

5. NOTICES OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion was submitted by Phil Clearwater.

- “(a) The Board requests that the Council amend the Strengthening Communities Programme operational procedures adopted in October 2007 in light of the Christchurch earthquakes, as these relate to the operation of Strengthening Communities local funds administration.
- (b) The Board requests that the Council consider changing the provisions which prevent a Community Board from reallocating monies returned or diverting it for use under the Discretionary Response Fund.
- (c) That Strengthening Communities Funds remaining, unallocated or returned from May 2011 be transferred to the Community Board’s Discretionary Response Fund for allocation in the same or the next financial year. The Discretionary Response Fund year is from 1 July until 30 June. The Strengthening Communities Fund year is from 1 September until 31 August.
- (d) That any monies remaining unallocated in the Discretionary Response Fund at 30 June 2011 be transferred to the Discretionary Response Fund 2012 commencing 1 July 2012.

Explanation:

The Community Board wishes to spend the remaining monies on earthquake related projects within the ward.

The earthquake has meant that certain projects have not able to be undertaken and this has resulted in monies from the Strengthening Communities Fund remaining in the Fund. In the case of Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board the Raft Race and the Port Hills Summit Road Walk were cancelled. There is approximately \$5,000 remaining which could be transferred to the Discretionary Response Fund.

At present under clause 10 of the Strengthening Communities Programme operational procedures any monies remaining or returned under the Strengthening Communities Fund to the Community Board can only be used by conducting a further allocation round and it is clearly too late in the funding year to undertake such an allocation. Further remaining, unallocated or returned Fund monies are prevented from being diverted or transferred to the Discretionary Response Fund or Small Projects Fund under clause 11. It is suggested that all Community Boards and their communities will benefit from this amendment.”