

**AGENDA FOR A MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE
COMMITTEE TO BE HELD AT WAITAKERE CENTRAL, 6 HENDERSON VALLEY
ROAD, HENDERSON, WAITAKERE, ON MONDAY, 7 MAY 2007
COMMENCING AT 9.30 AM.**

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PART A - OPENING OF MEETING

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 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes - Monday, 16 April 2007

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Finance and Operational Performance Committee held on Monday, 16 April 2007, including the Public Excluded minutes as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



PART B - PROPERTY

4 SALE OF LAND - APPROVAL OF SALE PRICE FOR PART OF RESERVE AT WAITEMATA CORNER

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Finance and Operational Performance Committee for the sale price of part of a reserve at Waitemata Corner.

BACKGROUND

The City Development Committee at its meeting in December 2006 approved the sale of part of a reserve at Waitemata Corner in accordance with the following resolutions:

- “1. That the Proposed Revocation of Recreation Reserve and Sale of Land – (Reserve known as Waitemata Corner) report be received.
2. That the Chief Executive Officer be given authority to revoke the reserve status of the reserve in respect of areas “A”, “B” and “C” of Lot 1 of Deposited Plan 188680 pursuant to Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977 and to divest of areas “A” and “B” for the purposes of selling the land.
3. That approval in Resolution 2 above is subject to any objections received in response to the public notice process and that approval of the Minister of Conservation pursuant to Section 24 of the Reserves Act 1977 is obtained.
4. That the Chief Executive Officer be given authority, where it is unlikely for the approval in Resolution 3 above to be obtained due to the nature of objections, to grant an easement pursuant to Section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977 in respect of part Lot 1 of Deposited Plan 188680 for driveway access to 10 Frostbite Place, Ranui, subject to approval of the Minister of Conservation and a public notice process.
5. That it be approved to divest of that area “C” of Lot 1 Deposited Plan 188680 in the long term where such divestment aligns with future plans for the intersection of Waitemata Drive and Swanson Road and provided that the approvals in Resolution 2 above have been obtained.”

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A1 Council had entered into an arrangement to sell the area marked “A” on the plan attached at page A1 (the land) to the owner of 10 Frostbite Place, Ranui (the property) subject to receiving the approval of Council.

On receiving the approval of Council a public notice process was undertaken and no objections were received.

As a result an independent valuation was obtained by Council and the land has been offered for sale at the amount of the valuation being \$50,000. Negotiations under this offer are set out below.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

It is considered that in terms of the requirements of the Draft Parks and Open Space Strategy (19 September 2005) the revocation and sale of part of the reserve will have a minor impact on the reserve and public access to the reserve.

In terms of determining the sale price for reserve land, Council's policy is to achieve as close as possible to the market value. The details of the negotiations between Council and the owner of the property are set out in this Agenda Report and it is considered that the amount agreed to by Council and the future owner of the property is as close as possible to the market value of the land.

ISSUES

The approval of the City Development Committee to sell the land was obtained in December 2006. Following the approval of the Committee an independent registered valuation was obtained for the market value of the land.

The methodology used to determine the valuation of the land was a "before and after" methodology. The current market value of the land was determined at \$50,000.

A copy of the valuation was provided to the owner of the property – and negotiations were entered into to determine the sale amount subject to the approval of this Committee.

The owner of the property also obtained an independent valuation of the land by a registered valuer. The valuation was determined at \$40,000.

To agree on the final sale amount Council officers considered allowing the two registered valuers to negotiate a final sale amount. However, given the costs of the valuers to negotiate the final sale amount it was determined to make a final offer between the amounts of \$40,000 and \$50,000.

Therefore the amount of \$45,000 was offered to the owner of the property and this was accepted by the owner of the property.

Subject to the approval of this Committee, Council will now prepare a sale and purchase agreement in respect of the land to be executed on behalf of the Council and the purchaser.

As well, the final requirement in order to revoke the land will be to provide notice in the Gazette of the revocation of the land from its status as reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.

RESOURCES

Council officers will prepare a sale and purchase agreement and complete the revocation of the reserve by notice in the New Zealand Gazette. There are no other resource implications.

It is recommended that the sale amount of \$45,000 be used for the development of existing and future parks and reserves within Waitakere.

CONCLUSION

It is considered that Council officers have agreed on a sale amount as close as possible to the market value of the land and that the agreed amount of \$45,000 is acceptable to Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Sale of Land - Approval of Sale Price for Part of Reserve at Waitemata Corner report be received.
2. That approval be given for the Chief Executive Officer to execute a sale and purchase agreement in respect of the area marked "A" for Lot 1 of Deposited Plan 188680 for a sale price of \$45,000.
3. That the sale price of \$45,000 in respect of the area marked "A" for Lot 1 of Deposited Plan 188680 be used for the development of existing and future parks and reserves within Waitakere be approved.

Report prepared by: Huia Kingi, Leisure Planner, Leisure Services.



PART C - LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL

5 AFFIXATION OF COMMON SEAL

EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS: 5 to 30 April 2007

N ^o	NAME	PARTICULARS
4126	WCC – Robert John Van Duivenboden	Warrant of Appointment & Evidence of Identity – No.WCC339
4127	WCC – Elena Zimbatu	Warrant of Appointment & Evidence of Identity – No.WCC342
4128	WCC – AH & MS Ashton	Memorandum of Encumbrance – CT.5D/269 – 48 Lone Kauri Road, Karekare
4129	WCC – Six Montel Ave Ltd	Drainage easement in gross – CT.322014 – 1/6 Montel Avenue, Henderson – RMA 20061612
4130	WCC – Gough Rentals Ltd	Stormwater drainage easement in gross – CT.262537 – 19-21 Fairmount Road – SPW 22010
4131	WCC – Tony Tay & Associates Ltd	Release of Uncompleted Works and Maintenance Bond – 12 & 15 Crown Lynn Place – SPW 21160
4132	WCC – Housing New Zealand Ltd (Lundo Holdings)	Stormwater drainage easement in gross – CT.290275 – 18 Awaroa Road – SPW 22454
4133	WCC – AA & JE Bradbourne	Conservation Covenant – Identifiers 268089 & 268090 – 27-29 Bush Road – SPW 21965
4134	WCC – Bamboo Bushes Ltd	Water supply easement in gross – CTs.329746 & 329747 – 74 Sunvue Road, Glen Eden – RMA2006671
4135	WCC - WCC	Performance Bond re: issue of Completion Certificate re work at land located at Trading Place & Ratanui Street – CTs.416/263, 308/232, 10B/720, 8D/933, 1661/79, 73857 & 73858

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Affixation of Common Seal report be received.
2. That the action taken in affixing the Common Seal on the documents as set out in the agenda report be adopted.

Report prepared by: Yvonne Donaldson, Team Leader: Legal Services.



PART D - FINANCE

6 OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE SUMMARIES

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Finance and Operational Performance Committee as to the level of operating and capital expenditure to date by unit compared to budget.

BACKGROUND

Through the Long Term Council Community Plan process, the Council approves operating and capital expenditure. The Council follows good practice for procurement of goods and services and ensures that funding has been provided from appropriate sources.

ISSUES

A2 This report covers expenditure for the nine months to 31 March 2007. The financial summaries are attached on page A2.

