



Waitakere City Council  
*Te Taiao o Waitakere*

## NOTICE OF MEETING

# CULTURE AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Culture and Community Committee will be held on:-

**DATE:**            **Wednesday, 12 November 2008**            **TIME:**            **9.30 am**  
**MEETING**  
**ROOM:**            **Council Chamber**  
**VENUE:**            **Waitakere Central, 6 Henderson Valley Road, Henderson,**  
                                 **Waitakere**

to consider the business as set out herein and to take any necessary action connected therewith.

6 November 2008

Maea Petherick  
**COMMITTEE SECRETARY**

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(Quorum 5 members)

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**1 APOLOGIES**



**2 URGENT BUSINESS**

Section 46A(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides that where an item of business is not on the agenda, it may only be dealt with at the meeting if:

- (i) the Committee by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairman has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion and decision, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting.

The Committee may make a decision on a matter determined to be urgent.

**NOTE:** Urgent Business need not be dealt with now and may be delayed until later in the meeting.



**3 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

The Council has acknowledged in its Code of Conduct that Elected Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to members to check that no such conflicts arise in relation to any items on this agenda.



**4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, 8 October 2008.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Culture and Community Committee resolve to:

**Receive** the minutes of the meeting of the Culture and Community Committee held on Wednesday, 8 October 2008, as circulated, and that they be taken as read and now be confirmed.



## 5 PRESENTATION - BRAND AUCKLAND

The Auckland Regional Council Deputy Chairman and AucklandPlus Chairman Michael Barnett will update the Culture and Community Committee on the new Auckland regional brand identity.

The Brand Auckland initiative is about developing a brand for the whole Auckland region which can be used to tell Auckland's stories and strengthen its reputation in the global marketplace with one coherent, consistent identity. This brand will be used to promote Auckland and build its reputation as a destination to visit, live, work, invest, study and do business.

The presentation will illustrate the process to develop Brand Auckland, highlight the brand values, brand story and show a wide range of visual applications.



## 6 CHAPEL OF FAITH IN THE OAKS UPDATE

### GLOSSARY

Waikumete Chapel Restoration Board Trust	(the Trust)
The Chapel of Faith in the Oaks	(the Chapel)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Chapel of Faith in the Oaks (the Chapel) is located in Waikumete Cemetery. The Waikumete Chapel Restoration Board Trust (the Trust) has a lease over the building and land on which it sits for a further three years. The Trust's stated purpose is the preservation of the Chapel.

The Trust approached Council in 2005 for assistance with professional advice on the nature and extent of the Chapel's building issues. The Council commissioned a report by Tonkin & Taylor that provided two options to remedy cracking and structural issues with the building. Council officers assisted the Trust to apply for resource consent to enable a concrete cut-off wall and apron to be constructed, earthworks and drainage. The Trust made successful funding applications to the Portage and Waitakere Licensing Trusts that raised a total of \$125,000 for the restoration. However, the scope of the project has grown considerably to now include earthquake strengthening and more structural repairs that are required to make the building safe. The cost estimates for the additional works range from \$601,100 to \$886,950.

The Trust had an urgent meeting on 2 September 2008 at which they resolved to wind up the Trust, subject to finalising existing contracts and reaching a settlement with Council over property management issues. The Trust has also formally advised the ASB Charitable Trust and Lotteries Grants Board that funding applications lodged with those agencies for \$168,000 and \$250,000 respectively have been withdrawn.

