

WAITAKERE CITY COUNCIL



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1 APOLOGIES



2 URGENT BUSINESS

Section 46A(7) and (7A) of the Local Government Official Information Act 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 item is a minor matter; and
- (ii) the Chairperson has explained at the beginning of the meeting (when open to the public) that the item will be raised for discussion, why the item is not on the agenda, and why it cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting; and
- (iii) the Subcommittee resolves to deal with the item.

No resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer the item to a subsequent meeting for further discussion.

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



3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Ordinary - Wednesday, 3 December 2003

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee held on Wednesday, 3 December 2003, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



4 PRESENTATIONS FROM THE LOPDELL HOUSE ARTS DEVELOPMENT TRUST AND THE WAITAKERE ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT TRUST (CORBAN ESTATE ART CENTRE)

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report seeks to set a background to presentations from the Chair of the Lopdell House Arts Development Trust and the Director of the Corban Estate Arts Centre, representing the Waitakere Arts and Cultural Development Trust. On the basis of these presentations and subsequent deliberations, the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee may wish to recommend the full and final disbursement of the remainder of the Auckland Regional Services trust fund held by the Council.

Both these presentations are in response to a resolution of the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee at a meeting held on 3 December 2003.

“That a representative of Lopdell House Arts Development Trust, the Director of the Corban Estate Arts Centre, and a representative of Waitakere Arts and Cultural Development Trust be invited to present their respective development plans to the next meeting of the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee, to assist the Subcommittee to identify suitable projects to be funded from the Auckland Regional Services Trust Fund.”

4255/2003

The presenters at this meeting are Tanya Wilkinson, for the Corban Estate Arts Centre and the Waitakere Arts and Cultural Development Trust, and Terry Bates, Chair of the Lopdell House Arts Development Trust.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee has been working its way through a series of possible funding options for the remaining \$872,234 held by Waitakere City Council from the Auckland Regional Services Trust Fund.

At the 3 December 2003 meeting two further resolutions were passed which have a potential impact on this fund.

“That it be recommended to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee that the sum of \$225,000.00 granted from the Auckland Regional Services Trust Fund to the Playhouse Theatre be repaid to the Auckland Regional Services Trust Fund through the 2004/2005 Annual Plan process.”

4256/2003

and

“That it be recommended to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee that a further allocation of \$20,000.00 be made from the Auckland Regional Services Trust Fund to the Creative Solutions/Toi Whenua project.”

4257/2003

Both these resolutions were approved by the Finance and Operational Performance Committee on 9 February 2004. Resolution 4256/2003 will be forwarded to the Annual Plan process for further deliberation.

The purpose of the 3 December 2003 meeting was to examine options for allocating funding under four headings. Background information was provided in these areas:

- Music infrastructure;
- Arts Incubator Models;
- Arts and Cultural Events;
- Multi-purpose Arts Space.

The Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee's discussion at this meeting produced a change of focus and a consensus that the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee wished to look at a final disbursement of the funds to the two large arts precincts under development in the City. They particularly wished to give precedence to developments in the arts, which would not otherwise be funded by Council in the near and longer-term future.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The two areas of interest for the Regional Arts and Culture Subcommittee, the arts precincts at Lopdell House and the Corban Estate, are identified in the Arts and Cultural Strategy (adopted December 2002) as key arts precincts for future development. Both organisations responsible for these arts precincts have contracts with the Council for the delivery of a wide range of arts and cultural programmes for the residents of Waitakere City and are funded by Council through the Annual Plan process.

ISSUES

The following issues may highlight for the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee areas of consideration in their decision-making process:

- The full disbursement of the remaining funds must be targeted in the most strategically advantageous way for the communities of Waitakere City. There is unlikely to be another fund of this size, targeted at the arts, in the foreseeable future. In this sense, both Lopdell House and the Corban Estate developments fit the criteria for strengthening arts infrastructure within the city and regionally.
- There may be merit in making some allowance in a final disbursement for support for the Creative Solutions/Toi Whenua regional arts project over a finite time - say three years.
- The total amount left in Waitakere City's portion of the Regional Arts Fund may be impacted by the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee's recommendation to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee that the \$225,000 allocated to the Playhouse Theatre be replaced through the Annual Plan process.

RESOURCES

The current balance of the fund is, as of 31 January 2004, \$872,234. Of this \$20,000 has been approved for disbursement to the Creative Solutions/Toi Whenua project, leaving a total balance of \$852,234.

CONCLUSION

The Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee has been rigorous in pursuing a range of options for the best use of the remaining Auckland Regional Services Trust Fund.

The presentation of development plans from the City's two major arts institutions is designed to inform the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee and to allow it to make a definitive decision in regard to the allocation of this fund.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Presentations from The Lopdell House Arts Development Trust and The Waitakere Arts and Culture Development Trust (Corban Estate Art Centre) report be received.
2. That the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee give consideration to a disbursement of the major part of the fund of \$852,234 to projects associated with the Lopdell House Arts Precinct and the Corban Estate Arts Centre.
3. That the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee give consideration to setting aside a portion of the fund to support the ongoing development of the Creative Solutions/Toi Whenua project. A sum of \$25,000 per annum for three years is suggested.

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