

**15. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN COMMITTEE – POWER TO ACT**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek:
  - (a) The Board's confirmation of funding decisions made by its SCAP Committee during the Board's current term, specifically between the period of 29 August 2005 and 19 June 2006.
  - (b) Clarification from the Board as to whether its SCAP Committee has power to act for future SCAP funding allocations.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. At its meeting of 14 December 2004 the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board made a number of decisions regarding the continuation (or otherwise) of its previously established committees. The Board resolved:

*"That the Board re-establish its Strengthening Communities Action Plan Committee (SCAP) and appoint Oscar Alpers and Phil Clearwater to this Committee."*

3. That resolution did not make any reference to the SCAP Committee having the power to act with regard to decisions relating to the Board's SCAP funding. While the intention may have been for the Committee to have that power to act, consistent with earlier terms, nevertheless there should have been a formal Board resolution to enable the Committee to exercise that power in this current term.
4. There has been a number of SCAP Committee meetings held during this Board's current term, commencing in August 2005. Some of these meetings have taken decisions regarding the allocation of the Board's SCAP funds. To ensure that there is no issue regarding the legality of those decisions, the Board will need to approve (retrospectively) nearly all of those decisions, the exception being those taken by the SCAP Committee at its meeting of 21 August 2006, which the Board approved at its meeting on 5 September 2006.
5. To also ensure there is clarity for future SCAP funding allocations, clarification from the Board is sought on the nature of the Committee's decision-making ability; whether the Committee does have the power to act with regard to allocation of the Board's SCAP funds, or whether the Committee has recommendatory powers to the Board only.

**FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

6. Legal considerations are addressed in paragraphs four and five above.
7. There are no specific financial considerations arising from the staff recommendations.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Gives retrospective approval to the funding decisions made by its SCAP Committee at meetings held between 29 August 2005 and 19 June 2006.
- (b) Gives consideration as to whether the SCAP Committee should be given power to act with regard to decisions relating to the Board's SCAP funding.

## **CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION**

- (a) That staff recommendation (a) above be supported.
- (b) That the Board's SCAP Committee be granted power to act in making decisions on the allocation of the Board's SCAP funding.