

10. CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD PROJECT

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Board to consider options for the \$2,500 allocated to the Church of the Good Shepherd project.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. On 1 April 2005 the Board approved its Project and Discretionary Fund allocations for 2005/06. One of the projects the Board approved was \$2,500 for the Church of the Good Shepherd project. The grant was requested to help establish and initiate a project such as the Friends of the Church of the Good Shepherd to start restoring the church in Phillipstown (Phillips Street). While the request noted the possibility of the project occurring be done under the Phillipstown Community Centre Charitable Trust alongside the Phillipstown Strengthening Community Project, this has not been confirmed with either group.
3. At the time the staff recommendation was that Community Engagement staff facilitate an investigation of the project's viability.
4. The Board decided to fund \$2,500.
5. The church is still owned and run by the Anglican Diocese. They have the overall responsibility for the church.
6. Information from Yani Johanson notes that as at 20 March there have been two meetings of interested parties and stakeholders. A decision has been made to establish the Phillipstown Heritage Trust (modelled on the successful Sydenham Heritage Trust that was set up to save the Sydenham Church) to act as the mechanism for the delivery of heritage provision and protection of the Church of the Good Shepherd. A larger public meeting is to be held within the next two months to formalise a constitution and representation arrangements on the Trust.
7. It is staff understanding however that at the moment there is no partnership/agreement with the Anglican Church nor with the Phillipstown Community Centre Charitable trust.
8. Staff are of the view that in light of the fact that the church still own and are responsible for the church the \$2,500 will not be able to be spend by 30 June 2006 and should therefore be transferred to the Board's Discretionary Fund.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. There is currently no legal entity to dispose the funds to. Once such a group is formed the group may apply for funding to be considered.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Board return the \$2,500 to its Discretionary Fund for reallocation.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATIONS

That the staff recommendation be adopted.