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**REPORT 3.3**  
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**LONG TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN 2006/07 –  
2015/16: REPORT ON THE PROMINENT ISSUES RAISED  
IN CONSULTATION**

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**1. Purpose of Report**

This report provides for consideration of the major matters that were raised during consultation on the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan.

**2. Recommendations**

That the Committee recommend to Council that it:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Confirm the Council's seven strategies including ten year outcomes and three year priorities as outlined in the consultation documents (previously distributed).*
3. *Having completed the special consultative procedure for the Long Term Council Community Plan confirm decisions in relation to the following prominent matters:*

- a. ***Either:** Confirm the decision to shorten the seasons at the summer pools and reduce operating hours on public holidays.*

***Or:** Confirm the decision to shorten the season at the Khandallah pool and reduce operating hours on public holidays but agree to maintain the current season at the Thorndon pool.*

- b. *Confirm the decision to cease the Mobile Library service.*
- c. *Agree to alter the Council's Housing policy (on a one year trial basis) to allow 5 percent of properties to be let to people outside current criteria at market rentals.*
- d. ***Either:** Confirm the decision to introduce parking fees at the Freyberg Pool car park for all users.*

***Or:** Agree to retain the current arrangement of free parking and P120 time restriction.*

- e. *Agree to the Zoo operational and capex funding at levels outlined in the draft plan noting that the capex programme is subject to review following the presentation of the Zoo's long term development plan.*
  - f. *Note the steps that are being taken to meet the request to establish easy grade mountain bike tracks for beginners (as outlined in section 4.5).*
  - g. *Note that a working group comprising representatives of Council, Wellington Waterfront and Port Authority are continuing to discuss what options can be put in place to maintain access to sport facilities within the CBD area should Shed 1 not be available in the future.*
4. *Agree to include the following changes in the Long Term Council Community Plan:*
- a. *City Art Gallery extension: addition of \$105,000 in 2006/07 to reflect the operational cost of the additional gallery space.*
  - b. *Spinks Café: the addition of \$50,000 that was scheduled for the current year but will now be drawn at the time that resource consent is granted.*
  - c. *Community Advice Bureaus:*
    - i. *Note the decision of Strategy and Policy Committee on 8 September 2005 that the grants to six CABs for the 2006/07 financial year be combined into a single three year contract with a citywide governance body*
    - ii. *Note that the governance body will be formed in July 2006 as WELCAB*
    - iii. *Agree to allocate an additional Opex \$68,880 in 2006/07 and \$109,280 in 2007/08 and each year thereafter for CAB operational and accommodation costs.*
    - iv. *Note that \$25,640 in 2006/07 and \$35,000 in 2007/08 and each year thereafter of the Opex costs noted in recommendation 3 are not required to be rate funded as this represents a notional foregone rental.*
    - v. *Agree to allocate additional Capex Funding of \$100,000 in 2006/07 for the fit-out costs of the new accommodation space.*
    - vi. *Note that from 2007/08 the total grant allocation to WELCAB will be \$185,000 per annum (excluding accommodation assistance).*
    - vii. *Agree that from 1 July 2007 Eastern Suburbs CAB no longer receive non-contestable funding.*
5. *Agree to include the following additions to the Long Term Council Community Plan:*
- a. *\$100,000 for 2006/07 to Academy of Sports Central (in support their programme as outlined in appendix one)*
  - b. *\$50,000 for 2006/07 to extend the operation of the Wellington Regional Strategy office for the full year.*

6. *Note that officers are assessing a request from Ontrack to contribute \$1,000,000 towards an upgrade of the Wellington Railway Station and that response to the request will be distributed.*
7. *Decline the requests for funding from Massey Film School (as outlined in section 4.12)*
8. *Agree to the changes to performance measures (as outlined in section 4.14).*
9. *Confirm the 10 percent increase to base funding for Positively Wellington Business (as was contained in the draft plan) and note that the funding will be held until the Wellington Regional strategy has been finalised and the preferred allocation has been reported back to this committee.*
10. *Note that officers are assessing the phasing of roading projects as they relate to the Northern Growth Management Framework and will distribute a report in relation to this.*
11. *Note that the changes that are recommended to 'business as usual' items and decisions that have been made since March as outlined in section 5.<sup>1</sup>*

### **3. Background**

A number of prominent issues were identified as part of the evaluation of the submissions on the Draft Long Term Council Community plan. In addition to these new bids have been received and some potential changes to existing projects have been identified. This paper provides for consideration of those.

