

Waikura
Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board
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SUBMISSION TO: The Christchurch City Council

ON: Christchurch City Council Updated Draft Annual Plan 2020/21

BY: Waikura/Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board

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1. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Waikura/Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board (the Board) appreciates the opportunity to make this submission to the Christchurch City Council on its Updated Draft Annual Plan (UDAP) for 2020/21 (the Plan) especially at this time of uncertainty in the world.

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

The Board have identified, in no particular order, nine priorities for the Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board Plan 2020-22 (to be adopted 29 June 2020):

- Community Wellbeing is Supported and Improved.
- Resolving the Flooding Problem at Moa Reserve.
- Raising the Priority of Footpath Provision, Maintenance and Renewal
- Greening the Inner City East Pilot Project.
- Improving Bromley's Roads, Parks and Infrastructure.
- Progress Suburban Centres Masterplans Projects.
- Development of Linwood Park and Linwood Pool: Te Pou Toetoe are aligned.
- Ōpāwaho to Ihutai – Spatial Plan for the Lower Ōpāwaho Heathcote River.
- Improve Community Resilience and Preparedness for the impact of Climate Change.

2. SUBMISSION

- 2.1. Excess Water Use Charge for Households** – The Board understands that the proposed newly excess water use targeted rate is for households that use significantly more water than the average household of more than 333,000 litres per annum and that the charge is for the delivery of water and not actual water.

The Board expressed concern that the proposed charge could act a precedent, for reducing the threshold level for water use and excess water charging on an ongoing basis. Furthermore, the proposal opens the door for the introduction of volumetric water charging for all ratepayers. Another concern is the potential for the privatisation of water provision for the city. The Board agrees with the UDAP comment that this proposal needs an extensive community discussion prior to it being considered for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan. The Board believes that the proposed water delivery charge will impact on lower socio-economic households in its area, that for either cultural or economic reasons have larger households requiring a higher water use.

Further to that, many parts of the Waikura/Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board Area has sandy soils that require a lot of water for residents' gardens.

- 2.2. **Strengthening Communities Funding** – the Board are supportive of the one off payment to the Council's 2020-21 Strengthening Communities Fund to acknowledge the challenges faced by our grass roots community organisations.
- 2.3. **Reductions in Maintenance Work and Delayed Renewal Programmes** – The Board noted reductions in both operational spending and the capital programme, and raises concern about limited opportunities for community discussion about the impact of these proposed reductions. Recently published residents' satisfaction surveys indicate dissatisfaction about levels of maintenance and a lack of citizen influence and involvement in local matters. The Board counsels the Council to seriously consider how it will communicate effectively with the community about these reductions in service.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to remind Council of the advocacy role of Community Boards, and of the recently signed Partnership Agreement; and suggests that if Boards are involved early in projects and programmes of work (prior to planning), they are well placed as local community representatives to engage meaningfully and realistically with their residents.

3. CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- 3.1. **Te Pou Toetoe: Linwood Pool** – The Board wishes to thank the Council for progressing the construction of Te Pou Toetoe; which commences at the beginning of July 2020. The sod turning ceremony will be taking place on Wednesday 24 June at 8am.
- 3.2. **Linwood Village** – The Board welcome the Council's proposal to bring forward work on the Linwood Village Streetscape. The village has struggled to recover from the 2010/11 Canterbury Earthquakes, and to have this project implemented sooner will make great steps to revitalising this community.
- 3.3. **Sumner Green and Bays Area Skate and Scooter Park** – The Board supports both these projects, and notes that funding for the rock fall bund work is spread across both projects. Whilst the Board understands the need to rationalise the capital budget, it may only would be advantageous and a saving to Council in the long term if both projects were carried out simultaneously, or work on the rock fall bund completed as a whole.
- 3.4. **Lancaster Park** – The development of the landscape plan is part of the Board's Community Board Plan priority for *Community Wellbeing is supported and improved*. The Lancaster Park Spatial Plan was approved by the Council in September 2019 with a request for further information to be reported to the Council on the development in time for the plan to be considered in the 2020/21 draft Annual Plan.

Board Comment

The Board fully supports funding being allocated from the draft Annual Plan 2020/21 to the implementation of the Lancaster Park plan to enable the community to access this invaluable greenspace area.

- 3.5. **Resolving the Flooding Problem in Moa Reserve** – Since the 2010/11 Canterbury Earthquakes the city has encountered freshwater springs occurring in places where they have not occurred before, one specific spring in the Board area is at Moa Reserve. The reserve is

well used by residents, students and workers from surrounding businesses and institutions. Much of Moa Reserve is unusable owing to the springs which is exacerbated following rain when it floods. There is currently no budget to resolve natural freshwater springs issues in Council's greenspace areas in the Council's Long-Term Plan or Annual Plans.

Board request:

The Board requests funding be allocated in the Council's 2020/21 Annual Plan to fully cap the springs in Moa Reserve and that if funding is not found in the 2020/21 Annual Plan for this project that it be considered as priority for funding in the Council's 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

4. LONG TERM PLAN PROJECTS

4.1. The Board wish the Council to support the following three projects to be part of the Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP):

- a. **Greening the East Pilot Project** – this is a significant Community Board pilot project in the draft 2020-22 Community Board plan. The project's kaupapa is 'softening and greening the concrete jungle' by increasing and linking the street tree canopy and green space within the Inner City East. The Board contributed \$25,000 from its Discretionary Response Fund to get the project pilot into action with Council staff. The Board has approved the formation of a joint Board/Community Working Party.

