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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 Council 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 Council 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 APPOINTMENT TO THE TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to request the Council to revise the appointments of staff to the Tenders Subcommittee, to reflect recent changes.

BACKGROUND

The Director: Strategy and Development is currently one of the appointed members of the Tenders Subcommittee. However, the Chief Executive Officer has undertaken some restructuring and there is currently no such staff member appointed. The role of Director: Strategy and Development has been replaced by two appointments – the Director: Strategic Performance and the Director: Strategic Planning.

ISSUES

Difficulties have arisen around a quorum for some meetings of the Tenders Subcommittee, due to the lack of an appointment to replace the former Director: Strategy and Development on this Subcommittee. A full report on a review of the delegation process and membership of the Tenders Subcommittee will be brought back to the Council in the near future. In the interim, the appointment recommended in this report should ensure the availability of a quorum by reflecting the staff title changes made by the Chief Executive Officer.

RESOURCES

No additional resources are required.

CONCLUSION

That Council appoint the Director: Strategic Performance to the Tenders Subcommittee to replace the former Director: Strategy and Development.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Appointment to the Tenders Subcommittee report be received.
2. That the Director: Strategic Performance be appointed to the Tenders Subcommittee replacing the former Director: Strategy and Development.

Report prepared by: Ngareta Delamere, Committee Secretary.



4 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2007

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Council about the Local Government New Zealand Conference (the Conference) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2007 to be held in Dunedin from Sunday, 15 July to Wednesday, 18 July 2007.

BACKGROUND

The Conference will take place this year from Sunday, 15 July to Wednesday, 18 July 2007 in Dunedin. Historically, Council has attended this Conference each year and has sent the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and a number of other Elected Members, supported by the Chief Executive Officer and other appropriate staff.

As part of the Conference, Local Government New Zealand also holds its AGM and this year it will be held on Wednesday, 18 July 2007.

The Conference (the programme will be circulated to Elected Members separately) provides an opportunity for Elected Members to share ideas and experiences with their colleagues across the country. The AGM provides Council with an opportunity to influence the leadership and direction of Local Government New Zealand.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Membership of Local Government New Zealand has the potential to be of assistance to Council as it pursues a wide range of strategic and advocacy aims. Local Government New Zealand provides a vehicle through which Council's voice can be heard on the national stage as Local Government New Zealand undertakes its activities on behalf of its members.

The Conference provides an opportunity for Elected Members to discuss a wide range of Local Government issues and to network and share experiences with other Elected Members across the country.

ISSUES

Conference Attendance

The Conference theme for this year is “Investing in our Future”. In past years Council has authorised attendance at the Conference for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, a number of (other) Elected Members and the Chief Executive Officer as follows:

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| 2006 | Mayor, Crs Battersby, Clow, Lawley and Chan, and Mihi Te Huia as Deputy Chairman of Te Taumata Runanga, |
| 2005 | Mayor, Crs Battersby, Cooper, Hulse, Mihi Te Huia as Deputy Chairman of Te Taumata Runanga, Christine Shepherd as Deputy Community Board Representative of Zone 1 |
| 2004 | Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Crs Brady and Yates |
| 2003 | Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Crs Clews and Russell |
| 2002 | Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Crs Brady and Fenton |
| 2001 | Crs Battersby, Davies, Freeth, and Hulse |
| 2000 | Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Evelyn Taumaunu as Chairman of Te Taumata Runanga |
| 1999 | Deputy Mayor and Cr Riddell |
| 1998 | Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Cr Battersby |

The cost of Conference attendance is approximately \$1,000 (including GST) per delegate plus accommodation, and travel.

The Council is also being requested to consider representation from Te Taumata Runanga and the Community Boards to attend the Conference.

Remits

A1-A4

Remits for consideration by the AGM of Local Government New Zealand must be submitted to Local Government New Zealand by **Wednesday, 16 May 2007**. Remits are viewed as a vehicle for major strategic “issues of the moment” to be addressed. Local Government New Zealand requires that remits should have a national focus and represent the national voice of Local Government. Local Government New Zealand has adopted a number of criteria for considering remits; these are attached at pages A1 to A4. Remits are required to be supported by at least one Zone or Sector Group, or five Councils.

