

**Waimāero**  
**Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board**  
**Submissions Committee**  
**AGENDA**

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**Notice of Meeting:**

An ordinary meeting of the Waimāero/Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Submissions Committee will be held on:

**Date:** Monday 18 March 2019  
**Time:** 5pm  
**Venue:** Ōrauwhata, Bishopdale Community Centre Hall  
13P Bishopdale Court, Bishopdale

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**Membership**

Chairperson	David Cartwright
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**12 March 2019**

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# Strategic Framework

**The Council's Vision** – Christchurch is a city of opportunity for all.

Open to new ideas, new people and new ways of doing things – a city where anything is possible.

## Whiria ngā whenu o ngā papa Honoa ki te maurua tāukiuki

Bind together the strands of each mat  
And join together with the seams of respect  
and reciprocity.

The partnership with Papatipu Rūnanga  
reflects mutual understanding and respect,  
and a goal of improving the economic,  
cultural, environmental and social  
wellbeing for all.

### Overarching Principle

Partnership – Our  
people are our taonga  
– to be treasured and  
encouraged. By working  
together we can create  
a city that uses their  
skill and talent, where  
we can all participate,  
and be valued.

### Supporting Principles

Accountability	Collaboration
Affordability	Prudent Financial Management
Agility	Stewardship
Equity	Wellbeing and resilience
Innovation	Trust

## Community Outcomes

What we want to achieve together as our city evolves

### Strong communities

Strong sense of  
community  
Active participation in  
civic life  
Safe and healthy  
communities  
Celebration of our  
identity through arts,  
culture, heritage and  
sport  
Valuing the voices of  
children and young  
people

### Liveable city

Vibrant and thriving  
central city, suburban  
and rural centres  
A well connected and  
accessible city  
Sufficient supply of, and  
access to, a range of  
housing  
21st century garden city  
we are proud to live in

### Healthy environment

Healthy waterways  
High quality drinking  
water  
Unique landscapes and  
indigenous biodiversity  
are valued  
Sustainable use of  
resources

### Prosperous economy

Great place for people,  
business and investment  
An inclusive, equitable  
economy with broad-  
based prosperity for all  
A productive, adaptive  
and resilient economic  
base  
Modern and robust  
city infrastructure and  
community facilities

## Strategic Priorities

Our focus for improvement over the next three years and beyond

Enabling active citizenship and connected  
communities

Maximising opportunities to develop a vibrant,  
prosperous and sustainable 21st century city

Climate change  
leadership

Informed and proactive  
approaches to natural  
hazard risks

Increasing active, public  
and shared transport  
opportunities and use

Safe and sustainable  
water supply and  
improved waterways

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## **1. Apologies**

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

### 3. Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020 - Board Submission

Reference: 19/251078

Presenter(s): Maryanne Lomax, Community Governance Manager, Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood

#### 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Waimāero /Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Submissions Committee to undertake the preparation of a Board submission to the Council on its Draft 2019-2020 Annual Plan.

#### 2. Staff Recommendations

That the Waimāero /Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Submissions Committee:

1. Progress the preparation of a Board submission to the Council on its Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020.
2. Note that given the consultation timeframe, the Submissions Committee will exercise its delegated authority to complete and lodge a submission on behalf of the Board.

#### 3. Key Points

- 3.1 The 2019-2020 Draft Annual Plan covers financial year two of the Council's Long Term Plan 2018-28, from July 1 2019 to 30 June 2020. There are changes included in the Draft Annual Plan from that contained under 2019/20 in the Long Term Plan. Information regarding the proposed changes can be found in the Consultation Document. (Refer 3.2.3 below.)
- 3.2 The following links and attachments are provided to assist the Submissions Committee in its deliberations:
  - 3.2.1 Community Board feedback to the Council and Community Board Annual Plan 2019-2020 workshop held on 4 December 2018. (refer **Attachment A**)
  - 3.2.2 Waimāero /Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Submission to the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028. (refer **Attachment B**)
  - 3.2.3 The Council's Consultation Document - Our Draft Annual Plan:  
<https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Plans-Strategies-Policies-Bylaws/Plans/annual-plan/2019-2020/Annual-Plan-2019-20-consultation-document-WEB.PDF>
  - 3.2.3 The Council's Draft Annual Plan - Our Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020:  
<https://ccc.govt.nz/assets/Documents/The-Council/Plans-Strategies-Policies-Bylaws/Plans/annual-plan/2019-2020/Draft-Annual-Plan-2019-20.pdf>

#### 4. Submissions Process

- 4.1 The period for making submissions runs from Friday, 1 March 2019 until 5pm on Monday, 1 April 2019.

