

18. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN (SCAP) COMMITTEE

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The purpose of this report is to update the Board on progress with the SCAP Committee since the previous report to the Board in June 2002. At that meeting the Board resolved:

1. *To formalise the allocation of its \$40,000 set aside for SCAP projects for 2002/03.*
2. *That Phil Clearwater and Oscar Alpers continue to be its representatives on the SCAP Core Group, and that Paul de Spa be elected as the Board's alternate representative."*

BACKGROUND

In 1999 the Council promoted the development of Strengthening Community Action Plans (SCAP) as one means through which Community Boards, collectively with their communities, could work to make communities a "healthier" place to live.

The plans were one response to the vision and strategic objectives of the Council's Community Development and Social Well-being policy (1996). Central to this policy is the development of strong nurturing communities in which people feel valued and safe and feel a sense of belonging.

The Spreydon/Heathcote SCAP Committee has continued since 1999, with a view to meeting the same vision.

A full review of SCAP was undertaken in 2002 covering the period 1999-2002.

The summary of that report included:

- The SCAP committee is seen as a positive addition to Community Board planning
- Widening community participation adds value and creativity
- It is essential to have funding to allocate to SCAP projects
- There is a need for long-term commitment over quick-fix solutions
- The SCAP committee needs sound processes in place to function effectively
- SCAP has a wider brief than a funding committee
- SCAP needs adequate administrative support
- SCAP core group could now widen its membership to include more community people

SUMMARY OF 2002/03 ACTIONS

Over the period July 2002 to end of June 2003 the Committee has allocated funding as follows:

<u>Committee Meeting</u>	<u>Payment To</u>	<u>Project Details</u>	<u>Amount \$</u>	<u>Balance \$</u>
Opening Balance				40,000
11/11/02	Addington.net	Rent of premises	4,000	36,000
11/11/02	Laufofga Fonga	Tuition fees	344	35,656
11/11/02	Waltham Cottage	Employment Co-ordinator	8,400	27,256
17/3/03	College of Education	Tuition fees for Laufofga Fonga	172	27,084
16/06/03	Anglican Care	Assist Sydenham community development project	5,300.00	21,784
16/06/03	New Zealand Police	Share of rental costs for community constable, Rowley Resource Centre	3,750.00	18,034
16/06/03	Pacific Health, Employment, Sports & Education Trust	Assistance with rental costs of premises	7,000.00	11,034

Carry Forward requested: \$11,034.

The SCAP Committee has also reviewed its aims and objectives through a facilitated workshop with Jan Francis in May 2003, and considered issues including validity of the original aims; how the group is fulfilling the original aims; purpose of the group; clarity of vision of what is wanted by the community.

Key points from that discussion include:

- Need to be proactive rather than reactive
- More focus on community safety from crime aspect
- Promote awareness of SCAP funding
- SCAP is an advisory and networking group
- Not just a funding body

Following the workshop the Committee adopted the following revised aims and objectives:

1. To improve people's sense of belonging to, and being part of the community by facilitating the building of social capital;
2. To improve the Spreydon/Heathcote community's safety from crime and to support community-based programmes (for example, early intervention; victim support strategies), which enhance well-being;
3. To support individuals, communities and neighbourhoods to share by direct democracy in achieving the above aims and to have a meaningful participatory role in pro-active community building.

The Committee also increased its membership by seeking representatives from within the Maori and Pacific Island communities. Two new representatives joined the committee in May. John Targett, who had been on the committee since it started, resigned at the end of 2002.

A number of staff changes at the Beckenham Service Centre occurred during the year, but administration and support has continued to be provided to the Committee. Regular funding allocation reports are made to the Board.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.