

3. CASHMERE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY VISIONING PROJECT – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to request funding support from the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) Committee, for the commissioning of a community visioning project for the Cashmere area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Cashmere Residents Association is interested in developing a community vision for the area that will provide focus to the Association and inform its activities and involvement in local issues.
3. Council staff have undertaken an initial exercise with the group to determine their values which has received very positive feedback. This will assist the group to identify and focus on their priorities as well as providing members with greater clarity and confidence in carrying out their activities. This may also work towards ensuring they continue as an active and successful resident association into the future. The group is committed to the community visioning project in the long term.
4. This project could be used as a model for work with other communities across the city to guide local communities to determine their focus and involvement in decisions which affect their local community.
5. An external provider is required to carry out the scoping, research, data analysis and evaluation. A specialist in this area would require funding from the Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The cost of employing an appropriately qualified person to undertake the visioning exercise with the Association is estimated to be initially \$10,000.
7. Staff would determine how much work this funding would cover after discussion with the provider when a suitable person or company was identified and contracted to undertake the project. The contractor and staff would report back regularly to the SCAP Committee on the progress of the project.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2006-16 LTCCP budgets?

8. Yes, 2006-2007 Community Board Funding Allocations, page 173.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?

9. There are no legal matters to consider.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2006-16 LTCCP?

10. Yes, as mentioned above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Yes, this project follows the strategic direction, "Strong Communities". It is also linked to Community Outcomes, A City of Inclusive and Diverse Communities and A City of Lifelong Learning, and A Well Governed City, A Safe City and A City of People who Protect the Natural Environment. The project also supports Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board Objectives 2006/09 No. 5 and 6.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Action Plan (SCAP) Committee allocate \$10,000 from its 2006/07 fund for the Cashmere Residents' Association's Community Visioning Project 2007.