

REPORT

TO: GB Community Board

FROM: Cr N Riley

REFERENCE: E855

DATE: 28 August 2008

SUBJECT: Report for September Golden Bay Community Board Meeting

Good morning.

August has been an exceedingly busy month for most councillors.

As Board members will appreciate, Council has to review the Long Term Council Community Plan this financial year and the revised plan will take effect from 1 July 2009. Obviously it is essential that Council addresses every issue fully that has an effect on our district, not only physical but also financial.

To this end, Council has been working through the process step by step, firstly addressing each issue as to possible priority and its necessity. Financial implications such as funding etc will be the next stage for Council to consider and approve or reject, giving consideration to affordability.

Firstly Council will provide a draft LTCCP for public consultation to enable our district's residents to have their say prior to Council considering all submissions before deciding on the final LTCCP for the next 10 years, bearing in mind that plan will be required in three years time.

At this stage, no final decisions have been made by Council obviously because our residents will have the opportunity to make submissions but once again I can confirm that Council, in considering the content of the draft, takes all matters involved very seriously.

This very important process has (and will continue to be in the future months) quite time consuming for councillors but in saying that, I must applaud all the staff for organising this process so effectively. I am sure I speak for all councillors when I say that. Please be aware this is not an easy task.

Once again I was unable to attend our last GB Community Board meeting due to attending a Transport Road Show meeting and I have provided the documentation from that presentation for the Board's information – very interesting!

I continue to reside in Richmond during the winter period. This requires me to programme my duties, which entails in some cases, my addressing local matters during the weekends, or the odd free Monday or Friday during weekdays including of course my own personal residential duties.

Finally I continue to enjoy my role as councillor and you can be sure I have not lost touch with Golden Bay Ward and continue to deal with issues presented to me from this Ward.

Councillor Riley