

CHRISTCHURCH CITY COUNCIL URBAN DESIGN PROTOCOL - ACTION PLAN

	Project	Comments	Targets
1	Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy (GCUDS) A planning project that will have major downstream urban design implications	To plan for and accommodate the sustainable growth of the city and the surrounding region. Focus on land use, transport efficiency, aquifer protection, biodiversity, waste minimisation and minimising energy consumption.	Public consultation on the draft GCUDS by June 2006.
2	Neighbourhood Improvement Plans (NIPs)	Ongoing development of NIPs. Update older NIPs with current urban design advice and to ensure documents remain 'living' through emphasis of urban design aspects, monitoring and review.	A scoping exercise to be carried out to establish methodology and procedures for an audit of NIPs by February 2006. An audit programme for NIPs to be prepared by March 2006.
3	Central city bridge lighting	To complete the illumination of the Avon River bridges from Manchester Street to Durham Street to form a 'Ribbon of Light'. To preserve the heritage values of the structures while making them more visible, functional and attractive after dark. Designing robust fittings, vandal resistant, low maintenance and low energy. Bridge of Remembrance to have two years funding. Seek out appropriate luminaires; lighting schemes for each bridge and implement.	One bridge lighting project per year for the next three years.
4	CCC Urban Design Website	To establish a dedicated website for urban design in the Christchurch City Council. The site is to include access to all relevant brochures and publications and to promote events and act as a point of contact between staff and the general public.	Website launched by February 2006.
5	Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED) and the 'Safer City Strategy'	To design and formulate the remaining planned sections and complete the 'CEPTED' manual. Continue the education of Council officers and professional consultants through, for example, workshops.	CPTED Guide completed, with all inserts, by September 2006.
6	Ash and Poplar Streets (aka Lichfield Lanes)	Re-pave parts of Ash and Poplar Streets to encourage and support pedestrian focus to the narrow streets and to create a strong link through to the Turners & Growers development site across Madras Street. New street lighting for safety, drainage, parking controls and access limitations where necessary.	Paving plan to be completed by November 2005. Feasibility of additional contribution to further walkway improvements by March 2006.

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7	New Civic Offices, Central Christchurch	To create a state of the art sustainable building to house the CCC. Create a very high quality landmark building in terms of architecture and urban design and set an example for developers for environmental design. To include a civic space, either new or existing depending on final location.	Sustainable urban design principles to be incorporated into the design. Target programme: Site selection by October 2005; selection of design/build team by February 2006; documentation by September 2006; Construction completed by February 2009; Assessment and plan of effects of withdrawal from existing Tuam Street civic offices to be developed.
8	City Mall Refurbishment	To refurbish and expand where appropriate the pedestrian mall in the central city so as to allow the central city to compete with suburban malls. Encourage and retain investment, jobs and key tourist attractions in the central city. To ensure the mall retains a unique Christchurch character via, for eg, local public artworks. To ensure a vibrant and safe pedestrian friendly environment at the heart of the city.	Request for proposal for City Mall: Collate proposals by 24 October, evaluation November 2005, design firm to be selected in December 2005, design plan to be completed by May 2006. Overall project to be completed by November 2007.
9	Unified Streetscape Strategy	To co-ordinate ongoing streetscape improvements to ensure that new lighting, seating, and other street furniture give the city a cohesive feel and identity.	Unified Streetscapes Plan: Preliminary development of Plan by June 2006. Implementation in 2008/2009
10	Promotion of an urban design walk within the central city. Promoting walking for tourists. Linked to 'Pushplay' and to Central City Transport Concept & to the Tourism Strategy	Promotion of urban design circular walk around the central city utilising existing lanes and pedestrian areas. Linking some major pedestrian urban spaces and highlighting significant buildings, features and city landmarks. Possible route: start at the west end of City Mall, Oxford Terrace, Worcester Boulevard (link to Arts Centre) to Victoria Square, Avon River to New Regent Street, Cathedral Junction, Worcester Street to Latimer Square, to Liverpool Street, Manchester Street, High Street, Poplar & Ash, SOL back to City Mall at east end. Approx 1 hour walk/tour. Similar guides in Vancouver, Boston, etc. CCC has done guides for heritage and walking in the city but there is no specific UD guide.	A separate urban design walking guide or amendment to existing central city walk guide prepared by June 2006.
11	Commercial Landscaping Guide	To complete the commercial Landscape Guidelines for Christchurch.	Guide completed by June 2006
12	Greenfield Residents Survey	Research into residents attitudes, amenity and planning issues associated with Greenfield subdivisions.	Report completed by December 2006.
13	Urban Form Strategy	To prepare an issues paper on the barriers to good urban design	June 2006.