Items that have received a notable number of submissions<sup>2</sup> or those that raised matters or arguments that were not previously traversed have been presented here for debate. Projects that received few or no submissions are covered by report 3.4 on this agenda.

While most comments were made at the project level some made reference to the Council's strategic direction. Those that did comment at the higher level tended to focus on Council's proposed outcomes. The majority of comments at the strategy level supported the direction and priorities that were outlined. No changes to the strategies have been recommended. (A presentation outlining the submissions on the strategies will be provided at the briefing on 20 June 2006.)

A number of submissions commented on relatively specific and operational matters. These are provided to business unit managers who will assess the request against existing work programmes. In all cases a response will be provided to submitters.

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<sup>1</sup> Note that the following item is to be discussed at committee on Thursday 15 June 2006 and this may have decisions that flow through to this planning process.

<sup>2</sup> 20 submissions or more was used as the general guide.

## **4. Prominent Issues**

### **4.1 Reduced Operating Seasons for Summer Pools and Reduced Operating Hours on Public Holidays**

A total of 228 submissions were received and nine presentations were made to the Hearings Subcommittee. The majority of submissions opposed aspects of the proposed reduction in operating hours and seasons. With the greatest number commenting on the Thorndon pool.

To achieve approximately \$103,000 of savings, it had been proposed that Thorndon and Khandallah Pools have their operating seasons reduced, Thorndon Pool by four weeks (\$20k) and Khandallah Pool by eight weeks (\$34k). Operating hours at the cities five indoor pools had been recommended to be reduced from 15 per day to 8 on public holidays for an approximate saving of \$49,000.

In summary submitters:

- Strongly value swimming pools and benefits they provide to the community
- Consider public swimming pools as important for addressing current health issues and sedentary lifestyles.
- Enjoy opportunity of swimming in outdoors for as long as possible
- Note there are only two outdoor pools servicing the city and that only one is heated
- Identify that there is an increase of people living in the inner city including families
- Say that a shortened summer season would restrict surrounding schools ability to deliver aquatic programmes at Thorndon Pool
- Claim that swimming pools are most needed on public holidays when people have most amount of leisure time available.
- Note that the level of saving achieved is minimal compared to the significant negative impact on public use of swimming pools
- Note that the Council has invested significantly in improving facilities and services for swimming so don't favour any reduction in access
- Suggest that other saving opportunities or increase revenue should be considered before closing pools.

Some alternative costs saving options were put forward including leasing car park spaces at Thorndon Pool for the period when the pool is closed. Currently parks are made available to the Wellington Emergency Management Office and Wellington Girls College. Leasing parks is being considered. WEMO's continued use if taken up would result in internal charging between two Business Units and Wellington Girls College would be given first option to lease any or all of their current spaces. If all parks were leased for 26 weeks, approximately \$20,000 of additional revenue is anticipated.

### **4.2 Mobile Library closure**

In New Zealand the value of a mobile library will vary from community to community and depend on many factors, for example what is the urban/rural mix, the extent of the branch infrastructure, ease of transport and the population/age mix.

In 1947, the original purpose of Wellington's mobile library was to provide access to a library service when there were few libraries. In 2006 there is an extensive library network including a central Library, eleven Branch Libraries and a virtual branch (website.) Most Wellingtonians can access these service points or if housebound request the Housebound Service. Wellington City is well served by branch libraries within close proximity to each other and situated on public transport routes. The Library and Information Association of New Zealand's Standards states that a "Mobile library is an effective service delivery strategy in circumstances where a catchment population is below 3,000 and there is not a library building within 2.5km.3km."

The proposed closure of the Mobile Library needs to be seen within the context of the Community and Recreation Facilities and Libraries Activity Reviews. These reviews will provide an overarching direction and service model for the future of community, recreation and library facilities.

Several submissions raised the opportunity for social interaction. The vehicle holds only three people at one time. Social interaction may come from dialogue with the mobile driver and other users but physical constraints do not make this a viable community development tool. Its community value is in having a regular, personalised convenient service which is at or near to people's doorsteps. Community centres provide a more convenient meeting space.

In today's world the Mobile Library is not a good library service model. It provides a very limited introduction to the wider library network. It operates 19.5 hours a week over 6 days and has a collection size of 4,000 books, magazines, journals and audio visual items. The City's Central and Branch Libraries provide diverse, larger collections of material and associated programmes that encourage reading and support literacy. Increasingly libraries other than the Mobile are enabling people to acquire information and digital literacy.

