

3. CORRESPONDENCE

3.1 Delta Community Support Trust – Purchase of Shirley Rugby Football Club Rooms

The following letter has been received from Jeremy Nurse, Administrator of the Delta Community Support Trust:

"I was speaking with some of your board members at our "Information Function" held recently by DELTA. The function was organised to inform Christchurch City Councillors and Community Board members of DELTA's intention to purchase the Shirley Rugby Football Club rooms. The rooms are urgently needed by DELTA for its community work.

It was indicated that your board might be able to assist us with an initial grant of \$4,000 to help our fundraising efforts.

Initial purchase price for the building is \$345,000 with an extra \$215,000 required to renovate and redesign some areas.

We would be grateful if you could discuss our request at your next meeting."

The Community Advocate comments: The Board has provided financial support to the Delta Community Support Trust in the amount of \$3000 from the Community Development Fund in the 2001/02 financial year.

The Delta Community Support Trust has a broad focus. The current proposal to extend its operations into the Shirley Rugby Football Club site could be viewed as a metropolitan development rather than a development benefiting an individual community.

Given the size of the Shirley Rugby Football Club acquisition project (which is effectively the purchase of a building), and the Board's current and projected funding commitments, the Board may wish to decide at this stage not to provide financial support to the Delta Community Support Trust for a capital project, but instead at a later date consider whether to fund future Delta Trust programmes.

The Board may want to suggest to the Delta Community Support Trust that it apply to the Board for a loan from the Community Loans Scheme in the 2002/03 financial year.

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Recommendation: For discussion