

## 17. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY BOARDS' MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

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The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider reviewing its meeting arrangements as requested by the Council. The Council has resolved that:

*"Community Boards review their current meeting arrangements with a view to achieving further savings."*

This resolution arose through the Draft Budget Review meetings.

A workshop for Community Board members was held on 10 April, facilitated by Stephen Phillips, Community Relations Manager, with an introduction from Mike Richardson, City Manager.

A report is to be made to the June Strategy and Finance Committee covering the individual Boards' reviews. Information for the report is required by 28 May.

As explained at the workshop, the focus of the review is about costs between now and the next election. This review of meeting arrangements is not about any wider review of the Council or its Community Board structures.

Stephen Phillips, Gordon Ryan or Alan Dunlop are available to assist Boards with their reviews if needed.

As members are aware, this Board has reviewed its meeting structure twice since the last election. Firstly, combining several of its committees to one committee, and more recently deciding to hold two Board meetings per month, instead of the Combined Committee. The Finance and Policy Committee will meet only when needed. The Board may wish to review the current representation and membership of the Finance and Policy Committee and also appointments to outside organisations in relation to the Board's objectives.

### CONCLUSION

Given that the Board has very recently changed its meeting structure it is suggested that the Community Relations Manager be advised of the new structure which will come in to effect in May 2003.

Attached for information is a copy of the draft budget for the Board for 2003/2004.

### Staff

**Recommendation:** For discussion.

### Chairperson's

**Recommendation:** That the Board confirm its existing meeting structure, and seek a further report on appointments to outside organisations, including costs and the relationship to meeting the Board's objectives.