

Funding Committee

OPEN MINUTES

Date: Thursday 14 August 2025
Time: 9.02 am
Venue: Boardroom, Fendalton Service Centre, Corner Jeffreys and Clyde Roads, Fendalton

Present

Chairperson	Councillor Yani Johanson
Deputy Chairperson	Councillor Celeste Donovan
Members	Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter
	Councillor Kelly Barber
	Councillor Melanie Coker
	Councillor Tyrone Fields
	Councillor Tyla Harrison-Hunt
	Councillor Aaron Keown
	Councillor Jake McLellan
	Councillor Andrei Moore – via audiovisual link
	Councillor Mark Peters – partially by audiovisual link
	Councillor Tim Scandrett
	Councillor Sara Templeton

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Part A Matters Requiring a Council Decision

Part B Reports for Information

Part C Decisions Under Delegation

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

Karakia Tīmatanga given by all members

1. Apologies Ngā Whakapāha

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00001

That the following apologies be accepted:

- Mayor Mauger and Councillors Gough, Henstock and MacDonald for absence.
- Councillors Donovan for lateness and partial absence.
- Councillor Harrison-Hunt for lateness.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Coker

Carried

Secretarial note: after the apologies had been accepted, the Chairperson noted that Councillors Fields and McLellan had advised they would be late.

Councillor Donovan joined the meeting at 9.05 am during consideration of Item 2.

Councillor Keown joined the meeting at 9.06 am during consideration of Item 2.

2. Declarations of Interest Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Members noted the following conflicts of interest:

- Councillor Barber: Seabrook McKenzie Trust for Specific Learning Disabilities.
- Councillor Coker: Neighbourhood Support Christchurch Area Incorporated.
- Councillor Fields: Okains Bay Māori and Colonial Museum Trust.
- Councillor Peters: Keep Christchurch Beautiful Incorporated.
- Councillor Scandrett: Christchurch Operatic Inc T/A Showbiz Chch.
- Councillor Templeton: Woolston Brass Incorporated.

SO Suspension of Standing Orders

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00002

That pursuant to Standing Order 3.5 (Temporary Suspension of Standing Orders), the following Standing Orders be suspended to enable a more informal discussion:

- 4.2 length of meeting.
- 17.5 members may speak only once.
- 18.1 general procedure for speaking and moving motions.
- 18.8 foreshadowed amendments.

18.9 lost amendments.

Councillor Johanson/Deputy Mayor

Carried

Councillors Fields and McLellan joined the meeting at 9.10 am during consideration of Item 3.
Councillor Scandrett left the meeting at 9.28 am and returned at 9.36 am during consideration of Item 3.
Councillor Moore joined the meeting at 9.29 am via audiovisual link during consideration of Item 3.
Councillors McLellan and Keown left the meeting at 9.37 am and returned at 9.39 am during consideration of Item 3.
Councillor Donovan left the meeting at 9.45 am and returned at 9.50 am during consideration of Item 3.

3. 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund - Sport & Recreation

Committee Comment

1. Before discussing the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund (SCF) – Sport & Recreation applications, Gary Watson (Manager Community Partnerships) and Josh Wharton (Team Leader Community Funding) presented information on the overall 2025/26 Citywide SCF and the “ringfencing” of applications into the three categories of Sport & Recreation, Arts, and Community. Council Officers responded to general questions of clarification regarding the SCF.
2. Council Officers advised that the staff panel recommendation for the Dyspraxia Support Group (New Zealand) Incorporated (page 169 of the agenda) contained an error and should read \$7,500.00 (not \$75,000.00).
3. The Committee discussed the 2025/26 Citywide SCF – Sport & Recreation applications, and Council Officers responded to questions raised.
4. A Rationale Summary, providing an overview of the Sport & Recreation applications and staff panel recommendations, was provided to Committee Members (refer to Minutes **Attachment A**).
5. Committee members moved, seconded, debated and voted on two proposed changes (A-SR1 and A-SR2) to the staff panel recommendations (refer to the resolutions below for the decisions).
6. The Officer Recommendations (Resolutions 1 to 3), incorporating the carried changes to the staff panel recommendations, were then moved, seconded, voted on and carried.
7. A summary of the decisions made by the Committee in relation to the 2025/26 Citywide SCF – Sport & Recreation applications is attached (refer to Minutes **Attachment B**).

