs has been made available to contribute up to 20 hours per week to progress agreed Project Twin Streams-Sustainable Communities goals;
- Funding of \$12 million from Financial Contributions.

CONCLUSION

Project Twin Streams has evolved significantly from its original concept of riparian restoration to become a quadruple bottom line community development model for catchment restoration as a living example of sustainable development. The project is already becoming well known within the catchment as well as nationally. To realise the potential of Project Twin Streams quadruple bottom line approach a partnership approach and shared resources are essential both within Council and with external stakeholders. Community Boards are important partners in the development of Project Twin Streams and provide an effective conduit between Council and their local communities to progress mutual interests.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Project Twin Streams Update report be received.

Report prepared by: Tony Miguel, Group Manager: Asset Management.



10 BETHELL'S BEACH PUBLIC TOILET

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to enable the Waitakere Community Board to consider options for the reinstatement of the damaged Bethell's Beach public toilet.

BACKGROUND

The existing Bethell's Beach public toilet was heavily damaged by fire on the 18 December 2005. Portaloo facilities were provided over the peak summer season to cope with the large number of visitors. The existing portaloo facilities will remain on site until the permanent public toilet is fully operational.

Insurance funds of \$19,561 have recently been received for the restoration of the existing Bethells Beach toilet block and it was planned to commence remedial works immediately.

During the intervening period, while waiting for the insurance claim to be finalised the local community approached Council requesting that the existing toilets be enlarged and a new block be constructed rather than just replaced back to their previous state.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This project contributes to Council's Safe City priority.

ISSUES

The damage to the toilet block includes severe damage to the roofing and exterior side wall of the ladies toilet and the roofing of the mens toilet. To repair the existing toilet, all electrical wiring, conduits, floodlights, sensors, pipe work and plumbing would need to be repaired or replaced. The estimated cost of all this work is \$24,561. Council's insurance policy allows Council to claim \$19,561 after considering Council's excess. The additional funds will be met from changes in the Building renewal programme.

Due to the number of increased visitors to Bethell's Beach over the 2004/2005 peak summer season, portaloo's were provided in addition to the permanent public toilet over the summer.

The existing public toilet contained two pans in the ladies toilet and one pan and one urinal in the mens toilet. Small changing facilities are also provided in the toilet areas. To meet the high demand over the summer months it is estimated that a total of four pans are required for the ladies toilet and two pans and one urinal for the mens toilet. Changing facilities are desirable for both men and ladies for safety and security at beach based toilet blocks.

RESOURCES

There is currently no funding in the 2006/2007 draft Annual Plan for the requested upgrade of the toilet block and changing facilities at Bethell's Beach. Therefore, Council officers cannot recommend the upgrade of the existing facility.

Council's insurance policy has made \$19,561 available for the repair of the existing toilet block. There is a shortfall between the actual costs of works - \$24,561, and the insurance funds.

Should Waitakere Community Board decide to proceed with the repair works of the existing toilet block, then the cost of the repairs would be supplemented with funding provided from the existing toilet renewal budget. Changes would be made to the existing programme to accommodate this minor shortfall.

If the Community Board wish to pursue building a new toilet and changing facility at Bethell's Beach, the planning, design and construction would need to be referred to Council as a submission to the draft 2006 - 2016 Long Term Council Community Plan. It is estimated that the cost of a new toilet block at Bethell's Beach would be in the region of \$185,000.

However, during 2005, Council carried out consultation on the provision of public toilets through the Water and Sanitary Services Assessment process. Based on the need for demand, affordability and community feedback the Council adopted a work programme for completing its five year programme and thereafter not building new public toilets.

CONCLUSION

Funding is available to carry out repairs to the Bethell's Beach public toilets damaged by fire.

As funding is not available for a major upgrade or extending the facility, consideration of this option will only delay the repairs and thereby reduce the level of service to the community.

Accordingly, it is recommended that the Board approve repairs to the existing public toilets at Bethell's Beach.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Bethell's Beach Public Toilet report be received.

Report prepared by: Tony Miguel, Group Manager: Asset Management.