Therefore, should Council wish to send a remit to the Conference then it will be required to gain the support of either Zone One of Local Government New Zealand, or the Metropolitan Sector Council, or at least four other individual Councils. The next Zone One meeting is being hosted by Waitakere on Friday, 11 May 2007. To be considered at the Zone meeting, any remit should be drafted in time for consideration by Council at its meeting of 26 April 2007.

Delegates to the Annual General Meeting

The Local Government New Zealand constitution was amended in 2001 and the administrative procedures for the AGM changed. To attend and exercise Council's five votes at the AGM it is necessary for Council to appoint and forward to Local Government New Zealand, in advance of the AGM, the names of its presiding delegate, alternate and other delegates attending the AGM. Under the Constitution, Council is allowed to have no more than four (4) delegates at the AGM. Other Councillors at the Conference can attend as observers.

Conference

Council needs to determine attendance at the Conference. Once attendance is resolved it would be opportune to resolve the question of presiding delegate, alternate delegate and other delegates for the AGM. The Conference programme will be circulated when it becomes available.

RESOURCES

Sufficient resources will be provided for in the 2007/2008 draft Annual Plan to allow Elected Members to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference.

CONCLUSION

Council is requested to consider:

- Elected Member representation at the Conference in Dunedin;
- Early notification as to whether it wishes to send any remit to the AGM; and
- Council's delegates for the purposes of voting at the AGM.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting 2007 report be received.
2. That the Mayor attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting 2007 at Dunedin from Sunday, 15 July to Wednesday, 18 July 2007.
4. That Council determine additional Councillors or other Elected or appointed Member representation to attend the Local Government New Zealand Conference and Annual General Meeting 2007 from Sunday, 15 July to Wednesday, 18 July 2007.
5. That the Mayor be appointed the Waitakere City Council presiding delegate for the purposes of the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 18 July 2007 and be authorised to cast Waitakere City Council's votes at the Annual General Meeting.
6. That a Councillor be nominated as the alternate presiding delegate for the purposes of the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 18 July 2007.
7. That up to two other Councillors be nominated as the delegates for the purposes of the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 18 July 2007.

8. That consideration be given to sending a representative from Te Taumata Runanga to the Local Government New Zealand Conference from Sunday, 15 July to Wednesday, 18 July 2007 and inviting Te Taumata Runanga to nominate a representative.
9. That consideration be given to sending a representative from the Waitakere City Community Boards to the Local Government New Zealand Conference from Sunday, 15 July to Wednesday, 18 July 2007 and inviting the Community Boards to nominate a representative.
10. That Council consider whether it wishes to send any remits to the Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 18 July 2007.

Report prepared by: Darryl Griffin, Group Manager: Democracy and Support Services.



5 **STATE HIGHWAYS UPDATE**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to consider current issues and a proposed submission on State Highway projects in Transit New Zealand's Draft 2007/2008 State Highway Programme.

BACKGROUND

The Council made submissions to Transit New Zealand in 2006 in relation to the 10-year State Highway Forecast and also the toll proposal in relation to the Western Ring Route.

Transit New Zealand is seeking feedback from the public including territorial local authorities on the draft programme for 2007/2008. The due date for submissions is 30 March 2007.

A5-A8 A copy of the Draft 2007/2008 State Highway Programme for the Auckland region is attached at pages A5 to A8.

A variety of funding mechanisms is available if Transit New Zealand is to carry out a programme larger than currently forecast funding from Land Transport New Zealand (LTNZ):

- borrow and toll;
- borrow and use future LTNZ funding to pay for interest (some deferral of projects);
- borrow and road pricing revenue used to help pay for state highways;
- additional Government funding;
- Other mechanisms to be developed, for example, special regional rate or user charges.

Large scale construction price inflation has had a major impact on the ability to fund new projects. For example, the estimated cost of the Hobsonville Deviation has more than doubled from \$89 million in 2003/2004 to \$198.9 million in 2006/2007. The Government is setting up a new Ministerial Advisory Group to examine costs in the roading sector in order to identify ways of moderating the rate of increase in road construction costs.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Auckland Regional Land Transport Strategy 2005 proposes an allocation of \$2,998 million over 10 years for roading capital improvements (including local roads) in the Auckland region. Transit New Zealand's 10-year Forecast proposes \$2,993 million for state highway work in the Auckland region including \$969 million in commitments. Transit New Zealand intends to recover \$1,038 million through tolling (\$860 million on the Western Ring Route and \$187 million on the Northern Motorway Extension). A key difference is the SH20 Avondale extension project which increases the costs of state highway projects.

ISSUES

Western Ring Route

At the time of writing this report, uncertainty remained regarding aspects of the Western Ring Route including:

- **Funding of the project** - Territorial Authorities in the region objected to the toll proposal. Transit New Zealand's board is expected to consider this feedback at its meeting in April 2007. Transit New Zealand has not indicated whether it will apply to the Minister of Transport for approval of a toll scheme. It is expected that Transit New Zealand will identify other funding sources to enable completion of the Western Ring Route;
- **Waterview connection** - Transit New Zealand continues to investigate options for the Waterview connection. The three options are the AW1 option as previously presented to the Council, an extended cut and cover option, and a full tunnel option and which may include a partial interchange at Great North Road (where it meets Blockhouse Bay Road) and a tunnel with no interchange at Great North Road. Transit New Zealand is still investigating options for the Waterview interchange;
- **Manukau Harbour Crossing** - Transit New Zealand has advised that it is currently in the tender process in respect of the Manukau Harbour Crossing project. Auckland City Council is conducting resource consent hearings in respect of the Manukau Harbour Crossing project from 21 March to 24 April 2007. The tender process is expected to continue through to September 2007. Transit New Zealand has deferred the tender of the State Highway 18 Hobsonville Deviation project to July 2007;
- **State Highway 16 widening** - A two-year investigation of introducing an extra lane on State Highway 16 has started. The Council will be invited to comment later in the year on initial strategic considerations of the use of the extra lane, any upgrade of interchanges, and provision for cyclists and buses.

Ramp Signals

Transit New Zealand has begun its rollout of ramp signals on the Southern Motorway. Preliminary data indicates some positive results from a traffic management perspective. Transit New Zealand intends to conduct the design work in 2007/2008 in relation to widening on-ramps and installation of ramp signals on the Northwestern Motorway. Transit New Zealand expects ramp signals on the Northwestern Motorway to become operational from July 2008 onwards. Transit New Zealand intends to liaise closely with the Council in relation to this work and will be invited to present to the City Development Committee.

Draft 2007/2008 State Highway Programme

A9-A11

A draft submission on the Draft 2007/2008 State Highway Programme is attached at pages A9 to A11 for the Council's consideration. It is considered appropriate to make a submission, but it may not be necessary to present the submission, as these issues have been raised previously with Transit New Zealand.

The 2007/2008 programme is substantially the same as that identified in the 10-year State Highway Forecast. The key points of the draft submission are:

Changes from the 10-Year State Highway Forecast

The following projects were in the 10-year State Highway Forecast but have been omitted from the programme for the next three years:

- Te Atatu North On-ramp to Whau Bridge City bound Bus Priority Lane;
- Rosebank Off-ramp to Patiki On-ramp Bus Priority Lane.

The Council supports Transit New Zealand in introducing bus shoulder lanes along State Highway 16. These bus shoulder lane projects should be viewed as a whole rather than individually. The investigation of State Highway 16 should include linking bus shoulder lanes all along State Highway 16. It is submitted that these bus priority lane projects be retained or reinstated, taking into the account the critical mass benefits of a bus priority corridor rather than the very limited localised benefits of a measure in isolation.

The 10-year State Highway Forecast provided for a strategic study of State Highway 1 and 16 from Auckland to Wellsford. That study and/or the safety improvements required should be reinstated in the 2007/2008 State Highway Programme.

Tolling the Western Ring Route

The 2007/2008 State Highway Programme should clarify Transit New Zealand's position in relation to tolling. The Council has previously submitted on Transit New Zealand's toll proposal.

