

Appendix 1

Eco-design advisor

An Eco-Design Advisor (EDA) was recruited in December 2007 on a one-year short term contract. This proposal seeks to continue this service for an additional two years to allow the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) – part funder of the programme - to monitor the effects.

The EDA is an initiative supported by the Ministry for the Environment (MfE). The EDA is an advisory role providing customised advice on sustainability matters to homeowners, designers, builders and other community members. The EDA fulfils three primary functions:

- a free supply of information
- facilitation between client, designer and trades-people
- networking between stakeholders and sustainability resources.

The EDA is partially funded by MfE from their Sustainable Management Fund. The Council is entitled to 33% of costs to a cap of \$30k. To receive the funding Council must hold:

- 160 full consultations with homeowners/designers/builders
- 100 short consultations with homeowners/designers/builders
- 48 formal presentations
- 52 networking initiatives.

| Outline project costs per year | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Project Component | Operating expenses \$000 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 08/09 | 09/10 | 10/11 | 11/12 | 12/13 | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | 16/17 | 17/18 |
| EDA | 100 | 100 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| MfE contribution | -30 | -30 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 70 | 70 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |

The service is in line with the Council's guidelines on sustainable buildings. These sustainable building guidelines are based on a range of New Zealand-wide resources on developing sustainable buildings.

Officers recommend that funding for this proposal be included in the Annual Plan for 2008/09 and 2009/10.

Contact officer: John Scott

Appendix 2

City planning unit legal budget

The proposal is for additional legal budget for 2008/09 in order to fund a predicted increase in legal expenditure to defend the Council's position on proposed plan changes and variations.

This expenditure relates to Council's statutory functions under the Resource Management Act, in proposing plan changes and variations to the District Plan. Submitters on these plan changes have the statutory right to appeal the decision of Council to the Environment Court. If Council is to defend its position and retain the integrity of its urban development policy framework it needs to be an active participant in these proceedings.

The increase in costs reflects the high number of plan changes proposed by Council over the last 2 years, the range of significant issues that those changes have dealt with, and the number of appeals already submitted or estimated to be submitted by external parties.

The proposal is for an additional \$330k for the 2008/09 year in addition to existing legal budget of \$150k and officer time which would be funded within existing resources.

| Outline project costs per year | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Project Component | Operating expenses \$000 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 08/09 | 09/10 | 10/11 | 11/12 | 12/13 | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | 16/17 | 17/18 |
| Legal fees | 330 | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 330 | | | | | | | | | |

The need for the additional funding arises from a number of compounding factors:

- The current budget of \$150k has been unchanged for at least the last 4 years. It is not reflective of the current work programme of the Unit.
- The Council's District Plan rolling review has resulted in a large number of more substantial plan changes being notified. Significant policy changes increase the number of submissions and the risk of appeal. In the last two years major or contentious plan changes have including:
 - PC 43/53/58 Heritage listings
 - PC 45 Lincolnshire Farm Urban Development Area
 - PC 46 Subdivision Design Guide
 - PC 48 Central Area Review
 - PC 52 Suburban Centre Amendments
 - PC 56 Managing Infill Housing
 - PC 61 Huntleigh Park Rezoning
 - PC 66 Suburban Centre Amendments
- The Council has no control over the number of appeals to the Environment Court and has to actively defend its position in mediation and any subsequent hearing or risks undermining its overall policy framework.

- Private plan changes – the RMA allows external parties to request plan changes and requires Councils to respond to them. There are currently appeals relating to 2 private plan changes (PC 30 and PC 47).
- General increased costs of externally sourced legal services.
- A general trend towards a more litigious society.

Failure to effectively defend the decisions of the Council in the Environment Court would undermine the integrity of the whole urban development policy framework, and substantially weaken Council's position. This would undermine the considerable investment Council has already made in developing this policy framework and would open up the floodgates for further appeals as it became quickly known that Council would not defend its position. Such a position would be untenable.

Officers are however looking to reduce or better manage the anticipated legal expenditure through the following means:

1. Attempting to resolve all appeals through mediation rather than proceeding to a full hearing of the Environment Court. The success of this approach is however dependant on the approach of the external parties.
2. Inserting in future SPC reports concerning plan changes and variations an estimate of likely legal expenditure to defend the Council's position. This will assist in future budgeting, and ensure clarity about the full range of costs associated with any plan changes.

It is likely that there will also be a substantial appeals workload for the 2009/10 year, as not all appeals will be resolved in 2008/09 year and the Council's District Plan work programme for the next financial year includes some substantial proposed plan changes, including infill housing and suburban centres. This will need to be reassessed closer to the time, and it is proposed that any budgeting implications will be considered as part of the 2009/10 Long term Plan.

In conclusion, based on the current District Plan proposed plan changes, the current numbers of appeals, and the future work programme, the Council will not be able to defend its policy position within current budget parameters for the 2008/2009 year. A contingency budget of \$330k is required. This will be supplemented by focusing effort on resolving appeals through mediation.

Officers recommend that funding for this proposal be included in the Annual Plan 2008/09.

Officer: Ernst Zollner

Appendix 3

Local area planning unit legal budget

The proposal is for additional legal budget for 2008/09 in order to fund increased legal costs associated with defending the Council's statutory decision making obligations under the Resource Management Act on resource consent applications. This is primarily related to appeals to both the Environment Court and judicial reviews applications to the High Court.

