

15. SYDENHAM NEEDS ANALYSIS

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The purpose of this report is to request that the Board nominate a representative to be a member of the Sydenham Needs Analysis Advisory Group.

The Board allocated \$5000 towards the research of Sydenham community needs at its 9th February 1999 Project Funds allocation meeting. This project was recently started with a meeting of the Sydenham Needs Analysis Advisory Group. This group is made up of key stakeholders within the Sydenham community, and included representatives from the Sydenham Business Association, Community Centre Management Committee, sports clubs, Residents Association, and Beckenham Service Centre staff. It is therefore appropriate that a representative from the Community Board is nominated to be part of this Advisory Group. Further representatives will be added to the group at its next meeting.

The main function of the Advisory Group is to provide advice and give direction to the Project Supervisor (Ollie Clifton) and the contracted researcher (yet to be appointed) to ensure the research results are as relevant to the Sydenham community as possible. This will involve monthly meetings with the Project Supervisor and researcher.

A research brief has been drawn up and an appropriate researcher is expected to be appointed by 17 May. A final research report will be presented to the Board in August 2000.

Recommendation: That the Board nominate a representative to be part of the Sydenham Needs Analysis Advisory Group.