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The purpose of this report is to convey a request from the Papanui Scout Group requesting assistance towards a fundraising venture based at the Scout Den on Sawyers Arms Road.

A letter has been received from the Chairman of the Papanui Scout Group, as follows:

“For a number of years now the Papanui Scout Group has manned a primarily Bottle Recycling operation based at our Den/Log Cabin on Sawyers Arms Road. Some of you may even remember that the Council funded some of our original set up costs. Whilst we run this venture for a fund raising activity for the group, following the introduction of Kerb Side recycling it no longer contributes to the covering of the majority of our running costs.

Recently we have further been hindered by our Glass/Bottle Recycler withdrawing the free service they offered to remove our non collectible bottles/glass. They have introduced a Bin empty charge of around \$4.00 - \$5.00 which will no longer make our venture viable. Alternative options have also been explored, but costs remain the same as service providers continue to see us as a Business dumping our rubbish, rather than the volunteer NPO community service we are. Currently we make approximately \$400 per year for our year round efforts, the new clearance charges alone will top \$1,000.

Accordingly we would appreciate your possible solution to our dilemma which may see us closing this operation, which may in turn generate a problem for the area without our efforts to operate and manage this popular resource.”

Chairperson’s

Recommendation: That a report be prepared for the next meeting in relation to the funding request.