The proposal is for an additional \$100k for 2008/09 in addition to existing legal budget of \$150k and officer time which would be funded within existing resources.

| Outline project costs per year | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Project Component | Operating expenses \$000 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 08/09 | 09/10 | 10/11 | 11/12 | 12/13 | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | 16/17 | 17/18 |
| Legal fees | 100 | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | 100 | | | | | | | | | |

The need for the additional funding arises from a number of compounding factors:

- The Council's District Plan policy programme – especially significant plan changes such as 48 (central city) and 56 (infill). Significant new policy change increase the risk of appeal or judicial reviews on resource consents due to the uncertainty and changed parameters they bring for developers and affected parties during the implementation phase.
- A large number of complicated or controversial resource consent proposals – both before the Council and due to be submitted, and the subsequent increased chance of appeal.
- Several very large proposals that have either been appealed or are likely to be appealed such as the Bowen Integrated Campus development and the Mill Creek wind farm. Each alone can account for the majority of the total annual legal budget (eg. Legal fees on the West Wind appeal were approximately \$100k).
- An increased tendency for challenge via judicial review (from one in 2006/2007 to 4 in 2007/2008). A judicial review, is where an applicant wants to challenge the decision of the council on a procedural basis, often regarding non-notification, and is heard by the High Court.
- The current budget of \$150k has been unchanged for at least the last 4 years.
- General increased costs of legal services

Failure to effectively defend the decisions of the Council in the Court would undermine the entire urban development programme from policy, to consents, to enforcement. Failure to defend Council's decisions risks sending a message to applicants and submitters that any challenge will be successful, leading to an increase in appeals. This is therefore not considered an alternative.

Officers are however looking to implement a range of smart procurement options (such as in-house legal, secondments and preferential rates), in order to significantly reduce this legal expenditure. In addition, officers are intending to provide more information

on the likely appeal costs of any plan change at the time that they are considered by SPC. This will help with budgeting and full consideration of the implications of any decision.

Even with these in place however, for the reasons outlined above, and considering the potential expenses for the year ahead (see Appendix 1), it is considered highly unlikely that expenditure for the coming year will stay within the existing budget.

A further \$100k for the 2008/2009 year is therefore sought. Legal budget for out years will be reconsidered as part of the revised LTCCP once the smart procurement options have been implemented.

In conclusion, based on past expenditure and current projections, the Council will not be able to defend decisions made on resource consents under the Resource Management Act within current budget parameters for the 2008/2009 year. Additional budget of \$100k for 2008/2009, supplemented by a range of smart procurement options is therefore required in order to undertake this work.

Officers recommend that funding for this proposal be included in the Annual Plan 2008/09.

Officer: Ernst Zollner

Appendix 4

Resource consent applications: adjoining neighbourhood letter proposal

The proposal is for additional personnel budget in order to fund a staff position and related costs associated with formalising and fully implementing the current “trial” process of sending letters to adjoining neighbours of developments that have applied for resource consent on residentially zoned sites.

The proposal is for an additional \$60k per annum of personnel costs, which includes the creation of one new FTE position.

| Outline project costs per year | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Project Component | Operating expenses \$000 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 08/09 | 09/10 | 10/11 | 11/12 | 12/13 | 13/14 | 14/15 | 15/16 | 16/17 | 17/18 |
| Personnel | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |
| Total | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 60 |

As part of improving the public’s knowledge about resource consent applications and in response to complaints about neighbours being granted resource consents without their neighbour’s knowledge, the Local Area Planning unit started to trial (in 2007/08) sending out letters to adjoining neighbours of Residentially Zoned sites where they receive a consent application. This has been restricted to Residential Zones due to the sensitivity of these areas to change and the complexity of identifying adjoining neighbours in other zones where there are varying tenancy and ownership arrangements.

This trial has proven to be extremely popular with the public and as a result is seen by officers and councillors as an important service to maintain and build on this increased public perception and confidence in the resource consent process. At present (in its limited trial state), this is resourced through existing resources. However this is not considered sustainable due to the workload it creates on top of other duties. This workload includes administration to create and send out the letters, direct response and correspondence with adjacent neighbours who raise queries and the other business and time pressures it places across the team such as occasional increased pressure around notification decisions.

This is estimated to take the equivalent of 1.0 FTE (breakdown: planner 0.3 / planning counter 0.4 / admin 0.3) which was not previously allowed for in the business plan. Additional funding of \$60K p/a is therefore sought in order to continue to provide this service.

As this trial has now been running for around 8 months, there is a certain level of public awareness and popularity around this new “trial” process / service. There may be some adverse public reaction to not developing this into a full and on-going service and it has shown itself to be popular and very useful means of raising public awareness and understanding of the resource management process.

In particular its value lies in an early awareness of development projects by neighbours, avoiding what had been a common problem of neighbours first learning about a

development when literally, the bulldozers arrived. This was relatively common and resulted in significant criticism of the Council for not informing the public of development proposals that it was dealing with. While this does not necessarily enable neighbours to influence the resource consent process on non-notified consents, it does enable them to engage with Council staff and their neighbours in order to better understand what is proposed and how it might affect them prior to any works on site – rather than the shock of construction suddenly starting next door. It is therefore recommended that this service be continued.

In conclusion, due to the improved public perception around Council's service delivery of resource consents and the trials popularity to date, we recommend that council approve this new initiative and respective budget requirements. These can and will only be incrementally improved with full implementation of the neighbour notification letter process.

Officers recommend that funding for this proposal be included in the Annual Plan 2008/09.