If any further information is required in respect of this report, other than of a general nature, please contact either the writer or the Director: Finance prior to the meeting to enable the query to be researched.

CONCLUSION

Expenditure for the nine months to 31 March 2007 is in line with the operational budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Operating and Capital Expenditure Summaries report be received.

Report prepared by: Anna Ho, Management Accountant, Financial Management.



7 STATUS OF SPECIAL FUNDS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Finance and Operational Performance Committee on the status of Council's special funds.

BACKGROUND

Special funds are those funds held or designated by Council for a specific purpose or purposes. With the exception of the Auckland Regional Services Trust funds which are held in a separate bank account, the balances of these funds are used to offset Council's borrowing requirements. Interest is allocated to funds where applicable.

Special fund movements are recommended through the Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plan adoption process. Special funds are classified as either "Restricted Funds" or "Non-Restricted Funds". Restricted funds are those funds that have been received by Council from a third party or parties and are to be used for a specific purpose or purposes. Non-restricted funds are funds established by a Council resolution to use and set aside its own funds and also to meet a specific purpose or purposes.

ISSUES

A3 This report is separated into restricted and non-restricted funds. The balances and summary transactions for the nine months ended 31 March 2007 are attached at page A3.

If any further information is required in respect of this report, other than of a general nature, please contact either the writer or the Director: Finance prior to the meeting to enable the query to be researched.

CONCLUSION

Special funds are being held or designated for a specific purpose or purposes. The fund balances have been reported as required.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Status of Special Funds report be received.

Report prepared by: Anna Ho, Management Accountant, Financial Management.



8 BORROWING AND INVESTMENT REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide the Finance and Operational Performance Committee with an update on the estimated borrowing and investment activity for March 2007.

BACKGROUND

Waitakere City Council enters into treasury related financial contracts in the ordinary course of its business. It is the role of Council's Funds Management section to manage such contracts and the impact that they have on the organisation. All funds management transactions are governed by the Liability Management and Investment Policy, prepared in compliance with the Local Government Act 2002. As a requirement of that Policy this report informs the Committee on the current and future movements of Council's debt and cash investments and provides a general commentary of financial market conditions.

A4-A9

The relevant portfolio and graphs reflect the estimated position as at 31 March 2007 and are attached at pages A4 to A9.

ISSUES

Council's Funds Management function actively manages a large portfolio of various debt and investment instruments. The benefit of borrowing is that it enables Council to carry out the projects identified in the Annual Plan and Long Term Council Community Plan, while spreading the costs for those projects over time to recognise the future benefits. Borrowing funds therefore assist Council with its entire loans funded strategic initiatives. The Liability Management and Investment Policy requires that a report detailing the management of the portfolio be presented to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee on a regular basis. The report must include information on the following subjects:

- Cash/Debt position;
- Forecasted borrowing profile;
- Interest rate profile;
- Risk management;
- Material transactions;
- Market commentary;

This report addresses the requirement of the Policy and may include other information that is relevant to the Funds Management function.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The active management of the treasury portfolio seeks to minimise Council's borrowing costs and maximise investment returns of liquid assets. The Funds Management function is also charged with seeking investors, thus ensuring that there is sufficient liquidity available for the Council to continue its work programme. New Zealand financial markets are significantly volatile and therefore interest rate risk management is a key responsibility of the Funds Management function. Detailed financial information included within this report is intended to give assurance of the prudent management of Council's portfolio.

Council maintains Standard and Poor's Credit Ratings of A-1 short term, and A+ long term (stable).

ESTIMATED SUMMARY OF BORROWING AND INVESTMENT MOVEMENTS TO MARCH 2007

Council's estimated gross term debt position has increased by \$6.642 million since 28 February 2007, with an estimated closing balance at March 2007 month end of \$266.899 million.

SIGNIFICANT FUNDING TRANSACTIONS ENTERED INTO DURING MARCH 2007

- Agreed to issue \$15 million floating rate note on 15 July 2007 for a term of 7 years at a margin of 10 basis points over 90 day bank bill (mid);
- Amend Swap 20 decrease maturity from 4 August 2016 to 4 August 2011, decrease interest rate payable from 6.435% to 6.38%;
- Amend Swap 42 decrease maturity from 5 January 2016 to 5 January 2009, increase notional amount from \$10 million to \$20 million, increase interest rate payable from 6.54% to 6.55%.

FINANCIAL MARKET COMMENTARY

Market Overview

At the 26 April 2007 Official Cash Rate Announcement, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand raised the Official Cash Rate by 0.25%, from 7.50% to 7.75%. With the increase in the Official Cash Rate the Reserve Bank of New Zealand issued the following statement:

“Recent indicators confirm that the resurgence in economic activity that began in late 2006 has continued over recent months, with domestic demand continuing to expand strongly. As we noted in March, demand is being fuelled by a buoyant housing market, increases in government expenditure, a rising terms of trade, ongoing net immigration, and a robust labour market.

The lift in domestic demand is placing further pressure on already-stretched productive resources. Firms report that capacity is very stretched and that they are again experiencing increased difficulty in finding both skilled and unskilled staff. Consistent with these pressures, non-tradables inflation has remained persistently strong and has recently shown signs of re-acceleration.

The trade-weighted exchange rate has risen further, which will exert some downward pressure on medium-term inflation. The exchange rate is now at levels that are both exceptional by historical standards, and unjustified on the basis of medium-term fundamentals. Parts of the export sector continue to face challenging conditions, but the recent sharp lift in world dairy prices is expected to provide a boost to incomes in that sector and tourist arrivals are continuing to grow.

There has already been a recent rise in fixed mortgage interest rates. This further increase in the OCR is aimed at ensuring that inflation outcomes remain consistent with achieving the target of 1 to 3 percent inflation on average over the medium term.”

It remains to be seen if this increase in the Official Cash Rate will be the last.

Up Coming Dates

17 May 2007	Central Government Budget 2007
7 June 2007	Official Cash Rate Announcement

CONCLUSION

All transactions covered by this report have complied with the requirements of Council's Liability Management and Investment Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Borrowing and Investment report be received.

Report prepared by: Bruce Wilkin, Treasury Manager.



9 PAYMENTS FOR APPROVAL

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise of payments made by the Council.

BACKGROUND

This report provides details of payments made to external suppliers in excess of \$5,000. In addition there is a summary listing which aggregates payments made to various organisations and suppliers for the Committee's information. These payments have already been processed as allowed by delegations approved by the Council. If any Councillor requires information regarding the nature of any payment, that information can be provided.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Council makes various payments as provided for in its Long Term Council Community Plan and Annual Plans. The Council follows good practice for procurement of goods and services and ensures that funding has been provided from appropriate sources.

PAYMENTS

A10-A15

A summary schedule of payments made for the period 26 January 2007 to 1 March 2007 is attached at page A10. A further schedule of all payments of \$5,000 and above, together with the reason for the payment, is attached at pages A11 to A15.

If a Committee member wishes to ask specific questions relating to any of these payments, prior to the meeting, then such questions can be directed to the Director: Finance.

