

#### 4. CHRISTCHURCH ON LINE

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The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of an application for funding from The Community Trust and to seek the Committee's support and endorsement of the proposed project.

##### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Funding is being sought for the creation of *Christchurch On Line*. This is an ambitious project, which will provide a one-stop shop for access to information about and for Christchurch and the community. This would be distinct from the website for Christchurch City Council as a service organisation. Using the Internet as the medium of access, *Christchurch On Line* will be a resource bank of new information and a gateway to information already on the Web that has been organised and maintained by others. It will also provide improved and new points of access within the community and schools. It builds on existing Council services: CINCH, Council Web, Be There database and a pilot project with schools to provide them with filtered Internet access.

The funding proposal is in five modules: Community Information, Christchurch.Net, Community Access, Schools' Access and Kiosk Access. The total project has a value of \$630,100, of which \$378,600 is being sought from the Community Trust. The project will be completed over a two-year time frame.

The project will be lead by Christchurch City Libraries working with the Community Relations and Leisure Units. Canterbury Development Corporation, Canterbury and Christchurch Marketing and the Chamber of Commerce will be involved in the development of the Christchurch.Net module.

This project contributes to the Council's Strategic Policy by:

- Exploring new models of community participation
- Helping to address the digital divide by providing access to information in community facilities and public places such as malls
- On-line marketing Christchurch to the world
- Enhancing community access to information for decision-making

Additional details of this project are contained in Attachment 1.

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

##### Chairman's

**Recommendation:** That the Committee endorse and support the application for funding from The Community Trust.