7. **SPREYDON HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES FUNDING 2011/12 ALLOCATIONS**

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is for the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board to allocate the Spreydon/Heathcote Strengthening Communities Fund for 2011/12.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. This report provides information to Community Board Members on the applications received for the Strengthening Communities Fund.

3. The total pool available for allocation in 2011/12, as outlined in the LTCCP, is $238,918. There are no pre-existing commitments. Applications totalling $415,295 were received. Current staff recommendations total $238,918.

4. **Attachment 1** (which is separately circulated) is a decision matrix, which outlines the projects that funding is being sought for. Following staff collaboration meetings, staff have ranked all projects as either Priority 1, 2, 3 or 4 and have made recommendations as to funding.

5. The Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board has put forward three projects as Key Local Projects in 2011/12:

Name of Group	Name of Project	Amount Funded
Spreydon Youth Community Trust	24/7 Youthwork	$35,000
Te Whare O Oterepo – Waltham Cottage	Cottage Co-ordinator Wages	$15,000
Rowley Resource Centre	Community Development	$59,200

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

6. 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?

7. 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 2006-16 LTCCP?

8. 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?

9. The funding allocation process carried out by Christchurch community boards is covered in the Council's Strengthening Communities Strategy.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

10.   Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

11.   It is recommended that the Board give consideration to the projects detailed in the attached decision matrix and approve allocations from the Spreydon Heathcote Community Board Strengthening Communities Funding for 2011/12.

CHAIRPERSONS RECOMMENDATION

For discussion.

BACKGROUND

Strengthening Communities Strategy

12.   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

13.   For detailed information on the Strengthening Communities Strategy's Outcomes and Priorities, please see Attachment 2. The specific criteria for the Strengthening Communities Fund is also attached, as Attachment 3.

The Decision Matrix

14.   Information on the projects is presented in a Decision Matrix, attached as **Attachment 1**. To ensure consistency, the same Decision Matrix format and presentation has been provided to the Metropolitan Funding Committee and all Community Boards.

15.   Applications are project-based; information is provided that relates specifically to the project for which funding is being sought, not the wider organisation.

16.   All applications appearing on the Decision Matrix have been assigned a Priority Rating. The Priority Ratings are:

      Priority 1 Meets all eligibility criteria and contributes significantly to Funding Outcomes and Priorities. Highly recommended for funding.

      Priority 2 Meets all eligibility criteria and contributes to Funding Outcomes and Priorities. Recommended for funding.

      Priority 3 Meets all eligibility criteria and contributes to Funding Outcomes and Priorities but to a lesser extent than Priority 2 applications. Not recommended for funding.

      Priority 4 Meets all eligibility criteria and has minimum contribution to Funding Outcomes and Priorities; or Insufficient information provided by applicant (in application and after request from Advisor); or Other funding sources more appropriate.   Not recommended for funding.

17. Staff have used the following criteria to determine whether an application is a Priority One:
    o Impact the project has on the city
    o Reach of the project
    o Depth of the project
    o Value for Money
    o Best Practice
    o Innovation
    o Strong alignment to Council Outcomes and Priorities
    o Noteworthy leverage or partnership/match funding from other organisations or government departments.

18. A draft matrix was presented to the Board at a workshop on 4 August 2011; no decisions were made at the workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to enable the Board and staff to discuss the projects, clarify any issues and seek further information, if necessary.

Key Local Projects

19. Each Board may nominate Key Local Projects (KLPs) in its area that are put forward to the Metropolitan Funding Committee for consideration for metropolitan funding.

20. The Spreydon Heathcote Community Board has put forward three projects as Key Local Projects in 2011/12 for funding from the Metropolitan Strengthening Communities Fund. These are:

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Spreydon Youth Community Trust	24/7 Youthwork	$35,000
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Timeline and Process

21. Community Boards have delegated authority from the Council to make final decisions on the Strengthening Communities Funding for their respective wards. The Board's decisions will be actioned immediately following the decision meeting. All groups will then be informed of the decisions and funding agreements will be negotiated where relevant. All funding approved is for the period of September to August each year, therefore grants will be paid out in early September 2011.

Grant Information Abbreviations

SCF   Strengthening Communities Fund
SGF   Small Grants Fund
DRF   Discretionary Response Fund
KLP   Key Local Project
CDF   Community Development Fund
SPF   Small Projects Fund

Ward Abbreviations

S/H   Spreydon/Heathcote   S/P   Shirley/Papanui
H/F   Hagley/Ferrymead   F/W   Fendalton/Waimairi
R/W   Riccarton/Wigram   B/P   Burwood/Pegasus
A/W   Akaroa/Waiewa   L/MtH   Lyttelton/Mt Herbert