

17. NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to submit for consideration, Board applications for the allocation of Neighbourhood Week 2009/10 funding.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Local community groups, including residents' associations and neighbourhood support groups have applied 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 2009 is to be held from 31 October – 8 November 2009. Applications for funding closed on 4 September 2009.
4. The Community Board previously discussed criteria for funding Neighbourhood Week Events. This criteria is **attached**.
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 Response 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. Should this be the case, the Board may wish to allocate a set amount of its Discretionary Response Funds as a contingency towards the above situation with the proviso that those funds not required go back into that Fund.
6. A matrix outlining the applications and staff recommendations is **attached**.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The Board has allocated \$7,143 from the Strengthening Communities Fund to assist individuals and groups to run events. It is not the intention of this funding to totally fund 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 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?

8. Page 172 of the LTCCP under Community support – Strengthening communities and page 176 of the LTCCP under Community support – Community grants.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

9. Under Council Standing Orders 2.10 (Powers of Delegation). A Sub-committee may be appointed and given the power to act.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Yes, clause 8 above refers.

Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?

11. Yes, clause 10 above refers.

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 Direction and Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

13. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- (a) Consider the applications as set out in the **attached** matrix and allocate Neighbourhood Week 2009 funding accordingly.
- (b) Assign delegated authority to the Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson to consider any additional applications and allocate funding, should any funds remain.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.