## Attachments

No.	Title	Page
A <a href="#">↓</a>	Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Feedback to the Council and Community Board Annual Plan 2019-2020 Workshop - December 2018	7
B <a href="#">↓</a>	Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board - Submissions - Christchurch City Council Long Term Plan 2018-2020	8

## Confirmation of Statutory Compliance

Compliance with Statutory Decision-making Requirements (ss 76 - 81 Local Government Act 2002).

(a) This report contains:

- (i) sufficient information about all reasonably practicable options identified and assessed in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
- (ii) adequate consideration of the views and preferences of affected and interested persons bearing in mind any proposed or previous community engagement.

(b) The information reflects the level of significance of the matters covered by the report, as determined in accordance with the Council's significance and engagement policy.

## Signatories

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<b>Approved By</b>	Matthew McLintock - Manager Community Governance Team

**Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Feedback to the Draft 2019/2020 Annual Plan Process.**

**Community Engagement**

In terms of local community engagement, the Board is happy to go with the general engagement activities that are being developed in town and will be available on the Council's website, Facebook page, etc. There will also be information on display in the libraries and Service Centres. We will also send information out through our local networks and through our fortnightly newsletter.

We do not intend to hold any local drop-in sessions.

**Organisational Savings**

In order to keep rates within the promised maximum (5.5% – ideally lower) what savings can the Board offer ideally within their area?

The Board feel they have no savings to offer. They only have core water infrastructure projects in their area and very little else.

**Swaps**

Are there any existing projects within the Board area that the Board would like reprioritised (swapped) for alternatives at no cost to rates or additional budget?

The Board acknowledges that community consultation will be undertaken in the New Year regarding the safety improvements at the Breens/Harewood/Gardiners intersection. The LTP currently has \$300,000 budgeted for this intersection. The Board has requested that one of the options that be included in the consultation is traffic lights and are aware that this will require additional funding to what is currently set aside.

As per the Board's submission to the LTP, the Board notes the significant funding that is currently allocated from 2024 onwards towards the Wings to Wheels cycleway project (from Greers to Woolridge and Woolridge to Johns). The Board still recommends that this project be delayed or scaled down to allow for the Breens/Harewood/Gardiners intersection traffic lights (if that is the preferred option).

A couple of other suggested projects that could be deferred to allow for this additional budget could include:

- Heritage Repairs - Mona Vale Bathhouse
- Heritage Repairs - Kapatohe Dwelling, Belfast

Are there any other **key messages** for Council before Council instruct officers to prepare a Draft Annual Plan in December?

As stated in the Board's LTP submission, the Board acknowledges the difficulties the Council has in meeting the needs of a city still in the recovery stage of the Christchurch earthquakes and is mindful that considerable work has gone into keeping the rates increases low.

The Board urges the Council to focus on maintaining and renewing all its core Council services, infrastructure and facilities before embarking on the building and installation of new facilities. It recommends that the Council ensure sufficient funds are set aside for these before any other projects are considered.



Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board

Submission notes re Council's Draft LTP 2018-28

**1. THE BIG QUESTION**

**Have we got the balance right? Looking across all the service, projects and activities that Council delivers, have we prioritised the right things?**

The Board thanks the Council for the opportunity to submit on the Christchurch City Council's draft Long Term Plan 2018-28.

The Board acknowledges the difficulties the Council has in meeting the needs of a city still in the recovery stage of the Christchurch earthquakes and is mindful that considerable work has gone into keeping the rates increases low.

The Board is, however, concerned that a proposed average 5.5 percent rates increase, with ongoing increases year on year as identified in the draft Long Term Plan, would have a detrimental impact on many households within the Board's ward areas and across the city. The Board would be more supportive of a maximum five percent rate rise and that the rates be restructured to include a fixed charge to cover water and roading infrastructure.

