

0.0 Options to Address Security Concerns at Te Matapihi**Author:** Gaylene Prince, Group Manager - Community**Authoriser:** Kevin Ross, Chief Executive**1. Reason for Report**

1.1 This report is to consider options to address the security concerns at Te Matapihi, Bulls.

2. Context

2.1 There have been incident reports from staff that people are sleeping in the Te Matapihi public toilets at night. Police have also been called out to respond to some of these incidents. This type of behaviour is presenting a barrier to the public wishing to use these facilities, as well as to Council staff, such as the cleaning team.

2.2 Consideration has been given to introducing security personnel to prevent such incidents. The cost to have security on-site, 9pm- 6am, from 1 December to 11 February, as a trial, is \$29,563.20. This cost would be unbudgeted expenditure.

2.3 Another option is to close the facility between the same hours. There are Council leased public toilets (Rangitikei Junction, adjacent to the BP in Bulls) that are open 24/7, although these do not have a shower facility. There are no buses stopping at Te Matapihi between 9pm-6am.

2.4 The BP Service Station also has public toilets although there is no access to these between 11am-4am.

2.5 Staff are also considering and costing other suggested security improvements to the Te Matapihi building complex.

3. Statutory Implications

3.1 There is no impact on the change of level of service as the current Long- Term Plan Group of Activities states there would be one facility open 24 hours in Bulls, Marton and Taihape.

Recommendation

That the report 'Options to Address Security Concerns at Te Matapihi' be received.

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That Council agrees/ does not agree to onsite security at Te Matapihi at an unbudgeted cost of \$29, 563.20.

OR

That Council closes the public toilets at Te Matapihi between 9pm-6am.