Officer: Ernst Zollner

Appendix 5

Ian Galloway Park artificial sports field hub

The Greenfields Project has requested Council funding be made available to support an artificial sports field hub at Ian Galloway Park. The proposal includes indoor and outdoor synthetic sports surfaces, including a bowls centre.

The Greenfields Project proposed the following points to Council:

- \$1.8m required in 2010/11 for synthetic outdoor surface
- \$700k required in 2011/12 for synthetic indoor surface
- if the project does not materialise funding would benefit other sports field assets
- request for Council advice and funding on bowls clubs that would relinquish assets to invest in the Greenfields Project

A trial synthetic surface is planned for Nairnville Park in the coming year. Also, officers are presently reviewing the Sports Fields Asset Management Plan that is likely to recommend the roll-out and investment in synthetic surfaces across the city over the 10 year life of the plan. This includes the investment in a synthetic sports field located at Ian Galloway Park. The asset management plan will be presented to Council late 2008 to align with development of the Long Term Plan (2009-19).

The Council and New Zealand Bowls are working jointly on a review of Wellington Bowls clubs, 19 in total, in terms of developing a health report to address future issues. This work is scheduled to be completed October 2008 and will inform officers of the level of support and funding for this initiative.

Officers recommend that decisions on future sites for artificial surfaces be considered as part of the 2009-19 Long Term Plan.

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Appendix 6

Seatoun Park pavilion refurbishment

The Seatoun Association Football Club (Seatoun AFC) has requested Council funding be made available to refurbish the Seatoun Park pavilion.

Funding for this request would fall into parks building maintenance, upgrades and renewals budgets. Council owned buildings that are leased by community/sports groups receive a condition assessment every 3 years. Information from the condition assessment is evaluated and programmed based on the grading allocated. From the last condition assessment conducted in 2006 the Seatoun AFC building was found to be fit for purpose.

Items identified on the exterior of the building where capital work is required are programmed based on priorities for the entire portfolio of buildings that Parks and Gardens manage. Council are responsible for exterior maintenance as per the lease agreement and will do repairs as soon as practically possible once made aware of any maintenance issues. Council officers have worked with the club in the past to improve this building including funding disability accessible toilets and a ramp into the building.

Officers recommend that the request to allocate additional funds to an upgrade of the exterior of the building be declined on the basis that:

- Current condition assessment indicates the building is fit for purpose. Therefore no substantial capital expenditure is expected to be programmed for this building in the near future.

Officers will continue to engage with Seatoun FC to discuss issues raised in their submission and to work towards their goals.

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Appendix 7

Cobham Drive foreshore area enhancement

Mr Barney Scully has requested Council funding be made available to upgrade/enhance the Cobham Drive foreshore area at the Northern end of the airport.

Funding for this request would fall into the coastal upgrade project as there is no specific project for Cobham Drive. Funding for 2008/09 has been allocated to remedial work on the seawall at Evans Bay and the southern seawall at the Evans Bay Boat ramp. Both of these seawalls are in poor condition being built in 1966 and require extensive work to avoid future failure.

Previous work carried out over a four year period at Cobham Drive between the Evans Bay marina and the western side of the airport has addressed erosion and safety issues. The remaining Cobham Drive sea edge from where this work finished while being unsightly is not in immediate danger of failure therefore not considered a priority at present.

Officers recommend that the request to allocate additional funds to enhance the Cobham Drive foreshore be declined on the basis that:

- The work on the Evans Bay seawalls is a priority due to health and safety reasons.
- That the Cobham Drive area that was outside the initial project and cosmetic rather than absolutely necessary.

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Appendix 8

Remuneration for Moa Point Wastewater Community Liaison Group members

The Moa Point Wastewater Community Liaison Group has requested Council funding be made available to offer suitable remuneration to group members, in recognition of their work for the community.

Under the District Plan, the Council is obliged to support the work of this group, including its dealings with the adjacent communities. Council accordingly provides the services of a facilitator to service the committee and ensure good communications and co-ordination between the committee and the Council and also between the committee and other affected residents in adjacent communities.

In addition, the Council pays for the services of a technical engineer, who attends all meetings and provides information and advice on request, either orally or in the form of written opinions.

Officers recommend that the request to pay remuneration to the Moa Point Wastewater Community Liaison Group be declined on the basis that:

- Membership of the group is voluntary
- Nomination for membership is driven by a desire to contribute to discussions that impact on members of the group and local residents
- A Council officer is assigned to provide support and assistance
- A Technical expert is funded by the Council

Officers will ensure that, in addition to the above, adequate administrative support (e.g. photocopying) is available to the Group.

Contact officer: Michael Webster

Appendix 9

Additional public swimming pool (25 metre) for Wellington

A number of submitters have requested Council funding be made available to provide an additional 25 metre swimming pool for Wellington.

The impetus behind this request is to meet the increasing needs of aquatic sport codes and the general public particularly where congestion is occurring during peak periods.

The 2006-16 Long Term Plan includes plans to expand current facilities at the Keith Spry Pool in Johnsonville to meet demand from growth in the northern suburbs of the city but does not currently include the provision of an additional 25 metre pool within the city.

A recent discussion paper presented to Councillors outlines capacity issues at peak times faced by all pools and identifies some options for creating more pool space in the future.

Officers recommend that the request to provide an additional 25 metre pool in Wellington be declined on the basis that:

- Council has yet to indicate which of the options presented in the discussion paper should receive priority with regard to further investigation and possible development.
- As part of the development of the 2009-19 Long Term Plan, we will further explore options for investment in Council-owned facilities and levels of service.

