

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND SERVICES

Cost of Proposed Services

Budget 1997/98			Budget 1998/99	
Net Cost \$	Operational Outputs	Gross Cost \$	Revenue \$	Net Cost \$
1,564,042	Consents and Applications	9,057,585	(7,126,100)	1,931,485
530,365	Environmental Effects Control	663,038	(63,600)	599,438
1,532,927	Plans and Policy Statements	1,517,206	(60,000)	1,457,206
2,469,157	Information and Advice	4,308,841	(2,015,000)	2,293,841
63,375	Animal Control	1,543,764	(1,483,660)	60,104
136,091	Consents and Applications	191,420	0	191,420
2,708,860	Policy Advice	2,841,451	(20,000)	2,821,451
288,048	Information	301,905	0	301,905
209,162	Environmental Promotion	195,736	0	195,736
179,042	Monitoring	166,525	0	166,525
22,380	Funds Administration	23,789	0	23,789
9,703,449	Net Cost of Service	20,811,259	(10,768,360)	10,042,899

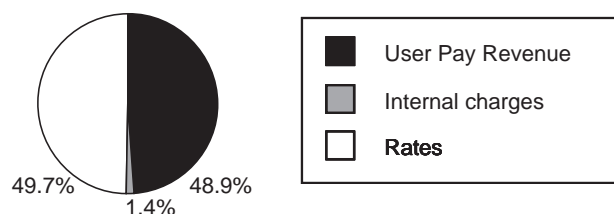
Note: The above Cost of Service Statement includes a depreciation provision for 1997/98 of \$336,260 and in 1998/99 of \$433,584. The cost of capital charge for 1997/98 is \$94,441 and in 1998/99 is \$115,205. Cost of capital is not reflected in the above figures.
Revenue for 1998/99 includes external revenue of (\$9,866,147).

Projected Net Cost 1999/00	10,437,557
Projected Net Cost 2000/01	10,646,309

1997/98 \$	Capital Outputs	1998/99 \$
68,400	Renewals and Replacements	62,900
1,024,080	Asset Improvements	833,180
1,672,000	New Assets	1,805,000
2,764,480		2,701,080

The 1997/98 Capital Outputs include carry forward projects of \$37,000.

Sources of Funding



Planned Services

(a) Environmental Policy and Planning

- Review and monitor the objectives and policies of the City Plan prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.
- Monitor the preparation and administration of policy statements and plans prepared by the Canterbury Regional Council and adjacent local authorities.
- Prepare concept plans for urban renewal and environmental improvements of the city, including the Central City.
- Provide policy advice on planning and development, conservation, design and heritage, transportation and environmental health issues, that affect the city.
- Develop projects and prepare feasibility studies for achieving the objectives and policies of the City Plan, other than by regulation.
- Administer funds set aside for promoting heritage retention and the removal of non-conforming activities.
- Provide information and analysis of the economic, social and environmental issues of the city.
- Promote an awareness of the environmental issues and values of the city.
- Provide a preliminary advice service to businesses on planning and regulatory matters.

(b) Environmental Services

- Prepare and implement the rules of the City Plan.
- Processing of land use and subdivision consents.
- Administering the Building Act and Building Code within the city, including the issue of building consents, code compliance certificates, and annual warrants of fitness.
- Administering environmental health statutes, including food licensing, dangerous goods, sale of liquor, and offensive trades.
- Minimising occurrences that are likely to be objectionable or otherwise affect human health or safety arising from the presence or keeping of dogs and other animals.
- Providing information and advice on planning, building and environmental statutes and regulations, including developing and maintaining the necessary information bases.
- Processing applications for land information memoranda.
- Monitoring and control of adverse environmental effects, including primary responsibility for noise, and shared responsibility for hazardous substances.

Overall Service Objectives

These services contribute towards the following Council Strategic Objectives: A1, A2, A5-A9, A11-A13, B1-B7, C5, C9-13, D3-8 and D11 (see Volume 1).

In summary the aim is:

- To manage and plan the use, development and protection of the natural and physical resources of the city in a sustainable way which enables the city, and its communities and people, to provide in a sustainable, healthy and safe way, for their social economic and cultural needs.
- To ensure that the statutory purposes and principles of building control, of health, dangerous goods and liquor licensing, and of animal control, are achieved with minimal compliance costs.
- To apply the principles of environmental health in ways which promotes the health, safety, comfort and well-being of the citizens of the city.
- To monitor the environmental, social and economic well-being of the city.

Objectives for 1998/99

(a) Environmental Policy and Planning

1. Assist with the hearing of submissions on the City Plan, particularly as they relate to the objectives and policies.
2. Prepare concept plans for the environmental improvement of the Central City, residential areas and suburban shopping centres and industrial areas.
3. Prepare concept plans for areas of the natural environment for the city.
4. Undertake detailed studies of parts of the city subject to change and growth.
5. Assess applications for grants to help retain listed heritage buildings.
6. Prepare the Annual State of the Environment monitoring report.

(b) Environmental Services

7. To prepare for and defend appeals against decisions issued by Council on the new City Plan.
8. Administer the City Plan in an efficient and effective manner.
9. Minimise situations which cause nuisance or objectionable effects on human health and safety.
10. Inspect registered premises to ensure compliance with required environmental health standards.
11. Process building consent applications within the time limits prescribed by the Building Act.
12. Effective control of dog nuisance occurrence.

Performance Indicators

- 1.1 Residents satisfied with the value for money of rates spent on overall city and environmental planning, at least 60%.
- 1.2 Residents satisfied with the value for money of rates spent on regulating activities and investigating nuisances, at least 57%.
- 1.3 Reports completed within time frame set down by City Plan process.
- 2.1 Complete within budget by 30 June 1999.
- 2.2 Complete plans for two suburban shopping centres by June 1999.
- 3.1 Complete by 30 November 1999.
- 4.1 Complete by 30 June 1999.
- 5.1 Provide assistance to owners of 10 listed buildings by 30 June 1999.
- 6.1 Complete by 30 November 1998.
- 7.1 All appeals to be held are prepared for and defended.
- 8.1 Meet the following consent applications processing standards (unless an extension is authorised):
 - of flat plan applications within 20 working days
 - of subdivision applications within 20 working days
 - of non-notified resource consents which do not require a hearing within 20 working days
 - of notified resource consents within 70 working days
- 8.2 Residents who believe building or land development in their local area during the year, have made their area worse, no more than 12%.
- 9.1 Respond to complaints of excessive noise within an average of 30 minutes of notification, and in the case of unreasonable noise, commence investigation within two working days of receipt of the complaint.
- 9.2 Residents experience no problem during the year from neighbour/industrial and commercial noise, at least 80%/93%.
- 10.1 All food premises identified as being high risk in terms of food safety to be inspected at least once during the year.
- 11.1 Subject to provision of complete information, to process 90% of building consents within the time limits prescribed within the Building Act.
- 12.1 Residents experiencing no problem during the year from barking/wandering dogs, at least 70%/68%.