Mobile Library visits and issues have remained static. 29855 issues in 1996, 26,487 issues in 2004/5; 9800 visitors in 1996, 10,470 in 2004.5. The cost per issue in 2004/5 was \$2.41. The cost per visit was \$7.60. The number of borrowers is less than half of 1% of the Libraries 123,000 members.

The operational budget of \$59,294 will be realised if the service ceases. Four staff share the role of Mobile Library driver on a rotational basis. Their substantive roles will remain. The staff salary saving will be realised from a separate, 40 hour position that is being filled on a temporary basis until a decision is made about the Mobile Library.

### **4.3 Social Housing**

A proposal to alter Council's Housing policy to allow 5 percent of properties to be let to people outside current criteria at market rentals was outlined for consultation.

This proposal is intended to increase the number of working people housed within the portfolio thereby adding to the diversity in the mix of tenants. The change is also expected to result in an increase in revenue to the Council of \$330,000 per annum.

The Council received 50 written submissions directly referring to this topic. Of those 50 submissions nine were supportive, 34 did not support the proposal and seven respondents made additional comments without clearly stating a view. A number of oral submitters also commented on this proposal.

The majority of submissions that opposed the proposal were concerned at the reduction in properties available to low-income households and increased waiting times for applicants. It will take careful management of the type and location of the properties offered at market rent to overcome these concerns.

There are a number of households with housing needs who may not match current eligibility criteria. These include the current tenants who move outside the eligibility criteria and are currently moved to the market rate for twelve months and then exited, and some members of the disabled community whose assets and income may place them outside current eligibility criteria but for whom accessing appropriate housing is difficult.

By actively allowing some tenants to occupy Council properties at market rents City Housing will have greater difficulty gaining vacant possession of those properties. The effect on turn-over and potential demand is difficult to estimate. Officers recommend that the proposal be implemented as a one year pilot to assess uptake and impacts. Councillors will receive reports on response rates through the Quarterly Report process.

#### **4.4 Car parking at Freyberg pool**

The introduction of a charge for car parking at in the lot adjacent to Freyberg pool was outlined in the long term plan.

The proposal would change the free, time restricted (P120) carpark (Monday - Friday) to a \$1.50 per hour, P120, carpark. Imposition of the \$1.50 hourly charge was anticipated to raise \$80K in net revenue.

There was some discussion prior to the proposal being advertised that the carpark should be free to pool users. However the proposal was advertised as a charge for all carpark users.

In discussions with the pool operator, Recreation Wellington, there are significant practical difficulties to introducing and operating system(s) where pool users do not have to pay. Permits have been looked at for more regular users and some sort of token / pass system for one off daily or irregular users.

All of the above have significant disadvantages such as cost, management of the process by pool staff, opportunity to abuse the system and park all day and, depending on the system, the need to park enter the pool complex and then immediately return to your car with some sort of exemption to display it. This is a concern at all times but especially if the weather is bad and is perceived as another barrier to pool users.

It was concluded that at an operational and practical level all carpark users should pay and that no distinction should be made for pool users or alternatively the current free system should be retained. Recreation Wellington has some concern that revenue from carpark charges will impact on pool income and usage will decline.

38 submissions were received in regard to the proposed parking charges. All of the submissions were opposed to the charge and none were received in support. The reasons given included:

- Will discourage use of the pool
- There are no charges at other Council pools
- Pool charges have increased significantly over the last few years
- Will significantly raise the real cost of a swim
- Impact on those on a fixed income
- Swimming should be encouraged given current concerns about unhealthy lifestyles.

As noted above there are significant practical impediments to creating a system that allows pool users to park for free. While there are no parking charges at other Council pools there are charges in the two Council inner city carparks which serve the MFC and the central library. There are two clear options available to the Council:

1. Charge all carpark users; or
2. Retain the currently practice of free, (P120) time restriction.

#### **4.5 Easy grade mountain bike tracks**

There were 81 submissions received in the consultation process that specifically requested the development of for beginners and children.

The need to cater for easy grade tracks is something the officers have been working towards. The following steps are being explored:

- The Park Rangers are currently looking at possible sites for both higher level BMX and mountain bike jumps for children as well as locations for easier riding.
- We have just approved designs for a circular Koru route for families at the Makara Peak Mountain Bike Park, which will allow about an hour circuit from the lower car park on South Karori Road. This will be an easy beginner's track with grades at appropriate levels. In addition the Skills area in the mountain bike park is about to undergo a major revamp and this will add to the range of facilities for beginners and children in this area.