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Appendix 10

Support for Crossways community house

A number of submitters have requested Council funding be made available to support the Crossways Community Trust in the purchase of Crossways Community House. A \$250k grant is requested for the project. This will be an operating grant used for capital purposes.

The Council has recently agreed a position on Crossways. The Trust did not achieve its first funding target and the Council has subsequently removed itself from the tripartite agreement.

At its meeting of 24 April, the Council decided to withdraw from the three way agreement between the Council, the Crossways Trust and St Andrews. The decision left the way clear for the Crossways Trust and St Andrews to negotiate directly over the possible purchase of Crossways Community House. The Council's \$70k grant to St Andrew's last year gave the Crossways Trust more time to raise money towards the purchase of the property. However, whilst the first milestone was not met the Crossways Community Trust have successfully raised around \$470k by way of direct fundraising (\$20k) and loan (\$450k) to purchase the Crossways building. The rateable value for the community house is \$1.575m.

The Crossways Trust recently submitted an offer for the purchase of the Crossways Community House. The offer was declined by St Andrews and as a result the community house will go on the open market later this year. The Crossways Trust is still in negotiations for the purchase of the Community house and has made it clear that fundraising efforts are continuing.

The Crossways Trust as part of its submission to the Draft Annual Plan requested funding of \$250k from the Council towards the purchase of the Crossways community house. The Crossways Trust submitted its updated business plan for consideration by officers. The formal application for funding is set out below.

The application from the Crossways Trust (extract from Business Plan)

This application is for a capital grant (or, if Council considers it appropriate, a suspensory loan) of \$250k to assist with the purchase of Crossways. The grant would contribute towards the final purchase price of Crossways, but as the Trust is now competing in the open market, it cannot presently provide the final purchase price that the grant would be a component of.

The Trust has already raised \$950k: comprising contributions and fund raising, a loan from a donor trust of \$450k (interest free for a minimum of three years, forgivable in part or in whole) and an offer from Kiwibank of a low interest mortgage of \$450k.

The Trust continues to be an active fundraiser and will be an active bidder on the open market.

Voluntary conditions

The Trust is happy to abide by the following conditions:

1. The grant can only be uplifted by the Trust when its purchase price has been accepted, and

2. the Trust can demonstrate a viable business plan based on that price, and
3. there is an undertaking from the Trust to sell the Crossways and return the grant should its ownership of the building become financially unsustainable, and
4. there is an undertaking from the Trust not to seek any further capital grants from the Council for the purchase of Crossways.

It is the Trust's view that these conditions will provide a high degree of risk mitigation for the Council. In the event that the Trust is unsuccessful in its bid for Crossways, or that the business plan shows that the financial position is unsustainable, the Councillors will be under no obligation to advance the pre-approved funding.

Given that there is no sale and purchase agreement, and that the issues of financial sustainability have worsened (increased projected levels of debt and higher likely purchase price) officers are not recommending a financial contribution.

Officers recommend that the request for funding be declined. Note that officers will work with Crossways user groups including the crèche to assist them to re-locate to alternative venues if negotiations are unsuccessful.

Contact officer: Wendy Walker

Enclosure to remedy Moa Point odour problems

The Miramar Golf Club (Incorporated) has requested Council funding be made available to construct an enclosure over the Moa Point Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) to permanently remedy odour emissions. A total of \$800k is requested for the project.

Recent investigation has indicated a number of potential odour causes at the Moa Point WWTP. A Technical group has been set up with WCC, Capacity and the contractor, United Water International (UWI) representatives to evaluate the contribution of these sources to the resultant odours and mitigations. One solution that has been proposed is enclosing the pumping station. The initial cost for this is estimated at \$800k.

There are a number of other potential sources as well and it is considered desirable that all sources and mitigations are evaluated prior to any funding request being considered. The Community Liaison Group (CLG) has set Council a date of December 2008 for these issues to be resolved. The technical group will continue focusing on this issue with the intent of identifying a course of action within the next few months.

Officers recommend that the request for funding be declined. When the recommended solutions are identified and agreed, funding will be requested. Should this funding be required within the 2008/09 year, a report would be forwarded to the Strategy and Policy Committee for consideration. If the funding is required in later years, this will be addressed through the AMP process.

Contact officer: Stavros Michaels

Appendix 12

New toilet facilities at Tarakena Bay

The Breaker Bay and Moa Point Progressive Association has requested Council funding be made available to undertake a feasibility study into the provision of a toilet facility at Tarakena Bay / Palmer Head.

Officers recommend that the request to allocate additional funding to building a new facility at Tarakena Bay is declined on the basis that:

- The investment of a toilet at this location has a lower priority and lower level of demand than our existing Asset Management Plan programme.
- There are no water, sewer or power services.
- In the District Plan this area is zoned as conservation due to the ecological and historical values of the site. This would require resource consent being sought to construct any structure in this location.
- Any toilet constructed would need to be inline with our existing design policy.

This proposal may be something we consider in the future once we have completed our existing upgrade programme. An opportunity also exists to reconsider this proposal when developing the 2009-19 Long Term Plan and along with a revised pavilion and toilet upgrade/renewal programme.

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Appendix 13

Upgrade of Kelburn Parade

Victoria University has requested the Council fund the design phase of the upgrade of Kelburn Parade. A total of \$75k is requested for the design phase for 2008/09.

As part of the Public Space Design Policy Review (to be presented to the Strategy and Policy Committee on 18 June) it is proposed that Council review its Public Space and Centres Development Programme, which will contribute to the development of the 2009-19 Long Term Plan.