CONCLUSION

The summary schedule of payments is shown for the period 26 January 2007 to 1 March 2007. Payments have been provided for in accordance with approved budgets.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Payments for Approval report be received.
2. That the contracts let and payments made be approved.

Report prepared by: Andrew Pollock, Director: Finance.



PART E - GENERAL

10 THE TRUSTS STADIUM 2006/2007 EIGHT MONTH PERFORMANCE REPORT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to update the Finance and Operational Performance Committee on The Trusts Stadium's eight month performance against their business plan and the 2006/2007 Funding and Service Agreement between Council and The Trusts Stadium.

BACKGROUND

The Trusts Stadium (the Stadium) on Central Park Drive is owned and operated by the Waitakere City Stadium Trust (WCST) which constructed the Stadium in 2004. Council contributed over \$14 million of capital funding towards the total cost of the \$28 million for the project and provides the WCST with an operational grant, with \$475,000 budgeted in the 2006/2007 financial year.

Council's contribution to the Stadium is made to ensure community accessibility and to help attract a number of events that may have otherwise not been held in Waitakere or that contributes to Waitakere both economically and/or socially. A charter document exists between the WCST, Council and two other partner organisations, Waitakere City Rugby Club and Waitakere Athletics Club. The Charter document sets out in Schedule K the Community Objectives the Stadium is to meet and the principal objectives of Council's contribution to the Stadium.

Council and the Stadium subsequently signed an annual Funding and Service Agreement (the agreement) for the 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 financial years, that agrees the specific outcomes the Stadium is to meet with Council's financial contribution.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Council's support for the Stadium falls under a number of key strategic platforms, namely Strong Communities, Strong Innovative Economy and Urban and Rural Villages. It also contributes to the Healthy Lifestyles Community Outcomes. The Stadium provides a venue for active and passive recreation, contributes to Henderson's recreation precinct, and provides a vehicle for employment and stimulation of the local economy.

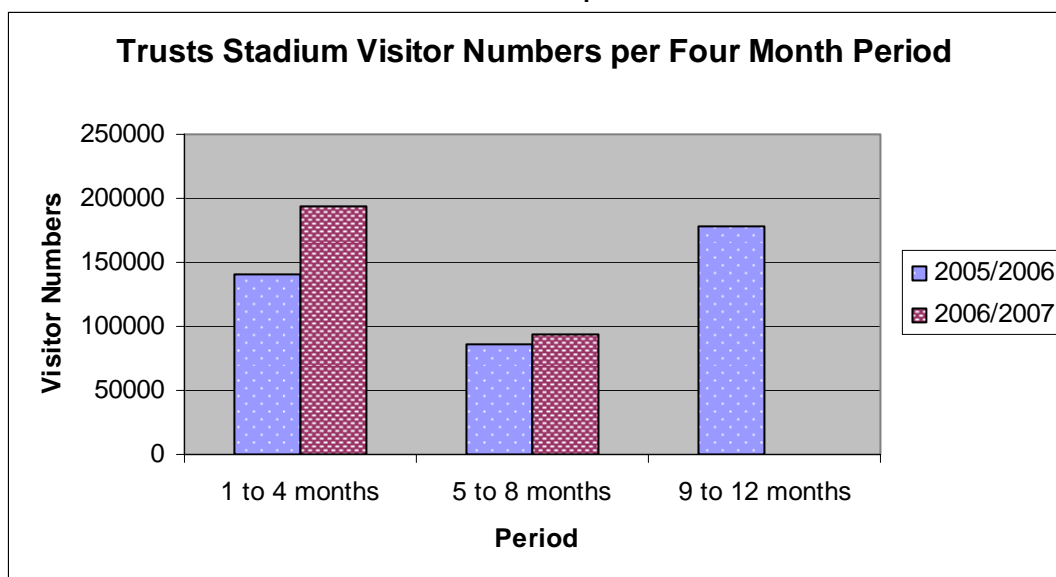
ISSUES

Core Operations

The Stadium had 94,487 visitors during the period from November 2006 through to February 2007 which is traditionally the Stadium's quietest period of the year. This was a significant increase in visitor numbers (9,152) compared to this period last year (see graph 1) which is largely due to the Stadium securing a number of new events, in particular concerts. Total visitor numbers from events has risen 180% when compared to 2005/2006 with some 60,958 more visitors to date attending events at the Stadium whereas regular community visitor numbers have remained at consistent levels with 130,674 visitors to date compared to 129,689 at this time last year. This likely reflects the static nature of membership of affiliated basketball and netball players and that of other community users but does indicate that community use is not being compromised by an increase in commercial use, which is important.

This has enabled the Stadium to be well on track to reach their annual visitor target of 400,000 (currently at 288,510 YTD). Note these figures do not include the visitors to the Momentum gym.

Graph 1



As previously reported the Stadium does not record visitors to the wider precinct as Council is responsible for these bookings, however recently there have been more and more instances whereby the Stadium has been involved in securing outside events/activities which use both the outside playing fields and inside facilities such as the Oceania Soccer Tournament and Waitakere United home games.

Currently the Stadium is recording visitors to these events/activities:

- Visitors to the Rugby and Athletic Club – 55,000 YTD;
- Visitors to events the Stadium has been involved in attracting or use part of the indoor facility such as the Oceania Soccer Tournament.

The Stadium wants to include visitors to events such as the:

- Pasifika Games;
- Hikoi;
- Waitakere Fireworks display.

The author of this report has left out the visitor numbers to these events, which total 17,100 YTD, as they were held on the outside playing fields and were organised and booked through Council. The Stadium believes that these figures should all be recorded as they would not take place had it not been for the Stadium Trust fundraising and investment of \$14million which was spread across as 50% of the contribution towards ground works, car parking, landscaping, athletic track, exterior artworks which all contributed to the development of the Stadium and wider precinct and its appeal to event promoters

This highlights a possible issue in the future with what figures should be recorded in the agreement and which should be recorded separately. This issue may become greater with the pending completion of the Grandstand and may be an ideal opportunity to discuss the possibility of the Stadium taking over the booking of the fields. Also it raises the question as to whether those figures should be accounted for in the agreement Council has with the Stadium, or whether they should they only relate to activities conducted inside the Stadium building. Council officers are looking for some direction from this committee as to which outside activities should be included in visitor numbers reported against the targets in the agreement and which should not, to enable this to be clearly outlined in the new agreement for 2007/2008. The bookings of the wider precinct will need to be worked through with Parks Assets before the Grandstand is completed.

The Stadium is tracking well ahead of budget in all areas and looks set to meet or exceed year end targets.

Events and Hospitality

The Stadium has continued to grow its events calendar, in conjunction with Events staff at Council, and has done an excellent job of attracting a number of new events to the Stadium that complement the existing events, especially during the quieter periods. The Stadium has been experimenting in music events with Carole King, DMX and Snowpatrol all performing over the past few months with excellent feedback from both the public and the promoters on all aspects of the event from the sound quality to the venue itself. These types of events have a lot of appeal for the Stadium as they cause minimal disruption to regular users as they can be 'packed in and packed out' very quickly. A number of these concerts were secured due to the unavailability of both the Vector Arena and North Shore Events Centre and may not be as easily attracted in the future but this has given the Stadium valuable exposure in this market and with the positive feedback should enable the Stadium to be a player in this market if they choose to pursue these types of events in the future.

