

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors

FROM: Chief Executive

REFERENCE: C771

DATE: 5 April 2006

SUBJECT: Review of Community Board Delegations

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To provide Council with a re-worded, clearly defined, and legally correct set of delegations for Community Boards, for Council to adopt.

BACKGROUND

The Community Board Delegations Subcommittee had been advised by Council's solicitor that the delegations for Community Boards under resolution CN00/03/11 did not fit with what was intended, nor the provisions under the Local Government Act 2002. The Subcommittee therefore requested the Chief Executive and Council's solicitor to reword these delegations to reflect the original intent, and also meet the legal requirements.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

The Subcommittee considered a report and recommended re-worded delegations at a meeting on 22 March 2006.

The Subcommittee also received a tabled paper from Community Board Chair J Bell, which covered some of the current defined roles already existing for the community boards. This paper (copy attached) also included a request for consideration for accreditation training for Board Members interested on serving on Hearing Committees, and a further delegation with a budget of \$150,000 per annum to decide on safe walking access/footpath provisions in the ward.

The Subcommittee felt that the latter two requests were not the focus of the meeting, which was to update the previous resolution, but resolved that the paper be included in this report for Council's information.

The Subcommittee also resolved to recommend to Council that the existing community board delegations resolution be rescinded, and the re-worded delegations for Community Boards, which comply with current legislation and as outlined below, be adopted.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the following:

- (a) That resolution CN00/03/11 be rescinded and replaced with the following role definition:
- (b) Council notes the Community Board's legal role as prescribed in Part 5, Section 52 of the Local Government Act 2002.
- (c) Further to this legal description, Council will expand the role of community boards in their wards as follows:

Stage 1

Reporting on and prioritising activities in conjunction with budget and departmental managers, e.g. DIL's, footpaths and roading, river care groups, property sales and purchases; council cottages; to act as an advisory body for one off projects in the Ward.

Stage 2

Stage 1 plus a more formal consultation partnership (between Council and the Community Board). Council will ask the Community Board to consider and report on the proposed policy for Council cottages, reserves and halls, planning policy matters in their community or ward, ward rating proposals including the possibility of special ward rates and other matters as agreed from time to time.

- (d) That such role definition will be reviewed/updated and confirmed after each triennial election.

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