The Public Space Design Policy Review will assess and prioritise the public space projects across the city. It will differentiate streets and spaces and provide for differing levels of amenity dependant on a classification system, and will identify levels of service and degrees of intervention in regards design and types of furniture in respective locations in the city.

Officers recommend that the upgrade of Kelburn Parade be considered as part of the review and prioritisation process for public space projects.

Contact officer: Ernst Zollner

Land purchase in Churton Park

The Churton Park Community Association have requested Council funding be made available for the purchase of land in Churton Park that could later be developed for a community centre.

A key motivation for this request occurring at this time is due to recent rezoning of land. The land in question is potentially a suitable location for a new neighbourhood shopping centre proposed for Churton Park. This development could proceed in the next 2-3 years, although designs may be confirmed over the next 12 months.

Officers recommend that this request is declined for the following reasons:

- While no funds are currently allocated for this purpose, the Council is engaged in working to secure improved community facilities in Churton Park. This is primarily in partnership with the Ministry of Education who are proposing a new, enlarged school in Churton Park to replace the existing school. Part of this new school would be on land owned by the Council. As a condition of the sale of this land, the Council is in the process of negotiating that the community has access to the school facilities outside of school hours and that enhancements are made to the playing fields so that they are suitable for the wider community also.
- A range of communities and community centres have requested that funds be allocated to development or redevelopment of community centres and Churton Park has not been assessed as a higher priority than other requests.
- The Council is developing a 10 year plan for investment in Council-owned community facilities, and decisions on all major investment should follow adoption of this plan.
- At this point, there is no clear understanding of what the community needs within Churton Park are and therefore how much land is required for such a purpose. This should be examined through a needs analysis for this area before committing to purchase an area of land that may be unsuitable due to location, size or other constraints.
- The proposed neighbourhood centre is on privately owned land and is being developed by private interests - there is therefore no guarantee of being able to buy such a piece of land or what the costs would be. It is however anticipated that this development will include commercial facilities such as offices, a café or pub that would be suitable for a range of community uses.

Contact officer: Wendy Walker

Additional funding for Newtown Festival

The Newtown Residents' Association (Incorporated) has requested additional Council funding be made available to support the Newtown Festival. The Association requests funding on a similar scale to the Pasifika Festival (\$65k).

The Council recognises the Newtown Festival as one of the Wellington's key community festivals and this is reflected in the continued support through the contestable grants (\$10k in 06/07 and \$8k in 07/08). This year (in addition to the contestable grant) City Events gave \$10k of support to the Festival. This was to assist in developing and strengthening the profile of the festival.

It is difficult to compare the Absolutely Positively Pasifika Festival with the Newtown Festival as there are differing requirements such as location and stage requirements, which in turn means varying costs. The Pasifika event is a focal point for Wellington's Pacific communities to celebrate their traditions, cultures, communities and contributions. The event is aimed at all ages and has a strong family focus. The festival is held in the early part of the year which coincides with the Council Summer City Events calendar programme.

Officers recommend that the request for additional funding for the Newtown Festival based on a similar scale to the Pasifika Festival be declined.

Contact officer: Wendy Walker

Newtown facilities upgrade

The Newtown Community and Cultural Centre Incorporated (NCCC) has requested Council funding be made available for an upgrade of Newtown facilities (Newtown Community and Cultural Centre, and Network Newtown - Smart Newtown Computer Suite).

Officers from City Communities and Property have recently visited Newtown community facilities. The NCCC have requested the following upgrade work be carried-out at the Newtown Community and Cultural Centre Building, including an upgrade of toilets; an upgrade of the kitchen and works to address security issues.

The Council has recently carried out the following projects at the Newtown Community and Cultural Centre Building:

- new carpet laid down in the main office areas
- internal paint job within the centre
- the small hall floor was re-sanded and polished
- upgrade of electrical supply to the building and alteration to the supply in the kitchen

With regard to Network Newtown - Smart Newtown Computer Suite, the NCCC have requested funding to construct an entranceway on the western side of the building, allowing users of the complex to enter the rear rooms of the ground floor without having to transit through the area occupied by the Smart Newtown Computer suite.

Network Newtown (beside the Newtown library) was granted funds (\$44K) last year to carry out renovations within the building, this would include the second access door and other alterations. There has been a delay in obtaining building consent approval due to the required internal structural changes. The building consent was not granted as further assessment was required in relation to compliance with fire regulations. A fire report is required for the whole building (including City Housing flats) before building consent could be granted. This has caused a delay in the works until 2008/09 and officers are requesting a carry forward of capital funds.

Officers recommend the request for upgrade work funding be declined. Upgrade work for the toilet and kitchen areas will be considered as part of longer term asset management planning and as part of the Community Facilities Activity Review. Following the visit by officers it was agreed that a new secure front door should be installed with a window panel.

Contact officer: Wendy Walker

Public walkway construction at Worser Bay Boating Club

The Worser Bay Boating Club has requested Council funding be made available for construction of a public walkway at Worser Bay (as part of work related to the upgrade of Worser Bay Boating Club). Funding requested for this project is \$90k.

Funding for this request would fall into the coastal upgrade project as there is no specific project for Worser Bay. Funding for 2008/09 has been allocated to remedial work on the seawall at Evans Bay and the southern seawall at the Evans Bay Boat ramp. Both of these seawalls are in poor condition being built in 1966 and require extensive work to avoid future failure.

