

Submission to the Christchurch City Council Draft LTCCP 2006 to 2016

This submission is made in my personal capacity as an individual resident.

It does not represent the views of the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board as a whole to which I am elected as a member and serve as deputy chairperson.

General

That the Council be commended for the social funding it distributes every year and that the existing levels be continued or increased.

I also support the budget provision for upgrading the Botanical Gardens.

I am strongly opposed to:

- cuts to the library services, including the mobile library
- the 20% reduction in Community Halls
- any reduction in social spending
- any reduction in council support for out of school programmes

I'd like to submit on the following issues:

Local Music

1. That the Council set a budget of \$5,000 to promote New Zealand Local Music Month within Christchurch.
2. That the Council set an objective of promoting, and developing local Christchurch contemporary music.
3. That budget provision is made to support the above point through the funding of a local music coordinator/advisor within council.

Participation in Local Government

4. That the Council resolve to re-establish the Christchurch City Youth Council as a matter of priority. A citywide youth voice within local government has been lacking over the past few years.
5. That the Council set out what efforts it will use to increase voter turn out, participation and satisfaction in local government (p110/111). I note the actual satisfaction in the way the Council involves the public in decision-making is at 47% and that you have set a target of 75% for the first 3 years, but then drops down to 65%. I submit it is increased to 85% after year four.
6. That the Council disestablish its portfolio committees and replace them with the old standing committee structure (p25). The standing committees were more democratic because items were discussed in public, and matters were raised at an early stage of the decision making process. I also submit that you open all portfolio meetings to the public.

Social Housing

7. That the Council be commended for its public ownership of social housing.
8. That the Council consider setting a % of all housing as social housing across the city as a target. This is so that in real terms the net gain/loss of social housing units is relative to the housing stock as a whole. I would also submit that further expansion of social housing over the next ten years is necessary due to the impact of higher property prices on the affordability of rental housing within the city.
9. That the Council investigate and consider the provision of youth social housing. In particular I would ask that it examine the Kids Undercover model used successfully in Australia and set aside some budget to support a pilot programme.
10. That the Council use the Capital Endowment Fund and development contributions to help contribute to social housing development projects rather than through raising the existing rents of City Housing tenants.
11. That the Council divide the Capital Endowment Fund into four sections (social, civic, economic, and environmental) and that the money allocated to each section be the ¼ of the total money available for distribution each year.

Sports/Recreation

12. I submit that you add Upgrade of Cowles Stadium (p75) to your capital works programme. There is strong need for a medium indoor sized facility. I submit that this upgrade should include the ability to cater for the sport of inline hockey that at present does not have a suitable venue.

Undergrounding

13. That the Council make budget provision to complete the undergrounding of Charleston. There is a positive relationship between Jade Stadium and local Charleston residents. When Jade Stadium expanded previously, part of the expectation given to residents by Council was that their area would be undergrounded. Sadly this has been taken off budget half way through the completion of the Charleston Neighbourhood Plan.

Heritage Provision

14. That the Council be commended for the establishment of the Character Houses heritage grant scheme and keep budget provision for it to continue.
15. That the Council be commended for its commitment to heritage values within Christchurch and that urgent priority be given to safeguarding character neighbourhoods and precincts.

I would welcome the opportunity to be heard if possible.

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LTCCP 2006-16 Submission - Received by Email

Name:	Yani [yani@free.net.nz]
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Sent:	Fri 5/05/2006 16:29
Your Submission:	<p>Submission to the Long Term Council Community Plan on Strategic Assets</p> <p>I want the Council to consider the issue of strategic assets on page 291/294 of the LTCCP.</p> <p>I want the Council to list as strategic assets:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Its equity in CCHL and its equity holdings in the Lyttelton Port Company, City Care Ltd, and Red Bus Ltd.2. The land and buildings as a whole owned by the Council for its public rental housing provision <p>I strongly oppose the changes in the draft LTCCP to remove the above assets from the strategic asset list in the LTCCP. I also submit that the Council replace the wording where it exists as "its controlling interest" to "its equity in" its strategic assets.</p> <p>The reasons for my submission is that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> The Council is undemocratically removing the public's right to have a say in the control of public assets by not listing the above.<input type="checkbox"/> The public benefit of keeping these assets in public control is a huge positive for the city of Christchurch.<input type="checkbox"/> I do not believe it is in the best interests of the City to sell off public assets and allow foreign control of strategic assets. Overseas investors are attracted by profits and do no care about the well being of local people. <p>Yani Johanson 231 Ferry Road yani@free.net.nz</p>