Board request:

That the Council request that funding be allocated in the Long Term Plan 2021-31 for the Linwood-Central-Heathcote Greening the East Pilot Project spatial plan, capital and operational work, and land purchase.

- b. **Ōpāwaho to Ihutai Project** - The other Board's major project for its current term is the Ōpāwaho to Ihutai project. This project is to develop a spatial plan for the Lower Ōpāwaho Heathcote River, from the Ōpāwa Road Bridge to the Ferrymead Bridge, including the Woolston Cut building on previous work done by the Council. The Board has approved the formation of a joint Board/Community Working Party.

Board request:

That the Council request that funding be allocated in the Long Term Plan 2021-31 for the Linwood-Central-Heathcote Ōpāwaho to Ihutai Project.

- c. **Improving Bromley's Roads, Parks and Infrastructure** – Light industry has increased in the Bromley area, leading to an increase in heavy transport and buses using the residential streets as through ways; further impacting on the amenity of the area and wellbeing of residents.

Board request:

That the Council request that funding be allocated in Long Term Plan 2021-31 for the development of an implementation plan for the Bromley area, including speed reduction, enhanced monitoring and quality control, street planning and visual appeal.

- d. **Linwood Park Development Plan** - The Board appreciates the Council's continued support for the building of Te Pou Toetoe: Linwood Pool that will be a well-used facility within the Board community and indeed the city. Within the Board priority

Development of Linwood Park and Te Pou Toetoe: Linwood Pool are aligned is to prioritise the development of an integrated plan for the park.

The Board has been advised that with the development of Te Pou Toetoe: Linwood Pool (opening in December 2021) staff will review the Linwood Park Development Plan 2003, to ensure the park and Te Pou Toetoe: Linwood Park relate well together. The Long Term Plan funding for Linwood Park Upgrading is currently:

Project	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Path renewals	\$128,220						
New Fitness Trail	\$5,343	\$54,655					
New trees, landscaping and planting	\$21,370	\$21,862	\$22,386	\$57,365	\$58,800	\$60,330	
Fencing renewal		\$38,259					
New seating and picnic tables		\$21,862	\$22,386				
New toilet							\$24,784
Linwood Park Pavilion Renewal							\$43,372

Board request:

That the Council request that the Linwood Park development be integrated with Te Pou Toetoe: Linwood Pool development to meet the community needs. The Board wishes to have the delegation to sign off the integrated plan.

- e. **Ōpāwa Village Pedestrian Crossing** – The Board are concerned on the safety of Ōpāwa Village Pedestrian Crossing which is used regularly by young school children to the mature members of our community. It is envisaged that this crossing usage will be increased once the Ōpāwa Volunteer Library is completed. The issue with the crossing is the sight line for motorists to see the crossing and therefore proceed with caution when approaching the crossing.

The Board have meet with some members of the community and staff to discuss options for the crossing including signalling and kea crossing before and after school. The Board understand that the crossing would rank low in the Council's minor safety works programme.

Board request:

That the Council prioritise making the pedestrian crossing in the Ōpāwa village safer.

- f. **Te Ara Ihutai Christchurch Coastal Pathway** – Te Ara Ihutai Christchurch Coastal Pathway is a community/Council partnership project that has shown to be a valuable asset to the city. Stage 4 – Moncks Bay is a noticeable gap in the pathway route as well as stage when completed will safely connect Monck Bay residents to Redcliffs and Sumner, a connection that is not available at present.

Board request:

That the Council prioritise funding in the Council's Long Term Plan 2021-31 for Stage 4 of Te Ara Ihutai Christchurch Coastal Pathway.

5. OTHER COMMENTS

- 5.1. **Richmond Hill Footpath** – The Board, on behalf of the Richmond Hill residents, thank the Council for the funding allocation for a footpath on Richmond Hill in the Council's 2019/20 Annual Plan.

The Richmond Hill residents have recently discussed with the Board the condition of the Richmond Hill Road surface and the future project to widen the road. The Board have been advised that the proposed footpath can be constructed without impacting on the future road widening and resurfacing works.

Board request:

That the Council considers that funding be allocated to widen Richmond Hill Road when the road resurfacing is planned to enable the best use of resources and lessen the impact on the Richmond Hill residents.

- 5.2. **Development Contributions Policy** – Post 2010/11 Canterbury Earthquakes the community within the Linwood-Central-Heathcote Community Board area has witnessed a large amount of high housing intensification which has led to the decrease to the established communities' amenities.

Board request:

The Board requests that the Council's Development Contributions Policy be reviewed to allow contributions that are collected from new residential developments to be tagged and used to improve amenities within the area that these developments are constructed.

- 5.3. **Lancaster Park War Memorial Gates** – The gates were built circa 1924 to commemorate the Canterbury Athletes who died during World War One. The memorial is one of the few memorials built for something other than a geographic community. The war memorial is a Group 3 listing in the District Plan and a Heritage New Zealand Category 2 heritage structure; the gates were damaged during the Canterbury 2010-11 Earthquakes. The Council have resolved when approving the demolition of AMI Stadium to protect the war memorial. However, during a recent site visit to the park elected members were advised that there is a shortfall in funding to complete the repair of the gates.

Board request:

The Board requests funding be allocated in the Council's 2020/21 Annual Plan to completely repair the Lancaster Park War Memorial Gates once the demolition of AMI Stadium has been completed. The Board believes that it would be appropriate that any surplus funding from the demolition of the stadium be used towards the repair of the memorial gates.

The Board welcomes the opportunity to provide clarification for the Council should it be required and advises it may present further supplementary information to this submission.



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