

8. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information about the applicants who have applied for funding for Neighbourhood Week to assist the Board with its decisions about the allocation of that funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Neighbourhood Week is a dedicated week in which individuals and groups are encouraged to run a neighbourhood event to get to know one another better. This year Neighbourhood Week is being held from 31 October - 8 November 2009. Applications for funding closed on 4 September 2009. This funding is seen as a subsidy to small local events.
3. Local community groups, including residents' associations and neighbourhood support groups were sent information in August 2009 inviting them to apply for the Neighbourhood Week Funding.
4. Forty nine applications for funding were received and all applicants meet the set criteria and are worthy applicants. This compares with 34 applicants last year (2008).
5. Total funding requests totalled \$6,947.50, for the \$3,750 allocated by the Board. In making recommendations for funding, a \$2 per head approach was first applied (using the lowest expected number of people likely to attend the event), with applications for large amounts capped at \$150. None of the recommendations include giving more funds than was applied for by the applicant. Some minor adjustments were made to ensure a consistent and fair approach to all applicants.
6. A matrix with application details and options is **attached** to this agenda.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The Board has set aside \$3,750 from the Strengthening Communities Fund to assist individuals and groups to run Neighbourhood Week events. It is not the intention of this funding to totally fund events and those applying for funding are expected to partially resource their events themselves, either financially or through supply of materials.

Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. Page 182 off the LTCCP 2009 - 2019 under Strengthening Communities.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. Nil.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Yes, in the Community Support section of the LTCCP 2009 – 2019 (Volume 1); pages 170 - 176.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Funding for Neighbourhood Week events aligns with the Strengthening Communities Strategy, 2007.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee consider the recommended allocation of Neighbourhood Week Funding as set out in the matrix and allocate funds to the value of \$3,750.