In addition to these steps the following is proposed:

- We are currently preparing the Draft Northern Reserves Management Plan. There maybe an opportunity to consider locations for children's mountain bike skills/ BMX facility in the Northern suburbs as part of this process.
- The 10 year Implementation Plan for the Open space Access Plan has recently been developed and will be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 15 June 2006. The decisions on this may flow through to this planning process.

If the recommended Scenario 3 is approved by Committee and Council, then the 10 year Implementation Plan has provision to consider upgrading some of the tracks in Mt Victoria and Karori Park to cater for mountain bikers at the beginner level and for children.

- The Mountain Biking Policy is also due to be reviewed in early 2007. Part of this review may consider mountain biking areas for beginners and children.

#### **4.6 CBD indoor sports**

A number of submissions were received from users of the sports facility at Shed 1 and 6. These raised concerns that the recreational opportunities provided by these facilities would be lost should the Hilton Hotel proceed.

A working group comprising representatives of Council, Wellington Waterfront and Port Authority are continuing to discuss what options can be put in place to maintain access to Sport facilities within the CBD area should Shed 1 not be available in the future

#### **4.7 City gallery**

The Council has proposed to extend the exhibition space at the City Gallery by relocating the cinema. The proposal draws on the Hancock bequest and would provide an area to display works from the city collection. At the time of agreeing the proposal the operating cost were estimated these have now been confirmed. With an opening date in 2006/07 the net operating cost will be \$105,000 (before inflation), increasing to \$195,000 (before inflation) in 2015/16. These costs will be included in the final long term plan.

#### **4.8 Spinks café**

The Council agreed to grant the \$190,000 for the creation of a youth café at the historic Spinks Cottage on Dixon St. The funding was split over two years and was subject to the proposal being granted resource consent.

The Boys and Girls Institute are overseeing the project. They have indicated that the construction and fit out would be complete six months following the granting of consent.

The consent hearing is now scheduled for July. This requires the funds that were budgeted in the current year, \$50,000, to now be rated for in 2006/07.

#### **4.9 Community Advice Bureaux**

Strategy and Policy Committee decided on 8 September 2005 that the grants to CABs for the 2006/07 financial year will be combined into a single three year contract with a citywide governance body. The governance body (WELCAB) is in the final stages of being formed through the merger of CABs. At a late stage in the formation of this development one of the six CABs (Eastern Suburbs CAB) has declined to join WELCAB, which has created immediate operational and funding challenges for WELCAB and some flow on impacts for Council's grants funding. In addition some cost elements had not been built into the long term WELCAB budget – most notably accommodation. CABs have traditionally had free rental arrangements within Council property acknowledging the important contribution they make to the social infrastructure of the city.



If these issues had emerged at an earlier stage of the budget process this proposal would have progressed as a new initiative. It has excellent strategic fit with the draft strategic objectives consulted on through the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan. Specifically it is a key component of the strategic priority – “*Building capability and capacity within the community to promote social cohesion and sound social infrastructure.*”

The whole city model of the new WELCAB delivers efficiency and effectiveness benefits albeit at an increased cost. These include:

- city wide coverage – includes areas of the city not currently covered such as Tawa and offers the possibility of a more rational geographical spread
- an ability to improve collection and distribution of information with technological advances
- a more strategic approach to customer service.

Approval is sought for the provision of additional funding support to Citizens Advice Bureaux through WELCAB from the Long Term Council Community Plan. The recommended funding package is designed to enable the decision to bulk fund to be implemented, and to address the accommodation issue. The proposal for accommodation is for space in Central Library (ex-BAM space) to be fitted out and provided rent free. The total funds recommended for inclusion in the LTCCP are:

OPEX	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Foregone Rental Charge*	25,640	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Additional Non-Contestable Grant	34,480	62,280	62,280	62,280	62,280	62,280	62,280	62,280	62,280	62,280
Depreciation + Interest	8,760	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68,880</b>	<b>109,280</b>	<b>109,280</b>	<b>109,280</b>	<b>109,280</b>	<b>109,280</b>	<b>109,280</b>	<b>109,280</b>	<b>109,280</b>	<b>109,280</b>

\* Note that this is a notional charge that has no impact on rates. This is because there is no external income currently budgeted for the BAM space within the proposed LTCCP. This value therefore represents the value of the free accommodation received by the WELCAB and will be offset by a notional income recorded within the Property Business Unit as owner of this space. A similar arrangement exists for the current space held within the Central Library which has been valued at \$25,000 per annum. The first year is less because the proposal is for a part year.