This report recommends that Council should take back ownership of the Chapel and complete the restoration in a timely manner.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Culture and Community Committee resolve to:

1. **Receive** the Chapel of Faith in the Oaks Update report.
2. **Agree** that Council's solicitor should circulate a surrender of lease document to the Waikumete Chapel Restoration Board Trust in relation to the lease for Chapel of Faith in the Oaks.
3. **Note** that the Waikumete Chapel Restoration Board Trust has advised third parties, such as funding organisations, that it intends to dissolve.
4. **Agree** that the Waikumete Chapel Restoration Board Trust should be thanked for their efforts to maintain and preserve the Chapel of Faith in the Oaks over the last thirty years.
5. **Agree** in principle that Council should complete the restoration of the Chapel of Faith in the Oaks given its heritage significance as a Category I historic building.
6. **Agree** that this matter should be reported back to the Long Term Council Community Plan Committee with a breakdown of the funds required to complete the restoration of the Chapel of Faith in the Oaks and adapt the Sextons House for re-use as a reception area, together with funding options, including the use of any profit from the re-development of the New Lynn Hotel site.

## **BACKGROUND**

1. The Chapel was constructed in 1886, initially as a mortuary Chapel, although it was later used for regular church services up until 1926. The building fell into a state of disrepair between 1969 and 1976 and was saved by a group of dedicated local residents led by Judith Cregeen. The Trust was formed in 1978 when Auckland City administered the cemetery and its Trust Deed limited the composition of the Trust and had a particularly narrow purpose, namely: the preservation of the Chapel for religious services. The Chapel Trust was created as an inter-denominational group with Trustees nominated as representatives of the Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, two community representatives and a representative of the Friends of Waikumete.
2. The Chapel has failed to meet modern expectations as a venue for weddings and funerals in the last ten years as the market has largely adapted to have one destination to host the ceremony and reception. As the demand for traditional weddings declined, there was a corresponding decline in bookings at the Chapel. It is considered that the dissolution of the Trust provides a fresh opportunity to explore how the Chapel and the cemetery can capitalise on its significant value as a cultural heritage destination in Auckland.
3. The Chapel has at different times been managed by a Committee consisting of Council representatives and Trustees. However from 1998 onwards it has been managed exclusively by the Trust.
4. The Trust approached Council in 2005 for assistance when it became apparent that the building had fallen into a state of disrepair. Council commissioned a report by structural engineers, Tonkin & Taylor that outlined a programme of works for the building to remedy its defects. At the time that the building was inspected by engineers, the projected costs of repairing it were between \$65,000 to \$125,000.

5. The Trust raised a total of \$125,000 from two applications to the Portage and Waitakere Licensing Trusts that granted \$75,000 and \$50,000 for the project respectively. Council officers assisted the Trust to put together the funding applications and property services provided project management and contract supervision to the Trust free of charge. All appropriate building and resource consents have been obtained for the physical works.
6. During the course of recent works to repair the interior roof truss, Council discovered that the roof truss was not properly supported and one corner of the building had to be re-constructed from the foundations with steel reinforced concrete to ensure that the slate roof would be properly supported. The cost of these works was covered by Council and amounted to \$139,000. Engineer's and quantity surveyors reports could not identify the true condition of all of the building's structural flaws until works began. However, since completing these repairs, the structural engineer has recommended further remedial works to each corner of the building and the installation of lateral supports that can be hidden behind plaster to make the building comply with the requirements of the Building Act 2004 for structural strength and safe public access.
7. It is clear that the further remedial works drawn up by the structural engineer are necessary to halt the decline and further deterioration of the Chapel.

## DECISION MAKING

### Issues

8. The Trust has given Council notice that it intends to dissolve within one month and return the building to Council control. The legal services team have provided officers with advice that the Trust should surrender the lease and hand back any keys to the building, in order to fulfil their obligations to Council. Council will then have to make a decision on the future of the Chapel.
9. The decision to dissolve the Trust has been made independently from Council. Section 24 of the Charitable Trusts Act provides:

*“the Board may be put into liquidation if at a general meeting of its members it passes a resolution appointing a liquidator, and the resolution is confirmed at a subsequent general meeting called for that purpose and held not sooner than the 28th day and not later than the 42nd day after the date on which the resolution to be confirmed was passed.”*

10. The Council has received notice from the Secretary Treasurer of the Chapel that it intends to dissolve and the Trust has made the following resolutions:

