6. PAPANUI SOCIAL NEEDS ANALYSIS

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The purpose of this report is to seek funds from the Community Board to enable a Social Needs Analysis to be carried out in the Papanui area.

RESEARCH IN SHIRLEY/PAPANUI

Over the past decade the Community Board has commissioned and funded the following needs analyses in its area:

St Albans	1995/96
Belfast	1996
Redwood/Northcote/Styx	1998
Kainga/Brooklands/Spencerville et al	1999
Shirley	2000/01

See attached map for the boundaries of these research areas.

As can be seen from this there is a gap in the Papanui area in terms of social needs analyses. Although work has been done in identifying the need and purpose of a community facility (as well as a youth facility) in the Papanui area (2000/01) it is timely that a wider social needs analysis be undertaken.

Members will also note a small gap in the South Shirley/East St Albans/Richmond area. However, this is being researched presently by the Delta Community Trust. The Community Board supported this research in their Project Funding earlier this year.

PURPOSE AND USE OF RESEARCH

The purpose of the proposed research is as follows:

- To identify the demographic profile of the area.
- To assess the present social, community, cultural and recreational needs and gaps in the area.
- To predict possible future trends in these needs.
- To identify organisations, groups and agencies (voluntary, non-government and governmental) that are currently working within the area.

TENDERING AND TIMEFRAME

It is proposed that a contract for this research will be put out for tender via:

- A list of researchers kept on file by the Community Development Adviser.
- Utilising various networks of groups, individuals and agencies.

The proposed timeframe is as follows:

October/November 2003:	Tenders called for.
Mid November	Tenders close.
December	Contract completed.
Mid-late January 2004	Research begins.
June 2004	Findings reported to the Community Board.

It is suggested that the research not begin until mid-late January so as not to fall within the Christmas/New Year period.

BUDGET

In order to obtain the services of a competent researcher a budget of at least \$10,000 should be set aside. Furthermore, the Community Board should be advised that further funding (a maximum of \$5,000) may be needed above this amount in order to complete the contract. Should this be necessary a further report will be submitted to the Board for this purpose.

Staff

- **Recommendations:** 1. That a budget of \$10,000 be allocated (\$5,000 2003/04 SCAP, \$5,000 2003/04 Discretionary) by the Board for the purposes of contracting a social needs analysis in the Papanui area.
 - 2. That the Community Development Adviser prepare a research brief and oversee the project according to the above timeframe.

Chairperson's Recommendation:

That the staff recommendations be adopted.