The Board fully supports that the infrastructure of water should be well maintained but notes that the proposed spend does not maintain renewals or levels of service, beyond the water supply. The Board urges the Council to focus on maintaining and renewing all its core Council services, infrastructure and facilities before embarking on the building and installation of new facilities. It recommends that the Council ensures sufficient funds are set aside for these, before any other projects are considered.

With the Council still committed to considerable costs under the Cost Share Agreement, additional new high cost facilities across the city should be considered against our current financial situation and the need to prioritise our core responsibilities as a local authority. The Board is mindful of ongoing operational costs in supporting Council facilities and is of the opinion budgeted funds would be better used to support facilities already in existence.

**Do you have a project or programme that you think should be reprioritised?**

The Board would urge the Council to prioritise the regeneration of Bishopdale in partnership with Development Christchurch Limited who have been working with the Board on opportunities in this area. This was signalled as one of the Board's key priorities for the 2018 Annual Plan and for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

A major contributor to the regeneration of Bishopdale is the Bishopdale Village Mall. The Mall is a key suburban retail and social precinct in the Harewood ward, that services not just the local area but visitors from wider afield. It is well located near major roads, schools and Ōrauwhata (the new Bishopdale Library and Community Centre) is located within the centre. The mall offers a diverse range of goods and services for those from the local community and from further afield. This includes medical practices, a variety of retail outlets and a New World supermarket. The Mall has village-like qualities, and it is important that these are preserved.

The Board recommends that the Council prioritise funding for the regeneration of the Mall including the demolition of the old Plunket Rooms, which are now under the building code and unusable, beautifying of the Council-owned space and the installation of new public toilets.



The Board fully supports the proposed upgrade of the Groynes/Lake Roto Kohatu but requests that the installation of the southern toilets at Lake Roto Kohatu be accelerated to provide some facilities at this very popular recreational spot.

The Board recommends that the proposed north toilet block be deferred and that those funds be put towards the requested new public toilets at Bishopdale Mall.

The Board is very disappointed that the intersection of Breens Road/Harewood Road/Gardiniers Road is not included in the proposed capital works programme. Safety issues at this intersection are regularly raised with Board members and it was one of the Board's top priorities for the 2018 Annual Plan. It continues to be one of the Board's top priorities for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan.

The Board recommends that the proposed Crofton Road/Sawyers Arms traffic lights be deferred in favour of traffic lights at the Breens Road/Harewood Road/Gardiniers Road intersection.

The Board has also identified key Council projects in the ward that it would like to see prioritised:

- An upgrade of the Avonhead Park Club Rooms facility
- The Glandovey/Idris/Straven intersection particularly in regard to road user safety and residential amenity
- The expansion of the Avonhead Cemetery
- Avonhead Road/Maidstone Road maintenance
- Gardiners Road footpath installation.

The Board strongly recommends that the Wings to Wheels cycleway project down Harewood Road and the Jeffreys Reserve Pump station be delayed or scaled down to accommodate the above prioritised projects in the Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood wards.

#### **WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS**

**What do you think of the Council providing additional funding to ChristchurchNZ so that it can bid for major events on behalf of the city, support new events through sponsorship and test the feasibility of new concepts?**

The Board supports the endeavours of ChristchurchNZ but notes that its annual funding for the duration of the Long Term Plan has no inflationary increase and many future performance targets also remain static.

#### **OUR RATES PROPOSALS**

**What do you think of this plan for an average rates increase of no more than 5.5 percent, reducing over the next 10 years?**

The Board acknowledges the challenges faced by the Council in its endeavours to provide the infrastructure, facilities and services expected by residents yet keeping the cost to rates payers at a minimum.

The Board is concerned that any rise in rates impacts not only on home owners but also rental prices, affecting all sectors of society. The Board has a significant number of rental properties in its area. The Board also is particularly concerned for its elderly residents living in their own homes on fixed incomes. The Board would also like to remind the Council that Jellie Park and Bryndwr areas are amongst the most socially deprived areas of the city.

The Board strongly supports inflation adjusting the Uniform Annual General Charge component on rates from its last adjustment as it places an unfair burden on residents in our northwest suburbs (due to higher capital values) when the services they receive are no different compared to other parts of the city. Higher capital values have no genuine correlation to income or ability to pay rates.