Dean Lonergan Events have rebooked for the "Fight for Life" and "Disco du Cirque" later this year and the Diamonds Netball team have signed for the 2007 season. However due to the recent unveiling of the new Trans Tasman competition, which is set to replace the National Bank Cup, and the announcement by Netball New Zealand that there will be only one Auckland team in that competition, the Stadium is awaiting further announcements but hopes to attract some if not all of the games based at the stadium.

K1 have had to move to a smaller venue after the promoter lost the rights to host internationally sanctioned events along with decreasing audience numbers for their local events which has meant the Stadium is no longer a viable option for them even though they have been extremely happy with the stadium as a venue.

The Stadium once again successfully hosted OZ talk but unfortunately the promoter lost the contract to run this conference and hence will likely not return in 2008.

It has become more and more obvious over the past few months the difficulty for the Stadium to retain what was originally identified as anchor events, as these tend to have a product lifecycle and after a certain period of time they need to change to remain current and appealing to their audiences or they will be unable to remain viable. The Stadium, although very keen to retain as many events as possible, realise that turnover of events is part of the nature of the events industry and as an essential part of their continual search for new opportunities. Although they have lost a few of their original events, through no fault of their own, they have been able to pick up many new events such as the music concerts, Passion of China, and the Dean Lonergan events to offset this.

Regular Community Hirers

Waitakere Basketball Association (WBA) has been disaffiliated from Basketball New Zealand's membership and the Stadium has been working alongside the new Steering Committee put in place to form a new association to run the affairs of basketball in the Stadium. In the interim period there is some concern about the impact this may have on short term playing numbers and bookings. However, the Stadium management is working with the new Association and WBA to have a suitable exit of WBA's Users Agreement and a new agreement in place with the new association to be formed and affiliated to Basketball New Zealand. During this transition period the Stadium has put in place an informal agreement with the Steering Committee to continue using the Stadium's courts and facilities in the manner that basketball players have enjoyed to date and the Stadium is committed to providing facilities for basketball in the community.

This has led to a slight decrease in the hours of community usage over the first eight months of the year and sees the Stadium tracking slightly behind last year's usage but still on track to reach their target of 3,000 hours.

Of the 2,241 hours available at peak times during the last four months, only 29% of that time (641 hrs) were unavailable due to the pack in and pack out time of events and maintenance. This is significantly lower than for the first four months which was abnormally high due to the two week long sporting tournaments that were held in the stadium during that period.

The Stadium continues to provide a number of different pricing levels to enable community groups to access the facility for a variety of different activities, not just sporting related activities. Year to date the Stadium has provided \$63,075 worth of community subsidy which sees them well on track to exceed their target of \$90,000 for the year.

Future events

The Stadium continues to grow in profile and contribute to the City's economic and social capital and this is set to continue with it hosting two major international tournaments in the coming year with both the World Junior Badminton Champs and the World Netball Champs to be held in the Stadium in late October and mid November. These are two exciting tournaments, secured in partnership with Council, which are set to bring Waitakere onto the international stage, which clearly shows that the Stadium is not just a venue for active and passive recreation but has the ability to significantly add to the local economy by attracting these sorts of activities to the city.

Longer Term agreement

Currently Council negotiates an annual agreement with the WCST which outlines the objectives and targets for the upcoming year. These have remained relatively stable over the past years as the Stadium balances commercial opportunities with community use.

Without funding community space would more than likely be reduced for more profitable commercial activities to enable the Stadium to remain viable and sustainable.

The Stadium has done a good job of balancing the two areas especially in 2006/2007 with current targets appearing to be both realistic and sustainable, based on current funding levels. The fact that the regular community hirers remain stable and space during peak hours continues to be at a premium would be a strong indication that the community is still able to access the Stadium at the current prices. Therefore to enable the Stadium to continue to function in this manner and to ensure continued community access to the facility at the reduced rate, a longer term agreement may be of benefit to both Council and the Stadium and should be considered.

RESOURCES

Council budgeted an operational subsidy of \$475,000 for the 2006/2007 financial year. \$475,000 operational subsidy is budgeted in the Long Term Council Community Plan 2006-2016 for subsequent years.

CONCLUSION

The Stadium has performed well over the first eight months of the 2006/2007 financial year, which sees it on target to meet or exceed all targets as outlined in the agreement. The Stadium was able to attract a number of concerts during November 2006 to February 2006 which helped to increase the visitor numbers in this traditionally quiet period.

The Stadium has rebooked Dean Longeran Events this year which will see the Fight for Life and Cirque Disco return and have won the right to host both the World Netball Championships and the World Youth Badminton Championships later this year which looks set to bring not just national but international attention to Waitakere which should have real a boost to the city's profile and economy.

The Stadium has achieved a good balance of community and commercial use which sees the stadium remain accessible for many community groups but also continue to be a viable and sustainable business. A longer term agreement with the Stadium would see the community access maintained and give the Stadium greater stability and confidence moving forward. A new agreement is due to be renegotiated for the 2007/2008 financial year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Trust Stadium 2006/2007 Eight Month Performance report be received.
2. That a three year Funding and Services Agreement, from 2007/2008 to 2009/2010, between Council and the Waitakere City Stadium Trust for the operation of the Trusts Stadium be prepared and reported back to the Finance and Operational Committee for approval.

Report prepared by: Rob McGee, Leisure Services - Projects and Contracts Officer.



11 SPORT WAITAKERE FUNDING AND SERVICE AGREEMENT

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to seek direction from the Finance and Operational Performance Committee about the next Funding and Service Agreement between Council and Sport Waitakere and the possibility of negotiating a longer term agreement.

BACKGROUND

Council has been supporting Sport Waitakere, by means of an annual Funding and Service Agreement (the agreement) to provide Sporting and Physical Activity community programmes, for approximately fifteen years. Each year Council and Sport Waitakere agree on specific objectives to be achieved. Objectives of the agreement cover four broad areas:

- Active Health;
- Active Communities;
- Active Youth and
- Sport Development.

In 2005 Sport Waitakere developed a strategic plan that focuses on the facilitation of programmes rather than direct delivery. The strategic plan re-evaluated the future direction and core business of Sport Waitakere.

In the 2006/2007 agreement, Council invested in Sport Waitakere's entire operation and will assess their performance by measuring five key high level strategic projects and monitoring the overall performance through the six and twelve month reports Sport Waitakere provide to Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC).

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Leisure facilities and activities contribute to the well being of the City's residents by providing recreation opportunities that promote health and social cohesion. The Council's Leisure Strategy, Community Facility Plan, Parks Strategy and Revenue and Financing Policy guide the provision of facilities and activities to ensure that they are available to all residents, responsive to changing demands and provided efficiently. Council's strategic objective for leisure is that a comprehensive range of leisure, recreation and sports services and facilities are provided.

To improve the well being of the City's people and communities, Council provides and supports a diverse range of leisure opportunities through facility operation and development, direct funding, assistance to access other funding and support of activity initiatives.

Through the Strategic Plan Council has adopted a platform of 'Strong Communities' stating that in the next 10 years Council will develop the City as a renowned hub of social activity, arts, leisure, sports and recreation and also contributes to the Healthy Lifestyles Community Outcomes.