Support for projects in the State Highway Programme

It is appropriate for the Council to support the inclusion of high priority projects from the Auckland region in the Programme for 2007/2008. Particular projects in Waitakere merit support including:

- **Northwestern Motorway Ramp Signalling** - It is essential that mitigation measures are included in budget for this project to improve local arterial connections and to provide adequate vehicle storage on the motorway ramp area - including priority for buses and high occupancy vehicles - and not on receiving arterial roads;
- **Hobsonville Deviation** - The Council supports construction in 2007/2008;
- **Brigham Creek Extension** - The Council supports the application of regional funds to enable this project to commence construction within the next three years. As previously submitted, there are benefits from constructing this project at the same time as Hobsonville Deviation;
- The proposed safety projects and bus priority lane projects on State Highway 16.

Te Atatu Interchange West Bound Off-ramp Upgrade

The investigation phase of the Te Atatu Interchange West Bound Off-ramp Upgrade project was completed in the 2004/2005 financial year. If further investigation is required, then this should be part of the investigation of State Highway 16 widening.

It is submitted that this project should be designed and constructed within the next three years. This would allow it to be integrated with Waitakere's plan for Te Atatu Road and Transit New Zealand ramp signals at Te Atatu.

Investigation into State Highway 16

The investigation of State Highway 16 should include an upgrade of interchanges, continuous bus shoulder lanes and widening. Transit New Zealand may wish to consider classifying this as a strategic study rather than part of several lane widening projects.

The timing of the widening of the Northwestern Motorway should be integrated with that of Waterview Connection so that these projects open to traffic at the same time. If the Waterview Connection is deferred, then the widening projects should similarly be deferred. There is a serious concern of an induced increase in traffic if the Northwestern Motorway is widened prior to the completion of the Waterview Connection.

Hobsonville Deviation and Manukau Harbour Crossing

It is regrettable that Transit New Zealand has delayed the tender of the Hobsonville Deviation project to July 2007, in order to allow the tender in respect of the Manukau Harbour Crossing project to proceed first.

The Manukau Harbour Crossing project is subject to resource consent hearings until the end of April 2007. The Draft 2007/2008 State Highway Programme indicates investigation will continue in 2007/2008.

The Hobsonville Deviation project is ready to go out to tender and should not be delayed. The construction industry should be given the opportunity to tender in relation to the Hobsonville Deviation project now. This will allow final consent and investigations on Manukau Harbour Crossing to be completed. Delays in that project should not further delay construction of the Hobsonville Deviation.

Certainty of the construction programme is required in order that the build up in the capacity of the construction industry is not put at risk.

RESOURCES

Sufficient resources are currently available to make this submission and respond to current issues in relation to State Highways.

CONCLUSION

The issues raised in this report are included in the submission on the Draft 2007/2008 State Highway Programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the State Highways Update report be received.
2. That the draft submission be approved as the Council's submission on the Transit New Zealand's Draft 2007/2008 State Highway Programme.

3. That the Chief Executive Officer be delegated authority to sign off the submission to Transit New Zealand's Draft 2007/2008 State Highway Programme.

Report prepared by: Kevin Wright, Manager Transport Strategy.



6 **APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS FOR THE RECRUITMENT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS POSITION**

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to enable Council to appoint consultants to undertake the recruitment process for the Chief Executive Officer's position.

BACKGROUND

At the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday, 12 March 2007, Council resolved to commence a recruitment process for the Chief Executive Officer's position in view of the current contract expiring 31 March 2008.

ISSUES

The Performance Review Committee which has delegated authority to deal with the recruitment process has interviewed three consultants for this role and has recommended that Powerhouse People Ltd be appointed to undertake this role. It is now necessary for this decision to be confirmed.

RESOURCES

No additional resources will be required. The Chief Executive Officer advises that he can make appropriate provision to fund the cost of the consultants within approved budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Appointment of Consultants for the Recruitment of the Chief Executive Officer's Position report be received
2. That Powerhouse People Ltd be appointed as the consultant to carry out the recruitment process for the position of Chief Executive Officer.
3. That the meeting adjourn into a workshop for the purpose of discussing the core competencies for the Chief Executive Officer's position.

Report prepared by: Ray Day, Executive Manager.

