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1 APOLOGIES



2 URGENT BUSINESS

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

- (i) the Committee by resolution so decides; and
- (ii) the Chairperson 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

Ordinary - Wednesday, 12 May 2004

RECOMMENDATION

That the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee held on Wednesday, 12 May 2004, as circulated, be taken as read and now be confirmed.



4 AUCKLAND REGIONAL SERVICES TRUST FUNDING

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

This report outlines the considerations of the Finance and Operational Performance Committee in relation to recommendations made for the disbursement of the Auckland Regional Services Trust fund held by Council. It seeks clarification, in terms of the wording, of the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee's recommendation for the future of the \$225,000 allocated to the Playhouse Theatre in 2003.

The Director of the Corban Estate Arts Centre will present, for approval, the work plans and preliminary costings for the project proposed under the grant to the Waitakere Arts and Cultural Development Trust. If these proposals meet with the approval of the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee, they will be forwarded to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee for final sign-off.

BACKGROUND

The Regional Arts and Cultural Funding Allocation Subcommittee met on 3 March 2004 to hear presentations from The Corban Estate Arts Centre and the Lopdell House Arts Development Trust. The invitation to these two organisations to present their vision and their development plans was in response to the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee's stated desire to disburse the remainder of the Auckland Regional Services Trust funding to major arts infrastructure organisations within the city.

The Regional Arts and Cultural Funding Allocation Subcommittee also examined the issue of support to the Creative Solutions/Toi Whenua regional project. Over the past two years allocations of \$14,000 and \$20,000 have been contributed to this project from the Auckland Regional Services Trust fund in recognition of the benefit accrued to Waitakere City by this regional arts development project. It was agreed that further provision for Waitakere City's participation was desirable.

As a result of these presentations the following recommendations were forwarded to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee:

1. That the amount of \$75,000 be set aside from the Auckland Regional Services Trust Fund to support the ongoing development of the Creative Solutions/Toi Whenua project, at \$25,000 per annum for three years.
2. That the balance of the Auckland Regional Services Trust Fund, after setting aside the sum of \$75,000 for the Creative Solutions/Toi Whenua project, be disbursed to the Waitakere Arts and Cultural Development Trust and the Lopdell House Arts Development Trust, based respectively on the proportion of 2:1, i.e. two-thirds for the development of the Corban Estate Arts Centre and one-third for the development of the Lopdell House Arts Precinct.
3. That the amount of \$225,000, granted by Council to the Waitakere Playhouse Theatre Trust, if repaid to the Auckland Regional Services trust Fund, be disbursed in the same manner, i.e. two-thirds to the Corban Estate Arts Centre and one-third to the Lopdell House Arts Precinct.

On the 5 April 2004 the Finance and Operational Performance Committee gave consideration to the above recommendations. As a result, the following recommendations were passed:

Recommendation 1: Approved.

Recommendations 2 and 3: To be referred back to the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee for further consideration.

It was clear from Council's response to the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee's recommendation that there was a strong desire for the issues around the development of the Pacific Islands Arts Centre to be given further consideration.

At a further meeting convened on 12 May 2004 this Subcommittee heard a presentation from Taha Fasi, Chair of the Pacific Islands Advisory Board, on the aspirations of the Pacific Islands Arts Committee for a purpose-built facility on the Corban Estate. Although the fire [1 April 2004] had been a huge blow to this arts centre, there had been for some time a plan to develop a special 'pacific-style' facility at Corban Estate.

As a result of this presentation and the deliberations of the Subcommittee, the following resolutions were passed:

1. *That the Auckland Regional Services Trust Funding Review report be received.*
2. *That the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee recommends to the Finance and Operational performance Committee that the remainder of the Auckland regional services Trust funds, that is \$793,335.00, be split three ways between Lopdell House Arts Development Trust, Corban Estate Arts Centre and the Pacific Islands Arts Centre, provided that the amount allocated to the Pacific Islands Arts Centre is used in the establishment of a purpose built facility to accommodate the 'Mamas' so they may pass on their knowledge to young Pacific Islands artists.*
3. *That the Pacific Island Advisory Board provide a Financial Report to the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee within six months of the funds being approved by the Finance and Operational Performance Committee as to how the PIAB will spend the money.*
4. *That should the \$225,000.00 be returned to this fund, the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee will meet to discuss its allocation.*

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STRATEGIC CONTEXT

The Arts and Cultural Strategy (adopted in December 2002) identifies both the Corban Estate and the Lopdell House arts precinct, with their existing strong arts programmes, as key arts precincts or hubs for further strengthening and development of arts and cultural infrastructure for Waitakere City.

The Local Government Act now places on Local Authorities the responsibility for 'cultural well-being' for their communities.

ISSUES

The Subcommittee needs to clarify the following points:

- The recommendation re the \$225,000.00 given to the Playhouse Theatre Trust in 2003 needs to be clarified and re-submitted to the Finance and Operational Performance Subcommittee.
- The proposal submitted by the Corban Estate Arts Centre to this meeting, if considered a satisfactory expression of the Subcommittee's intent in granting the funding, should form the basis of a recommendation to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee.

RESOURCES

The balance of the fund, after putting aside the \$75,000 allocated to Creative Solutions/Toi Whenua, is \$852,234.

CONCLUSION

The Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee has been reconvened in order to hear the first full proposal in relation to the approved allocation of the remaining ARST funds and to define more clearly its intentions for the \$225,000 allocated in 2003 to the Playhouse Theatre Trust.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee give consideration to the business case and costings as submitted by the Director of the Corban Estate Arts Centre and make appropriate recommendations to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee.
2. That the Regional Arts and Culture Funding Allocation Subcommittee re-word and re-submit to the Finance and Operational Performance Committee its recommendation regarding the \$225,000 given in 2003 to the Playhouse Theatre Trust.

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