



27. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

(a) 1999/2000 DISCRETIONARY FUND

The 1999/2000 Discretionary Fund has been fully allocated and now shows a nil balance.

As a result of the Council's allocation of an additional \$10,000 in discretionary funding the Board now has \$60,000 available for distribution in the 2000/2001 year, less an allocation of \$2,000 already made from this fund to support Arbor Day plantings.

(b) SUMNER OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAMME WORKING PARTY

The Sumner Out of school Programme Working Party met on Tuesday 30 May 2000 to review the future accommodation needs of this programme and the future needs for a crèche in the area. The two key issues appear to be the need for funding and where to relocate the Sumner Out of School Programme.

The working party left it to the Community Advocate and the Community Development Adviser to meet the various parties in order to progress this matter. The working party will be reconvened for a round table discussion when further information is available.

(c) TREATY OF WAITANGI TRAINING FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Bob Consedine from Waitangi Associates who undertakes Treaty of Waitangi training for staff members will be in attendance at the meeting at 6.00pm to brief Board members on these two day workshops.

After hearing Mr Consedine Board members may well consider that it would be both helpful and appropriate for one of these seminars to be arranged specifically for Community Board members.

A summary of Waitangi Associates Ltd profile and background information are attached.

(d) NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK

The minutes of the Neighbourhood Week Joint Community Board Committee are attached.

(e) BRIEFING FOR RESIDENTS ON CENTRAL CITY CONCEPT PLAN

A Community Consultation workshop on the Central City Concept Plan will be held at the Centra Hotel on Wednesday 9 August 2000 from 4pm to 7pm.

(f) COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FORUMS – STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

The Community Advocate and the Community Development Adviser will hold Community Consultation Forums on Friday 11 August 2000 from 10am until 12 noon and Monday 14 August 2000 between 6pm and 8pm to assist the Board in deciding where Strengthening Communities funding should be directed.

These will be meetings for consultation with the community and will provide the opportunity for Board members to consult with the community and to hear what the community is saying.

(g) TELSTRA SATURN LIMITED – CONSTRUCTION WORK IN CHRISTCHURCH

The Community Advocate, Jude Pani, has been attending the Saturn Subcommittee meetings of the Council. Telstra Saturn Limited advises that they are finalising planning details and are nearly ready to commence construction of their network into Christchurch.

They are commencing with nodes in the Hagley Ward and have confirmed that nodes 1, 3 and 6 are ready for construction. Attached is a plan indicating the location of these nodes. Telstra Saturn anticipates a start date for construction of mid to late July.

The company expect to activate customers on to their network in December 2000/January 2001. This service to customers is dependent on laying of the submarine cable to New Brighton then laying this cable through to the City Centre. (The cable is due in Christchurch late October/early November 2000.) The fibre optic underground cable will be laid down Beach Road – Bower Avenue – New Brighton Road – Wainoni Road – Kerrs Road – Woodham Road – Worcester Street to Telstra Saturn Ltd's switch building in Barbadoes Street.

Advance notification to residents in the first 11 nodes was sent out on 27 June and advertisements will appear in the community and local newspapers. Signs will be placed in streets this week.

Telstra Saturn's Corporate Development Adviser, Anna Shipley, has been attending Residents' Groups meetings and has confirmed attendance at Avon Loop, Woolston and Inner City East over the next 2 weeks. Telstra Saturn is putting considerable effort into communicating with the residents and meeting as far as practicable the Christchurch City Council's requests.

Anna and the Christchurch City Council's Project Manager, John de Zwart, will be in attendance at the Board meeting to brief the Board and to answer questions.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the information be received.