ISSUES

Council has entered into an annual agreement with Sport Waitakere for the past fifteen years which sees Sport Waitakere provide programmes and activities that encourage participation and or build capacity in sport and recreational activities in the City. In that time Sport Waitakere has undergone a number of changes including a significant change in 2005/2006 which saw them concentrate on the facilitation of programmes rather than direct delivery and a change from Council funding specific projects to now investing in Sport Waitakere's entire operation and measuring five key high level strategic projects, as is the case in the 2006/2007 agreement.

In the development of the 2006/2007 agreement Sport Waitakere, Council and SPARC identified that each organisation had overlapping goals which were:

1. Encouraging Participation.
2. Building Capability.

Prior to 2005/2006, Council and SPARC were using different measures to assess the same goals. In 2006/2007 Council and SPARC aligned both the measuring and reporting methods to reduce duplication and increase efficiency. Council now uses Sport Waitakere six month and twelve month report to SPARC as one of the methods used to measure performance. All three organisations are keen to continue to closely align the work being done and continue to develop more efficient and effective ways of doing things especially the administration and reporting.

Council officer's propose moving to a three year agreement from 2007/2008 to 2009/2010, which would allow Council, Sport Waitakere and SPARC to further develop efficiencies made during 2006/2007 and also enable both Council and Sport Waitakere to align a number of different strategies and agreements. This would have a number benefits to both parties which are discussed below.

Benefits

One of the major benefits in negotiating a three year agreement from 2007/2008 is that it would align with SPARC's funding and service agreement and enable all three parties to align performance measure and reporting methods especially for those activities that contribute to the two common goals listed above.

Sport Waitakere is currently writing a new three year strategic plan which will cover the period of an extended agreement. The current strategic plan was due to be renewed in 2008 however due to the significant changes undertaken by Sport Waitakere they have decided to rewrite the strategic plan one year early to align with the other strategies etc listed in this report and will start in July 2007. Council will have input into this plan and it will align with both Council and SPARC outcomes.

Sport Waitakere has produced a three year Sport Development strategy and work plan for Waitakere as part of their 2006/2007 agreement with Council and will be implemented from July 2007. This strategy outlines the work to be undertaken by Sport Waitakere and other organisations including Council over the next three years and ensure sport continues to develop and strengthen in the City. The strategy focuses on four key areas with a number of goals and actions under each area. The four areas are:

- Sport in Education
- Sport in the Community
- Coach, official and volunteer development
- Sporting Excellence.

This again provides an ideal opportunity for Council to align its agreement with the outcomes of the Strategy as it often takes longer than one year to see any significant changes in behaviour, whether it be strengthening infrastructure or improving physical activity levels.

As well as the Sport Development Strategy both Council and Sport Waitakere, along with the other partner organisations involved in the Active Waitakere Collaboration project, are developing a Regional Physical Activity and Sport Strategy and work plan with the outcomes to be based on a three year plan and would again align well with a longer term agreement and could be used as measures and outcomes.

Both Council and Sport Waitakere are partners in the Auckland Regional Physical Activity and Sport Strategy (ARPASS) and by extending the agreement to finish in conjunction with ARPASS in 2010, would allow both parties to undertake and align work being done under this initiative and ensure it is completed.

The annual renegotiation of the agreement involves a large amount of time and effort by staff and management of both organisations which would be significantly reduced if a three year agreement was to be produced instead of the annual agreement. This would allow both organisations to concentrate on increasing physical activity levels of which Waitakere has the lowest levels nationwide.

The relationship between Council and Sport Waitakere has strengthened significantly over the past few years. Sport Waitakere is seen as a key City partner with a community role similar to that of Enterprise Waitakere and Community Waitakere. Both Council and Sport Waitakere are working on more and more collaborative projects including the Active Waitakere Collaboration project and Massey Matters which highlights the willingness to work together and the level of trust and commitment now in the relationship. A longer term agreement will enable Sport Waitakere to have more financial stability and confidence moving forward and reflects the support and value Council has in the work they are undertaking in the city which is becoming more and more necessary as the physical activity levels in the city decrease and the lifestyle related illness increase.

Risks

The biggest risk associated with a move to a three year agreement is that Council would lose the flexibility to make annual changes to the agreement depending on the strategic direction of Council and a three year agreement would not align with the next round of the Long Term Council Community plan (LTCCP).

With the development of a number of key strategies the likelihood of Sport Waitakere undergoing a significant change in direction is minimal as these strategies clearly outline the work to be conducted by them over the next three years at least. Sport Waitakere has performed well over the past eighteen months and has developed into a stable and viable organisation, which gives Council greater confidence in their ability to meet the outcomes of the various strategies over a three year period. With the improved relationship and level of cooperation now present between the two organisations, the risk has been minimised.

An increase in the term of the agreement does not necessarily mean an increase in the funding provided and can be distributed inline with the current agreement via a payment every six months over the term of the agreement pending a performance review. That investment has already been budgeted for in the LTCCP.

RESOURCES

Through the Annual Plan 2006/2007 \$100,000 is allocated for Sport Waitakere's Funding and Service Agreement, along with an additional \$5,000 for promotional activities with the same amount budgeted in the LTCCP for subsequent years.

CONCLUSION

Council currently has an annual agreement with Sport Waitakere whereby Council invests in Sport Waitakere to initiate key projects that increase participation and build capacity in sport and recreation activities and organisations in Waitakere.

Council has an opportunity to align the upcoming agreement with the three year Funding and Service Agreement between Sport Waitakere and SPARC which has major benefits in terms of reducing administration costs by aligning reporting methods to assess performance and measure outcomes over that period. A three year agreement would also align well with the outcomes in Sport Waitakere's new strategic plan 2007-2010, the new Waitakere Sports Development strategy, the Regional Physical Activity and Sport Strategy and ARPASS. Council will continue to measure performance formally every six months and will look to measure higher level outcomes over a three year period rather than over one year

Council officers are looking for this Committee's direction on this matter and recommend that the funding agreement is developed for a three year term.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Sport Waitakere Funding and Service Agreement report be received.
2. That the Finance and Operational Performance Committee approve the Chief Executive Officer negotiating a three year Funding and Service Agreement between Council and Sport Waitakere Trust, for the period 2007/2008 to 2009/2010.

Report prepared by: Rob McGee – Leisure Services, Projects and Contracts Officer.



12 REVIEW OF POLICIES ON POSTPONEMENT OF RATES FOR 2008/2009

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to request that the Finance and Operational Performance Committee include on its work programme for 2007/2008, a review of the rates postponement policies.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and the Local Government Act 2002 provide that a local authority may adopt policies on the postponement of rates and the remission of rates.

The Council adopted its current policy on 30 June 2006 after public consultation. The Council had proposed to alter the Rates Postponement Policy from 1 July 2006 but having considered submissions received during consultation determined not to proceed with changes.

The Rates Postponement Policies in place are:

Policy 1: Postponement of rates on farmland where rateable value is influenced by potential non-farm use;

Policy 2: Postponement of rates on residential lands where rateable value is influenced by rezoning; and

Policy 3: Postponement of rates on the grounds of severe financial hardship.

