

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Community Services Chair  
**REFERENCE:** C785  
**DATE:** 15 March 2006  
**SUBJECT:** Chairperson's Report

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- Welcome to Mouteka – today should provide a good opportunity to take a close look at some of the Community Services assets in our town. The more familiar we are with these assets, the better equipped we are to make decisions which affect them.
- It has been suggested that the Community Facilities responsibilities of the Grants and Facilities Rate Subcommittee be transferred to this standing committee and I invite discussion of this idea.

There are pros and cons to this idea of course. Such a move would bring all Councillors into discussions on proposals earlier in the process and perhaps bring a broader perspective and range of views. It might also reduce the number of 'levels' at which discussion takes place and could make reporting processes clearer.

On the other hand a smaller group is usually more focused on the issues and gains a deeper understanding of each proposal. More direct and slightly less formal discussion can often take place at Subcommittee level as well.

I am interested in Councillors' views on this.

P K O'Shea  
Chairperson