

6. BELFAST MUSEUM COMPUTER PURCHASE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's consideration to a request from the Belfast District Museum Trust [the 'Trust'] to fund the purchase of computer equipment to enable them to access and administer stored information pertaining to the activities and historical records of the Museum.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Trust, as the administrative body of the local Museum, is run by volunteers to collect, preserve and display artefacts of local Belfast history.
3. The need to become more professional in carrying out their duties has led the Trust to seek funding to purchase computer equipment to better discharge their responsibilities.
4. The Community Board has had a longstanding relationship with the Trust through the former Kapuatohe Historic Reserve Management Committee.
5. The Trust wishes to purchase computer equipment so as to be able to provide visitors with photographs [from the historic collections which are held on CD], to be able to scan other photos and artefacts brought in by visitors.
6. The Trust believe that there will be a broader base of community input and ownership into the future of the Museum, and these purchases will enable the Trust Board to provide information/photographic service to visitors and the community who wish to pursue their interest in the history of Belfast.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The request is for a Board grant, in the sum of \$2,500 [maximum], and it is recommended that this be sourced from the Board's 2006/07 Discretionary Funds.

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

9. Yes, Community Board funding, page 176 of the LTCCP.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

10. The Trust is legally constituted, and the Board has the delegated authority to make a grant, if it sees fit to do so.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Pages 94 [City Development, "to retain heritage items"].

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

12. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Strong Communities.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. Yes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

15. Discussed informally with members of the Shirley Papanui Community Board.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

16. That the Community Board give consideration to the request from the Belfast District Museum Trust for a grant to enable them to purchase computer software for the Museum.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.