While Council has given support to the project and has assisted the club in their consent applications we advised at an early stage that no funding was available to support any building work on site. We also consider that the main users of the walkway would be club members rather than members of the public.

Officers recommend that the request to allocate additional funds for a walkway at Worser Bay be declined on the basis that:

- The work on the Evans Bay seawalls is a priority due to health and safety reasons.
- That the Club were advised funding was not available for this development at the onset of the project.

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Appendix 18

Wellington Circus Trust relocation funding

The Wellington Circus Trust has requested Council funding be made available for emergency relocation costs. The Trust has to relocate from Drama 9 Studio at Te Whaea to a more suitable premise. Funding requested for this project is \$18.4k.

The Trust operates a programme of classes in circus and other related activities for both adults and children. Their premises are also shared by a number of Wellington based circus companies. The Trust has to vacate the space that they are currently using at Te Whaea to make way for Capital Gymnastics, which will occupy the space from July 2008. Council officers have worked with the Trust to identify alternative venues.

Officers recommend that the request be declined and funding be sought through Council grants scheme. Officers will assist the Trust with a grant application.

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Appendix 19

Film School relocation and fit-out funding

The New Zealand Film and Television School has requested Council funding be made available for relocation and fit-out costs.

The Film and Television School's current premises are inadequate for their current and future needs. They have requested a total grant of \$120K in the 2008/09 financial year to alter and relocate to new premises in Vivian Street. This grant would be made up of \$40k already granted by the Council and available for uplifting in the 2008/09, \$40k offered by Council for uplifting in the 2009/10 financial year and an additional \$40k.

Officers recommend that the request for funding be declined. The original contribution of \$120k towards the development and relocation of the School is adequate (agreed as part of 2007/08 Annual Plan).

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Island Bay and Princess Bay sand dune restoration

Barbara Fill has requested Council reprioritise efforts to undertake dune restoration at Island Bay and Princess Bay. According to the submission considerable erosion is evident in these areas.

There are synergies with different Council infrastructure units that may assist this request especially in the areas of drainage, roading and Parks & Gardens. We are currently working with all parties to address erosion of the dunes caused by the drains at Island Bay.

There have been a number of studies/reports carried out on the coastal edge with the latest being an ecological assessment as part of the Bio Diversity Action Plan. This will help in prioritising important areas for ecological restoration/protection on the coast.

Council Officers will also look at these areas during the South Coast Management Plan implementation review which is currently being undertaken. A priority list will be identified during this review process.

Officers recommend that the request to reprioritise efforts at this stage be declined on the basis that:

- The review of the South Coast Management Plan implementation plan is currently occurring that will provide future funding priority.
- Council is currently working on the Biodiversity Action Plan that will identify areas of risk on the coast and priorities for restoration. Once these priorities have been identified we will assess funding sources.
- Parks and Gardens are currently engaging with infrastructural units to address problems on inappropriate stormwater pipes and erosion.

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Appendix 21

Healthy Homes project and household water efficiency initiative

Energy Smart has requested the Council fund the Healthy Home project (\$100k) and the Householder Water Efficiency Initiative (\$50k). A total of \$150k is requested for the 2008/09 period.

Over recent years, the Council has led the development of the Healthy Homes Project by:

- dedicating \$200k of direct financial support to the project
- negotiating with EECA's residential funding team to support the project
- negotiating with CCDHB and other government agencies to contribute funding to the project
- contracting the Sustainability Trust to implement the project
- providing the Trust with a rent-free office space in Newtown for one year
- providing marketing and communication support to the Trust.

While no funds were earmarked for the 2008/09 Annual Plan for the Healthy Homes programme, the Council will continue to work with the Trust to deliver the Healthy Homes Project through a variety of means, including:

- assist the Trust with fundraising efforts
- working with the Trust to identify funding opportunities with existing mechanisms, namely:
 1. options for financial accommodation assistance
 2. options for programme support through the 2008/09 Grants Round.

Also, a Sustainable Building Grant is being proposed as part of the draft Annual Plan 2008/09. The grants scheme will be suitable for homeowners who incorporate energy design / efficiency features into their buildings. Evaluation will be undertaken to determine whether the outcomes sought by the Healthy Homes project and the Sustainable Building Grants overlap and if so, which programme is most cost effective to support.

Officers recommend that the request for funding to the Healthy Homes and household water efficiency initiative be declined on the basis that:

- considerable funding and support has been given to Healthy Homes project over recent years
- support will continue to be given to the Healthy Homes project
- evaluation and potential development of the Sustainable Building Grant will be undertaken.

Lastly, as part of the review of strategies for the 2009-19 Long Term Plan, officers will be investigating options for direct household sustainability interventions. Insulation retrofitting and long-term support for the Healthy Homes Project will definitely be front of mind given our experience and the latest research information coming out of BRANZ and other institutions.

While it would be premature to give guarantees about what these options might look like, the Trust will definitely be involved in the preliminary discussions as they have

proven capability and experience in delivering community sustainability programmes as well as knowledge about residential needs.

Contact officer: Wayne Maxwell

Appendix 22

Wellington Rugby League require support to find clubrooms and a dedicated ground

Wellington Rugby League (Incorporated) has requested Council support be made available to assist in the development of dedicated fields, training facilities and club rooms.

Growth in fixtures and player numbers were highlighted in their submission, for example:

- Harbour City Rugby League Club 160 registered members
- University Rugby League Club – 48 registered members
- College Sport Rugby League competition to commence August 2008

Wellington Rugby League supports the direction of Sports Field Asset Management Planning for Wellington and investment proposed in synthetic surfaces. Wellington Rugby League requests access to future synthetic facilities and the opportunity to work with the Council to develop ongoing access for senior and junior club fixtures in Wellington.