Part C - Committee Decisions under Delegation

Change to staff panel recommendations – 2025/26 Citywide SCF – Sport & Recreation

A-SR1. That the funding committee grant **Canterbury Basketball Association \$40,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Sports & Recreation.

Councillor Coker/Councillor Scandrett

Lost

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00003

A-SR2. That the funding committee grant **Move Ōtautahi Inc \$20,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Sports & Recreation.

Councillor Johanson/Deputy Mayor

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00004



That the Funding Committee:

1. Considers all applications and recommendations for the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund - Sport & Recreation.
2. Approves allocations from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund - Sport & Recreation, as detailed in the 'Recommendation' column of the Decision Matrices (Attachment A) of this report, subject to any changes at the decision meeting.
3. Approves the transfer of any unallocated monies from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Sport & Recreation to the 2025/26 Citywide Discretionary Response Fund.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Donovan

Carried

Attachments

- A 2025-26 Citywide SCF - Sport & Recreation - Rationale Summary 
- B 2025-26 Citywide SCF - Sport & Recreation - Decision Summary 

The meeting adjourned at 9.59 am and reconvened at 10.16 am.

Councillor Harrison-Hunt joined the meeting at 10.26 am during consideration of Item 4.

Councillor Donovan left the meeting at 10.39 am during consideration of Item 4, returning on 28 August 2025.

Councillor McLellan left the meeting at 11.14 am and returned at 11.17 am during consideration of Item 4.

The meeting adjourned at 11.23 am and reconvened at 11.39 am.

Councillor Keown left the meeting during the adjournment and did not return.

Councillor Moore left the meeting via audiovisual link at 11.48 am during consideration of Item 4, returning on 28 August 2025.

4. 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund - Arts

Committee Comment

1. Committee members noted the following conflicts of interest and took no part in the discussions or decisions regarding the amounts allocated to the following applicants to the 2025/26 Citywide SCF – Arts:
 - Councillor Scandrett – Christchurch Operatic Inc T/A Showbiz Christchurch
 - Councillor Templeton – Woolston Brass Incorporated.
2. The Committee discussed the 2025/26 Citywide SCF – Arts applications and Council Officers responded to questions raised.

3. A Rationale Summary, providing an overview of the Arts applications and staff panel recommendations, was provided to Committee Members (refer to Minutes **Attachment A**).
4. Committee members moved, seconded, debated and voted on six proposed changes (A-A1 to A-A6) to the staff panel recommendations (refer to the resolutions below for the decisions).
5. The Officer Recommendations (Resolutions 1 to 3), incorporating the carried changes to the staff panel recommendations, were then moved, seconded, voted on and carried.
6. A summary of the decisions made by the Committee in relation to the 2025/26 Citywide SCF – Arts applications is attached (refer to Minutes **Attachment B**).

Part C - Committee Decisions under Delegation

Changes to the staff panel recommendations – 2025/26 Citywide SCF – Arts

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00005

- A-A1. That the funding committee grant the **Christchurch Symphony Trust \$290,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Arts.

Councillor Fields/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00006

- A-A2. That the funding committee grant **Free Theatre Incorporated \$25,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Arts

Councillor Johanson/Councillor McLellan

Carried

- A-A3. That the funding committee grant **New Zealand Opera Limited \$50,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Arts

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Moore

Lost

- A-A4. That the funding committee grant **New Zealand Opera Limited \$75,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Arts

Councillor Scandrett/Deputy Mayor

Lost

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00007

- A-A5. That the funding committee grant **Write on School for Young Writers Incorporated \$10,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Arts

Councillor Johanson/Deputy Mayor

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00008

- A-A6. That the funding committee grant **SCAPE Public Art Trust \$40,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Arts

