

6. REALLOCATION OF 2006/2007 ARBOR DAY FUNDS

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Shirley/Papanui Community Board for the reallocation of \$1400 from the 2006/2007 Arbor Day project to a childrens' holiday programme at Packe Reserve.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Shirley/Papanui Community Board allocated \$2,000 of project funds to the Transport and Greenspace Unit for Arbor Day 2007 activities in the Shirley/Papanui area. The Arbor Day for Schools programme is managed on a city-wide basis by the Regional Parks Team.
3. There has been a limited response from schools in the Shirley/Papanui ward to Council's invitation to take part in the Arbor Day programme. Four schools, Marian College, Shirley Primary and Mairehau School, and Casebrook School, have elected to participate. This level of uptake is consistent with previous years.
4. Each participating school is given \$150 by Council, which is matched dollar for dollar by Trees for Canterbury, requiring a total contribution from Council of \$600. This leaves \$1400 of the funds that were earmarked by the Community Board for the Arbor Day for Schools programme unspent. I have discussed this with the Shirley/Papanui Recreation Advisor, who has been approached by the St Albans Resource Centre about running a childrens' environmental programme in Packe Reserve, one of the ward's community gardens.
5. The reallocation of the Arbor Day funds would allow the money to remain targeted towards the environmental education of children, as was originally intended. Rather than planting native trees in schools, this childrens' holiday programme will provide workshops with children about gardening and the environment in the context of one of the city's community gardens. It is anticipated that the programme will run in summer 2007/08.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The Arbor Day funds are allocated to Transport and Greenspace Unit budget for 2006/2007. specifically: \$2,000 Arbor Day.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. Nil.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. LTCCP 2006-2016, Parks, Open Spaces and Waterways – Page 123.
9. Recreation – By offering a range of active and passive recreation and leisure opportunities
Health – By providing areas for people to engage in healthy activities.
10. Recreation and Leisure – Page 131.
Recreation – By encouraging more people to participate in leisure, physical and sporting activities.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

11. Social Wellbeing and Youth Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. All schools were invited to participate in the Arbor Day for Schools programme. One school has accepted this invitation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board approve the reallocation of \$1400 from the 2006/2007 Arbor Day project to a childrens' holiday programme at Packe Reserve.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.