

SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD AGENDA

1 NOVEMBER 2011

AT 5PM

**IN THE BOARDROOM, BECKENHAM SERVICE CENTRE,
66 COLOMBO STREET, CHRISTCHURCH**

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1. APOLOGIES

2. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING MINUTES – 30 SEPTEMBER 2011, 11 OCTOBER 2011 AND 18 OCTOBER 2011

The minutes of the Board's ordinary meetings of Friday 30 September 2011 (**Attachment 1**) and the extraordinary meeting of Tuesday 11 October 2011 (**Attachment 2**) attached and the ordinary meeting Tuesday 18 October 2011 (**circulated separately**).

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Board's ordinary meetings (both open and public excluded) of 30 September 2011 and 18 October 2011, and the extraordinary meeting of 11 October 2011 be confirmed.

3. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT

4. PETITIONS

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following notice of motion has been submitted by Paul McMahon pursuant to Standing Order 3.10.1, for the 1 November 2011 meeting of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board, received on 21 October 2011.

5.1 NOTICE OF MOTION ON PETROLEUM EXPLORATION PERMITS:

The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board requests an urgent briefing from the Ministry of Economic Development and Environment Canterbury regarding Exploration Permits 52614 and 38264.

The Community Board wishes to hear:

- (a) *whether the granting of permit 52614 will allow hydraulic fracturing to take place in the Christchurch region.*
- (b) *whether the above authorities will permit hydraulic fracturing to be used as an extraction method in the Christchurch region if Coal Seam Gas is found.*
- (c) *whether the above authorities have considered, or will consider, the increase in seismic activity in the processing of 52614.*
- (d) *what the results are from the exploration of the 38264 permit area and if deep sea drilling is likely to be required to extract petroleum there.*
- (e) *whether the Ministry of Economic Development will be extending 38264 beyond its expiration date on 7/11/2011.*
- (f) *whether the Ministry of Economic Development or ECan will be consulting with the public or the Council regarding all of the above.*

6. CORRESPONDENCE

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7. BRIEFINGS

7.1 IAN WHITEHEAD – OUTDOOR POOLS UPDATE

Ian Whitehead, Southern Area Recreation Manager, will update the Board on outdoor pools in Christchurch and other matters

8. EARTHQUAKE DESIGN AND CAPABILITY

9. QUALIFICATION FOR EARTHQUAKE RELATED RATES RELIEF

General Manager responsible:	Paul Anderson, General Manager Corporate Services, DDI 941-8540
Officer responsible:	Diane Brandish, Corporate Finance Manager
Author:	Steve Kelsen, Funds and Financial Policies Manager

1. On 19 August 2011 the Board requested staff advice regarding “the requirement for residents to provide engineering reports or other evidence to support their application for rates rebate, when the Council would already hold the information.” The purpose of this report is to provide the information requested.
2. At its meeting on 10 June 2011 the Council resolved to continue to provide earthquake related rates remissions for residential properties that are unable to be occupied.
3. When applying the earthquake related rates remission policy Council staff follow the following process:
 - (a) Where Council holds information which shows that a property cannot be occupied and the date on which it qualified a rates remission for that property is granted without the need for application by the owner (for example, all residential properties located inside the central business district cordon were identified using Council’s geographic information system and a remission was applied to their rates account).
 - (b) Where Council does not hold sufficient information on a property to automatically grant a remission and the ratepayer applies for a remission:
 - (i) where Council can confirm the application qualifies for remission with Council or Civil Defence information the application is granted, and
 - (ii) where Council does not hold sufficient information to confirm that the application qualifies for remission the applicant is asked to provide supporting information.

The Council has deliberately not set specific criteria for determining if a property is unable to be occupied because it is considered important that staff are not constrained when asked to respond to any unexpected situations. The rule of thumb used by staff is to accept any form of independent evidence that a property cannot be occupied because it is unsafe or unsanitary. The forms of evidence normally provided are letters from insurers or EQC, or reports from structural engineers. Staff have also carried out some property inspections themselves and granted remissions based on what they have seen.
4. Although over 60,000 residential properties were inspected by Civil Defence following the February earthquake, this is less than half of the residences in Christchurch. Also: (1) in some cases information recorded about a property has become outdated as owners, insurers or EQC commission their own inspections; and (2) in many cases information held by the Council does not indicate the date on which a property qualified for remission (for example a property may have become unsafe following the Boxing Day earthquake but not been inspected by Civil Defence until after the February earthquake).
5. Because of this the Council does not have sufficient information in all cases to automatically grant remissions either on its own initiative or on receipt of an application. However, the Council does not require applicants for earthquake related rates remissions to provide engineering reports or other evidence if it holds sufficient information to grant the remission.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. Nil

9. Cont'd

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

12. Not applicable.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

13. Nil.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

19. Not applicable.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

20. Not applicable.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

21. Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board note the contents of this report.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

To be discussed.

10. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

11. ELECTED MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The purpose of this exchange is to provide a short brief to other members on activities that have been attended or to provide information in general that is beneficial to all members.

12. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDERS