

**17. APPLICATION FROM KULCHA TRUST FOR RENTAL OF THE SHOP AT 23 ACHESON AVENUE**

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The purpose of this report is to provide information regarding the application from Kulcha Trust for financial assistance to lease the shop at 23 Acheson Avenue.

**BACKGROUND**

Kulcha Trust has for some time leased two small rooms at the back of the Doctors Surgery in Acheson Avenue. The Trust has provided opportunity for computer training, upskilling for employment, Maori culture awareness and programmes, advice, and some recreation activities on Mac Farlane Park. The Board has contributed to the rental of the current premises.

The Trust is keen to acquire larger premises in order to expand the opportunities currently provided, and had earlier expressed interest in taking over the former Plunket building on Mac Farlane Park. However this building is now occupied by Shirley Community Trust.

At its meeting on 31 May the Board asked that staff continue to work with Kulcha Trust Inc to find additional premises for the Trust to continue its activities.

**PRESENT SITUATION**

The Trust has been offered the lease of the shop at 23 Acheson Avenue at the following costs:

*Possible Lease Arrangements:*

- Initially six months;
- Tenant responsible for power and telephone;
- Rent \$75 per week plus \$15 per week proportion of rates and insurance, making a total of \$90 per week, \$4,680 per annum;
- Landlord responsible for external upkeep;
- Tenant responsible for internal upkeep.

Prior to entering a lease with Kulcha Trust the Landlord would repair and paint exterior, paint interior walls and upgrade the flooring. The Landlord will hold the shop until after the Board meeting.

**PROPOSED USE OF PREMISES**

Kulcha Trust advises that it provides a number of services in many different areas including liaison with other community providers, health agencies, government departments and the Council. Although administering to all the local community, the Trust has a focus on youth and cultural development.

A proposed 12 week programme is to be implemented provided by four volunteer tutors. The programme includes literacy, computer training, cultural development, kapahaka and Te Reo.

Detailed information on the programmes has been circulated separately to Board members.

#### **EVALUATION PROCESS**

The Trust will provide data on the number of attendees, achievements and financial accountability at the end of the first 6 month period.

#### **FUNDING**

The Trust is seeking funding from the Board to meet the first six months rental.

Other funding applications have been made to Lotteries Youth for the Kapahaka and tutors.

- Recommendation:**
1. That the Board meet the first seven months rent for the premises at 23 Acheson Avenue, up to the maximum of \$2,520.
  2. That a report be made to the March 2001 Board meeting, evaluating the programmes and use of the premises.

#### **Chairperson's**

**Recommendation:** That the officer's recommendation be adopted and that the Board review possible continuation of funding after the evaluation is received.