

## 9. SHIRLEY (EMMETT BLOCK) RESEARCH



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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board of the acceptance of the tender for the research in the “Emmett Block”.

Board members will recall that funding was set aside in 2000/01 Project Funds for research in this area. A project team involving Kath Jamieson (Christchurch City Council, Senior Research Adviser), John Robinson, (Community Worker for Shirley Community Trust) and the Community Development Adviser put together a Research Brief (see attached). This was sent out to approximately 20 researchers with three tenders coming back.

The successful tender was presented by Lesley MacGibbon and Missy Morton, both of whom have an extensive background in qualitative research. Lesley and Missy have expressed excitement at being offered this research as it is a pioneering piece of needs analysis in New Zealand as it is based heavily on life histories and story telling. Indeed, Lesley and Missy have expressed a desire to use this research as the basis for a paper they would like to present to a conference in Melbourne next year.

Because of some delays in getting the brief completed and out to potential tenderers the timetable for this research has now been put back by a couple of months. The timetable is now:

- 3 July : Research Begins
- 1 November : Final report to Community Board.

The project will continue to be overseen by the Project Team (Kath Jamieson, John Robinson and the Community Development Adviser).

**Recommendation:** That the information be received.

**Chairperson’s Recommendation:** That the officer’s recommendation be adopted.