

13. CHRISTCHURCH PUBLIC SERVICE CHILDCARE CENTRE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to present a request for funding of \$25,000 from the Christchurch Public Service Childcare Centre Inc. (t/a Forfar Nursery and Preschool) to the Shirley/Papanui Community Board from its Discretionary Response Fund.
2. The request is for \$25,000 towards the cost of providing further car park space at the Preschool.
3. There is currently a balance of \$11,928 remaining in the Boards 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

4. The Christchurch Public Service Childcare Centre Inc. (trading as Forfar Nursery and Preschool) is located in Forfar Street, St Albans. The Centre has been in existence since 1989.
5. The Centre is licensed to cater for 47 children. There are 68 families with 83 children who utilise these spaces. Around 60% of the children come from the Shirley/Papanui Ward with most of the remainder coming from Burwood/Pegasus Ward. The Centre is open from 7.30 am to 5.30 pm five days a week over 50 weeks of the year. Fees - \$6.50 per hour with a minimum booking of 3 hours.
6. In January 2008 the Centre had a fire on the premises which caused considerable damage and meant they had to close for three months. During the process of rebuilding and obtaining consents it was found that in order to comply with a Resource Consent the Centre needed to provide seven extra car parks. The Centre has obtained two quotes for this work and wishes to accept the lower of these; \$46,127 (plus GST). The upgrade will mean that there is more off-street parking for parents as well as a disability car park.
7. The Centre hopes to begin this work in June and expects the work to take three weeks to complete. During construction the entrance area will be a hazardous area and so temporary fencing will be needed at this time to safeguard children and parents/caregivers.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONTEXT

8. The Centre is located in the middle of a mixed area of deprivation. The proportion of children aged under five years in the immediate vicinity is higher than the city average.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The Christchurch Public Service Childcare Centre provides the following with respect to the costs of the car park upgrade:

Costs (incl GST)	\$51,893
Funds on hand	\$18,893
User fees	\$ 5,000
Other grants	\$ 3,000
S/P community Board	\$25,000
TOTAL	\$51,893

10. The latest Annual Audited Accounts of the Centre show an annual turnover of almost \$900,000 with a surplus of \$9,700. Their balance sheet showed a term deposit of \$280,000, however, this figure appears high because of the nature of bulk funding that the Centre obtains from the

Ministry of Education (MoE). MoE bulk funding cannot be used for the purposes for which this application is made.

11. The Centre also needs to put some funds aside over the next two years to enable the Centre to be repainted and to provide for building repairs.
12. There is currently a balance of \$11,928 remaining in the Boards 2009/10 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

13. Yes page 184

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

14. Yes

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

15. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans pages 172 and 176.

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

16. Yes Strengthening Communities page 172 (2009-19 LTCCP).

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

17. This application meets the following Council Community Grants Funding Outcomes:
 - Support, develop and promote the capacity and sustainability of community, recreation, sports, arts, heritage and environment groups.

This application helps to meet the following goals of the Strengthening Communities Strategy:

Ensuring that communities have access to community facilities that meet their needs

It also helps to meet the following Community Board objectives:

- Embraces diversity and strives to facilitate and advocate for a vibrant and engaged community without barriers to inclusion.
- Supports local lifelong learning opportunities in all forms and advocates for resources to empower all residents to up skill and grow.

DO THE RECOMMENDATIONS ALIGN WITH THE COUNCIL

18. Strengthening Communities Strategy

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

19. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Shirley/Papanui Community Board agree to grant \$11,928 from its 2009/10 Discretionary Response fund to the Christchurch Public Service Childcare Centre Inc (t/a Forfar Nursery and Preschool) towards the upgrade of their car parking facility.

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CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the application from the Christchurch Public Service Childcare Centre be declined due to insufficient funds being available and that priority funding for preschools is for Council Lessees