

9. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

9.1 For members' information attached are schedules of funds distributed in 2001/02 for the Discretionary Funds (since the allocation meeting on 13 February 2001), the Community Response Assistance Fund and the Community Development Initiatives Fund.

9.2 For members' information a list of all Board Committees, Subcommittees and Working Parties is attached.

9.3 NEW BRIGHTON REVITALISATION

The Taskforce is preparing a presentation on the New Brighton Revitalisation Community Forum, including a background report on the process and the outcome of the consultation to date. The presentation will be made to Councillors and Community Board members at a Council seminar at 1.00 pm on Thursday 4 April 2002.

9.4 SANDOWN CRESCENT/CARISBROOKE STREET PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAY

Progress has been made with the transfer of ownership of the accessway from Housing New Zealand to the Council. This process was initiated following a request from a resident for the accessway to be closed because of crime and safety considerations. Notification was placed in the *Gazette* of 7 March 2002 that the accessway is to be under the control and management of the City of Christchurch in 28 days. The transfer will therefore take effect from 4 April 2002.

When this matter was previously considered by the Board in April 2001, the Board intended to host a widely advertised public consultation meeting before any subsequent road stopping procedures were considered. The Board may wish to consider the appropriate course of action, bearing in mind the current development of a policy on pedestrian accessways including the procedures for dealing with requests for closure by the public.

Recommendation: That the Board consider a course of action on the request to close the Sandown Crescent/Carisbrooke Street pedestrian accessway, given the transfer of ownership of the accessway to the Council on 4 April 2002.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: For discussion.

9.5 PARKLANDS BAPTIST COMMUNITY CHURCH COMMUNITY POTTERY ROOM

At the Board meeting on 18 March 2002 an update was requested on the progress of the Church's proposal to construct a community pottery room. The Board has allocated \$5,000 from the Board's Community Development Initiatives Fund and \$5,000 from the Discretionary Fund in 2001/02 as a contribution to the construction of the facility, subject to the balance of the project being funded and specified conditions being agreed to by the Church.

The Church has just been informed that an application for a non-notified resource consent for the pottery room has been turned down. Officers are discussing options for advancing the project with the Church. A report will be made to the Board meeting on 29 April on the outcome of these discussions.

9.6 SERVICING AND RESOURCING OF COMMUNITY BOARDS

Dorothea Brown, Director of Human Resources, is managing a project to review the servicing and resourcing of Boards. The project will assess the relationship between Advocacy Teams and other Council Units and the number and nature of staff in Service Centres and their reporting relationships.

A seminar session will be held at the conclusion of the Board meeting on 15 April 2002 for a discussion with Bob Lineham, Director of Finance, who has been assigned liaison responsibilities with the Board. Dorothea Brown will also be in attendance to discuss the servicing and resourcing issues. It is envisaged that the seminar will be concluded by 7.00 pm.