

### 3. WALTHAM COMMUNITY COTTAGE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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Annette Bunting updated the Board on progress regarding the Cottage securing a property, and of a change necessitating further consideration by the Board in order to allow the project to proceed.

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has been involved in supporting the Waltham Community Cottage project. Since its establishment in 1993 the Board has provided a grant each year to cover rental costs of the project based at 81 Waltham Road. Initially this support was made directly from the Board's project funds but following a Board recommendation to the Council it is now made directly from the Beckenham Service Centre budget. The amount of the annual grant allowed for the 1998/99 year is \$10,660.

Each year a review of the project's activities is made to the Board prior to releasing the funds. The Waltham Cottage is run by a non profit incorporated local community committee. Anglican Social Services was the catalyst for the project's development and continues to be a major supporter in providing the salary for several workers and an overview.

In 1995 a comprehensive evaluation was commissioned by Anglican Social Services and members unfamiliar with the Cottage's operations are invited to obtain a copy from the Community Activities Officer.

The Cottage operates from a residential property owned by a private landlord who has indicated that he wants to sell it. The Cottage Committee has responded by suggesting that the best option is to purchase a more suitable local residential property. It met with members of the Board in May 1998 to look at possible options. In August 1998 the Council ratified the Spreydon/Heathcote Board recommendations, as follows:

1. *That a grant of \$30,000 be made to the Waltham Community Cottage Inc. to assist with purchase of the Hastings Street property subject to:-*
  - i) *An assurance from the governing body of Waltham Community Cottage in a form satisfactory to the Legal Services Manager that in the event that within six years from the date of the grant, the property is sold or it ceases to be used principally as a Community Cottage, it will secure to the Council 25% of the value of the property at that time.*
  - ii) *Resource consent being obtained for the proposed use of the property.*

2. *That the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board undertake to give the Waltham Community Development Project at least 12 months advance notification if the Service Centre's annual grant is to cease or significantly change.*

**Recommendation:**

1. That the Council consider undertaking the guarantee of an annual grant at least equivalent to the mortgage repayments on a fixed rate \$91,000 twenty year mortgage, for a three year period commencing at the time of uplifting of the mortgage funds but no later than six months from the date of this resolution.
2. That if the Council does not provide the guarantee, then it consider purchasing the property and revoking the \$30,000 grant approved by the Council in August 1998.