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**SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD
4 APRIL 2008**

**A meeting of the Spreydon/Heathcote Community Board
was held on Friday 4 April 2008 at 8am
in the Boardroom, Beckenham Service Centre**

PRESENT: Phil Clearwater (Chairperson), Oscar Alpers, Barry Corbett, Chris Mene, Karolin Potter, Tim Scandrett and Sue Wells

The meeting adjourned at 8.40am and reconvened at 9am

APOLOGIES: An apology for early departure from the meeting was received and accepted from Sue Wells, Barry Corbett and Chris Mene who departed at 9.14am and were absent for part of clause 8.

The Board reports that

PART B – REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. DEPUTATIONS BY APPOINTMENT



Nil.

2. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Nil.

3. NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

5. BRIEFINGS

Nil.

6. COMMUNITY BOARD ADVISER'S UPDATE

The Board **received** updates from the Community Board Adviser on forthcoming Board related activity over the coming weeks, in particular the public consultation regarding the South Water Treatment Building.

7. BOARD MEMBERS' INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Mention was made of the following matters:

- Waltham Urban Fair was extremely successful and the school venue suited the Fair.
- Primary School Rugby League Tournament – Rowley Avenue School came second.

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8. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

The following questions with staff comment were tabled.

1. How many and what percentage of City housing tenants in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward receive a Work and Income benefit, including National Superannuation, or are on the minimum wage, or close to it?

Staff comment:

We are unable to answer this question by Ward but 95% of all our tenants are on a benefit of some kind, superannuation 45%, invalids 30%, unemployment and sickness 20%. The other 5% are those whose circumstances change after they have given us this information or do some form of paid work.

2. How many and what percentage of City housing tenants in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward, are eligible to receive an accommodation allowance?

Staff comment:

We believe that if someone qualifies for our housing then they qualify for an accommodation allowance.

3. How many and what percentage in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward (due to receiving an accommodation allowance) will only have to pay a 5.4% rent increase?

Staff comment:

We do not have Ward by Ward figures.

4. How many and what percentage of City Housing tenants in the Spreydon/Heathcote Ward who receive a benefit or national superannuation or are on the minimum wage or close to it, will not be eligible for an accommodation allowance?

Staff comment:

As stated we do not have Ward by Ward figures.

5. Of the latter, does the Christchurch City Council intend to have discretion and assist where there are cases of hardship and City housing tenants are unable to pay their increased rents?

Staff comment:

We said we will work with any tenant who has undue hardship and assist where possible.

Following a lengthy discussion around the City housing questions the Board **decided**:

To establish an informal working party composed of members Karolin Potter, Phil Clearwater and Chris Mene together with appropriate staff, which will look into the type of information which the Board may reasonably expect regarding City Housing, including, what can actually be extracted from Council data, the frequency of any reports which are generated, exactly what information the Board actually needs to be useful for its purposes, maintenance/refurbishment matters, and any other relevant matters.

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PART C – DELEGATED DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD

9. CONFIRMATION OF MEETING REPORT – 7 MARCH 2008

The Board **resolved** that the report of its ordinary meeting of 18 March 2008, be confirmed.

10. 2007/2008 PROJECT AND DISCRETIONARY FUNDING – SIX MONTH ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT

The Board considered a report providing a six month update on the balance of its 2007/08 project and discretionary funding allocations.

The Board **resolved**:

- (a) To seek further information from staff on the establishment of a website/community forum as part of the communications initiative.

11. APPLICATION TO THE SPREYDON/HEATHCOTE COMMUNITY BOARD 2007/2008 YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT SCHEME

The Board considered a report from the Community Recreation and Sport Adviser seeking funding for Hannah Newbould, a 16 year old Cashmere High School student what has been selected as a member of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Team to travel to the Czech Republic to compete in the ISF World Schools Cross Country Championships.

The Board **resolved** to make a grant of \$500 to Hannah Newbould to travel to the Czech Republic to compete in the ISF World Schools Cross Country Championships.

The meeting concluded at 9.37am

CONFIRMED THIS 15TH DAY OF APRIL 2008.

**PHIL CLEARWATER
CHAIRPERSON**