

25. COMMUNITY ADVOCATE'S UPDATE

(a) FUNDING

Project Funding - Out of School Care

At a Special Board meeting on 2 March 2000 to allocate project funds for 2000/2001, the Board requested information on costs of out of school care programmes and implications of allocating these funds on a per-head basis. The information requested is more detailed than expected. There is a staff team investigating this issue from a metropolitan perspective and we are waiting to receive their findings. The Community Recreation Adviser and Community Development Adviser will have a report prepared for the Board's September meeting.

Community Development Fund

The Community Development Fund has been in heavy demand this year. If there is a balance remaining or if any funds are returned to the Discretionary Fund it is requested that these be transferred to the Community Development Fund to support this fund.

The attached report shows a balance of \$1,138.00 remaining in the Discretionary Fund.

At its meeting of 17 May the Community Funding Committee considered the applications for funding from the Community Development Fund. The Committee resolved that the Board request that the per head allocation from the Metropolitan fund be increased. (The proposed allocation will be \$1.10 per head of population for the 2000/01 year) over the whole city, 50% for metropolitan applications and 50% for Community Funding Committees, on a per capita basis.

For discussion.

(b) AVEBURY HOUSE

At its April meeting the Council adopted the following recommendations:

1. That the proposals received in response to the RFP from the Oscar agencies and the Fundamentals Learning Centre be declined.
2. That full community use of Avebury House be confirmed subject to:
 - A comprehensive Community Activity Plan being developed with supporting operational budget provision.
 - The refurbishment costs not exceeding the sum of \$365,000 provided in the Council Plan in the following years:

1999/2000	\$115,000
2000/01	\$150,000
2001/02	<u>\$100,000</u>
	\$365,000

3. That the officers also be requested to report back on the estimated cost of installing a sprinkler system in the building.”

The maintenance and building compliance work will be carried out over the next 12 months. The Advocacy Team is working through issues with other Council teams and will report back to a future meeting of the Board.

(c) COMPACT AGREEMENT WITH THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

The Council has for some time recognised the critical role played by the voluntary and community sector in the city. It has acknowledged that an independent and diverse voluntary and community sector is fundamental to the social and political well-being of Christchurch. Last year the Community Services Committee agreed that investigating the establishment of an agreement/compact is a positive initiative that will clarify and facilitate the Council’s relationship with the voluntary and community sector. They expressed a willingness to enter into some dialogue about this with the voluntary social services sector. There are levels of discussion about the agreement that need to be examined. One is the discussion at a national level with central government and the other is with local communities and local government. Hagley-Ferrymead Community Development Adviser, Lynnette Ebborn, is setting up a forum to look at this agreement and explore with the community what process they want and in fact whether they want such an agreement.

The forum is focussed on the Hagley/Ferrymead Wards. However groups from other areas are welcome.

(d) TOPICS FOR FUTURE SEMINAR MEETINGS

Set out below for the information of Board members is a list of topics which Board members have suggested for consideration at future Community Focus and Board Seminar meetings:

- Reduction in size of rubbish bags and recycling in general – Waste Management Unit.
- Central City Board – What it is Doing and What it Plans to Spend its budget allocation on – John Dryden and Mark Bachel.
- Discussion on Bylaws and Council policy on roadside selling (ie Mobile Shops) – Peter Mitchell.
- Proposed bus services to Brookhaven – Jill Atkinson, Passenger Transport Operations Planner, Environment Canterbury.

- Parking Strategy Public Consultation – Mike Calvert to brief the Board.
- Overview of Recreation – Lesley Symington.
- Presentation on Jade Stadium.
- Children’s Advocacy – Lyn Campbell
- Finance – Setting rates and how the Council generated income from rates – Bob Lineham.

(e) COMMUNITY SERVICES SEMINAR

The Community Board Chairs and Community Advocates attended an informal discussion on 4 May with the Chair and members of the Community Services Committee. Carole Anderton advised at that informal discussion that Board members were welcome to attend future seminar meetings of her Committee.

The Seminars are held from Noon – 2pm and the dates for the remainder of 2000 are: 13 June, 18 July, 1 August, 4 September, 2 October, 14 November and 5 December. Tony McKendry Committee Secretary needs to be advised if the Board has topics for inclusion on a seminar agenda and of numbers attending seminars.

(f) NEIGHBOURHOOD WEEK

The Neighbourhood Week Joint Community Board Committee has requested that its minutes be referred to each Community Board.

(g) SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF 11 MAY TO CONSIDER SUBMISSION ON DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN

The Board held a Special Meeting on 11 May 2000 to consider its submissions on the Draft Council Plan: 2000 Edition and 2000 Community Plans. The Board’s submission is attached.

Also attached are comments and answers to issues raised by Board members at this Special Board meeting.

Chairman’s

Recommendation: That the information be received and that the Board consider the Community Funding Committee’s request for support for an increased level of funding to the Community Development Fund.