

3. REVIEW OF BOARD MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

At its meeting on 25 March 2003 the Council resolved that *“Community Boards review their current arrangements with a view to achieve further savings”*.

The Board discussed the Council's resolution in the light of opportunities for reducing/holding costs until the next elections. A number of options were canvassed, including

- ❖ Discharging the Board's Committees
- ❖ Having two Board meetings per month
- ❖ Payments to individual Board members being voluntarily discontinued
- ❖ Bulk funding of Boards
- ❖ Discontinuing the payment of meeting fees for representing the Board on outside organisations
- ❖ A reduction in the meeting fees of \$155 currently paid to Board members

After a wide ranging discussion, the Board decided to confirm its existing Board and Committee structure. However the Board is mindful that it must take every opportunity to hold or reduce current costs.

The Board felt that the cost of democracy and representation that has been currently indicated to the Board is a fair cost for the work and responsibilities that the Board undertakes in its area.