

12. MEMBERSHIP OF METROPOLITAN FUNDING SUBCOMMITTEE/METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SCHEME FUNDING ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the confirmation of the membership of the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee when it meets to consider funding applications to the Metropolitan Community Development Scheme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. At its meeting of 24 February 2005, the Council established the Metropolitan Community Funding Subcommittee, to comprise the Mayor and all Councillors.
3. In 1990 the Christchurch City Council established its Community Development Scheme, with an annual grants budget that is approved each year through the Council's Annual Grants to Community Organisations budget. The Council also established a Metropolitan Funding Committee to consider such requests under the scheme's criteria. This was to be made up of six Councillors and a majority of community members representing community sector interests. These community representatives were appointed for three-year terms. A similar committee structure was established by each Community Board to consider their Community Development Scheme requests. The total Community Development Scheme budget for 2005/06 is \$450,000 with \$220,000 allocated to the Metropolitan Community Development Scheme. Over the past three years the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee has considered between 120 and 150 Community Development Scheme requests at its annual allocation meeting.
4. The current community representatives were appointed by the Council in 2003 (for three years) following recommendations by the then Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee which considered nominations from individuals and community groups. The call for nominations was made through Council sponsored public advertising and promoted/encouraged through community networks and community forums. Those members are Trevor Cattermole, Steven Zingel, Karen Brown, Freedom Preston-Clark, David Marra, Maria McEntyre, Norm Dewes, Shona Hickey and Sally Thompson. These community members can often bring valuable additional insight and knowledge of the city's community development and social services to the collective decision-making.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. In the past Council and committee meeting fees have not been paid when the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee met to consider Community Development Scheme applications.

OPTIONS

6. A Community Development Scheme funding assessment committee with 22 members (ie all elected members, the Mayor and nine community representatives) has the potential of being overwhelming in terms of the small amount of funding to be distributed.

Options:

- (a) Remain with the current membership of 13 Councillors and nine community representatives

This would continue the current membership appointments the Council has with the nine community representatives named in section 4, with the scheduled 23 November 2005 Community Development Scheme meeting completing these individuals' three year term.

- (b) Reduce the membership of the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee/Community Development Scheme Assessment Committee to a total of 13 members (the same number of the current Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee of 12 Councillors and the Mayor), to be made up of six elected members and seven community representatives.
- (c) Reduce the membership of the Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee/Community Development Scheme Assessment Committee by reducing the number of existing community representatives to four. This would still give a reasonable community cover/knowledge of the Community Development Scheme's priority areas.
- (d) The Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee/Community Development Scheme Assessment Committee membership to consist only of the elected members who make up the current Metropolitan Funding Subcommittee. This would not enable the Committee to avail itself of valuable information about the city's community development and social services.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended:

1. That the Council adopt Option C.
2. That the Funding Adviser work with the current nine community representatives to reduce this number to four.
3. That the remaining community representatives be thanked for their past contribution to this process.