

# 2010-11 FENDALTON WAIMAIRI: DISCRETIONARY RESPONSE FUND DECISION MATRIX

Request Number	Organisation Name	Project Name and Description	Total Cost	Amount Requested	Percentage Requested	Staff Recommendation	Priority
00030041	Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board	<p><b>Mosquito Alarm</b></p> <p>This project is to purchase an anti-vandalism device called a 'Mosquito' for use within the Fendalton Waimairi ward area.</p>	\$2,500	\$2,500	100%	<p><b>\$2,500</b></p> <p>That the Fendalton Waimairi Community Board makes a grant of \$2,500 towards the purchase of a Mosquito anti-vandalism device to be used predominately in the Fendalton Waimairi ward area.</p>	1

## Staff Comments

On the 1st September 2010, the Fendalton Waimairi Community Services Committee received a briefing from the local Community Constable on the Mosquito anti-vandalism device.

The Mosquito is used widely across the United Kingdom by police and local authorities, chain stores, independent shops and private individuals to protect their property from the effects of teenage antisocial behaviour.

The Mosquito is a fitted device that deters unwanted gatherings of young people. The device works by emitting a pulse at 17-18 kilohertz that switches on and off four times a second for up to 20 minutes. Teenagers can pick it up through minute hairs in their inner ears - but those hairs tend to die off by the time they reach 25.

With an effective range of between 15-20 metres, pilots have shown that teenagers are acutely aware of the Mosquito and usually move away from the area within a few minutes.

The device is now available in New Zealand and is being trialled in a number of areas. One example of this is a partnership between the Papakura Police and the Safer Papakura Trust who have been trialling the Mosquito since August 2009. The Mosquito was installed in a service lane which backs on to a rail corridor that has been the continued target of vandals for many years. Since the Mosquito was installed, there has been a dramatic reduction in the graffiti vandalism in the area.

The system is now being trialled in a school that has not only been a victim of graffiti but burglary as well.

It is proposed that the Fendalton Waimairi Community Board purchase a Mosquito device to be made available on a trial basis to local schools, businesses, churches, sports clubs and community groups who may be experiencing vandalism problems.

The device would remain the property of the Community Board but would become part of the security toolkit (which includes the security cameras) that the Community Constable manages. He would also undertake the installation and monitoring of the device.

Council staff would also continue to work closely with the Police and the Graffiti Office to identify areas within the ward that would benefit from the Mosquito.

## Alignment with Council Funding Outcomes

- Community and neighbourhood safety

## Alignment with Council Strategies and Community Board Objectives

- Strengthening Communities Strategy
- Safer Christchurch Strategy
- Effectively advocating to make Fendalton Waimairi ward a safe place for all residents.

## CCC Funding History

2009/10 - \$7,500 (Purchase of Crime Cameras) DRF

## Other Sources of Funding for this Project

Nil