CAPEX	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16
Accommodation Fitout	100,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 4.10 Academy of sports

The Council received a request from the Academy of Sports Central as part of the consultation on the draft plan. The Council has provided a grant of \$50,000 to the Academy for the past three years. Officers have reviewed the new request and recommend that \$100,000 be provided for each of the next three years to support the Academy’s programme. A summary of the programme and officers recommendation is outlined in appendix one.

#### **4.11 Wellington Regional Strategy**

Development and implementation of the Wellington Regional Strategy is currently in the long term budget for a nominal \$50,000. At the time these draft budgets were finalised, the Strategy was at an early stage of development, but it is soon to be released as a draft for public consultation. The expected date for adoption of the Strategy is the end of October 2006. It is now clear that the Strategy will require an establishment phase to put in place governance and funding arrangements over the 2006-2007 financial year, and this will require additional funding of \$50,000 (for a total of \$100,000).

The funding will be applied to further development of some elements of the Strategy, such as the Centres of Excellence concept, and administrative resource for implementation. Note that one of the priorities in the draft Strategy, establishing Long-Haul flights for Wellington, has already been singled out and funded separately because of its urgency in relation to planning for new routes for these aircraft, which are expected to come into service globally in 2008.

#### **4.12 Massey film school**

Officers have met with Massey University to consider further the Film School initiative, and discuss other opportunities to work together. Officers' conclusion is that the initiative has departed significantly from the original proposal to develop a world-class elite Film School. It and no longer provides an appropriate fit with the Council's strategic goals, and that funding should not be reinstated for the initiative. There will however be a number of other partnership opportunities arising from the Wellington Regional Strategy which will allow Massey University and Council to work together closely.

#### **4.13 Ontrack**

As part of the consultation the Council received a request to contribute \$1,000,000 towards an upgrade of the Wellington Railway Station vestibule and concourse. Officers are still working through the proposal and plan to table their recommendations at the meeting.

#### **4.14 Performance measures**

The following changes to the performance measurement framework are recommended:

##### *1.4.1 Earthquake risk mitigation*

The number of buildings assessed during the year (approximately 3,800 potentially earthquake-prone buildings have been identified for assessment)

2006/07 = 1,200 buildings

2007/08 = 1,300 buildings

2008/09 = 1,300 buildings (or the remainder of buildings identified)

(Note: building assessments are scheduled over a three period, further performance measures will be developed as the project progresses)

*Activity: 4.8.1 Environmental and conservation attractions*

We will also monitor the number and type of bird species (native and endemic) recorded at the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary. This monitoring statement will be included along with the existing measures.

*Activity: 6.4.7 Community ICT Access*

We will monitor the number of groups hosted on the Wellington Community Net and the number of visits to the site.

We will also monitor the number of computer courses held at the computer rooms in our Newtown Park and Arlington housing complexes, and the number of people attending those courses.

(Note: we have not set performance targets for the above measures – these measures reflect monitoring capacity and we will be used to monitor achievement)

*Activity: 7.1.1 Consultation and communication*

This is an existing measure under 7.2.2 City governance and decision-making, and should be shifted under activity 7.1.1.

The percentage of residents who are satisfied that the Council consults with them the right amount.

2006/07 = 55%  
2007/08 = 57%  
2008/09 = 60%  
2016/17 = 70%

This activity is closely linked to 7.2.2 City governance and decision-making, therefore the measures for both activities should be considered together.

#### **4.15 Positively Wellington Business Funding**

Positively Wellington Business (PWB) submitted a request for a 10 percent increase in core funding from the Wellington City Council for the 2006/07 financial year. PWB currently receive \$2.01 million from the Wellington City Council and thus a 10 percent increase (\$201,000) on 2005/06 funding amounts to \$2.21 million. PWB are requesting an increase of 10 percent across each of the local authorities 2005/06 contributions.

Due to the lateness of request for additional funding, officers did not have time to fully assess the proposal and additional information in order to evaluate the proposal further was requested. This information has now been received (see appendix two).

The funding bid indicates that an increase in funding would be targeted at delivering additional projects under existing programmes and initiatives. These include:

#### **Sector Growth**

- Additional trade missions and support for a delegation to the World Bank regarding the Earthquake Engineering and Natural Hazards Cluster.

#### **Migrant Attraction**

- An additional mission to San Francisco to target migrants

#### **Business Development**

- Funding would be used for marketing to attract and identify companies that PWB could be providing assistance to.

