

6. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN (SCAP)

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The purpose of this report is to indicate to the Board the outcome of the SCAP project, as identified by the Core Group and to seek approval for the recommendations for funding arising from the project.

Board members will recall that SCAP was an initiative derived from discussions between senior Police and Christchurch City Council staff. The concept was to involve community boards, advocacy teams and community representatives in formulating a plan to help strengthen communities and increase people's sense of safety.

A Core Group comprising the Advocacy Team, two Community Board representatives and two community representatives decided on a course of action which would employ a person for four months to analyse existing research, hold public forums and compile this information in such a way as to meet the objectives of the Plan.

A copy of that report was circulated to members at the October meeting. Since then the Core Group has met to refine the outcomes and suggest a dispersal of the funds set aside for the SCAP projects, a total of \$50,000.

ACTIONS

The Core Group has identified five key areas that require action: graffiti, youth needs, the "Boil Up" programme, school safety and assistance for the Delta Community Trust. Each of these will be dealt with separately as follows, with progress reports from all projects to be prepared in six months time.

1. *GRAFFITI*

The Core Group has suggested that a close liaison with the Police and Papanui Community Watch should continue, that a partnership with Te Kaupapa Whakaora/Te Hou Ora should be established with special reference to graffiti and that intervention programmes working with arts and youth organisations should take place. Meanwhile, a city wide strategy on graffiti is being developed. In the interim, some local responses could be assisted.

Recommendation: That Te Kaupapa Whakaora be allocated \$4,000 towards a graffiti – busting programme.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

2. *YOUTH NEEDS*

The Core Group has recommended that youth activities in Shirley/St Albans be assisted. Also a partnership with Te Hou Ora, Te Kaupapa Whakaora, Northlands Mall and Papanui High School to employ a Youth Worker based at Northlands Mall should be supported.

- Recommendation:**
1. That St Albans Residents Association (SARA) be allocated \$3,000 towards youth activities/programmes in the Shirley area to be utilised by the Youth Worker employed by SARA.
 2. That the Northlands Youth Worker Advisory Group be allocated \$10,000 towards overheads and activities for youth in the Northlands area.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.

3. *"BOIL UP PROGRAMME"*

The "Boil Up" programme is targetted at 15 - 20 "at risk", predominately Maori and Polynesian, young people to provide them with the opportunity to have access to positive support and role modeling – aspects that are lacking in their lives. The programme enables them to have a positive physical input into the lives of others through leadership roles and responsibilities provided in a structured, supervised environment. A deputation seeking support for this programme was made to the 24 November 1999 meeting by Te Hou Ora representatives.

A full copy of the programme (including a budget is attached).

Recommendation: That the "Boil Up" programme be allocated \$20,000 towards the programme.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted and that the Board support an application for funding from the Crime Prevention funding, administered by the Prime Minister's office.

4. *SCHOOL SAFETY*

The Core Group recommended that a meeting be arranged with staff from City Streets (Paul Cottam and Lee Kelly) and that this meeting pursue the suggestions/recommendations from Tim Ashton's report. The Core Group further recommended that crossing points near schools be given urgency.

Recommendation: That a working party of the Board meet with City Streets Unit staff to look at implementing recommendations from Tim Ashton's report.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That a Working Party comprising Myra Barry, Dennis Hills and Yvonne Palmer be established to go through the report.

5. *DELTA COMMUNITY TRUST*

This Trust operates in the Richmond area with its catchment being half in the Shirley ward and half in the Hagley ward. The purpose of the Trust is to work holistically so as to combat the effects of poverty and seeks to create a sense of community. It provides a weekly lunch, food parcels, budget advice, counselling, free firewood, pop-in centre and referrals.

The Trust has recently established a new programme ("Live To The Max"), an individual empowerment scheme designed to address abuse, psychiatric disorder and addiction and to assist clients to work through personal issue to pre-employment, training courses and eventually to employment (paid or unpaid). This programme requires additional funding.

Recommendation: That Delta Community Trust be allocated \$11,140 towards its "Live to the Max" Scheme (this represents one year's full funding for the programme).

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.