

**12. STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUNDING – SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE KEY LOCAL PROJECTS 2010**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is for the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board to consider whether or not to recommend any new initiatives as a Key Local Project to the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund for 2010/11.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. In a public excluded seminar, held on 30 April 2010, the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board considered the issue of Key Local Projects for 2010.
3. As part of the Strengthening Communities Grants funding Programme, each Board may nominate Key Local Projects (KLP's) in it's area that are put forward to the Metropolitan Funding Committee for consideration for metropolitan funding.
4. The Metropolitan Funding Committee will make KLP decisions based on affordability and the following priorities:
  - Strengthening Communities Strategies and Goals;
  - Funding Outcomes and Priorities as set out in Strengthening Communities the Strategy;
  - Alignment to Community Board objectives,
  - Projects deliver benefits to the city outside of the local Board area; and
  - Key community issues contemplated under Goal 2 of the Strengthening Communities Strategy.
5. In addition, staff recommendations for Key Local Projects are also based on whether the project meets the following criteria:
  - The organisation undertaking the project has a proven track record with the Council in providing a high quality level of service;
  - Significantly contributes towards the Council's Funding Outcomes and Priorities;
  - Demonstrates leadership and innovation;
  - Demonstrates best-practice and collaboration.
6. In 2008/09, the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board recommended three projects be funded as Key Local Projects from the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund. These projects, which were all funded for a three year term, were:

<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Amount Funded</b>
Cross Over Trust	Rowley Youth Workers	\$47,000
Rowley Resource Centre	Salary and Programme Costs	\$30,000
Spreydon Youth Community Trust	Hillmorton Cashmere Youth Workers	\$27,000

7. Staff have reviewed all applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund 2010/11 to identify if there are any projects that should be considered for recommendation to the Metropolitan Funding Committee as Key Local projects for 2010/11. (**Attachment 1**).
8. Staff recommend that no new projects be recommended from the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board as KLP's for 2010/11.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. There are no new financial implications. A total of \$104,000 from the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund will be spent on three Spreydon/Heathcote KLP's for the third and final year.
10. In 2010/11, the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board will have \$238,918 to allocate in its Strengthening Communities Fund.

#### **Do the Recommendations of this Report Align with 2009-19 LTCCP budgets?**

11. Yes, see LTCCP pages 176 and 177 regarding community grants schemes including Board funding.

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Have you considered the legal implications of the issue under consideration?**

12. Yes. Community Board funding decisions are made under delegated authority from the Council.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

#### **Do the recommendations of this report support a level of service or project in the 2009-19 LTCCP?**

13. Yes. Strengthening Communities Funding and Community Board Funding, see LTCCP pages 176 and 177 regarding Community Grants Schemes including Board funding.

#### **ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

#### **Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?**

14. The funding allocation process carried out by Christchurch Community Boards is covered in the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy.

#### **CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

15. Not required.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board recommends no new projects as Key Local Projects for 2010/11.

#### **CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION**

The Chairperson has not seen this report.

## BACKGROUND

16. The Council adopted the Strengthening Communities Strategy on 12 July 2007. The Strengthening Communities Grants Funding Programme comprises four funding schemes:
  - (a) Strengthening Communities Fund
  - (b) Small Projects Fund
  - (c) Discretionary Response Fund
  - (d) Community Organisations Loan Scheme
17. The funding schemes enable the Council and its Community Boards to support and provide leverage opportunities for not-for-profit, community focused groups seeking funding in support of their community endeavours.
18. Each Community Board may nominate Key Local Projects (KLP's) in its area that are put forward to the Metropolitan Funding Committee for consideration for metropolitan funding.
19. The agreed process to determine if a "local" funding application should be processed as a KLP is detailed in the report that was adopted by the Council on 4 October 2007.
20. The Metropolitan Funding Committee will make KLP decisions based on affordability and the following priorities:
  - Strengthening Communities Strategy Principles and Goals;
  - Funding outcomes and priorities as set out in Strengthening Communities Strategy;
  - Alignment to local Community Board objectives;
  - Projects deliver benefits to the city outside of the local Board area; and
  - Key community issues contemplated under Goal 2 of the Strengthening Communities Strategy.
21. The process for considering KLP's is as follows:
  - i) Community Boards nominate and prioritise their KLP's and make a recommendation to the Metropolitan Funding Committee.
  - ii) The Metropolitan Funding Committee makes decisions on Board recommended KLP's.
  - iii) Successful KLP's are allocated funding from the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund.
  - iv) Unsuccessful KLP's are returned to the Community Board for consideration under the local Strengthening Communities Fund.
22. Community Boards are advised that where candidates for KLP funding consideration are successful in receiving funding from the Metropolitan Funding Committee, then there can be no further funding call on the Board for that project.
23. This is also the case, where a successful candidate is funded to a lower level than has been recommended by the Board. This reflects the "funding constraints" criteria agreed by Council in Appendix F of the 4 October 2007 report which states that  
*"Groups receiving funding at a Metropolitan level may only receive local level funding if the project is specifically local and no portion of it has been funded at the Metropolitan level".*

24. In 2008/09, the Community Board recommended the following KLP's which were subsequently funded for three years by the Metropolitan Funding Committee:

<b>Name of Group</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Amount Funded</b>
Cross Over Trust	Rowley Youth Workers	\$47,000
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25. In 2009/10 the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board recommended no new Key Local Projects to be considered for funding by the Metropolitan Funding Committee.

**KEY LOCAL PROJECTS FOR 2010/11**

26. Staff have reviewed all applications to the Strengthening Communities Fund 2010/11 to identify if there are any projects that should be considered for recommendation to the Metropolitan Funding Committee as Key Local Projects for 2010/11.
27. A list of all applications to the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board Strengthening Communities Fund is attached. (**Attachment 1**).
28. Staff recommend that no new projects be recommended by the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board as Key Local Projects for 2010/11.