

**15. APPLICATION TO SPREYDON/ HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD 2010/11 DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND - LANDSDOWNE TERRACE PLAYCENTRE**

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**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. The purpose of this report is for the Spreydon/ Heathcote Community Board to consider an application for funding from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund from Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre. This project is to replace a wooden playground that is 15 years old and does not comply with current playground safety regulations. Contribution is sought towards the playground fort, engineer fees, demolition costs and temporary fencing.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

2. In 2010/11, the total pool available for allocation for the Spreydon/Heathcote Discretionary Response Fund is \$51,197. The Discretionary Response Fund opens each year on 1 July and closes on 30 June the following year, or when all funds are expended.
3. The purpose of the Fund is to assist community groups where the project and funding request falls outside other council funding criteria and/or closing dates. This fund is also for emergency funding for unforeseen situations.
4. At the Council meeting of 22 April 2010, Council resolved to change the criteria and delegations around the local Discretionary Response Fund.
5. The change in criteria limited the items that the local Discretionary Response Fund does not cover to only:
  - (a) Legal challenges or Environment Court challenges against the Council, Council Controlled Organisations or Community Boards decisions;
  - (b) Projects or initiatives that change the scope of a Council project; and
  - (c) Projects or initiatives that will lead to ongoing operational costs to the Council.

Council also made a note that: *"Community Boards can recommend to the Council for consideration grants under (b) and (c)."*

6. Based on this criteria, the application from Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre for 'Playground fort replacement' is eligible for funding. This application has been referred to the Spreydon/Heathcote Discretionary Response Fund because it is considered 'building renovation' which is not eligible in the criteria for Strengthening Communities and Small Grants funding.
7. Detailed information on the application and staff comments are included in the attached Decision Matrix. (**Attachment 1**).

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. There is currently \$41,697 remaining in the Board's 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund.

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

9. Yes, see page 184 of the LTCCP regarding community grants schemes including Board funding

**LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

10. There are no legal considerations.

**ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

11. Aligns with LTCCP and Activity Management Plans, page 172 and 176.

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

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

**ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES**

13. Refer to the attached Decision Matrix.

**CONSULTATION FULFILMENT**

14. Not applicable.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Spreydon/ Heathcote Community Board approve a grant of \$2,500 from its 2010/11 Discretionary Response Fund to Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre towards a Playground fort.

**CHAIRPERSONS' RECOMMENDATION**

For discussion.