*“That the Trust agrees to wind up, subject to:*

1. *The disbursement of Funds that the Trust owes for contracts outstanding and agreed to, on or by 2 September 2008 and that the Chairman and Sec/Treasurer be authorised to complete.*
  2. *That the Chairman and Sec/Treasurer be authorised to deal appropriately with any unspent funds.*
  3. *That the Chairman and Sec/Treasurer be authorised to deal appropriately with applications for funds already made.*
  4. *Discussions with the owners regarding decisions taken.*
  5. *That the matters be confirmed at a final meeting to be called within one month of 2 September 2008.”*
11. The Trust is an independent body and is not a Council controlled organisation. In addition, it has never had a service level agreement with Council or received any funding related.

12. There is one contract that is about to be finished for the installation of guttering and rainheads and completion of the path around the Chapel.
13. Council's legal services team have arranged to add the building to its insurance policy at the end of September 2008 to ensure that there is continuity of cover, in the event of loss or damage.
14. It is considered that the dissolution of the Trust provides an opportunity to re-appraise the project and to evaluate some options for the building's future. During the first week of September 2008, Council's property services staff obtained four quotes from different builders for further work required to complete the Chapel. The builders were required to consult with the structural engineer, to ensure that they understood the complexity of the project. The quotes ranged from \$601,100 to \$886,950. The quotes did not include the cost of additional building and resource consents and it is estimated this would add approximately \$15,000 to the capital requirement.
15. The Chapel is one of the few remaining buildings of its era and design in the Auckland region. It is associated with the early development of the cemetery and Glen Eden. It has immense cultural heritage value. The Chapel's retention and restoration is important to allow future generations to enjoy an original building, still in its original context and setting.
16. If the Council makes a profit from the re-development of the New Lynn Hotel site, that money is a potential funding source to off-set the costs of the Chapel's restoration. That may be possible if the Bartulovich Estate do not wish to purchase the property during the offer-back period. If that eventuates, then Council should return the capital cost (the \$630,000 purchase price) plus any profit from the subsequent re-development of the site to this heritage project. In that way, the loss of one iconic building would still benefit the retention of another. However, it is too early to determine if that will occur given that the offer-back process is occurring.

### Options Identified

17. There are three options:
  - A new Trust is formed to complete the project;
  - Council funds and completes the restoration of the Chapel itself; or
  - Do nothing.

### Assessment of Options

18. If a new Trust is formed to complete the restoration project this would have some advantages and disadvantages for Council. The advantages are that an independent Trust would be able to source external funds from other Charitable Trusts such as ASB, Lotteries, and the Portage and Waitakere Licensing Trusts, without there being an impact on rates to complete the building project. However, Council would not be able to influence policies of public access to the building or exert any control over the building (apart from regulatory matters) or its governance for the period of a new lease. The only exception to this would be if the Council had a service level agreement with the Trust. It is also likely that the work could not commence for a period of at least nine months whilst the funding was put in place. There would still be a risk that should the costs escalate, Council may need to further assist financially.

