

12. NATIVE PLANTS DESIGN GUIDE

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The purpose of this report is to reconsider a request for Board funding for production of the Native Plants Design Guide.

BACKGROUND

Members will recall the deputation by Di Lucas at the 3 November 1999 meeting and the Community Advocate's report (copy attached) considered on 24 November. At that time the Board referred the request for metropolitan funding, with a report back if that was not supported. Advice has recently been received that the Council has decided not to assist with financing the production of the Native Plants Design Guide. *"Members of the Environment Committee considered that the publication will be a welcome addition to the other guides you have produced and will be keenly sought by Christchurch residents. However, it was considered that the production and sale of the guide is really a commercial venture and for that reason public money should not be allocated on a metropolitan basis."*

BOARD FUNDING

The Board will now need to consider whether to take the application any further and to consider if Board funding should be allocated in view of the apparent lack of support from other Community Boards. On the face of it the production of the proposed booklets, while interesting and useful will have no direct benefit to residents in this Board's area.

A survey of other Community Boards has shown that Di Lucas did not approach all the Boards back in November. It appears that none of them intends to approve funding for the project without a direct approach.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.