

Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board
Submissions Committee
OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 19 March 2019
Time: 4pm
Venue: Koaro Room, Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre
341 Halswell Road

Present

Chairperson	Debbie Mora
Deputy Chairperson	Ross McFarlane
Members	Helen Broughton
	Mike Mora

19 March 2019

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Part A Matters Requiring a Council Decision

Part B Reports for Information

Part C Decisions Under Delegation

At the commencement of the meeting, Committee members observed a short period of silence as a mark of respect to the victims of the tragic events in Christchurch on 15 March 2019.

1. Apologies

Committee Resolved HRSC/2019/00001

That the apologies for absence received from Catherine Chu and Natalie Bryden, be accepted.

Mike Mora/Ross McFarlane

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest recorded.

Suspension of Standing Orders

Committee Resolved HRSC/2019/00002

That pursuant to Standing Orders 3.5 (Temporarily Suspension of Standing Orders), the following Standing Orders be suspended to enable informal discussion regarding Agenda Item 3:

- 17.5 Members may speak only once;
- 17.6 Limits on number of speakers;
- 18.1 General procedure for speaking and moving motions.

Debbie Mora/Ross McFarlane

Carried

3. Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2019-20 - Board Submission

The purpose of the meeting was for the Submissions Committee to formulate on the Board's behalf, a submission on the Council's Draft Annual Plan 2019-20.

The Committee reviewed the following documentation:

- Draft Annual Plan 2019-20
- Consultation Document – 'Our Draft Annual Plan'
- Council/Community Boards Draft Annual Plan 2019-20 Workshop on 4 December 2018 – Board Comments
- Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board – Submission on the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-28
- Council Long Term Plan 2018-28 – Capital Works Programme by Ward

Arising from its considerations, the Committee finalised the completion of the **attached** submission on behalf of the Board.

Resumption of Standing Orders

Committee Resolved HRSC/2019/00003

That the Standing Orders as suspended above, be resumed.

Mike Mora/Ross McFarlane

Carried

Committee Resolved HRSC/2019/00004

Part C

The Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board Submissions Committee resolved:

1. That the Board's submission on the Christchurch City Council Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020 be adopted.
2. To note that given the consultation timetable, the Submissions Committee has exercised its delegated authority to complete and lodge a submission on behalf of the Board.

Debbie Mora/Helen Broughton

Carried

Meeting concluded at 5.40pm

CONFIRMED THIS 29TH DAY OF MARCH 2019



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SUBMISSION TO: Christchurch City Council

ON: Draft Annual Plan 2019-2020

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board (the Board) appreciates the opportunity to make this submission on the Council's Draft Annual Plan 2019-20.

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

2. SUBMISSION

The Board does not have any direct savings or swaps to offer up in relation to those projects contained in the proposed capital programme, as set out on pages 43 to 68 inclusive of the Draft Plan.

The Board is indeed very appreciative that the Draft Annual Plan is proposing to retain key projects of importance to local communities across the Halswell, Hornby and Riccarton wards.

As such, the Board does request that the Council keep the full capital programme as consulted on, when adopting its Annual Plan for 2019-20.

Bradshaw Terrace

The sole exception to the above though is the Board's understanding that the kerb and channel renewal for Bradshaw Terrace is no longer in the remaining second and third years of the current capital programme.

The Board records its extreme disappointment about this, especially given that on 26 June 2018 in response to a media enquiry, the Council publicly advised that the renewal package included Bradshaw Terrace which would be undertaken in the years 2019-20 and 2020-21.

The Board reiterates its viewpoint communicated to the Council last year that such assurances which were relied upon by both the Board and the local community at the time, have now seemingly changed through the removal of Bradshaw Terrace from the renewal programme for at least the next four to six years.

The Board submits that given its history of deferment and ongoing delay, Bradshaw Terrace should be assessed as a special case for reinstatement back into the programme for completion in the financial years previously communicated by the Council in June 2018.

The Board also understands that arising from last year's Long Term Plan, Bradshaw Terrace will be part of the programme proposed for the Capital Acceleration Fund for roading improvements in the Riccarton area.

The Board seeks an assurance that this will be the case.

Major Cycle Routes (MCR)

The Board records its appreciation on the extent of the scheduled MCR programme proposed for completion in the Halswell, Hornby and Riccarton wards over the next three years.

Flood Protection

The Board acknowledges the extensive land drainage programme (page 46) on budget to occur in the south west areas of the city through until 2021-22.

On a related matter, the Board notes the mention made in the Draft Plan on page 6 regarding the proposed land drainage retention basin maintenance allocation of \$0.45 million towards the costs of mowing and maintenance of the storm water reserves in residential areas, previously unbudgeted.

Given the extent of the proposed flood protection works in the south west, the Board does ask the question whether this maintenance amount is sufficient to meet the extent of the programmed expansion of these new land drainage assets, a number of which are to be located adjacent to new housing areas.

Rates

The Board acknowledges the attention given by the Council to the proposed level of rate increase across all ratepayers of 4.96 per cent compared with the projected figure of 5.5 per cent.

Additionally, the Board comments as follows.

- **Residential**

The Board supports the Council's approach of increasing the Uniform Annual General Charge and the waste minimisation rate and believes that both should be adjusted annually in line with inflation.

The Board notes in the documentation the charts showing the rates changes for 2019-20 compared to 2018-2019 and that these are helpful to the reader.

The Board has a view that the Council and the media have tended in the past to focus on the rates impacts on the 'median' house, however it is important to acknowledge also the impacts on an 'above median' house.

In its submissions made in previous years, the Board did provide information to show the compounding effects of annual rate increases on an above median property.

- **Targeted Rates**

The Board fully supports the Akaroa community's desire for a new health centre for Akaroa.

While noting that separate consultation is to occur on the possible introduction of a new Akaroa Community Health Trust Targeted Rate, the Board is disappointed that this approach has had to be taken when in its view, the provision of core health facilities is the responsibility of central government agencies.

- **Remote Rural Rate Policy**

The Board wishes to again reinforce that the application of the "Remote Rural Rate" remains inequitable.

The present policy requires a subjective interpretation by Council staff when a property by property review is required.

The Board accepts the pragmatic approach that this will remain as a work in progress, with a comprehensive review to be undertaken for change as part of the Long Term Plan in 2021.

Halswell Swimming Pool – Operating Hours

At its meeting on 14 February 2019, the Council inter alia, resolved *'to approve a trial of extended summer operating hours for the Halswell Swimming Pool should the Waipuna/Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board allocate funds for this purpose in the 2019-20 financial year.'*

While the Board has yet to formally make a decision on funding a trial, it does ask that if this proves to be a success that the Council consider adjusting this associated operational change in service, in its future budgets.

Former Sockburn Service Centre Site – Building Demolitions

The Board received information from Council staff in November 2018 advising that in the next immediate years there was insufficient operational funding available to undertake the full demolition of all buildings on this large site.

Board members continue to receive adverse feedback from some in the community about the ongoing presence and poor state of these derelict buildings.

The Board therefore requests that the Council further address this budget gap so that the affected buildings can be removed as soon as possible.

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Mike Mora
Chairperson

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29 March 2019