19. Council officers have discussed the possibility of creating a new Trust and possibly including a lease over the Sexton's House to enable both properties to be comprehensively re-developed to create an "historic precinct" with public access to both buildings. The interior of the Sexton's House was altered significantly in 2005 without a resource consent and resulted in much of the original kauri panelling being removed and replaced with gibbed walls. Technically, it would be possible to alter the interior of the Sextons House to create a café or reception area. Thus, enabling a range of activities to occur at the Chapel such as the Going West writers and readers' festival, family events and religious services. However, the costs of jointly developing the Chapel together with a reception area need to be further explored. This option would also need to be reported back to the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee.
20. There are preliminary plans that have been drawn up for a reception area behind the existing office complex at Waikumete. That reception area would be purpose-built and architecturally has been designed to be in the same "Modern" style as the rest of the 1950s complex. That reception area will enhance the cemetery as a business unit. If the Sextons House were to be altered for a café and reception area it would be aesthetically different as it would provide for a quality heritage experience in an intimate location. Furthermore, adapting the Sextons House would provide public access to a building that can currently only be seen from the exterior and would assist in on-site interpretation of Waikumete cemetery. The recent restoration of St Michael's Chapel has been greatly enhanced by photos from the Corban family collection that provide a context for the church and its associations with the Corban family. There is an opportunity to further highlight the historic precinct of the cemetery through providing a quality, niche-market venue for small weddings, gatherings, funerals, and festivals on the cemetery. The historic precinct has a welcoming, relaxed ambience and is already widely used for passive recreation. It makes sense to capitalise on this setting.
21. Council has recently successfully completed the restoration of the Coronation Bridge and office extension for Waikumete Cemetery. If ownership of the Chapel reverts to Council then property services could manage the restoration of the Chapel and allow bookings to be handled either through its usual process or through the cemetery office. This would ensure that Council could comprehensively manage the timing of the physical works; further consents required and manage the Chapel at the end of it. The capital expenditure required to complete the restoration would need to be reported to the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan Committee. The cemetery manager has advised that there is sufficient demand at the cemetery that it could be used for small to moderate sized services. However, if Council pursues this option, it would be clear that the project would be unable to "pay for itself" and the reason for doing it would be to satisfy Council's duties to care for historic heritage and to adequately maintain heritage resources in its ownership. Council has a legal duty to care for historic heritage and to adequately maintain heritage resources in its ownership.
22. The following table highlights some of the wider issues:

	Option 1 - form a new trust		Option 2 - restoration to be completed by Council	
	Disadvantages	Advantages	Disadvantages	Advantages
<b>Social</b>	Council cannot control future public access to the building without an agreement with the new Trust.	Allows the community to be involved as trustees.	Council will have to reduce spending in other areas to accommodate this project.	At the end of the restoration, the building can be enjoyed by everyone.

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	Disadvantages	Advantages	Disadvantages	Advantages
<b>Cultural</b>	Nil.	A new Trust can dedicate their energy to the preservation of the Chapel.	Nil.	Council has proven expertise to complete heritage projects.
<b>Economic</b>	It will take at least nine months to raise the additional money required to repair the Chapel. If there is a shortfall in privately available funding, the Trust will require a "top-up" from Council.	There will be a positive economic spin-off for the community through employment created by the restoration. A Trust can raise funds independently of Council.	There would need to be a re-allocation of resources to enable Council to meet the costs of the restoration on its own.	The cemetery is administered by Council and it would be simpler to complete the restoration in a timely manner.
<b>Environment</b>	The building may deteriorate further in the time it takes to raise the additional money. If there are future issues with a Trust's performance this may negatively impact on the Chapel.	The Chapel will remain part of the cemetery.	Nil.	The Chapel will remain part of the cemetery to be enjoyed by everyone.

23. The "do nothing" option would involve boarding up the windows and doors of the Chapel and putting a permanent fence around the building to prohibit public access. This option is not considered to be sound, given that the building is still able to be restored and re-used for its original purpose as a church.
24. There are no Maori cultural heritage values that would be affected by the restoration of the Chapel.

### Consideration of Community Views

25. The community has generally been supportive of the restoration of the Chapel. The New Zealand Historic Places Trust continues to support the restoration of the Chapel, and has provided letters of support to the Trust for funding applications. Both the Glen Eden Protection Society and Waitakere Voices Choir provided letters of support for the Lotteries Grants Board application. This demonstrates a level of community support for the restoration of the Chapel.

### Preferred Option

26. The preferred option for the Council to complete the restoration of the Chapel in a timely manner to avoid any further gradual deterioration of the building. If a Trust were to take on this project, there would be delays in funding the work and Council may still be called on to cover any shortfall in the costs of restoration. Essentially once the physical works begin on structural items, the work cannot be halted.