Councillor Harrison-Hunt/Councillor Templeton

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00009



That the Funding Committee:

1. Considers all applications and recommendations for the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund - Arts.
2. Approves allocations from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund - Arts, as detailed in the 'Recommendation' column of the Decision Matrices (Attachment A) of this report, subject to any changes at the decision meeting.
3. Approves the transfer of any unallocated monies from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund - Arts to the 2025/26 Citywide Discretionary Response Fund.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Scandrett

Carried

Attachments

- A 2025-26 Citywide SCF - Arts - Rationale Summary ➡ 
- B 2025-26 Citywide SCF - Arts - Decision Summary ➡ 

6. 2025/26 Place Partnership Fund

Committee Comment

1. The Committee discussed the 2025/26 Place Partnership Fund applications, and Council Officers responded to questions raised.
2. A Summary of the staff panel recommendations for the Place Partnership Fund applications was provided to Committee Members (refer to Minutes **Attachment A**).
3. Committee members moved, seconded, debated and voted on one proposed change (A-PP1) to the staff panel recommendations (refer to the resolution below for the decision).
4. The Officer Recommendations (Resolutions 1-3), incorporating the carried change to the staff panel recommendations, were then moved, seconded, voted on and carried.

Part C - Committee Decisions under Delegation

Change to the staff panel recommendations – 2025/26 Place Partnership Fund

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00010

- A-PP1. That the funding committee grant **Greening the Rubble Trust \$25,000** from the 2025/26 Place Partnership Fund

Councillor Johanson/Deputy Mayor

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00011

That the Funding Committee:

1. Considers all applications and recommendations for the initial round of the 2025/26 Place Partnership Fund.

2. Approves allocations from the 2025/26 Place Partnership Fund, as detailed in the 'Recommended amount' column of Attachment A of this report, subject to any changes at the decision-making meeting.
3. Notes that any unallocated Place Partnership funding will be administered throughout the remainder of the financial year.

Councillor Johanson/Deputy Mayor

Carried

Attachments

- A 2025-26 Place Partnership Fund - Summary 

The meeting adjourned at 1.01 pm and reconvened at 9.35 am on Thursday 28th August 2025 during consideration of Item 5.

Councillors More and Peters joined via audiovisual link.

Councillors Donovan, Keown and Templeton were not present when the meeting reconvened.

Councillor Donovan rejoined the meeting at 9.42 am during consideration of item 5.

Councillor Peters left the meeting at 9.59 am, during consideration of item 5, and did not return.

The meeting adjourned at 10.04 am and reconvened at 10.29 am during consideration of item 5.

5. 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund - Community

Committee Comment

1. Committee members noted the following conflicts of interest and took no part in the discussions or decisions regarding the amounts allocated to the following applicants to the 2025/26 Citywide SCF – Community:
 - Councillor Barber – Seabrook McKenzie Trust for Specific Learning Disabilities
 - Councillor Coker – Neighbourhood Support Christchurch Area Incorporated
 - Councillor Fields – Okains Bay Māori and Colonial Museum Trust
 - Councillor Peters – Keep Christchurch Beautiful Incorporated.
2. The Committee discussed the 2025/26 Citywide SCF – Community applications, and Council Officers responded to questions raised.
3. A Rationale Summary, providing an overview of the Community applications and staff panel recommendations, was provided to Committee Members (refer to Minutes **Attachment A**).
4. Before adjourning to 28 August 2025, Committee members moved and seconded 13 changes to the staff panel recommendations.
5. On reconvening on 28 August 2025, the Committee discussed the moved and seconded changes with the result that a proposed change to the staff panel recommendation for Keep Christchurch Beautiful Incorporated was withdrawn by the mover and seconder.
6. The Committee then voted on change A-C1 before debating the remaining changes (A-C2 to A-C12), which were then put to the meeting and voted on as a block (refer to resolutions below for decisions).
7. The Officer Recommendations (Resolutions 1 – 3), noting the error in the agenda in relation to the staff panel recommendation for Dyspraxia Support Group (New Zealand), and

incorporating the carried changes, plus four additional resolutions (Resolutions 4 – 7), were then moved, seconded, voted on as a block and carried.

