

7. APPLICATION FOR FUNDING - CHARLESTON NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. An application for funding has been received from the Charleston Neighbourhood Association for additional funding to challenge Leopard Coachlines resource consent application for its bus depot on Ensors Road.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting of 6 October 2004 the Board resolved to grant \$5,000 from its Discretionary fund to the Charleston Neighbourhood Association to enable it to participate in the resource consent process in relation to the application by Leopard Coachlines Ltd for a resource consent to operate from its premises bounded by Ensors Road and/or Osborne Street and Laurence Street.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

3. The Charleston Neighbourhood Association are seeking an additional \$2,800. The total cost of the project is \$8531.68. The Board have contributed funding of \$5,000. The Association have raised \$707 towards costs associated with this project. The Association is seeking the additional \$2,800 needed. The application form has been circulated separately to members.

The Board currently has \$36,616 in its 2005/06 Discretionary fund.

After the hearing earlier this year, the Commissioner granted the application subject to a number of conditions relating to the use of the site. The Council has since received a copy of a notice of appeal by Leopard Coachlines to the Environment Court in relation to a number of these conditions. The Commissioner's decision and the notice of appeal will both be available at the Board meeting.

This request for funding is to cover costs associated with the **Council** hearing only.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board decide whether or not it will allocate additional funding to the Charleston Neighbourhood Association to cover outstanding accounts received in relation to the resource consent process for the application by Leopard Coachlines.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

At its meeting of 27 July 2005, the Board agreed to recommend to its next meeting that the Charleston Neighbourhood Association be allocated \$2,800 of additional funding to challenge Leopard Coachlines resource consent application for its bus depot on Ensors Road.