

### 3. BURNSIDE BOWLING CLUB

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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a funding request from the Burnside Bowling Club for consideration under the Board's discretionary fund.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Burnside Bowling Club is seeking funding assistance to upgrade their parking area. The total cost to complete this project is \$20,000.
3. The Burnside Bowling Club will be the headquarters for the Asian Pacific World Bowls in January 2007 and World Bowls in January 2008. Consequently they are eager to have their facility in top condition for these events. It is important to note however, that an upgraded car park was not a prerequisite for the club to meet international event hosting standards.

#### BACKGROUND

4. The car park was extended in 1997 at a total cost of \$14,400. The Community Board contributed \$5,560 towards this project, with the balance funded by the club. The car parking area is included in the club lease agreement and is therefore the responsibility of the club to maintain. However, the club advises that the car park is well used by the general public, particularly over the winter for soccer players and supporters. An assessment by City Solutions engineers confirms that the car park requires repairs and re-surfacing.
5. In preparation for these events the club has funded the upgrade of their three playing greens to international standards at a total cost \$23,000. In addition to this they have also carried out roof repairs, painted the building, asphalted the pathway and replaced lounge furniture. These projects were funded through pub charities.

#### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. This current financial year City Council Sports Promotions have granted \$10,000 towards the opening and closing ceremonies for the Asian Pacific World Bowls Championships and the World Bowls Championships.
7. There are no legal considerations in relation to this application.

#### OPTIONS

8. There are three possible options in relation to this application.
  - a) Approve the application for funding from the Burnside Bowling Club and grant \$20,000 from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary fund.
  - b) Decline the application for funding from the Burnside Bowling Club.
  - c) Approve a portion of the amount requested from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary fund.

## **PREFERRED OPTION**

9. The preferred option is Option c) as outlined above, because:

- The Burnside Bowling Club have contributed significant amounts to raise the standard of facilities, primarily for the Asia Pacific World Bowls 2007 and World Bowls tournament in 2008.
- Similar sums have been granted to other clubs hosting this event, e.g. Papanui Bowling Club.
- Lease agreements for other bowling clubs in the area do not require the clubs to maintain car park facilities, this responsibility lies with the landlord, Council. E.g. Elmwood Club.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board approve Option c).

It is recommended that the Board grant the Burnside Bowling Club \$8,000 from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary fund towards the cost of upgrading the car park subject to the club raising the balance in order to complete the project.