28. FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS

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Corporate Plan Output: Board Discretionary Funding	

The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval for the allocation of discretionary funding to erect five community notice boards.

Community groups have approached both Community Board members and staff regarding the lack of notice boards in public places. While some shopping malls and supermarkets do provide notice boards, material can be censored by management where it is thought to be in conflict with the business of a tenant.

Groups therefore feel that there is a need for other notice boards, strategically placed, to allow them to get their message into the community.

After discussions with manufacturers, a design incorporating an aluminium structure 1.1 metres square and finished in "Karaka Green" baked enamel was chosen. This colour tends to blend with most environments. The internal backing board will be personalised with the area signature in gold and the front of the boards are of acrylic plastic for safety reasons. The boards are also graffiti resistant and easily cleaned.

It is envisaged that the keys would be held by the local Residents' Group for the area or Library staff and notices posted through those sources.

Consultation with various groups has identified an initial need for notice boards in five locations. Other boards could be erected at a later time and/or the present boards relocated should the need arise.

PHILLIPSTOWN

A board has already been erected outside the Phillipstown Community Centre. It was installed after consultation with the local Residents' Group and users of the Centre.

WOOLSTON

After discussion with the Woolston Residents' Group the best location was considered to be outside the Woolston Library. Library staff agree with and are positive about this installation.

There are still some details and consents needed before this board can be erected.

RICHMOND

The suggested site would be on the edge of Richmond Village Green on the Stanmore Road frontage. Preliminary discussions with the Parks Unit are positive but details still need to be discussed with the Richmond Residents' Group.

SUMNER

The details for the location of this board still need to be discussed with the Sumner Residents' Group. Suggested sites are, outside the Sumner Library or the landscaped road reserve at the corner of Marriner Street and Wakefield Avenue.

LINWOOD

The agreed site is outside the Linwood Library at Eastgate. Some details still need to be discussed and consents obtained.

The chosen sites are all on Council owned property or property that the Council has the use of. Should other sites not owned by the Council be considered, an agreement with the property owner would need to be entered into.

The cost of the notice boards is set out below:

Manufacture of boards\$880.00 per boardResource consents\$275.00 per sitePermits\$50.00 per boardSignwriting and installation\$200.00 per board

Cost per board - \$1,405.00 Total cost for five boards \$7,025.00

Unfortunately no provision for the boards has been made in the 2000/01 year budget. An allocation of \$7,025.00 from the Board's Discretionary Funding is therefore sought.

Recommendation: That the Board allocate \$7025.00 from its 2000/01 Discretionary Fund

to meet the costs of the Community Notice Boards.

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Recommendation: For discussion