

**18 MAYOR'S WELFARE FUND CHARITABLE TRUST –
SIX-MONTHLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1998
TO 31 DECEMBER 1998**

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on the status of the fund and information on the number of clients accessing the fund. Comparative figures for the same period last year are shown in brackets.

During the period covered by this report 2,479 (2,292) people approached the fund for assistance. Of those 1,211 (1,249) were granted financial assistance with a further 1,268 (1,092) given support, guidance or practical alternatives for solving their immediate problems. During this period 1,092 (1,092) referrals were made to the following organisations:

Income Support Services	940	(840)
Housing New Zealand	13	(26)
Southpower	40	(58)
Telecom	19	(11)
Welfare Agencies/Landlords etc	213	(157)

The highest demand on the fund is still in the area of accommodation, with 533 (455) clients being assisted with accommodation at a cost of \$105,718 (\$92,059).

Child care costs for children in 'at risk situation' are still being met by the fund with \$29,866 (\$34,192) being expensed for the six months ended 31 December 1998.

During this period audit of the fund's accounts for the year ended 30 June 1998 was undertaken by the Council's Internal Auditor, on behalf of Audit New Zealand. The audited accounts for the 1997/98 financial year are enclosed.

There is a need to amend the Mayor's Welfare Fund cheque signatories as a result of last year's elections and the retirement of one of the cheque signatories. The current Delegations Register records the following as cheque signatories:

Name	Designation
Vicki Susan Buck	Mayor
Robert Alfred Lineham	Group Manager Finance
Geoffrey Wayne Barnes	Funds Manager
Anthony Ian Hay	Accounting Services Manager
Murray Kenneth Sinclair	Administration Officer
Lindsay William Moore	Financial Reporting Accountant

Recommendation:

1. That all previous authorities in respect of the Mayor's Welfare Fund Charitable Trust operated on the National Bank of New Zealand be cancelled and any two of the following be authorised signatories of the account:

Mayor
Deputy Mayor
Director of Finance
Director of Business Projects and Relationships
Community Relations Manager
Financial Services Manager
Team Leader, Mayor's Welfare

2. That the information be received.

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Recommendation:

That the above recommendation be adopted.