

**11. SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES ACTION PLAN (SCAP)
COMMITTEE – REPORT OF 29 MAY 2007**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to submit for the Board's information the following report of the SCAP Committee meeting:

**Report of a meeting of the SCAP Committee
held on Tuesday 29 May 2007 at 5.30pm
in Meeting Room One, Beckenham Service Centre**

PRESENT: Phil Clearwater (Chairperson), Oscar Alpers, Doug Shepherd and Rob Patterson.

APOLOGIES: Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Bruce Harding and Jan Rogers.

1. MEETING REPORT – 30 APRIL 2007

The Committee **received** the report of the meeting of 30 April 2007.

2. 2006/07 SCAP FUND - UPDATE

The Committee **received** information on the current balance of the SCAP fund.

3. EDIBLE GARDENS - UPDATE

The Community Development Adviser updated the Committee on the Edible Gardens Project.

The Committee **received** the information.

4. SCAP FUTURE

In response to a decline in the number of funding applications received in 2006/07 and arising from an indication given to the Board during the 2007/08 funding round, the Committee commenced a review on the future role and purpose of the SCAP Committee.

Members exchanged views on the matter and also received an update from the Senior Community Development Adviser on the key elements of the Council's new Community Development Strategy particularly the proposed rationalisation of the Council's funding schemes. The metro community boards would still retain their \$390,000 of project funding.

Arising from the ensuing discussion, the following points were noted:

- The Spreydon/Heathcote SCAP Committee is the sole remaining such Committee being operated by the local community boards.
- The work undertaken by the SCAP Committee would still remain to be done and whether the current procedures and practices remained needed reviewing.
- The Committee's initiatives and successes to date have been well worthwhile eg. community information directory, Older Adults Directory etc.
- The SCAP Committee has (by choice of the Board) comprised a majority of community representatives with Board members being the minority.

- There could be alternative operating arrangements put in place by drawing people from the community and from the Board to work together on specific issues and projects with funding provided from the Board.
- New initiatives – what can be identified and by whom?
- If the SCAP Committee is disestablished, the Spreydon/Heathcote community may not be as well served in terms of delivering community development projects and initiatives.
- How can the SCAP Committee be refined? The Board must be part of any decision making.
- What are the alternatives to achieve the same objectives as SCAP? Perhaps another organisation could undertake this role, alternatively to look at ways of revitalising the Committee.
- A concern was expressed that within any new frameworks including revised Council strategies, the funding of particular projects eg. Manuka Cottage, could be detrimentally affected.
- A reluctance was expressed to just terminate the Committee as community projects may then not be able to be best supported.
- A majority of members preferred that any recommendation to the Board on a course of action be placed "on hold".

Members therefore **agreed** to defer the matter for the time being to allow the views of the absent Committee members to be sought and for feedback to also be obtained from external groups.

5. NEXT MEETING

Monday 25 June at 5.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 6.45pm.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received.