It was considered for 2007/2008 that there was no immediate need to further consult on the issue. New citywide valuations will be released in November 2007 and following that was considered to be the appropriate time to consult given the rates work programme already approved.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Rates, being a form of property tax, need to be fair, equitable, efficient and consistent with the Council's strategic goals. There are circumstances under which rates on property may cause some negative effects on groups of rate payers or the community. The rates postponement policies are intended to mitigate these adverse effects, without undermining the Council's strategic goals. The rates postponement policies have linkages to and implications for the following strategic platforms:

- **Urban and rural villages:**

This strategic platform seeks to deliver compact, vibrant town centres, where people can live, work, shop, relax and enjoy.

- **Strong and Innovative economy:**

This platform focuses on employment creation in town centres through more efficient use of land, greater local linkages and multiplier effects.

- **Strong Communities:**

This platform seeks to promote a community that is active, healthy and content. They feel safe and connected to others.

- **Integrated transport:**

This strategic platform seeks to deliver sustainable urban form integrated with transport network that encourages the use of public transport.

- **Green network:**

This strategic platform seeks to retain and enhance the qualities of the natural environment and control urban sprawl.

ISSUES

Property rates give cost signals to the land users. The structure of property rates (who is excluded and included, tax base, how different classes of property are taxed and what concessions are granted) can influence the land use pattern in the city. Therefore, rates postponement policies need to be consistent with the Council strategies related to land use and growth management.

There are two rates postponement policies which could have implications for the Council's land use and growth management strategy and the economic development strategy in particular. They are:

Policy 1: Postponement of rates on farmland where rateable value is influenced by potential non-farm use; and

Policy 2: Postponement of rates on residential lands where rateable value is influenced by rezoning.

These are essentially a continuation of the past policies which were originally adopted as a mandatory requirement under the Rating Powers Act 1988. Under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and the Local Government Act 2002, rates postponement is not mandatory, but there are provisions in the Local Government Act 2002 for local authorities to adopt a rates postponement policy and a remission policy. The Council decided to continue the past policies on rates postponement and rates remission under the provisions in the new legislation, subject to review.

Over the years, the population of the Waitakere City has increased and the social, economic, environmental and cultural conditions have changed. The Council has adopted a growth management strategy that is intended to respond to these changes as well as to the expected changes in the future to progress towards a sustainable city. The rates postponement policies stated above also need to respond to these changes, and align with the strategic direction of the Council.

As an example of the issues involved currently, the City has a severe shortage of land for commercial industrial use within the Metropolitan Urban Limit. It is possible that rates Postponement Policies may be contributing to land not being released for commercial industrial use. This is the sort of issue that will be able to be examined in the review.

RESOURCES

It is not envisaged that any extra resources will be required to review these policies.

CONCLUSION

It is considered timely to raise again the issue of the appropriateness of Councils Rates Postponement Policies in respect of farmland where the rateable value is influenced by potential non-farm use and residential lands where the rateable value is influenced by rezoning.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Review of the Policies on Postponement of Rates report be received.

2. That the Finance and Operational Performance Committee approve the inclusion of a review of the following rates postponement policies in the work programme for 2007/2008:
 - I. Rates Postponement Policy 1: Farmland where rateable value is influenced by potential non-farm use.
 - II. Rates Postponement Policy 2. Residential lands where rateable value is influenced by rezoning.

Report prepared by: John MacKenzie, Group Manager: Rates.



13 COMMUNITY WELLBEING FUND 2006/2007

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform the Finance and Operational Performance Committee of the analysis undertaken by a Council officers' working party and provides recommendations to assist in future grant deliberations. In particular it recommends that the Community Wellbeing Fund align with the Community Assistance Policy and that Council's strategic direction and the Community Outcomes for Waitakere City be taken into consideration when prioritising grant recommendations.

BACKGROUND

Currently Council allocates approximately fifty cents per head of population in the Community Wellbeing Fund (CWF) making a total fund of \$92,000 which includes \$46,000 specified to City-wide projects. The fund is restricted to a maximum amount of \$3,000 per application per year.

The 2006 CWF received 40 eligible applications which requested a total of \$108,764 specified for City-wide projects, with only \$46,000 available in funding to allocate.

For the past five years, the City-wide part of the CWF has had applications greater than the budget available by at least 100% and the number of applicants has been steadily increasing. However, the Community Boards grant amounts that have been requested have closely met the total amount available to allocate.

In September 2006, Council's Finance and Operational Performance Committee recognised the oversubscription problems with the CWF and made the following directive that:

"A working party consisting of one Councillor from each ward together with Council officers work through the issue of setting criteria and priorities for the Community Wellbeing Fund so as to align it with Council's strategic direction in an attempt to rationalise the number of applications."

1830/2006

A working party was established with Council officers undertaking a review process which this report presents. It was in consultation with Councillor Janet Clews (Chairman of Council's Finance and Operational Performance Committee) that a decision was made to present this report to the Communication and Facilitation Group Meeting in order to comply with the directive regarding Councillor involvement in the review.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Strong Communities strategic platform underlines Council commitment to undertaking initiatives that will contribute to making Waitakere a safe, connected and healthy place to live and to improving local leisure and recreation opportunities and choices. It also states an aspiration of Waitakere where “people are active, informed, healthy and content. They feel safe, there is a strong sense of community and we enjoy our diversity of lifestyles and people”. Direct financial assistance to organisations providing support and activities to the residents of Waitakere assists Council’s commitment to this strategic direction.

ISSUES

Policy and Fund

The goal of the Community Assistance Policy is to help strengthen the ability of local community groups to create a strong social base for Waitakere and to meet local needs. The objectives of the policy are to:

- Provide assistance to local community groups that enable them to identify and meet community needs;
- Provide assistance that complements other available funding and assistance and contributes to Council's strategic direction as reflected in the strategic outcomes, while ensuring that selection criteria recognise the full range of ways in which groups can contribute;
- Promote co-operation, partnerships and networking within the not-for-profit sector;
- Provide assistance in a way that is clear to all, simplifies decision making, and is as fair and consistent as possible;
- Provide assistance in ways that recognise, protect and foster the needs and aspirations of iwi, hapu and Maori;
- Provide assistance for the not-for-profit sector in culturally appropriate ways;
- Work with other funding agencies, sharing information and developing joint solutions to issues and problems.

As stated in the Community Assistance Policy, the purpose of the CWF is to provide financial support to groups for expenses which are often not eligible for funding from other sources. As stated in the guidelines, the CWF fund is available for a range of expenses including;

- Training;
- Volunteer expenses;
- Administrative costs;
- Social auditing;
- Strategic planning;
- Equipment (small scale only);
- Projects;
- Events (community).

