12. APPLICATION TO THE BOARD'S 2012/13 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – BURNSIDE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an application for funding from the Board's 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme.
- 2. The Balance of the 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme is \$7,850.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 3. At the Board meeting of 12 June 2012, the Board received and approved a Youth Development application from four members of the Burnside High School Orchestra to support a concert tour to Melbourne. Following that meeting staff were made aware of additional information, that had it been available at that time, may have affected the final decision of the Board. This additional information was presented to the Board at its 2 July 2012 meeting and the Board resolved to rescind the earlier decision and agreed to accept one application from Burnside High School on behalf of the orchestra.
- 4. Burnside High School is requesting funding assistance towards the cost of sending the school orchestra on a concert tour to Melbourne from 26 October to 7 November 2012. The tour will involve giving concerts, attending three recitals by professional orchestras and receiving tuition through various educational workshops. The orchestra has a total of 67 members with 19 residing in the Fendalton/Waimairi area.
- 5. The Burnside High School Orchestra is considered the premier high school orchestra in New Zealand, second only to the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. Members are required to audition and the school advices that 90 percent of orchestra members go on to study music at tertiary level and become professional musicians.
- 6. Gaining international experience is immensely beneficial for young musicians and this trip is a rare opportunity for orchestra members to gain this experience and is also an opportunity to make connections with professional musicians.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7. The total cost per person for the concert tour is \$2,780 which covers airfares, accommodation, tuition fee and entry fees.
- 8. This is the first time this group has applied to the Board for financial support.

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

9. This application is seeking funding from the Board's 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme which was established as part of the Board's 2012/13 Discretionary Funding.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

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

10. There are no legal implications in regards to this application.

ALIGNMENT WITH LTCCP AND ACTIVITY MANAGEMENT PLANS

11. Aligns with page 170 LTCCP, regarding Community Board Project funding.

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

12. As above.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIES

13. Application aligns with the Council's Youth Strategy and local Community Board objectives.

Do the recommendations align with the Council's strategies?

14. As above.

CONSULTATION FULFILMENT

Not applicable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board make a grant of \$1,000 from its the 2012/13 Youth Development Scheme to Burnside High School towards the cost of the school orchestra concert tour to Melbourne.