8. A summary of the decisions made by the Committee in relation to the 2025/26 Citywide SCF – Community applications is attached (refer to Minutes **Attachment B**).

Part C - Committee Decisions under Delegation

Changes to the staff panel recommendations – 2025/26 Citywide SCF - Community

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00012

- A-C1. That the funding committee grant **Ako Ōtautahi Learning City Christchurch \$15,000** and **Kind Foundation \$20,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Harrison-Hunt/Councillor Peters

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00013

- A-C2. That the funding committee grant **Social Equity and Wellbeing Network Incorporated as host agency for InCommon \$25,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Harrison-Hunt

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00014

- A-C3. That the funding committee grant **Addington Net Incorporated t/a Techmate \$30,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Coker/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00015

- A-C4. That the funding committee grant **Age Concern Canterbury \$60,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Scandrett/Councillor Barber

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00016

- A-C5. That the funding committee grant **Christchurch Youth Council Incorporated \$30,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Coker

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00017

- A-C6. That the funding committee grant the **Styx Living Laboratory Trust \$16,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Coker/Deputy Mayor

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00018

A-C7. That the funding committee grant the **Tagata Moana Trust \$20,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Harrison-Hunt/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00019

A-C8. That the funding committee grant the **Te Tahi Youth Board \$15,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Harrison-Hunt/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00020

A-C9. That the funding committee grant **Delta Community Support Trust \$15,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Barber/Councillor McLellan

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00021

A-C10. That the funding committee grant **Disarmament and Security Centre \$5,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Coker/Councillor Johanson

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00022

A-C11. That the funding committee grant **Lyttelton Historical Museum Society Inc \$25,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Fields/Councillor Coker

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00023

A-C12. That the funding committee grant **Upstream \$5,000** from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund – Community.

Councillor Harrison-Hunt/Councillor Peters

Carried

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00024

That the Funding Committee:



1. Considers all applications and recommendations for the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund - Community.
2. Approves allocations from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund - Community, as detailed in the 'Recommendation' column of the Decision Matrices (Attachment A) of this report, subject to any changes at the decision meeting, and noting that the recommended amount for the Dyspraxia Support Group (New Zealand) Incorporated (page 169 of the agenda) contained an error and should read \$7,500.00.
3. Approves the transfer of any unallocated monies from the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund - Community to the 2025/26 Citywide Discretionary Response Fund.

4. Acknowledges that staff are continuing to work with **Ferrymead Heritage Park** to minimise operational costs and requests staff to provide the Council with advice on options for supporting the **Ferrymead Heritage Trust** in the new triennium.
5. Notes that staff will continue to work with the SPACPAC committee and aligned funders to coordinate sustainable grant funding opportunities to reduce reliance on year-by-year funding, and that the Funding Committee's decision in relation to the 2025/26 Citywide Strengthening Communities Fund will not preclude **SPACPAC Canterbury** from accessing other available Council funds if required.
6. Requests that staff provides advice to the Council for the coming annual plan on options for sustainable year-on-year funding for any other entities that have historically received substantive year-on-year funding.
7. Notes that **Brown Town** may apply to the Discretionary Response Fund should they need additional funding for projects that meet criteria.

Councillor Johanson/Councillor Donovan

Carried

Attachments

- A 2025-26 Citywide SCF - Community - Rationale Summary 
- B 2025-26 Citywide SCF - Community - Decision Summary 

SO Resumption of Standing Orders

Committee Resolved FSCCC/2025/00025

That the Standing Orders set aside above be resumed.

Councillor Johanson/Deputy Mayor

Carried

Karakia Whakamutunga given by all Members.

Meeting concluded at 10.36 am.

**CONFIRMED BY THE CHAIRPERSON AND
PRINCIPAL ADVISOR ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2025
PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 23.4**