11 **BETHELL'S BEACH WASTEWATER SYSTEM REPLACEMENT/SURF CLUB CONNECTION**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to enable the Waitakere Community Board to consider options for the replacement of the Bethell's Beach public toilet wastewater system and the possibility of a wastewater connection with Bethell's Beach Surf Club.

BACKGROUND

There is no existing consent for the discharge of effluent from the Bethells Toilet system or for the taking of water from a ground bore to service the toilets.

Technical Publication No. 58 (TP58) from the Auckland Regional Council deems that the existing wastewater system servicing the Bethell's Beach public toilet does not comply with the design standards within the document.

The existing effluent system is unable to cater for the primary treatment of the peak summer flow from the toilets. During the summer months when usage of the toilets is high the system becomes overloaded, resulting in poor quality effluent discharging to the land via the disposal field. This has the potential for adverse environmental effects and may cause a public health risk.

Following the investigation after the toilet fire it was found that the Bethells Beach Surf Club (Surf Club) was also connected to the Council system. The Surf Club has expressed interest in continuing with this relationship and wish to enter into an agreement with Council for a joint system.

Roof water from the Surf Club house supplements the bore supply to the toilets block.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

To contribute to Council's strategic platforms of Three Waters and Green Network where the objectives are to:

- Provide innovative management of water supply, wastewater and stormwater.
- Council will continue to provide efficient, high quality waste collection services and to manage the environmental and safety impacts of waste disposal.
- Waitakere will be a clean and attractive city.

The Parks Asset Management Plan has identified the need to replace the current wastewater treatment system associated with the Bethell's Beach public toilet block and the Surf Club. Carrying out these works will ensure that the wastewater treatment facility will comply with the design standards of Auckland Regional Council Technical Publication No. 58.

ISSUES

There are two options for the replacement of the Bethell's Beach public toilet wastewater system, as follows:

- Option 1** Upgrade the wastewater system to cater for the Bethell's Beach public toilets. This would leave the Surf Club to provide their own separate system to cater for their facilities at their cost.
- Option 2** Upgrade the wastewater system for the Bethell's Beach with a combined public toilets and Surf Club system, with a funding mechanism agreeable to both parties.

Flow Rates

During the peak summer period of 2004/2005, the Bethell's Beach public toilet water meter readings were recorded showing a peak flow of 3,750 litres per day. A meter has recently been installed at the Surf Club to record flows generated by their activities.

An assessment of potential flows for the Surf Club provides a design flow rate of 3,000 litres per day. However given that no actual flow information exists for the Surf Club there is a risk that the flows will be greater than estimated. If Council were to proceed with Option 2, a more detailed analysis of flows would be required.

Option 1

If option 1 was pursued the Surf Club would be required to install their own treatment system and since the Surf Club building is situated on Council's land the treatment plant would need to be also located on Council owned land. This would result in Council land being affected by two treatment plants.

Option 2

If Option 2 was pursued a wastewater system nearly twice as large as Option 1 would be required. This would not significantly alter or influence the type of pre treatment system proposed but this system would require less room than two separate treatment plants.

Combining the two systems would present a number of benefits. Both systems face similar environmental constraints, and it would be viable to address these at the same time. Also economies of scale could be achieved by only requiring one design, one consent process, one installation, one pump system and one maintenance contract.

In a joint system there would also be the issue that the Surf Club has kitchen facilities and a grease trap would be required. This could present additional maintenance requirements and risks to the over all joint treatment system. Council would have little or no control of the flows from the Surf Club to the treatment system and careful monitoring of the system would be required.

For both systems the provision of buffer tanks, similar to ones used at Piha toilets and camp ground, will be considered in the design to reduce the disposal area.

Disposal

Regardless of which option was adopted by Council, the existing disposal system would need to be replaced with a more advanced system to meet the design standards of Auckland Regional Council Technical Publication No. 58. Approximately 540m² of land is currently used for the existing disposal field and this could be made available for the new joint disposal field. The proposed disposal system would be similar to the Piha systems by utilising pressure compensating dripper irrigation.

Based on estimated peak volumes for the toilet of 3,750 litres per day and for the surf club of 3,000 litres per day it is possible that a new disposal field could be accommodated within the existing disposal area.

