

2. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to submit for consideration, revised criteria regarding the Board's Youth Development Scheme, including a proposed name change.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting on 13 February 2006, the Board's Finance and Policy Committee reviewed the purpose and criteria of the scheme which has been in operation for a number of years.
3. The Committee took into account the decisions earlier made by the Board in October 2005 which were:
 - (a) To decline to adopt (city-wide) proposed scheme guideline changes including implementation and funding criteria and to maintain the status quo (i.e. the Board would continue to operate its own scheme with its own guidelines).
 - (b) Request that staff provide a set of basic guidelines to meet best practice standards, transparency and accountability in the administration of the Board's Youth Development Fund.
 - (c) Undertake a review of the criteria for its own fund, including repeat applications, standards of excellence, financial need and individuals versus groups.
4. The initial assessments in (b) and (c) above were undertaken by the Committee on 13 February 2006 where after consideration, staff were asked to provide further input to a future meeting of the Committee.
5. In response to 4 above, the **attached** draft criteria is presented for the Committee's evaluation and subject to any changes, recommending back to the Board.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. For the 2006/07 year, the Board has allocated \$7,500 from its project funds for the continuation of the Spreydon/Heathcote Youth Development Scheme.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

That it be recommended that the Board:

- (a) Adopts the revised criteria (subject to any changes made by the Committee) for implementation for 2006/07 and beyond.
- (b) Approves a name change to the 'Youth Achievement Fund'.