

### 3. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – ASHER RICHARDSON

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#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek consideration of an application for funding from the Board's 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme.

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The applicant is Asher Richardson, a 17 year old Burnside High School student living in Avonhead.
3. Asher has been selected for the New Zealand Badminton Team to compete in the Youth Olympic Games being held in Singapore in August this year. The Youth Olympics will involve 3,600 young athletes aged between 14 and 18 years competing in 26 different sports over 19 days.
4. Asher has been described as a rising star in badminton and is the current New Zealand and Australian Under 17 Singles Champion and is ranked second in the senior division. His coach advises that Asher has the potential to make his mark in the international arena. The Youth Olympics will provide an opportunity for Asher to gain international experience.
5. Asher plays for the University Club and his goal is to represent New Zealand at the Commonwealth and Olympic Games. In addition to badminton Asher plays basketball and interclub squash.

#### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. Members of the New Zealand Team competing at the Youth Olympics are required to make a contribution of \$1,400 towards the total cost.
7. This is the second time that the applicant has applied to the Board for financial support. In November 2009 the Board granted Asher \$500 towards the cost of competing in the World Junior Badminton Championships.

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

8. This application is seeking funding from the Board's 2010/11 Youth Development Scheme which was established from the Board's 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund.

#### LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

9. There are no legal implications pertaining to this application.

#### ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

10. Aligns with the LTCCP, page 170, regarding Community Board Project funding.

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

11. As above.

#### ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

12. The application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and the Community Board's objectives.

**Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

13. As above.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

14. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Community Services Committee recommend that the Board make a grant of \$250 to Asher Richardson towards, the costs of competing in the Youth Olympic Games.