Operation and Maintenance

The operation and maintenance of either system would require the development of an operating management plan. Option 2 would require the Council and the Surf Club to enter into an agreement to cover the operation of the facility and the split of maintenance costs.

It is anticipated that the operational costs of either option would not be significantly different however, there would be some costs associated with the maintenance of the club's grease trap system for both options.

RESOURCES

Funding of \$207,000 has been allocated in the draft 2006/2007 Annual Plan for the upgrade of the Bethell's Beach public toilet wastewater system only. There are currently no funds for an upgrade of the Surf Club wastewater system.

For both options the Surf Club would be required to provide their own funding to either contribute to the joint system or construct their own system. In the joint system the operational expense would be split on the percentage basis of flows into the system.

Based on very preliminary estimates and that the club have some primary treatment on sites it is possible that the club would be required to contribute approximately \$96,000.

The surf club have identified that they do not have this sum available and that they would be required to seek funds from various funding institutions that provide financial support to local voluntary groups.

If the club were unable to provide their financial contribution then the full sized system would not be constructed and the club would not be connected to the new system. The old system would not be available for the club to use and this would result in the club needing to close as there would be no method of disposal for their effluent.

The potential closure of the surf club would not be a suitable situation and a possible contingency plan would be for Council to fund the full project, and recover the capital and operational costs via the lease agreement between Council and the Surf Club as an annual charge.

CONCLUSION

The current wastewater system of the Bethell's Beach public toilet requires replacement to meet the design standards of Auckland Regional Council Technical Publication No. 58 regardless of what option is selected by Council.

Combining the two systems would present a number of benefits. Both systems face similar environmental constraints, and it would be sensible to address these at the same time and economies of scale could be achieved by only requiring one design, one consent process, one installation and one maintenance contract.

The Surf Club facilities are currently used as a local community hall catering for public meetings, Council events and the Surf Club operations. The support of this facility is essential in the operation of safe surf activities at Bethells Beach and for the provision of a key community meeting point.

It is proposed to commence detailed design, preparation of resource consent applications and commence negotiations with the Bethell's Beach Surf Club. A progress report will be submitted to the Waitakere Community Board in July 2007.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Bethell's Beach Public Toilet Wastewater System Replacement/Surf Club Connection report be received.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board approves in principle the proposal to install a combined wastewater treatment system with the Bethell's Beach Surf Club, with reporting back to the Board in July 2007 with more detailed information on the implementation issues.

Report prepared by: Tracey Hamilton, Junior Parks Officer.



12 KAREKARE BEACH PUBLIC TOILET BLOCK

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Waitakere Community Board on the construction of the new effluent system, and the proposed community consultation plan and timeline for installation of the toilet block structure along with progress to date at Karekare Beach.

BACKGROUND

Council has provided funding in the draft 2006/2007 Annual Plan for the construction of the new effluent system and toilet block at Karekare Beach. Resource consent for the effluent system has been approved and Council is currently waiting for the amended resource consent regarding the effluent system from Auckland Regional Council (ARC).

This project was delayed due to the publicly notified resource consent process for the discharge of effluent. The resource consent granted by Auckland Regional Council for discharge of effluent was appealed to the Environment Court. It has been upheld by the Environment Court with only a requirement for an amendment of two conditions. At present Council is awaiting the amended set of conditions from Auckland Regional Council.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This project contributes to Council's Safe City priority.

ISSUES

Consultation with the Karekare community, the Waitakere Community Board and Te Kawerau A Maki and Ngati Whatua will be required for the design of the toilet structure. To facilitate this, an architectural firm will be engaged by Council to design the structure. It is anticipated that the appointment of the architect will be made by mid to late April. The resource consent granted by the Auckland Regional Council stipulates the specific wastewater treatment system required, and therefore this component of the project will not be part of the architectural firm's brief.

The consultation methodology proposed for the toilet block involves undertaking an initial mailout to residents of Karekare with several concept options for consideration on the design of the facility. This is intended to provide material to generate thoughts from the community on design features, construction material and aesthetic qualities etc. This mailout will also advise of all timelines for the project. Following the submission process (expected to be 3 weeks) the design architect engaged by Council will work on a preferred design that incorporates elements of the feedback received. The mailout will be carefully managed to ensure all Karekare residents and property owners are contacted.

