15. FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

The Board **resolved** to receive the report of the meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee of 17 April 2002 and adopt its recommendations as follows:

15.1 Big View II

That the Community Development Adviser negotiate with the facilitator, Jan Francis, in relation to the structure for the Big View II to be held on 15 June 2002.

15.2 Sydenham Community Forum

That the Sydenham Community Forum be held on Wednesday 29 May 2002 and that the Community Development Adviser discuss with the facilitator, Jan Frances, a process and structure for the forum.

15.3 Board Policy in relation to applications for funding by Community Groups for Environment Court Appeals

- 1. That the Board adopt the following as its policy in relation to support for residents and groups that wish to appeal Resource Management decisions:
 - "1. Free photocopying to be offered to community groups within the Spreydon-Heathcote Board area, who are appealing Resource Management consents. Such photocopying to be limited to copying directly related to evidence for the Appeal Hearing.
 - 2. The Board supports continued Council funding to the Community Law Centre to provide education and assistance to community groups and residents. The Board will actively promote this service to community groups within Spreydon-Heathcote.
 - 3. The Board welcomes dialogue with community groups or persons affected by Resource Management Consents regarding their appeals.
 - 4. The Board encourages the community to pursue resolution of Resource Management issues that affect the wider community.
 - 5. The Board to promote the existence of the availability of funding from the Ministry for the Environment to enable residents' groups to appeal Resource Management decisions.
 - 6. In general it is the Board's policy not to make specific grants to individuals or community groups for assistance in making appeals against Resource Management consents. Any exception to this policy to be by specific resolution of the Board."
- 2. That at the Big View II, participants be asked if it would be useful for the Board to run a seminar in conjunction with the WEA for community groups to be addressed by representatives of the Community Law Group and the Ministry for the Environment on matters relating to Resource Management.

15.4 **Community Board Representation**

That all community and public meeting dates for the following month be included as a Board agenda item.