



Rangitikei District Council

Finance/Performance Committee Meeting

Order Paper – Thursday 26 November 2015 – 9:30 a.m.

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The quorum for the Finance/Performance Committee is 5.

At its meeting of 28 October 2010, Council resolved that “The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roopu Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.

1 Welcome

2 Council Prayer

3 Apologies/leave of absence

4 Confirmation of agenda

The meeting will adjourn at 11.00 am and reconvene at 3.15 pm (or later if Council has not completed its business by that time).

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, be dealt with as a late item at this meeting.

5 Chair's report

A report will be tabled

File ref: 3-CT-14-1

Recommendation

That the Chair's report to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting on 26 November 2015 be received.

6 Confirmation of minutes

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Finance/Performance Committee meeting held on 29 October 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

7 Treasury policies

A memorandum (with draft policies) is attached. Brett Johanson, Partner, Financial Risk with Pricewaterhouse Coopers, will be in attendance.

File: 3-PY-1-4

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum 'Treasury policy (incorporating Investment and Liabilities policies)' be received.
2. That the Finance/Performance Committee recommends the draft Treasury Policy [as amended/without amendment] to Council for adoption for public consultation.

8 Financial results for October 2015

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-FR-4-1

Recommendation

That the report 'Financial results for October 2015' be received.

9 Queries from previous meeting

There are no outstanding queries.

10 Effect of enhanced funding for flood damage reinstatement and rates impact

A memorandum is attached

File: 6-RT-2-3

Recommendations

3. That the memorandum 'Effect of enhanced funding for flood damage reinstatement and rates impact' be received.
4. That, as a first option, Council consider requesting funding the Emergency rate shortfall from other agencies such as Civil Defence and/or Ministry for Primary Industries on an economic activity basis.

11 Proposed disposal of land – update

A report will be provided to the Committee's meeting in March 2016. It has not proved possible to get the work to a sufficient stage for consideration at this meeting.

12 District promotion Strategy – proposed collaborative, cross-regional promotional activities

There is little progress to report since the Committee's meeting on 1 October 2015. The Regional Economic Development Officers' meeting has been re-scheduled for early December where this item will be discussed. However, the Regional Chiefs meeting in Ruapehu recently heard a case study from Tararua District Council regarding their exhibit at the Auckland Home Show this year. This is illustrative of the kind of activity where collaboration can reduce costs to individual councils and promote regional New Zealand to the advantage of all.

A report will be brought to the Committee in February 2016.

13 Request for reduction of water charges

Colliers International, on behalf of the Ministry of Education, has requested a reduction of Council's charges for metered water use at the former Taihape College site on Rauma Road on the grounds that there was excess consumption because of water leaks on the property. A plumber was on site last month replacing 250 metres of pipe. The outstanding invoices total \$23,570. The last payment received for this account was in July 2014.

This site now houses St Joseph's College and a number of local organisations have been using some former College buildings on an informal basis.

Meters for extraordinary water users are read three times a year and invoices sent after that. While it is evident that metered consumption of water for March-June 2015 was double that for November 2014-February 2015, there was variable use before that so it is uncertain what the normal consumption is for this site.

The next reading, for November 2015-February 2016, should not be affected by leaks. Comparing this with the reading for November 2015-February 2015 would establish the likely percentage excess water use, which could be applied that to the charges made for the period July-October 2014 to July-October 2015. If this method is agreed to, the Committee might want to limit the total amount of reduction to a percentage of the outstanding invoiced sum.

Recommendation

That the Finance/Performance Committee authorises the Chief Executive to grant a remission of excess water charges at the site of the former Taihape College subject to

- (i) assessing the water loss at the site of the former Taihape College by comparing readings for November 2015-February 2016 with those for the same period twelve months ago to determine the percentage of excess water lost through leaks, and
- (ii) not exceeding% of the \$23,570 owing.

14 Considerations for a Mayoral Discretionary Fund

A report is attached

File: 3-GF-5

Recommendations

1. That the memorandum 'Considerations for a Mayoral Discretionary Fund' be received.

EITHER

2. That a Mayoral Discretionary Fund not be established for the Rangitikei District.

OR

3. That a Mayoral Discretionary Fund be established for the Rangitikei District, based on the terms of reference [as amended/without amendment] presented to the Finance/Performance Committee meeting of 26 November 2015, with an initial allocation for 2015/16 of \$.....

15 Consideration of applications to round 2 of the Community Initiatives Fund

A report is attached. The applications were distributed separately to Elected Members (and are available on Council’s website), together with scoring sheets for Committee members to complete before the meeting.

File: 3-GF-8-3

Recommendations

1. That the report ‘Consideration of applications for the Community Initiative Fund 2015/16 – round 2’ be received.
2. That the Finance / Performance Committee approve the applications, listed below, and disperse the Community Initiatives Fund as outlined to successful applicants.

Marton RSA	\$
Creative Critters	\$

16 Consideration of applications to round 2 of the Events Sponsorship Scheme

A report is attached. The applications were distributed separately to Elected Members (and are available on Council’s website), together with scoring sheets for Committee members to complete before the meeting.

File: 3-GF-11-3

Recommendations

1. That the report ‘Consideration of applications for the Events Sponsorship Scheme 2015/16 – Round 2’ be received.
2. That the Finance/Performance Committee considers the late application from the Taihape A&P Show.
3. That the Finance / Performance Committee approve the sponsorship of events listed below, and disperse the Events Sponsorship Scheme as outlined to successful applicants.

Marton Jaycees – Marton Christmas Parade 2016	\$
Taihape Area Dressage Group – Taihape Dressage Championships 2016	\$
Taihape A&P Show – Taihape A&P Show 2016	\$

Nga Iwi O Mokai Patea Services Trust – Waitangi Big Day Out 2016 \$

17 Late items

18 Future items for the Agenda

19 Next meeting

25 February 2016

20 Meeting closed