

## **Chairs report, April 2022**

### **Finance & Performance Committee**

Welcome to the Finance and Performance Committee meeting for April 2022.

Today we are making decisions on funding allocations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Initiatives Funding round. The number of applications are down on previous years which is disappointing, however, as the country and district starts to “open up” again after Covid restrictions, we will hopefully see more activity happening throughout the district.

It is pleasing to see our spending in the Capital Expenditure budgets starting to progress towards predicted levels. Once again, the impact of Covid has had an influence in delays of a number of our signalled projects. Whilst the number of Covid cases within our district are growing, I believe that we should see some sort of “normality” coming back in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of this calendar year.

The monthly QV reporting is showing a slight slowdown in building consent valuations. There are well documented reasons of why this is occurring. However, visual evidence of building work around the southern area of our district shows that the numbers of consents and new builds will still continue to grow for some time yet. Two major subdivisions within the Marton urban area are currently progressing at a fast rate and this will bring a large number of new sections/ house builds into the district.

It is pleasing to see our public facilities returning to being open for public access. This will be extremely pleasing for the regular users of our libraries, etc. With the number of users increasing, this will give our Happy or Not reporting some more depth to give a better reflection of users satisfaction.

Looking forward to everyone’s input into today’s meeting.

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Finance & Performance Committee Chair