

## 9. FAMILY AND COMMUNITY DIVISION ANGLICAN CARE

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### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information relating to an application for funding from the Family and Community Division of Anglican Care toward the payment of salaries and administration expenses for the Community Worker based at the Linwood Resource Centre from the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board's 2006/07 discretionary funds.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care are requesting funding support from the Board. This funding will assist in covering a predicted shortfall of funds (totalling \$5,445) for payment of salaries and administration expenses for the Community Worker based at the Linwood Resource Centre for the 2006/07 operating year.
3. In partnership with Christchurch City Council, The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care employs the Community Worker based at the Linwood Resource Centre (LRC).
4. The Linwood Resource Centre is council owned and maintained and has been in operation since 1996 as a Community Facility.
5. The Linwood Resource Centre Community Development Project operates as a charitable trust under the Governance of a Trust Board, with support from Anglican Care and the Christchurch City Council, and seeks to address the reduction of disparity and multi-disadvantage and increase social participation of citizens in the area. A number of community development tools and processes are used to achieve this aim.
6. Christchurch City Council support the employment of the Community Worker (manager) through the Social Initiatives Scheme, however, it is important to note that the amount funded has not increased since 1998 and has not accounted for CPI increases in wage, administration and overhead costs resulting in the current shortfall of funds to support this position. The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care have been supporting this shortfall, however, have investigated the viability of doing so and consequently recognised the need for financial support for this deficit.

### FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. There are no legal issues to be considered.
8. Sound financial practices are in place. Audited accounts for the year ended 30 June 2005 represent the financial position of the Diocese of Christchurch. Accounts for the Family and Community division show an income of \$242,044 and expenditure of \$363,546 representing an operating deficit of \$121,502. Trust fund distribution to this account leaves a deficit of \$24,002.
9. Investigation of the CCC Community Funding Database revealed that the Family and Community Division of Anglican Care has received \$40,000 per year since 1998 for Community Worker salaries and associated expenses.
10. The budget for the employment of the Community Worker based at the Linwood Resource Centre shows an income of \$40,000 sourced from the Christchurch City Council Social Initiatives funding scheme. Expenditure amounts are inclusive of salary, supervision, ACC, travel/mileage, training and management expenses totalling \$45,445. This leaves an operating deficit of \$5,445.
11. Social Initiatives funding received has not increased since 1998. Anglican Care have supported this shortfall over the last few years, however, now see the need to request increased funding support for this integral position within the Linwood community.
12. There is currently a balance of \$47,229 in the Hagley/Ferrymead Community Board 2006/07 discretionary fund.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Agree to allocate \$5,000 from its 2006/07 Discretionary Fund to The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care for the purpose of supporting a predicted shortfall in salary expenses associated with the Community Development Worker/Manager based at the Linwood Resource Centre.
2. Notes that in addition, the Community Development Adviser undertakes to work alongside Anglican Care in supporting them to identify appropriate responses for addressing the shortfall into the future.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion.

## BACKGROUND

13. The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care was established to assist local communities to identify local social need and using community development tools and processes, develop local responses to these needs. The aim of this division is to 'empower people to make things happen'.
14. The Family and Community Division of Anglican Care has community workers based in community cottages and centres in six non-residential projects across Christchurch City, including the Linwood Resource Centre based in Linwood in the Hagley/Ferrymead Board area.
15. The Community Development Worker, based at the Linwood Resource Centre (LRC), works with the LRC Trust, and local people to identify unmet social needs and to develop, with the local community, responses to these needs.
16. Current initiatives include the opening of the LRC garden to the wider community, supporting community service with young people, the Linwood Avenue Project, an initiative that looks at health and healthy eating, support of the LYFE festival and corresponding worker and committee, various in house support networks and groups, information sourcing and distribution, individual support and referral networks, and ongoing networking, liaison and support of a number of other Linwood Community Organisations.
17. The Community Worker has management responsibility for employed staff and a number of volunteer positions at the centre.
18. Support for this initiative aligns with the following:

### LTCCP Outcomes:

- A learning city.
- A city of inclusive and diverse communities.
- A city of healthy and active people.
- A safe city.

### Community Board Objectives:

- Advocate for and support measures that will assist the Hagley/Ferrymead ward to be a safer place for residents, visitors and businesses.
- Maintain an awareness of the diversity of the ward in decision-making.
- Acknowledge diversity and support measures for a vibrant, inclusive and strong communities.
- Advocate for adequate resourcing for diverse communities.
- Encourage participation in recreation sports and arts for all.
- Support/advocate for initiatives that support lifelong learning.

### Consistent with:

- Youth Policy and Strategy.
- Older Persons policy.
- Recreation strategy.
- Social Well Being Policy.
- Community Policy.
- Social Justice, Community Development and Social Issues.