Officer recommendation: To continue to work with Wellington Rugby League and the two Wellington city based clubs to determine field allocation and opportunities to investigate partnership with an existing sport with clubrooms.

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Appendix 23

Additional remuneration for Karori Community Centre staff

The Karori Community Centre has requested Council funding be made available to provide additional resources to a community centre co-ordinator to ensure they can be remunerated appropriately at a time when cost of living increases are significant.

Community Centres are currently funded for operational assistance through contracts. As part of the ongoing implementation of the Grants Framework the grants team is looking at the way all contracts are funded and this will include reviewing the effectiveness of current levels of operational funding.

This piece of work will input to the 2009-19 Long Term Plan. In the interim, no CPI adjustment is recommended. **Officer recommendation** is for this proposal to be declined.

Contact officer: Wendy Walker

Video conferencing facilities funding (20/20 Trust)

The 2020 Communications Trust has requested Council funding be made available for:

- a shared directory and booking service for Wellington-based organisations that have high definition video-conferencing facilities they are prepared to share with businesses and members of the community (\$50k)
- business case preparation for the independent provision of the service (\$50k).

Council officers are currently investigating the availability of video-conferencing facilities in Wellington and will be considering what new initiative, if any, would best meet the Council's objectives when its Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Policy is reviewed this year.

While the proposal is one possible course of action the Council could support to encourage the usage of video-conferencing in Wellington, other actions (including direct provision) that may prove more beneficial and/or be less costly also need to be considered.

In the meantime, officers consider that the 2020 Communications Trust could pursue different funding options for its proposal, including:

- applying for a Council grant through the economic development pool
- directly approaching the owners of video-conferencing facilities to fund the project, particularly as they should be able to get a return on any start up costs through user charges.

Officers recommend that the request for funds be declined as:

- work is underway to consider the Council's role, if any, in the provision of and support for video-conferencing facilities.
- alternative funding options are available to the 2020 Communications Trust.

Contact officer: Wayne Maxwell

Youth Centre / School of Rock

The Wellington Youth Council have requested Council funding be made available to support a youth centre / School of Rock. The level and type of support required is unspecified at this time.

The proposal for a School of Rock venue stems from a presentation made at Youth Council by the School of Rock group who are campaigning for use of a city centre venue where under age performance events can take place.

Considerable resources are allocated through our contestable process for youth projects and initiatives across cultural and social grant pools, including specific funding for ZEAL (on a three year contract) who run under age events at their Glover Park venue on Friday evenings.

Wellington has a rich youth development sector, with many agencies supporting their own groups and projects in the CBD, these include Evolve, ZEAL, YMCA, YWCA, Pacific Training Institute, tertiary institutions, schools, faith based organisations like Wesley Community Action and The Boys and Girls Institute and other Council run and hosted services, like Libraries, CAB and Recreation Centres.

Officers recommend that the request for funding for a youth centre / school of rock be declined on the basis that:

- Citizen Engagement directorate (Grants and City Communities) are, in the next three months reviewing projects and initiatives funded for youth related activity. This work will contribute to the LTCCP process later in the year.
- The Youth Team in City Communities will continue to work with the youth sector to explore ideas and possible sustainable options, one of which might be to look ways we can share venues and look at what facilities we have available in the CBD.

Contact officer: Wendy Walker

Fluoride removal from water supply

A number of submitters have requested Council remove fluoride from the city water supply. The amount of funding required (or saved) has not been identified.

The natural level of fluoride in Wellington's water is around 0.1 milligrams per litre or parts per-million (ppm). The Ministry of Health recommends that water suppliers should adjust the amount of fluoride in drinking water to between 0.7 and 1.0 ppm, as this is considered the optimal level for good dental health.

The Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) policy is to adjust the fluoride content of the water we supply in line with the Ministry's recommendation. The region's four city councils, including Wellington City Council support this policy.

Officers recommend that this proposal be declined.

Contact officer: Stavros Michaels

Appendix 27

Land purchase on Wilton Road to provide access to Gloucester Street Bush

The Wellington Botanical Society has request Council funding be available to purchase land on Wilton Road (opposite Otari-Wilton's Bush) to provide access into Gloucester Street Bush. The amount of funding required has not been identified.

Officers do not consider this land important as a strategic land purchase for the following reasons:

- The area is currently zoned residential and to purchase would require a change to the zoning of the area and subdivision of the residential sections.
- The purchase would make a limited contribution to ecological value of the area
- It would be costly to establish any link track through the site due to the topography of the area
- The purchase of area does not align with the management plan of the Otari Wilton's Bush.
- The purchase would require a 'willing seller' and based on residential values, the purchase cost would be high.

Officers recommend that this proposal be declined. We have much higher priority assigned to the future purchase of other areas; and officers will be briefing Councillors in August 2008 on the future reserve land acquisition programme.

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Koura – restoration of shipwrights building and slipway

The owners of the Koura - a World War 2 patrol boat - have approached Council with a proposal for a partnership to upgrade the historic Shipwrights Building, office building, winch house and slipway at Shelly Bay. The buildings would then be leased back to the owners and the Koura would be housed there, along with a small museum highlighting Wellington's wartime naval defence.

The proposal includes the making of a documentary outlining the war years in Wellington and documenting the restoration process. It is intended that the documentary will get television exposure.