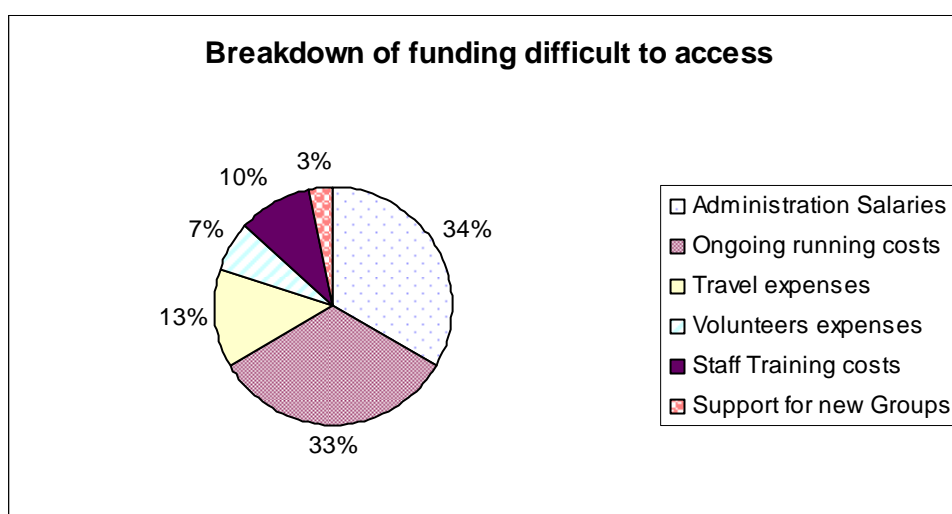
As outlined in the CWF guidelines, priority is given to proposals where the applicant can clearly demonstrate that there will be a significant contribution to one or more of the strategic outcomes which are prioritised against a point scale system.

Review Process

As per the directive from Council's Finance and Operational Performance Committee (1830/2006) a working party was established of Council officers from Leisure Services, Legal, Maori Relationships and Strategy. The working party determined a number of analysis projects in order to conduct a complete review of the CWF which are outlined below.

Needs based survey

A survey was conducted with a number of community groups in Waitakere to identify the most difficult areas to obtain funding for. A sample of community group applicants to the CWF were called and asked, "What do you find the most difficult money to access from funding agencies". Results of the survey are presented in the graph below.



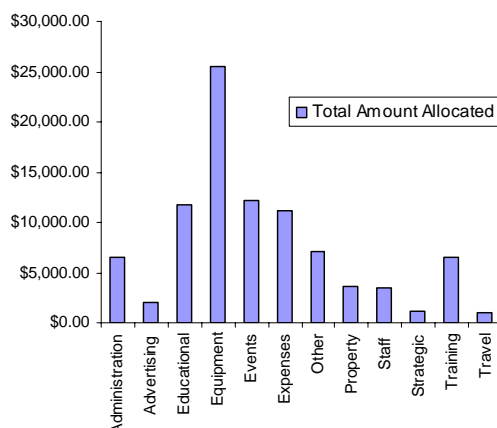
The survey results show that 'administration salaries' and 'on going running costs' were the most difficult areas for community groups to access funding for. Reasons given are that often the funding agency requires competitive quotes for funding items and this is difficult to obtain regarding such items as power, water, telephone, etc. Council has often funded such items in the CWF provided that the group has signed audited accounts from the previous financial year for Council to review.

Research was undertaken to ascertain what support other funding agencies provide. This assessment proved that many funding agencies were not able to provide money for administration salaries, running costs, travel and volunteer expenses. Administration costs are an expense Council could support and further analysis needs to occur of how the Community Assistance Policy can help community organisations in this area.

Statistical analysis of past allocations of funding

A review and analysis took place of past CWF applications and allocations of funding from 2004 to 2006 which broke down the applications into 12 different categories along with the amount of money allocated as identified in the graph below.

Community Wellbeing Fund Review 2006 by type of project and amount allocated



As demonstrated in this graph, nearly one third of the 2006 was allocated to groups for the purchase of equipment, with the next highest categories being events and educational both at 13%. The funding for strategic development and staff training was significantly low being only 1% and 7% respectively in 2006.

When comparing between the 2004 and the 2006, the amount of funding for equipment increased from 16% in 2004 to 28% for the 2006. Funding for education steadily decreased from 25% in 2004 to 13% in the 2006.

These findings show that the allocation of funds from the CWF are misaligned to the Community Assistance Policy and it is recommended that in future CWF allocation, more equitable distribution takes place regarding the type of project funded.

Maori and Pacific Island applicants

A statistical analysis was undertaken regarding the number of Maori and Pacific Island groups or projects that applied to the CWF in the past three years (2004 to 2006). The findings showed a recurring low number of Maori and Pacific Island applications to the CWF. In 2006 there were five applications that were for Maori and two for Pacific Island groups out of a total of 87 applications. In 2005 four applications were received from Maori and Pacific Island groups (two each) out of a total of 95 applications, and the 2004 CWF was very similar.

These results were discussed with Council's Maori Relationships officers who suggested that Council hold a series of Maori and Pacific Island specific workshops in an effort to make the application process of the CWF more accessible, thereby increasing the number of applications from these groups. In addition, the Community Assistance Policy states that Maori and Pacific Island community groups and projects should be considered a high priority. An assessment of these issues should be considered in the review of the Community Assistance Policy.

There are no other funds within Council that Maori applicants can apply to; however, there are a number of national funding bodies which support Maori organisations. Pacific Island applicants can apply to the Pacific Island Advisory Board for small amounts of money and there is a national fund called the Pacific Provider Development Fund. It has been identified by Council's Maori Relationships Officer and Pacific Island Advisory Board Coordinator that Maori and Pacific Island applicants' general awareness of local and national funds is low especially for small organisations. It was also identified that Maori and Pacific Island applicants had difficulty in completing successful applications for funding organisations.

Consumer Price Index analysis

An analysis took place regarding the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in association to the CWF over the past years. The Community Assistance Policy stated in 1998 that the Council set aside around fifty cents per head of population in 1998. The total amount of money currently allocated by the CWF is \$92,000 and the current population of Waitakere City Council is 186,444 (2006 census data). The difference in purchasing power of \$1.00 in 1998 has increased to \$1.19 in 2006 this means that there is a drop in purchasing power from 1998 to 2006 by 19%. Therefore, if the CWF were to align with the CPI it would currently be fifty cents multiplied by 19% (i.e. 59.5 cents) multiplied by the 2006 population of 186,444 which calculates to a total amount of \$110,934. It is recommended that in future annual plan years the CWF align with the CPI increase.

CWF City-wide oversubscription

For the past five years the CWF City-wide fund has had applications greater than the budget available by at least 100%. The total amount of money requested by community groups has been steadily increasing. In 2003 there were 37 applications and a total amount of \$95,938 requested with \$42,000 available to allocate. In 2006 there were 40 applications that requested a total amount of \$108,764 with \$46,000 to allocate. It is recommended that the total amount available for grants in the CWF City-wide fund be raised to meet the substantial annual shortfall.

Other council's social funding schemes

Research was undertaken about what other councils provide for social funding schemes of similar demographics. It was identified that there were few councils with similar demographics to Waitakere's and that the social funding schemes varied considerably for each council. This made it extremely difficult to make comparisons between councils. Further in-depth analysis in this area should occur with the review of the Community Assistance Policy.

Strategic direction and criteria analysis

The Local Government Act 2002 states that as part of the preparation of the Long Term Council Community Plan a set of community outcomes must be identified for the City. The Council then takes these into account in the formulation of its strategic direction and its budgeting. The Council provides a mandated set of strategic outcomes to assess grants against.