### STRATEGIC CONTEXT

27. The Chapel is a significant historic building in terms of the early growth and development of the City and its place in the Waikumete cemetery. It is evident that the repairs to be undertaken are substantial and should commence within the next twelve months to ensure that the building does not deteriorate further.
28. The Urban and Rural Villages platform is relevant to the re-development of the Chapel. Without the cemetery, Glen Eden would not have grown as a town centre around it. The cemetery is widely used by people throughout Waitakere as a cemetery and park/recreational space.

### CONSULTATION

29. Council has consulted with the following representatives from the Trust: the Chairperson, Secretary Treasurer, and Councillor Clews. In addition, Council officers have sought legal advice from Legal Services.

### RESOURCES

30. If Council pursues the restoration itself, it should raise a loan for the capital expenditure of approximately \$850,000. Alternatively, if Council wishes to seek expressions of interest for a new Trust, it should set aside \$250,000 in next year's annual budget to provide the Trust with a seeding fund for significant works required to restore the building.

### IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

31. The Council inherited a Trust and lease created when Auckland City administered the Waikumete Cemetery. The scope of the restoration required for the Chapel is largely behind the decision by that Trust to dissolve. Provided that the Trust sign the surrender of lease, control of the building and the land it sits on will revert to Council. It is considered that Council should act decisively to save the Chapel, as the costs will only continue to escalate and the Chapel should not be left to deteriorate any further.

**Report prepared by:** Alina Wimmer, Principal Advisor: Heritage.



## 7 NO EXCEPTIONS REGION DECLARATION

### GLOSSARY

No Exceptions Strategy and Implementation Plan	(the Strategy)
No Exceptions Region Declaration	(the Declaration)
Sport and Recreation New Zealand	(SPARC)
Auckland Regional Physical Activity and Sport Strategy	(ARPASS)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek the Culture and Community Committee's approval for the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the Council, a No Exceptions Region Declaration (the Declaration).

The national No Exceptions Strategy and Implementation Plan (the Strategy) supports the inclusion of disabled people in all sport and physical recreation by ensuring over time more accessible sport and physical recreation organisations, venues, services and activities.

The signing of the Declaration is a formal acknowledgement of the work the Council is currently undertaking and a joint intention to continue as a region to support the Strategy's principles.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Culture and Community Committee resolve to:

1. **Receive** the No Exceptions Region Declaration report.
2. **Agree** that Waitakere City Council supports the Auckland region becoming a No Exceptions region; a region that supports the inclusion of disabled people in all sport and physical recreation by ensuring over time more accessible sport and physical recreation activities.
3. **Approve** the signing of a joint No Exceptions Region Declaration by Mayor B Harvey on behalf of Waitakere City Council.

### BACKGROUND

1. Like all people, disabled people benefit in many ways from participating in physical recreation and sport. Active living improves physical health, mobility, agility and coordination. It also improves physical resilience and increases available energy to support disabled people's daily life. Participation brings opportunities for skill development and leadership. Associated social interactions enhance feelings of belonging and allow both disabled and non-disabled people to experience inclusion.
2. Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC) launched the Strategy and Implementation Plan in 2005. The Strategy's vision is to have "all people participating in the physical recreation and sport activities of their choice." The Strategy includes the sport and recreation activities of territorial authorities.
3. Under the Strategy, each contributing organisation is expected to help ensure that a range of facilities, events, programmes and services are accessible to disabled people, and arrange for key staff to undertake the No Exceptions training programme.

4. Waitakere City Council has been implementing the Strategy, including joint regional work with key stakeholders and other councils through the Auckland Regional Physical Activity and Sport Strategy (ARPASS).
5. As part of implementing the Strategy, SPARC is encouraging key organisations including councils to come together and sign the Declaration for their region. Hutt Valley became the first No Exceptions Region in August 2007.