The proposal is for Council to either:

- fund the capital costs necessary to restore the buildings and slipway, with volunteers/sponsors organised by the owners of Koura to undertake the restoration work, or
- have all costs (including capital costs) for the restoration of Council owned buildings met by the owners of Koura (e.g. no cost to Council) but tied to long-term 'peppercorn' rental for the site (10+10 years).

The restoration of the Koura and the documentary are separate, but related projects with their own funding sources. The restoration of the buildings and the Koura is expected to take approximately two years.

The project was provided to officers late in the draft annual plan process and the proposal was included in the DAP as an item 'on the horizon' to allow officers time to review the proposal in detail during the consultation period.

The proposal at face value has merit in that it offers a partnership that sees the sharing of costs for the restoration of dormant Council assets as well as the preservation of a piece of Wellington's naval maritime heritage (the Koura) and a documentary showcasing the restoration project.

While there are benefits to the proposal it is recommended that it be declined. Shelly Bay is a unique site in Wellington with significant future potential. To get the best use out of the area a holistic approach is required and Council will need to work closely with adjacent landowners.

The future use of this site still remains to be determined and the restoration of the buildings and any agreement to a long-term lease of them may be in conflict with – or reduce Council's opportunities to get the most out of the Shelly Bay site.

Officers recommend that this proposal be declined. Note that officers will continue to work with the proponents to facilitate access to alternate sites where possible.

Contact officer: Ernst Zollner

Khandallah Town Hall redevelopment

Khandallah Town Hall (Town Hall), owned by the Council is located in the centre of the Ganges Road shopping centre. The existing hall, originally the home of the Onslow Borough Council, was constructed in 1912. At a subsequent date, after the dissolution of the Council, the hall was fitted out for cinema use. Facilities in the existing hall are generally run down and not practical for community use. Some of the spaces no longer have valid uses.

Whilst it is considered that the time is appropriate to review the existing building with a view to upgrading it to contemporary standards, this case is also prompted by the needs of the community centre which is managed by the Cornerstone Incorporated Society. The community centre, partly funded by the Council, has operated in commercial premises, of the same name, for twenty six years. The owners of the building, who have provided the space on a concessional and insecure basis, are planning to sell the building. The community centre was given 18 months notice to vacate the building last June 2007. However, recently this has been revised and the notice period is 10 months effective 1 July 2008. Even with the extra time, there is no future security for the community centre.

The opportunity exists to relocate the community centre into the Town Hall building and, as part of the relocation, extend the Incorporated Society's management activity to cover the facility management and to provide a public face for Wellington City Council in the centre of Khandallah Village. This proposal alone would almost double the average usage of the Town Hall without impinging on existing usage.

\$60k funding was provided as part of the 2007/2008 Annual Plan to allow officers to work with the community on the initial concept design options for the Khandallah Town Hall. The design work considerations included:

- a) The restoration of the façade and entry and its integration with the proposed Khandallah Village streetscape upgrade. This is the aspect of the project for which the community's financial contributions are to be sought.
- b) Revamping of the internal layout to meet current and future community needs and improve letting opportunities
- c) Upgrading of the existing building as required meeting contemporary regulatory standards.
- d) Provision of an extension to the existing building comprising of a new office for Cornerstone Community Centre and a new function room.

The Town Hall is not currently listed as a heritage building. However, officers have consulted our Urban Design heritage advisors to ensure that the design recommendations are sympathetic to heritage requirements. There has been a range of design options to accommodate the heritage aspects and this along with cost escalation has led to an increase in the overall cost of the project. There are also issues relating to earthquake strengthening which have impacted on the cost estimate.

The community have started fundraising towards the project and so far have \$50k to contribute to the overall cost. It is anticipated that additional funds will be available should the project be confirmed. A great deal of momentum has been gained over

recent years and it is the community preference to continue with the detailed design aspects.

The capital funding request is based on an estimate and has been staged over 2 years as follows:

- 2008/2009 \$185k for detailed design options
- 2009/2010 \$1.335m for construction (to be confirmed following detailed design)

Officers recommend this project be considered as part of the 2009-19 Long Term Plan. This will ensure that there is alignment with the Community Facilities Review, which will present a full investment plan for all community facilities. This will include further work to address the current community centre facilities should the Cornerstone building be sold.

Contact officer: Wendy Walker

Appendix 30

Capital Football – more sports grounds

Capital Football has requested Council funding be made available to increase and accelerate its investment in artificial sportsfields. The amount of funding required has not been identified.

Officers are presently developing a Draft Sportsfields Asset Management Plan that recommends the roll-out of a number of artificial surfaces across the city over the next 10 years. This asset management plan will be presented to Councillors later in 2008.

Officers recommend that the request to allocate additional funds for artificial surfaces is reviewed at this time.

Contact officer: Derek Fry

Appendix 31

Botanical Gardens – Nursery upgrade

A small number of submitters, including the Friends of Wellington's Botanic Gardens, have requested Council reinstate the deferred capital funding allocated to the replacement of the Botanic Gardens nursery buildings.

The 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan includes \$1 million of deferred capital expenditure (from 2008/09 to 2009/10) for the replacement of the nursery buildings at the Botanical Gardens. The deferral was recommended to allow for the heritage status of the buildings to be confirmed and for any designs to reflect that.

Officers have considered submitters comments in regards to this item and reviewed the timeline for this project, and recommend that funding continue to be deferred as outlined in the 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan.

Contact officer: Derek Fry