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A number of the community outcomes and priorities and the Council's strategic platforms have a strong connection to social wellbeing. The Community Outcomes and their priorities and Strategic Platforms are proposed to be the key areas to be assessed against as attached at page A16. The key Community Outcomes include; Strong Communities, Toiora, Urban and Rural Villages and Working Together. The Council platforms are Strong Communities and Urban and Rural Villages.

It is proposed that as part of the prioritisation process, there is an assessment of the projects contribution to achieving the social wellbeing oriented community outcomes and priorities and Council's strategic platforms. It is also proposed that the report to the appropriate committee recommending the grants also identify the contributions each project will make to enable members to potentially further prioritise.

Summary

The review process has determined a number of ways in which the CWF can better align with Council's strategic direction which would have the effect of rationalising the number of applicants, these are;

- That applications requesting funding for 'administration salaries' and 'on going running costs' be considered higher priority than other categories given the feedback from the community and funding agencies;
- That applications to the CWF be assessed against category / project type;
- Ongoing consultation, better promotion of the fund and workshops take place which are specifically targeted to Maori and Pacific Island community groups / projects;
- Increase the funding of the CWF to align with the CPI for future annual plan years to reflect the current purchasing power;
- That the total amount of money allocated for the City-wide fund is raised to meet the substantial annual shortfall;
- Further in-depth analysis needs to occur before recommendations can be made to align Council's CWF and Community Assistance Policy with other councils' social funding schemes;
- That Council undertake a comprehensive review of the Community Assistance Policy to ensure that the policy meets Council's Community Outcomes objectives.

CONCLUSION

A Council officers' working party conducted a review process of the CWF in order to address issues with setting criteria and priorities for the fund and to consider alignment with Council's strategic direction so as to better rationalise the number of applications.

The needs based survey of community groups and funding agencies identified that funding was difficult to obtain for community groups for administration costs and on going running costs, therefore it is recommended that these areas are given a high priority in future assessment of applications.

The analysis of past grant allocations identified a bias towards funding projects for equipment costs whereas the number of applications for education, training, and strategic planning projects had been steadily declining.

The low number of Maori and Pacific Island applications to the CWF is of concern and it has been proposed that ongoing consultation occurs and an initial focus on the application process would be beneficial.

Based on a review of the Consumer Price Index, if the CWF were to align with the Consumer Price Index over the past years it would currently be at \$110,934.

The city-wide component of the CWF fund has had applications greater than the budget available by at least 100% for the past five years. It is recommended that this amount be increased to meet the substantial annual shortfall.

In review of the strategic direction and criteria analysis it is proposed that the assessment of projects to the CWF take into account the level of social wellbeing orientated outcomes and priorities and Council's strategic platforms.

Further in-depth analysis of other councils' social funding schemes needs to occur before recommendations can be made.

A summary is provided regarding the ways in which the CWF can better align with Council's strategic direction which would have the effect of rationalising the number of applicants.

The review of the CWF has shown overall that a number of funding issues need to be addressed in the review of the Community Assistance Policy and recommend that an in-depth review of the Community Assistance Policy come back to this Committee for approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Community Wellbeing Fund 2006/2007 report be received.
2. That the applications for the Community Wellbeing Fund 2006/2007 be prioritised against the Community Outcomes and Council's strategic platforms be approved.
3. That a review of the Community Assistance Policy be undertaken and reported back to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee to be approved.

Report prepared by: Greta Buchanan, Grants Officer.



PART F - REPORTS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEES

14 TENDERS SUBCOMMITTEE

YOUR SUBCOMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF ITS MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 13 APRIL 2007 and FRIDAY 27 APRIL 2007.

1. CONTRACT NO. SP06004B - NEW LYNN TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT - QUANTITY SURVEYING SERVICES

Your Committee Recommends:

That a carry forward of \$191,000 be approved to fund Contract No. SP06004B - New Lynn Transit Oriented Development - Quantity Surveying Services from the 2006/2007 budget relating to the New Lynn Transit Design c/f sum and the Clark Street - widen Crown Lynn to Rankin Avenue sum for the years 2007/2008 of \$130,000 and 2008/2009 for \$61,000

2. OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED

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The Committee dealt with a number of items for which it has delegated powers to act and a copy of the minutes of the meeting is attached at pages A17 to A22.

Your Committee Recommends:

That the report of the meeting of the Tenders Subcommittee held on Friday, 13 April 2007 and Friday, 27 April be received.

Cr JM Clews, QSO, JP

CHAIRMAN



PART G - RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER MEETINGS

15 RECOMMENDATION FROM CREATIVE COMMUNITIES SCHEME ALLOCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

The Creative Communities Scheme Allocation Subcommittee recommends to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee:

That the 2006/2007 second round Creative Communities Scheme Allocation funding as set out, be approved.

Appl. No.	Group Name	Funding Requested	Funding Allocated
1.	Pacific Culture & Art Exchange Centre	\$1,500	\$750.00
2.	Pacific Culture & Art Exchange Centre	\$0	\$0
3.	Titirangi Community Radio Trust	\$5,000	\$3,500.00
4.	K M Jarvis	\$2,400	\$1,800.00
5.	Waitakere City Orchestra	\$3,000	\$1,000.00
6.	Auckland Theatre Company	\$2,000	\$0
7.	Waitakere Indian Association	\$2,197	\$0
8.	833 Records	\$5,000	\$0
9.	Lopdell House Society	\$925	\$800.00
10.	Show West Singers Incorporated	\$2,342	\$900.00
11.	J Angel	\$3,037	\$2,500.00
12.	1st Productions Limited	\$4,680	\$4,500.00
13.	Antique Fabric & Lace	\$5,000	\$1,200.00
14.	Antique Fabric & Lace	\$3,879	\$1,800.00
15.	Hoani Waititi Marae Trust	\$5,000	\$3,500.00
16.	Soul Centre Of The Body And Mind	\$4,879	\$3,000.00
17.	McCahon House Trust	\$2,900	\$1,000.00
18.	Friendship Centre Trust	\$847	\$425.00
19.	D Browne	\$3,480	\$2,000.00
20.	Waitakere Gymnastics	\$1,731	\$0
21.	Northern Dance Network Inc	\$3,000	\$1,200.00
22.	Tangi Tai Avaiki Dance Troup	\$3,000	\$1,700.00
23.	R P Lynden	\$0	\$0
24.	Titirangi Drama Club Inc	\$3,000	\$3,000.00
25.	Interacting Trust	\$4,637	\$3,000.00
26.	G M Taylor	\$1,453	\$0
27.	Waipareira Education Unit	\$3,730	\$3,000.00
28.	Glendene Au Vainetini	\$5,000	\$3,000.00
29.	Tipani Dance Troupe	\$4,740	\$3,000.00
30.	Vasa Pasifika Creative Learning Trust	\$0	\$0

Appl. No.	Group Name	Funding Requested	Funding Allocated
31	Auckland Tuvalu Society Inc	\$5,000	\$2,000.00
32	Tuvalu Tau Matua Trust	\$3,380	\$1,800.00
33	Tokelau Community - Waitakere City	\$3,500	\$1,800.00
34	Titirangi Community Arts Council	\$2,369	\$1,500.00
	TOTAL	\$102,606	\$53,675.00

