

14. **SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE – REPORTS OF 9 OCTOBER & 1 NOVEMBER 2006**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's consideration, the following reports of the Finance & Policy Committee meetings held on Monday 9 October 2006 and Wednesday 1 November 2006:

**Report of meetings of the Finance & Policy Committee
held on Monday 9 October 2006 at 5.00pm and
Wednesday 1 November 2006 at 5.30pm
in the Boardroom, Beckenham Service Centre**

PRESENT: 9 October 2006
Phil Clearwater (Chairperson), Barry Corbett, Paul de Spa, Chris Mene, Sue Wells and Megan Woods.

1 November 2006
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APOLOGIES: 9 October 2006
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Oscar Alpers, from Megan Woods for lateness (5.52pm) and from Paul de Spa and Sue Wells for early departure (6.06pm).

1 November 2006
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Oscar Alpers, Barry Corbett, Chris Mene and Sue Wells.

1. CIVIL DEFENCE - BRIEFING

Mr Murray Sinclair, Manager, Civil Defence and Emergency Management, updated members on the new Civil Defence arrangements. The Committee discussed possible ways in which the Board's related objective ("To contribute to Civil Defence planning") could be progressed.

Mention was made of the information material available and of the key messages therein for Boards to disseminate to their communities through contacts such as neighbourhood support groups, local schools (BOT's/PTA's etc) and community cottages. Other ward based volunteer groups and organisations were also able to be contacted through database information currently being updated.

Members acknowledged the ongoing opportunities available to profile key civil defence information at meetings and forums held in the local community.

The Chairperson thanked Mr Sinclair for his presentation and contribution to the Committee's discussion.

2. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD'S OBJECTIVES 2006/09 – IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING

The Committee continued its discussions on progressing the implementation of the Board's adopted priorities for 2006/07 in relation to the Board's objectives covering the 2006/09 period. Included with the accompanying agenda information was an October 2006 update on progress and achievements against those objectives.

Di Keenan, Communications and Consultation Manager, was in attendance to provide further input into progressing the Board's communication strategy.

From the ensuing discussion, it was **agreed** that Di Keenan would prepare some cost estimate options for the remaining funding available from the Board's communications allocation for the balance of the current financial year. Upon receipt, the information would be further considered by the Committee.

As members had other commitments, it was **agreed** that the meeting be adjourned.

At the reconvened meeting on 1 November 2006, the Committee continued its discussions on the Board's adopted priorities for the 2006/07 regarding the Board's 2006/09 objectives.

Members began to identify possible projects and initiatives for which the Board's 2006/07 discretionary fund may be able to be utilised. A funding balance of approximately \$40,000 remained available for allocation from this source. Possible project ideas from local community organisations were mentioned such as the Summit Road Society (Objective 3(c)) and Addington Bush (Objective 4(b)). An update from Age Concern regarding the Keeping Warm initiative (Objective 7(b)) was also mentioned.

The Board's ongoing involvement in supporting initiatives that promote road user safety, eg, Barrington commercial area projects (Objective 8(e)) was mentioned along with the Board's upcoming seminar on 13 November 2006 to receive a briefing on the Mid Heathcote River project (Objective 9(e)).

On the matter of heritage related initiatives, mention was made of the recent Heritage Week seminar and the possibilities available for the Board to fund some form of commemoration to "show case" local heritage, eg, Women's Suffrage in accordance with Objective 12 (Local urban renewal and developments complementing the heritage and identity of the Spreydon/Heathcote community).

The Committee was satisfied that good progress was being made to give effect to the Board's objectives in the current year and that a number of funding options were now open for the Board to consider supporting in due course.

The Committee **received** the scheduled comments reporting on achievements to date with regard to the Board's priority objectives for 2006/07.

The meeting on 9 October 2006 concluded at 7.05pm, and on 1 November 2006 at 6.59pm.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.