A workshop will be scheduled with the community in which further refinement of the design will be made through public input. It is proposed that the workshop will be chaired by the Chair of the Waitakere Community Board or a nominated representative of the Board. The workshop will also be provided with a summary of the community feedback. This forum will provide an opportunity for the presentation of the potential design of the structure for final consideration before Council settles on the preferred design.

In addition to both the community mailout and workshop, project signage will be installed at the Karekare Beach carpark for the consultation period seeking feedback and visitor's views.

The outcome from the workshop will be mailed out to all submitters and attendees at the workshop, along with an invitation to the next available Community Board meeting. A report will be presented to the Community Board to adopt the proposed toilet design and to hear any submitters. If there are any delays following the Community Board meeting there will be feedback to the involved parties.

Other Issues

As discussed above the final conditions of resource consent have been drafted by the Auckland Regional Council and forwarded back to the Environment Court and the Western Beaches Protection Society for comment. At this point it is not possible to say when the final consent is expected to be signed off by the Auckland Regional Council, as this will be determined by Environment Court approval. It is anticipated however to have the final consent by May 2006.

With regard to the toilet structure, a Council building consent and land use consent will be required. The building consent will be applied for once a final design has been achieved through the consultation process.

The wastewater system can be installed quite independently of the toilet structure. Council's management of this project will ensure consistency and a co-ordinated approach between the installation of the treatment system and the physical toilet structure itself.

In addition, Auckland Regional Council Parks has requested that they be involved with Council in planning the logistics regarding the installation of the wastewater treatment system. This collaboration will involve meetings to discuss adopting an agreed process for managing this component of the project. As Auckland Regional Council has had significant past involvement with the local community, and given that the disposal field will be on Auckland Regional Council reserve, it is considered that this would be a beneficial process to undertake. This process will include managing the consultation with the community and specific detail such as planting and signage requirements around the disposal field area. Discussions with Auckland Regional Council on these issues are being scheduled and should be underway by early April 2006. The final version of consent conditions from Auckland Regional Council will also determine the collaboration between Council and Auckland Regional Council Parks.

A contract for the physical works will be tendered once design has been completed and all consents have been obtained. Based on the timelines given above, this project would be scheduled to be tendered by November 2006, with a contractor appointed by December 2006 for a start in early 2007. Based on an estimated twelve week construction period the new structure could be in place by May 2007.

A summary of the project milestones and consultation plan is set out in Table 1 below.

Project Milestone	Date
ARC Collaboration	Expected to be meeting with ARC Parks by early April 2006.
Community Consultation: Meeting with Iwi First mailout Project Workshop Second Mailout Community Board meeting	Meeting with Iwi planned for early April 2006. First mailout to be undertaken by 10 June 2006. Workshop to be undertaken by 21 July 2006. Second mailout to be undertaken by 12 August 2006. Presentation to the Community Board of final design scheduled for September 2006 meeting.
ARC Discharge Consent	Final version of resource consent regarding the wastewater discharge is imminent from ARC, once Environment Court approval is obtained.
WCC Building Consent	To be applied for by Council after the consultation process. Expected to be by the end of September.

WCC Land Use Consent	To be applied by end of September 2006.
Physical Works	Expected to be tendered publicly by November 2006. The successful contractor would be appointed by December 2006, and completion planned for May 2007.

Table 1 – Project Milestones and Consultation Plan

RESOURCES

The funding required to carry out the physical works has been included in the draft 2006/2007 Annual Plan under Karekare Beach Toilet and Effluent System (\$376,268 excl GST).

The project budget provides for limited consultation and therefore the consultation process will be tightly managed to ensure no time delays or additional expenditure.

CONCLUSIONS




Consultation with the local community, Waitakere Community Board, and Te Kawerau A Maki and Ngati Whatua will be critical to achieving a successful design outcome to this project. The consultation plan outlined will provide opportunity for all key stakeholders to provide input into this design process.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Karekare Beach Public Toilet Block report be received.
2. That the Waitakere Community Board adopt the Community Consultation Plan for the Karekare Beach Public Toilet Block as set out below:
 - Meeting with Iwi, April 2006.
 - First mailout by 10 June 2006.
 - Project Workshop by 21 July 2006.
 - Second Mailout by 12 August 2006.
 - Community Board meeting, September 2006.

