

11. ARANUI COMMUNITY RENEWAL PROJECT

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The purpose for this report is to seek the Board's support for the funding of initial consultation in the Aranui community in association with the Council's Property Unit and Housing New Zealand. On 4 September 2000 the Council and Housing New Zealand launched a partnership to undertake the preparation of a community renewal strategy for the suburb of Aranui to be carried out in conjunction with the Aranui community.

PROJECT AIMS

The aims of the Aranui Community Renewal Project are:

- To improve delivery of affordable housing in the suburb of Aranui.
- To enhance the capacity of the local communities to take greater ownership of Aranui's future.
- To improve the physical environment of Aranui.
- To promote sustainability in relation to the changes resulting from each of the above objectives.
- To build a better community through community development.

A seminar for Board members was held on 27 September 2000 when the Board was briefed on the outcomes sought from the project and the partnership between the Council, Housing New Zealand, the community and agencies working within the Aranui community.

The Community Board and the Advocacy Team will take one of the leading roles on behalf of the Council in research and community consultation. The Property Manager has sought support from the Board in the funding of the initial community consultation and a range of approaches to different sections of the community and stakeholders.

An approach was made to the Strengthening Communities Action Plan Committee for a provision of \$2,000 and it met on 19 September 2000. The Committee has referred the request to the Board for consideration.

Recommendation: That a provision of \$2,000 be made from the 2000/01 Discretionary funds as its contribution to the consultation process to be initiated within the Aranui community.

Chairperson's Recommendation: For discussion.