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The purpose of this report is to have the Board consider under the Council's "Management Guidelines for Community Facilities" a request to establish the Dallington Community Cottage.

As outlined in the management guidelines once the perceived need is identified stage two requires the Board to consider the proposal.

Members will be aware of the Dallington Research Project its ongoing support in conjunction with Anglican Care Family and Community Services.

Attached is a report (*see page 65*) submitted by the Projects Co-ordinator André Degreef.

The proposed building in McBratneys Road provides a central focal point for community use and is easily accessible both by vehicle and by foot. The facility was recently vacated by a church group. The building contains a meeting area, two small offices, a kitchen, toilet and an adjacent external block storage building. A check has been made with Council's Planning staff and it appears existing use rights apply allowing continued community use.

The facility's owner has indicated a weekly rental of \$50. Should the Board support the proposal, as part of drawing up a lease and negotiating an appropriate rental, assistance would be obtained from the Council's Property Unit.

While the Board has provided funding from its Project allocation for the forthcoming 1999/2000 year to assist there is no current allocation to meet likely rental costs up until 30 June 1999. However should the cottage proposal be accepted and an agreed rental be set, this could be met from the Board's Community Response Fund (likely anticipated costs would be under \$750).

Other considerations will be the length of the term of lease, management of the cottage, furnishings and promotion.

Shirley's Community Advocacy Team has considered the proposal and supports a negotiated lease for a period of two years at which time the suitability and utilisation of the building would be reviewed.

**Recommendation:** That the Board support the above proposal.

**Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the aforementioned recommendation be adopted.