Report prepared by: Andreas Lilley, Parks Development Officer.

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KEEP WAITAKERE BEAUTIFUL TRUST 2006 - TREES FOR BABIES PLANTING PROGRAMME

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to gain approval from the Waitakere Community Board for the proposed park within the Waitakere Ward recommended as this year's site for the annual Trees for Babies community planting. The report also requests the nomination of a representative from the Community Board to speak on the day.

BACKGROUND

Trees for Babies is an annual community event to celebrate babies born in Waitakere City. Trees have been planted by the community in one reserve in each of the four Wards as part of a Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust, Plunket and Council joint project for the past 11 years. This is a popular community event with approximately 100 trees planted in each reserve every year.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Trees for Babies is now in its 11th year, evidence of both the popularity of this event, and the ongoing long term partnership between the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust and Council. Trees for Babies is an active reflection of the Strong Communities platform, as well as the Green Network platform, within the Long Term Council Community Plan. Trees for Babies exists because both parties recognise the long-term value in establishing community ownership, and participation in community-based environmental initiatives. Trees for Babies also adds to the Green Network, providing habitat and "highways" for wildlife and enhanced recreational areas for people.

ISSUES

The following park is recommended as the Trees for Babies site in the Waitakere Ward for 2006 following consultation with the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust Board, Waitakere City Council Parks staff, and neighbouring properties. The park recommended has been assessed for suitability and has adequate size and space to accommodate large areas of tree planting.

The Trees for Babies event will take place in the autumn planting season in May 2006. All plantings take place on Saturday between 11am and 1pm.

The recommended Trees for Babies site and date for the planting day is:

Waitakere Ward Parrs Park 27 May 2006

The event will be community focused with family orientated activities and guest speakers. A Community Board Member is requested to speak at the event.

RESOURCES

Funding of \$32,000 for Trees for Babies has been approved through the 2005/2006 Annual Plan programme and is identified as one of the yearly work programme outputs from the funding provided by Council to Keep Waitakere Beautiful.

CONCLUSION

The Trees for Babies event has been held successfully since 1995 to celebrate the birth of babies in Waitakere City. The park recommended for Trees for Babies for 2006 has been selected based on the suitability for a Trees for Babies event following consultation with the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust Board, Waitakere City Council Parks staff and park neighbours.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Keep Waitakere Beautiful Trust 2006 – Trees for Babies Planting Programme be received.
2. That Parrs Park be accepted as the confirmed site for the 2006 Trees for Babies event in the Waitakere Ward.
3. That a Community Board Member be nominated from the Community Board to speak at the Trees for Babies event.

Report prepared by: Estée Farrar, Parks and Community Projects Coordinator.



14 BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

Provision has been made on this agenda for Board Members should they so wish to submit a report on their activities during the month in regard to matters within the scope and delegations of the Board. However, to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, no decision may be made on matters raised in Board Members' reports.

WAITAKERE COMMUNITY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS	APPOINTMENT
Auckland Region and Far North Community Board Association Executive Committee	Christine Shepherd Diane Goodley
Glen Eden Citizen Advice Bureau	Diane Goodley
Keep Waitakere Beautiful	Christine Shepherd
Huia/Cornwallis Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Robin Taylor Diane Goodley
McLaren Park Community Project Steering Group	Diane Goodley
Piha/Karekare Local Water Agenda Steering Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah Robin Taylor
The Weedfree Waitakere Trust	Diane Goodley
West Coast Plan Liaison Group	Monique Davis
Council/Police Liaison Group	Kubi Witten-Hannah
COUNCIL COMMITTEES	
Community Sport Fund Allocation Subcommittee	Monique Davis Diane Goodley
Hearings Committee	Robin Taylor Kubi Witten-Hannah
Kay Road Balefill Site Management Committee	Sharon Davies
Street Events Subcommittee	Monique Davis

