

## 17. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS

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The purpose of this report is to advise Community Boards of the programme proposed for Community Service Awards in 2003, and to put in place the Board's process for considering nominations received, and recognising those who are to receive Awards.

### BACKGROUND

Members will recall that each year nominations are invited from the public for the formal recognition of groups or individuals who have provided significant voluntary service benefiting residents or organisations in the respective Community Board areas.

The "local" recognition scheme is different from the Council's Civic Awards which recognise voluntary service benefiting the City of Christchurch as a whole.

From time to time in recent years there has been some confusion in the public arena between the above two schemes. The closeness of advertising for these two Awards has added to that confusion.

In 2002 Council adopted to support the implementation of a further set of Awards for recognition of volunteer groups in Christchurch. These are the Trustpower Awards which are run in conjunction with Trustpower's awards partnership with many other local authorities nationwide.

With the adoption of this additional Award officers have decided that the timing for the different Awards should be reprogrammed to avoid the ongoing, and likely increased, confusion.

### OUTCOME

The timeline proposed is now as follows:-

| <b>Award Type</b>                        | <b>Advertised</b> | <b>Processed</b> | <b>Confirmed</b> | <b>Awarded</b>    |
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| Community Board (Service) Awards         | April             | May              | June             | June/July         |
| Civic Awards                             | June              | July             | August           | September/October |
| Trustpower Spirit of Christchurch Awards | September         | October          | November         | November/December |

The timeline proposed for the Board's Community Service Awards will result in the respective Award function dates being brought forward approximately two months when compared with previous years. A combined advertisement covering the six Boards is scheduled for release in early April, with a closing date of 16 May.

The Board considered the original report at its 19 November 2002 meeting and decided to request the Council to revisit its resolution of 25 July 2002, to give effect to consultation and agreement with Community Boards, as outlined in the original report to the Strategy and Finance Committee.

The Strategy and Finance Committee considered a further report which detailed the Board's concerns at its meeting held on 17 March 2003. A decision on this matter will be made at the Council's 27 March 2003 meeting.

### Staff

**Recommendation:** That the Board consider the above timelines for adoption.

### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** Presuming the Council will adopt the third tier of awards, I support the above timetable being adopted.