

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to set in place a decision making process for applications for Neighbourhood Week funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Local community groups, including residents' associations and neighbourhood support groups have been sent information inviting them to apply for the Neighbourhood Week funding that has been set aside by the Board.
3. Neighbourhood Week is a dedicated week in which individuals and groups are encouraged to get together and get to know one another locally. Neighbourhood Week 2007 is to be held from 26 October 2007 – 4 November 2007. Applications for funding close on 21 September 2007.
4. Due to the timing of the local body elections it will not be possible to present the applications to the full Board for consideration. Therefore this report requests that the Board creates a sub committee for the purpose of allocation of Neighbourhood Week funds and delegates authority to that sub committee to allocate the funds.
5. In some previous years where the demand for Neighbourhood Week funds has exceeded the funds set aside, the Board has allocated additional funds out of the Board's Discretionary Funding towards Neighbourhood Week to enable more groups to receive some funding towards their event. This has happened when there has been an increase in the number of groups applying for Neighbourhood Week funds.
6. Should this be the case, the Board may wish to allocate a set amount of the Board's Discretionary Funds as a contingency towards the above situation with the proviso that those funds not required go back into the Board's Discretionary Fund.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The Board has set aside \$3,000 from project funding to assist individuals and groups run events. It is not the intention of this funding to totally finance events. Those applying for funding are expected to partially resource events themselves either financially or through supply of materials.

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

8. Yes.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. Under Council Standing Orders 1.9 and 1.10 a sub committee may be appointed and given powers of delegation.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Yes.

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

11. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

12. Funding for Neighbourhood Week activities aligns with the Council's Strong Communities strategic outcomes.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Appoint a sub committee of Community Board members for the consideration of Neighbourhood Week fund applications and delegate authority to that sub-committee to allocate those funds.
- (b) Allocate a set contingency amount from the Board's Discretionary fund should the demand for money exceed the Board's money set aside and the Sub Committee allocating the funds decide that the number of applications received warrants applying extra funding.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the consideration of Neighbourhood Week fund applications be considered by the Community Services Committee at a meeting to be held on Wednesday 3 October 2007 at 8.30am and that the Committee be given power to act to allocate the funds.