

13. PROJECT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2004/05

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Based on a changed timetable for the 2004/05 Annual Plan (LTCCP) process there is now a requirement for details of Community Board Project Funding allocations to be submitted to Financial Services by 20 February 2004 (previously the deadline was early March).

The Finance and Planning Committee has, in the past, worked through the detail and options of "bids" received for the \$250,000 allocated. The previous process allowed for recommendations from the Committee to the Board for adoption.

The timing next year, with the first Board meeting proposed for 3 February suggests that the Finance and Planning Committee would need to meet in mid-January if recommendations were expected to be put before the Board.

An alternative to accommodate the earlier timeframe is for the Committee to be provided with "power to act" to carry out the work on behalf of the Board. This would require the Committee to meet in, say, the first two weeks of February. This option seems to have more merit than meeting in mid-January.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Finance and Planning Committee be provided with power to act to work through, and finalise, the Boards 2004/05 Project Funding allocations.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.