

Waimāero
Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board
Submissions Committee
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Monday 18 March 2019
Time: 5.05pm
Venue: Craft Room, Avis Hill Art and Craft Centre, Memorial Avenue, Burnside

Present

Chairperson	David Cartwright
Deputy Chairperson	Sam MacDonald
Members	Aaron Campbell
	Linda Chen
	Shirish Paranjape
	Bridget Williams

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Part A Matters Requiring a Council Decision

Part B Reports for Information

Part C Decisions Under Delegation

Board members observed a minute silence for the victims of the 15 March 2019 tragedy in Christchurch.

1. Apologies

Committee Decision

There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

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

The Committee undertook a review of the Draft Annual Plan 2019-200 documents.

The **attached** submission was completed for submitting to the Council.

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.

Committee Decisions under Delegation

Part C

The Waimāero /Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board Submissions Committee resolved to:

1. Adopt the submission prepared to the Council on its Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020.

Linda Chen left the meeting at 5.57pm
Shirish Paranjape left the meeting at 5.57pm

Meeting concluded at 6.38pm

CONFIRMED THIS 1ST DAY OF APRIL 2019

DAVID CARTWRIGHT
CHAIRPERSON

MEMORANDUM TO: Christchurch City Council

ON: Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020

BY: Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Fendalton-Waimairi-Harewood Community Board ('the Board') appreciates the opportunity to submit on the Christchurch City Council's Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020.

The Board **does** wish to be heard in support of its submission.

2. COMMENTS

2.1 Rates Increase and Annual General Charge

The Board acknowledges the difficulties the Council has in meeting the needs of a city still requiring a significant amount of earthquake related repairs and appreciates the work that has gone into the reducing the proposed rates increase to below five percent. It does however, note that the rate increase reduction is due, in the main, to higher than anticipated rating growth.

The Board continues to advocate for rate rises to be kept as low as possible with the Council focusing on the maintenance and provision of core Council services infrastructure and facilities before embarking on the building and installation of new facilities.

The Board fully supports the proposed increase in the Annual General Charge, and would encourage the Council to include increases to this charge as part of any future rates increases.

2.2 Capital Programme

The Board supports the proposals in the Annual General Plan to prioritise work to improve our roads, maintain our parks and riverbanks; maintain and renew water supply and stormwater infrastructure. The Board continues to recommend that the Council ensure core business is its priority.

The Board is mindful of the ongoing operational costs in supporting Council facilities and strongly recommends that budgeted funds would be better used to support facilities already in existence. It is noted that the cost of repairs to Yaldhurst Hall have been included in the draft Annual Plan 2019-2020. The Board considers that this money would be better spent elsewhere.

In light of the development of the Metro Sports Facility, the Board questions the need for new suburban swimming facilities at this time.

The Board is disappointed to see that no provision has been made in the Annual Plan for the possible installation of traffic lights at the Breens Road/Harewood Road/Gardiners Road intersection. Community consultation will soon be undertaken on safety improvements at the intersection with one of the options the installation of traffic signals. The Board has previously recommended that the funding allocated in the Long Term Plan from 2024 on towards the Wings to Wheels cycle way project (from Greers to Woolridge and Woolridge to Johns), be scaled down to allow for Traffic lights at the Breens/Harewood/Gardiners intersection, should that be the community's preference.

The Board also recommends that the Council prioritise funds for the regeneration of Bishopdale Village Mall, particularly with regards to new or refurbished public toilets that can be accessed 24/7 and the re-design of traffic flows around the mall area. We are grateful for the work that Development Christchurch Ltd have been undertaking in the Bishopdale area, but acknowledge this has created a level of expectation in the community. The allocation of some funding towards regeneration activities would show a commitment from the Council to continue to work in partnership with the local businesses and community to progress this project.

The Board fully supports the work the Council has undertaken to ensure our water supply is safe and secure. The Board would support the Council requesting the Government for the facility to charge for volumetric usage of water for commercial water bottling operations.

The Board is pleased to hear that the Council is keen to investigate opportunities for participatory budgeting. We believe that this type of budgeting, where citizens are involved in the process of deciding how public money is spent, can be very beneficial. We look forward to hearing more as these opportunities continue to be explored.



Sam MacDonald
Chairperson
FENDALTON-WAIMAIRI-HAREWOOD COMMUNITY BOARD
March 2019