The Board would support a five percent rates increase, decreasing over the coming years as planned. It would also support a portion of the rates being targeted for the three waters infrastructure and road maintenance as per the waste charges. The rate should cover the operational requirements of these core Council activities.

The Board would reiterate the need to manage its contracts and scheduled maintenance in a fiscally responsible manner and where appropriate minimise expenditure by repurposing existing buildings and investigate maintenance rather than renewals.

The Board is mindful that a reduction in rates to five percent would require some cutbacks, however it is confident that essential infrastructure maintenance and renewals could be carried out if smarter practices and a co-ordinated approach is taken. For example: where a footpath or road is scheduled for resurfacing work, ensure there is no underground work required before resurfacing the area.

#### **ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF FUNDING**

**Do you think we should investigate other ways to raise funding?**

**A local fuel tax could help us reduce rates. Would you support us exploring this option to generate more money for transport-related projects?**

The Board would not be supportive of an additional tax on residents, if a targeted rate were to be applied in this regard for roading the Board would only be supportive if there was evidence of a significant reduction in the proposed rate base.

#### **Flood protection**

**What do you think of us prioritising this project over other land drainage recovery work, so we can complete it within two rather than three years.**

The Board is supportive of the Council's proposed approach for flood protection.

#### **Drinking water, wastewater, stormwater and flood protection**

While appreciating the need to keep our residents safe from waterborn diseases, the Board supports it residents in their desire for the Council to return to non-chlorinated water as soon as possible. The Board sees the maintenance of well-heads as an important component in achieving this and the introduction of a fixed charge for water would ensure funding is available.

#### **Transport**

**What do you think our approach to managing our transport projects and how we are prioritising the work?**

The Board would like to see Community Boards granted greater delegations in the establishment and prioritisation of transport projects within its wards. An example of this is the installation of a footpath in Gardiners Road.

Investigations have shown that the work required to install a 1.4 Kilometre footpath on Gardiner's Road linking established and new subdivisions to Sawyers Arms Road can be achieved for \$143,000 which is a figure well short of what may be achieved by the Council.

This is an example where an increased operational funding delegation to the Board for this type of project would see a win for the local community, the Board and the Council.

**What do you think we should take into account when prioritising the work that needs to be done?**

The Board recognises the need to give priority to the safety of all road and vulnerable road users citywide. A number of accidents occur at intersections and there are four significant intersections in the Board's area that need to be given priority for improvement measures:

- Breens Road/Harewood Road/Gardiners Road
- Glandovey/Idris/Straven Roads
- Harewood Road/Greens Road
- Sawyers Arms Road/Northcote Road.

In supporting its residents the Board strongly recommends that the proposed Wings to Wheels cycleway project be deferred for the time being and the money from that project be spent on intersection safety in the Board area, in particular the Breens Road/Harewood Road/Gardiners Road, the Harewood Road/Greens Road, Glandovey/Idris/Straven intersections.

The Board is also aware of the changing amenity to a number of residential areas in its area caused by increased traffic movements and parking requirements. This has a negative impact on local residents particularly in regard to their health and well-being and the Board asks that greater consideration be given to these impacts when prioritising roading corridors, road classifications and new business/development consents.

**Facilities**

**Do we have the priorities right? Are there other projects you would prioritise and if so, what would you defer to free up funding?**

As previously mentioned the Board, would prefer to see the Council spending money upgrading and maintaining existing facilities over the next three to five years, rather than building new ones that service a small local area.

The Board does not support the need for a swimming pool and/or library facility in each ward of the city when state of the art metropolitan facilities are planned and in some cases almost complete, and instead recommends that the Council look at cost effective ways to provide access to existing facilities until the metropolitan facilities are completed.

**What do you think of using a targeted rating system to help progress non-Council community projects?**

The Board would prefer that a targeted rating system be used to ensure sufficient funds for core infrastructure rather than non-Council community projects for the immediate future.

**Other considerations**

Breaches of the Resource Consent and District Plan legislation continue to be raised by residents across the wards. The Board would recommend that stronger enforcement measures be established for those non-compliances that impact on the health and wellbeing of other residents.