

14. 2003/04 PROJECT AND DISCRETIONARY BUDGETS - UPDATE

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The purpose of this report is to submit two particular funding matters for the Board's consideration.

1. CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CHRISTCHURCH NORTH)

Members will recall that the Board has consistently provided financial support to this branch of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Members will also recall that, during the consideration of allocating the 2003/04 Project Funding it was resolved to again make available a sum of \$10,000, but subject to Council's later decision arising from a metropolitan review of city wide CAB support (i.e. across the three existing Bureaux).

As an outcome from the last Annual Plan round, the Council resolved that a sum of \$60,000 be allocated to the Bureaux. The Bureaux representatives later met to consider the most appropriate manner for the distribution (among the three sites) of the \$60,000.

The Christchurch North branch has received \$4,000 from this distribution and this now enables the Board to review its initial allocation of \$10,000. Officers have recently met with representatives of the branch to discuss the matter.

As an outcome from these discussions it was agreed that there was the opportunity for both Shirley/Papanui (who also pledged the sum of \$10,000) and Fendalton/Waimairi contributions for 2003/04 to be reduced to \$8,000 each.

As it happens the Shirley/Papanui allocation has now been made to the full extent of \$10,000 to enable the Bureau to also make a specific item of equipment purchase.

In keeping with this Board's resolution it seems appropriate that a reduced allocation of \$8,000 now be confirmed, and that the balance of \$2,000 be returned for later alternative use by the Board.

2. REQUEST FOR FUNDING SUPPORT FOR CONCERT AT THE AURORA CENTRE

Members present will recall the informal discussion held at the conclusion of the Works, Traffic and Environment Committee meeting on 14 October, regarding a request for financial support for the hosting of a concert at the Aurora Centre on 23 November. The proposed concert is to involve Deborah Wai Kapohe, and Ben Morrison, with support from the Ben Morrison quartet and the Burnside High Orchestra.

The merits of supporting this particular Concert, or the ongoing support for Ben Morrison, as a local artist, were discussed at the time with staff being requested to discuss the latter opportunity with the Head of Music at Burnside High School.

Hugh Stevenson, HOD Music, has offered support for any initiative that would be available for the support of Ben, particularly in respect of his future need to acquire a "professional level violin". The sum offered of \$2,000 is seen as being quite appropriate.

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- Recommendations:**
1. That the Board's original Project Funding allocation of \$10,000, for the Christchurch North Branch of the CAB, be amended to \$8,000, and the balance of \$2,000 be transferred to the 2003/04 Discretionary Fund for alternative use.
 2. That the sum of \$2,000 be allocated from the Board's 2003/04 Discretionary Fund as financial assistance toward the ongoing development of the career of local artist, Ben Morrison.

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Recommendation: That the above recommendations be adopted.