

8. WESTMORLAND COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to request the Riccarton/Wigram Community Board to consider a request for funding from the Westmorland Residents Association for the construction and installation of a community notice board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. The Westmorland Residents Association sent a letter dated 9 May 2005 to Council staff requesting that a notice board be installed in their area. The notice board would be used to display items of interest for the local community. The Committee of the Association discussed and endorsed the benefits of, and desire for, such a community asset. The Committee felt that a notice board would be a positive way to foster 'neighbourliness' within the community and to help to keep the community informed.
3. The Committee suggests that the notice board could be placed unobtrusively at 22 Penruddock Rise which is near the silt trap where the community post box is currently situated.
4. As the Greenspace Unit currently maintains the adjacent silt trap, they have agreed to take responsibility for any ongoing maintenance of the notice board should the Community Board decide to fund its installation.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

5. City Care has advised that the construction of the notice board will cost \$1,650 plus GST. The installation will require two staff at an additional cost of \$168. The notice board could be funded from the Community Boards 2005/06 available discretionary funding.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board consider the application for funding of the notice board from the Board's 2005/06 Discretionary Fund, with a grant of \$1,818.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be adopted.