

4. ADDINGTON CEMETERY – PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF PROJECT FUNDING

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Board's approval to reallocate \$15,000 of 2004/05 Board Project Fund for 2004/05 for Addington Cemetery.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. A sum of \$15,000 has been allocated from the Board's 2004/05 Project Fund for Addington Cemetery – ongoing development through installation of pergolas.
3. Advice received from the Council's Heritage Team during the Resource Consent process was that it is general heritage conservation practice to commission conservation plans for heritage items. Heritage Conservation Policy 4.1 states that "conservation plans be prepared for all appropriate listed heritage buildings, places, and objects in Council ownership, and to promote the use of conservation plans for all other listed items (Council brochure on Conservation Plans attached).
4. Advice was also received from Stewart Harvey, Chairman of the Cemeteries Conservation Trust of NZ, who had some concerns regarding the original Addington Cemetery proposal. It was also his recommendation that a conservation plan be done before any work be carried out.
5. A brief was prepared and sent to four consultants specialising in heritage/conservation planning with submissions closing on 11 February 2005. The successful tenderer was Opus International Consultants Limited in Christchurch, the cost for the plan being \$14,995.
6. No development work can now take place until a Conservation Plan has been completed which is expected to be in six months.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7. \$15,000 has been allocated in the Greenspace Unit Capital budget for 2004/05 for ongoing development at Addington Cemetery. It is not possible to use this money for the Conservation Plan as this is effectively operational expenditure. The outstanding balance at the end of the financial year will be carried forward to 2005/06 to start actioning recommendations from the Conservation Plan.
8. All future development work will be undertaken in accordance with the Addington Cemetery Conservation Plan when complete.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board reallocate \$15,000 from its 2004/05 Project Fund for Addington Cemetery (ongoing development through the installation of pergolas) to funding the Conservation Plan for Addington Cemetery.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATION

That the staff recommendation be supported.