#### **Investment Attraction**

- An exhibition and additional overseas missions.

#### **Marketing**

- Further marketing surrounding corporate events and market research.

#### **Research**

- Sector surveys to identify employment and business trends by sector.

In light of the information provided, it did not indicate any critical items over and above what is currently being delivered and it would therefore be prudent to wait until the Wellington Regional Strategy is finalised to determine if the projects identified in the funding bid are consistent and in line with the WRS.

Officers recommendation is therefore to leave the additional funding in the long term plan but not to pay this to PWB. It is preferable to determine the best use for the funding after the WRS has been finalised. This would best be achieved by establishing a separate project for the budget amount and the funding allocation would be the subject of a report back to committee at the appropriate time.

## **5 Business as usual budgets**

The following changes to the business as usual programme have been recommend:

### **5.1 Project name changes**

The following project name changes occurred after the draft long-term Plan 2006/07 – 15/16 was adopted to more accurately reflect the activity undertaken within the Environment Strategy area:

- A041A Stormwater asset stewardship (formerly Stormwater collection / disposal network)
- C498 Stormwater asset management (formerly Stormwater network asset information)
- A041 Wastewater asset stewardship (formerly Sewerage network asset stewardship)
- C497 Wastewater asset management (formerly Sewerage network maintenance of asset information)
- CX333 Pump station (SPE) upgrades (formerly Sewage pollution elimination project – pump station upgrades)
- CX334 Sewerage network renewals (formerly Sewage pollution elimination project – sewerage network renewals).

## 5.2 Funding level changes and transfers

### *Urban Development*

- Transfer of part of C649 High quality urban design to P065 City heritage development

The funding allocated to the heritage incentive fund (\$250,000 in 2006/07 and \$350,000 for the following two years before inflation) was included under the project C649 high quality urban design. It is recommended that this funding be transferred to project P065 city heritage development to better reflect where this funding has been allocated.

The heritage incentive fund was agreed by Councillors as part of the draft LTCCP deliberations in March 2006 for \$2m (before inflation) over 6 years to 2011/12 and the final 3 years were inadvertently omitted but will be reflected in the final LTCCP. There is no impact on the overall funding for 2006/07.

### *Environmental*

- CX031 Stormwater flood protection upgrades funding increased

At the Strategy and Policy meeting on 24 May 2006, Councillors approved additional capital funding of \$200,000 each year before inflation from 2006/07 to 2008/09 with a reduction in 2009/10 of \$400,000 for the localised flood protection works for the next 3 years. This will be reflected in the final LTCCP.

- Plimmer bequest funding for beautification projects

At the Strategy and Policy meeting on 16 February 2006, Councillors approved funding of \$750,000 from the Plimmer bequest for the Scorching Bay beautification project in 2006/07 and works in Central Park in 2007/08. The Scorching Bay beautification project will create an opportunity to improve and sustain this important natural recreational venue for the city. The project will enhance the beach-lawn interface, ensure more shade trees and planting, create new picnic and seating areas and encourage better and safer pedestrian linkages.

It is estimated that of the \$750,000 funding, \$710,000 will be required for capital costs (CX290 Coastal upgrades) and the remaining \$40,000 for operational costs (C298 Coastal operations). These projects will reflect the increased costs incurred by Council but as the funding is from an external source, there will be no requirement to rates fund or increase borrowings for these projects to proceed (as reflected in the Funding impact statements) and there is no impact on the overall funding for 2006/07 and 2007/08.

### *Cultural Well-being*

- Transfer of part of C130K Community arts programme to C670 Public art fund (new project)

The Public Art Fund is the funding mechanism that gives effect to Council's Public Art Policy (2003). Decisions on the allocation of the fund are informed by the Council's Public Art Panel, membership of which is drawn from leading arts institutions and individuals in Wellington. The fund contributes to permanent sculptures, primarily through an annual \$50,000 (before inflation) grant to the Wellington Sculpture Trust; the integration of art into public spaces; and temporary public art. The funding is identified in the 2006/07 draft LTCCP under C130K Community arts programme for \$300,000 but will be transferred to a new project C670 Public art fund under activity 5.4.2 Arts partnerships in 2006/07 and the outyears. There is no impact on the overall funding for 2006/07.

## **5. Conclusion**

Having received submissions on the Draft Long Term Council Community Plan and deliberated on the issues that were raised, the committee is now asked to recommend to Council any changes to activities.