

14. CHAIRS REPORT – YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS

REPORT BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY BOARD

12 JUNE 2102 COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING - APPLICATIONS TO THE BOARD'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FUND – 2011/12

1. Alice Morgan, Robert Petch, Caroline Norman, Ciara Crummey to participate in a concert tour to Melbourne from 26 October to 7 November 2012

SUMMARY

2. This report provides additional information, not known to the Community Board at its meeting of 12 June 2012, where these applications were considered and approved. The Board Chairperson is of the opinion that the additional information below has a significant bearing on the assessment of the application and potentially the ultimate decision of the Board.
3. The Board Chairperson therefore requests the Board to consider the additional information and review its earlier decision to approve funding.
4. A number of options may ensue including re affirming the existing resolution or revocation of the existing resolution. This report is prepared and submitted pursuant to section 3.9.18 of Christchurch City Council's Standing Orders 2008.

BACKGROUND

5. At the Board meeting of 12th June, the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board were asked to consider a Youth Development request for funding from four members of the Burnside High School orchestra. The funding was requested to support the costs associated with the Orchestra's concert tour to Melbourne from 26th October to 7th November 2012 which includes giving concerts, attending recitals and receiving tuition.
6. At the Board meeting there was lengthy discussion by Board members as to whether the activity accorded with the criteria of the Youth Development Fund. At the time staff advised to the best of their knowledge and the Board decided to allocate the funding to the four applicants.
7. Following on from the meeting staff have been made aware of additional information that, had it been available at the 12th June meeting, may have affected the final decision of Board members.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

8. Staff have since been advised that the orchestra comprises of 67 members with the majority residing in the Fendalton/Waimairi ward.
9. The size of the group was not known to staff at the time of assessment of the applications.
10. Currently the Christchurch City Council application form does not seek to ascertain information about groups as the scheme is more usually aimed at individual applicants.
11. The Burnside High School Orchestra is considered to be the premier high school orchestra in New Zealand and in the Canterbury region. It is second to the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra. Members are required to audition for places and the school advises that 90% of orchestra members go on to study music at tertiary level and become professional musicians.
12. The youth development fund criteria do permit allocation of funding to both individuals or groups.

13. To date most applications have been from individuals or from members of small discrete groups.
14. This is the first time that applications have been received from members of such a large group.

CHAIRPERSON'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) That the Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board reconsiders its decision to approve the funding of \$200 each for the applicants in the light of the new information received.
- (b) That it seeks further staff advice as necessary
- (c) And that revocation of the prior resolution also be considered