

12. ST JAMES AVENUE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION SEEKS BOARD RECOGNITION

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is to seek formal recognition by the Shirley-Papanui Community Board of the newly formed St James Avenue Residents' Association and its boundaries.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. A group of residents in St James Avenue have recently formed a group, motivated by concerns about tree protection in their street. They have called their group the St James Avenue Residents' Association, comprising residents on both sides of St James Avenue, Papanui. The St James Avenue Residents' Association seeks formal recognition of the group and its proposed boundaries by the Shirley-Papanui Community Board.
3. As St James Avenue is within the boundaries of an old (currently inactive) residents' group, South Papanui Residents' Association, the earlier Community Board decision on boundaries of the latter would have to be revoked to allow the new group recognition in this area. Those boundaries are as follows: "This Association covers the area bounded by Blighs, Papanui, Harewood and Greers Roads and Condell Avenue" (October 2000).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. There are no financial implications. The group has not stated an intention to form an Incorporated Society at this point, so this small assistance grant is not required.

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

5. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

6. Approval for recognition as a residents' group and associated boundary recognition is sought under the Residents' Associations – Formation and Recognition Policy 2001 (**attached**). Although this policy is currently under review, this report follows its guidelines as the current guiding policy.

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

7. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

8. Recognition of residents' groups reflects the Council's provision of Strengthening Communities, within the Community Support activity management plan, Page 172 of the 2009-19 LTCCP.

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

9. Yes, as above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

10. Recognition of residents' groups aligns with the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

11. Yes, as above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

12. Communications with and between the St James Avenue Residents' Association and the residents of St James Avenue has been achieved by a combination of letters, emails, street meetings, a newsletter and an internet blog site.
13. Liaison with the South Papanui Residents' Association has not been possible, due to the current inactive status of this group and lack of contacts.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board:

- (a) Consider formally recognising the St James Avenue Residents' Association and approving the proposed boundaries as follows: Residents on both sides of St James Avenue, Papanui.
- (b) Revoke the Board decision (of October 2000) regarding the boundaries of the (currently inactive) South Papanui Residents' Association to allow the new group to seek formal Board recognition in this area.
- (c) Appoint a local Community Board member to be the regular liaison with the St James Avenue Residents' Association, if formal Board recognition is granted.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.