#### **Local and Regional No Exceptions Progress**

6. The Auckland region has a strong history of commitment to providing access to sport and recreation facilities for disabled people. The seven local councils and the Auckland Regional Council have undertaken facility audits on a selection of their key sport and recreation facilities to determine the level of accessibility for disabled people.
7. The Halberg Trust's "SportAccess" programme provides a self-review tool for organisations to establish their level of inclusion and identify gaps. A disability action plan is then developed, including the gaps in programmes and services.
8. To date, three Waitakere City Council facilities have achieved SportAccess certification, with another five currently working toward it. Waitakere is leading the way with The Trusts Stadium, Massey Leisure Centre and Waitakere Cricket Club recently achieving Gold SportAccess awards.
9. SPARC's No Exceptions Training is a disability awareness training programme specific to the recreation and sport sector. The Halberg Trust is contracted to deliver No Exceptions Training. To date, 300 officers from 27 council recreational facilities have attended No Exceptions training.
10. The Auckland region's councils have also made progress in developing overall strategic responses to the New Zealand Disability Strategy, working together regionally and engaging with local disability organisations and stakeholders. The Draft Waitakere Disability Plan and the Lu'i Ola regional inter-agency Pacific disability programme are regarded as good examples.

#### **DECISION MAKING**

11. The Strategy and the Declaration aim to improve the inclusion of disabled people in all sport and physical recreation activities and facilities. There is no expectation that these improvements will happen immediately and the improvements will only be achieved over time as resources permit.
12. The Declaration is a public commitment to the Strategy, and continues the Council's existing regional work. Benefits include collaborative efficiencies, access to joint resources and opportunities, continued goodwill among key stakeholders and consistent outcomes across the region wherever Waitakere residents may travel for their sporting or recreation activities.
13. **The Declaration is expected to be worded similarly to this:**

*We, the Mayors of the cities and districts of the Auckland region declare our joint intention for the Auckland region to become a No Exceptions Region - one that supports the inclusion of disabled people in all sport and physical recreation.*

*This will be achieved by ensuring over time, more accessible sport and physical recreation activities. Accessibility will be enhanced by improving the quality of relevant Council facilities, programmes and services to disabled people.*

*As well, we encourage the wider sport and physical recreation community within the Auckland region to join this initiative and make your clubs and your programmes ones where disabled people are welcome. We also encourage disabled people to become active in sports and physical recreation.*

### **Signing the Declaration**

14. The annual United Nations International Day of the Disabled Person is 3 December 2008. It is intended to have the Mayors of the seven Auckland local councils and the Chairman of the Auckland Regional Council jointly sign the Declaration on that date.
15. ARPASS has committed to undertaking and promoting the formal function for signing the Declaration.

### **Consideration of Community views**

16. SPARC's development of the Strategy involved national consultation. ARPASS's subsequent regional work draws on a range of stakeholder organisations.

### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

17. The Strategy is SPARC's response to the 2001 New Zealand Disability Strategy. The Declaration is a collaborative regional initiative which furthers the implementation of the Strategy.
18. The Declaration is consistent with the Draft Waitakere Disability Plan's aim of removing barriers to disabled residents' participation in and contribution to the life of the city.
19. Through the Strong Communities platform, the Council outlines its commitment to undertake initiatives that will contribute to making Waitakere a safe, informed and healthy place to live - enjoying our diversity of lifestyles and people.

### **CONSULTATION**

20. Discussions about forming a No Exceptions Region have been held with the relevant local authorities and regional sports trusts at ARPASS meetings.

### **RESOURCES**

21. The Council's implementation of the Strategy in conjunction with ARPASS is already drawing on existing resources, and the Declaration is a statement of principle which is not expected to add any extra costs.
22. There is no expectation that improvements to facilities and programmes will happen immediately and the improvements will only be achieved over time as resources permit.
23. Under the Strategy, high level training of key staff is undertaken and fully funded by the Halberg Trust. Potential specialist training in built access auditing might incur minimal costs from current budgets. This may be combined with current work as part of the Draft Waitakere Disability Plan, developing tailored Barrier-Free training for various Council teams.

## IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES

24. Work is already underway to improve the accessibility of venues and train staff. Timing of ongoing work to implement the Strategy will require planning and attention in future budgeting.
25. The learning's from Hutt Valley's No Exceptions Region will be used to assist in the reduction of possible implementation issues.

**Report prepared by:** Paul Edwards, Recreation Partnership Projects Leader and Sacha Dylan, Strategic Partnerships Advisor: Disability.



## 8 WAITAKERE SOUNDS 2009

### GLOSSARY

Waitakere Sounds 2009 (WS09)

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the Culture and Community Committee on the Waitakere Sounds 2009 (WS09) summer concerts to be held during February and March of 2009.

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Culture and Community Committee resolve to:

**Receive** the Waitakere Sounds 2009 report.

### BACKGROUND

1. In recent years Council has expressed a desire to see more events in the City. In August of 2006 an Events Strategy was adopted for the City. This strategy has been developed to provide a framework for developing a portfolio of events which optimises the contribution of events to the City and provides a tool to ensure that Council's contributions to events is well leveraged in the full context of the City's strategic goals and direction, and enables the Council to be more effective and efficient in its decision making for events.
2. This report covers the proposed WS09 series for the summer of 2008/2009.

### DECISION MAKING

#### Issues

3. WS09 will be the fourth year of summer concerts for the residents of the City. Over the previous three years the concert series has attracted a loyal following of supporters and has established itself as an integral part of the greater Auckland free music in parks and summer event scene.
4. In 2008 two of the Waitakere Sounds concerts were produced in partnership with other events, the BFM summer series and the Titirangi Festival of Music. Alignment with these events added value to the profile of the series, along with the cost saving benefits of sharing costs. Because of the success of these partnerships WS09 is again looking at opportunities to partner with other music events and to share costs.

5. As in previous years the WS09 series will commence with a Waitangi Day Concert at Henderson Park and conclude in mid March 2009 with a concert at Luckens Reserve in West Harbour. Past experience has shown that venues within easy walking distance of transport hubs or on public transport routes provide the largest audiences. Two concerts are scheduled for Henderson Park, one for the Corban Estate and one at Lucken's Reserve.
6. Media partners have yet to be confirmed, but will likely include a radio partner as in previous years.
7. At the date of writing this report staff have yet to confirm performers for WS09, however, negotiations are underway with music promoters to secure an exciting and relevant line up of locally grown talent.
8. As in previous years, on-site surveys will be conducted to evaluate the success, or otherwise, of the events, as required by the Council's Quarterly Performance Reviews.

### **STRATEGIC CONTEXT**

9. When putting resources into events and activities the Council wants to achieve:
  - A vibrant event-friendly City with lots happening that contributes to Waitakere's sense of place;
  - A place that celebrates its identity and engages its communities; and
  - Honour the City's commitment to sustainable practices

### **CONSULTATION**

10. Consultation is currently underway with music promoters.
11. Marketing of WS09 will commence in early 2009 with a flyer included in the February 2009 rates demands and through a number of editorial articles planned for national and local media. Other marketing of the event will be through the distribution of A2 and A3 flyers to retail shops around the region, a series of billboards located throughout the City, flyers distributed through all Council libraries, leisure centres, community centres and community houses and on Council's website, the Waitakere Sounds website and a number of free event and tourism websites.

### **RESOURCES**

12. Council's Annual Plan 2008/2009 has allocated \$65,000 for the production and management of WS09.
13. In addition to this core funding Council resources including some in-kind printing support, branding support and staff time will be required.

### **IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES**

14. There are no implementation issues associated with this programme.

**Report prepared by:** Barbara Cade, Manager: Events & Special Projects.