

12. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

12.1 Discretionary Fund Update

The attached schedule shows the Board's discretionary fund allocations to date since 1 July 2003. A total of \$24,605 remains available for allocation.

12.2 Community Response Fund

The attached schedule shows the Board's community response fund allocations to date since 1 July 2003. A total of \$4,558 remains available for allocation.

12.3 Report of Informal Briefing held on 8 October 2003

A briefing for the Board on the central city Avon River Project was held on 10 September 2003.

Suzanne Weld (Parks and Waterways Landscape Planner) presented the findings of the recently completed *Avon River (Central City) Character Analysis*. Common themes throughout the Analysis are the need:

- 1 to retain the existing character of each identity area along the river while establishing some unifying themes, such as a definitive design guide for park furniture and structures;
- 2 to reduce the presence of car parking activity along the river edge;
- 3 for improved connections across the busy streets that cut across the river;
- 4 to establish a clear and safe pedestrian and cycle route along the river; and
- 5 to highlight areas of particular cultural and historical significance.

The process to be followed for the Avon River Project from this point is:

- 1 a steering group will be formed (cross-unit staff team);
- 2 a draft strategy will be compiled;
- 3 the draft strategy will be presented to elected representatives by the end of 2003;
- 4 the draft strategy will be available for comment from residents'/interest groups; then
- 5 the strategy will be finalised.

12.4 Report of Seminar Meeting held on 16 October 2003

A joint Community Board seminar was held on 16 October 2003 in the Linwood Service Centre Boardroom.

Council Funding of Community Organisations

Michael McNabb (Funding Adviser) presented an update on:

- 1 information gathered through the Funding Review;
- 2 funds currently available within the 2003/04 budgets; and
- 3 the processes that exist for those budgets.

Long Term Council Community Plan Update

Mary Richardson (Social and Economic Policy Analyst) presented an update on the LTCCP process and community outcomes.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the information be received.