

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

22 APRIL 2015

## AGENDA ITEM E3

### CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT

#### **Purpose of Report**

To report to Council on general activities since the last meeting.

#### **Recommendations**

The Chief Executive Officer recommends that Council:

1. *Receive the information.*

#### **1. Executive Summary**

Following on from my last report to Council, the Long Term Plan preparation continues to be a focus. While we are nearly there with the new Consultation Document, being a new document necessitates a lot of development and discussion to ensure the document meets the statutory requirements. Hopefully by the time the Council meeting is held the Consultation Document has had an audit opinion issued and adopted by Council.

The regular Rural and Provincial sector meetings were held in Wellington and the presentations, in my view, were of more strategic value than perhaps has been the case at earlier sessions. This is a pleasing development as the Local Government sector continues to address the key issues, and not just minor matters that can take a lot of time for little real progress.

Of course, the presentation of our submission to the Local Government Commission was an interesting experience and I feel our approach and points were appropriate and well received.

#### **2. Governance/Leadership/Advocacy**

*The following table provides the year to date results for KPI's set for the Governance output [note this report is as at 30 June 2014]*

| GOVERNANCE/LEADERSHIP/ADVOCACY<br>KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS                                 | TARGET<br>2013/14 | YTD<br>RESULT<br>2013/14 | COMMENT<br>SOURCE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN TO ACHIEVE<br>TARGET |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Ratepayers and residents feel they can contact a Council member to raise an issue or problem | 75%               | 73%                      | NRB Survey 3 yearly*                                      |

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| Ratepayers and residents feel that the Mayor and councillors give a fair hearing to their views   | 75%                          | 62%                            | NRB Survey 3 yearly                                       |
| Ratepayers and residents are satisfied with Council's decisions and actions   | 50%                          | 76% (very or fairly satisfied) | NRB Survey 3 yearly                                       |
| Ratepayers and residents are satisfied with how Council allocates rates/funds to be spent on the services and facilities provided (target peer group age) | 78%                          | 64%(very or fairly satisfied)  | NRB Survey 3 yearly                                       |
| Community Board decision - making reports on local issues   | 90%                          |                                | Community Board reports and minutes                       |
| % of ratepayers and residents who know how to contact a community board member  | 65%                          | 65%                            | NRB Survey 3 yearly                                       |
| Ratepayers and residents satisfied with the way Council involves the public in the decision it makes  | 65%                          | 49%                            | NRB Survey 3 yearly                                       |
| The Maori Standing Committee makes recommendations to Council in relation to policy and plan development and resource management applications             | 100% applicable applications |                                | Maori Standing Committee minutes                          |

## 2.1 Local Government Commission/Governance Review

As indicated above, SWDC submission presentation was made to the Commission in Carterton.

There is plenty of rhetoric however the next steps are in the Commissioners hands.

Not all submissions have been heard and no definitive decision date has been set, one influencing factor will be the upcoming elections next year as any transition is usually linked to an election cycle – however it I noted that elections can be delayed by one year in certain circumstances.

## 3. Strategic Planning and Policy Development

### 3.1 Meetings/Conferences

#### 3.1.1. Chief Executive Forum

One meeting was held in the period between my reports, items of interest included the Wellington Airport extension, the Earthquake Commission in relation to establishing better links to local authorities in the region, Roothing, though generally discussing the big projects in the western part of the region, and of course amalgamation.

#### 3.1.2. Mayoral Forum

One Mayoral Forum was held and I am sure this will be covered in Her Worship's report.

### 3.2 Legislation

While no new legislation has been introduced recently, we are still bedding down the various pieces of legislation recently enacted, and I believe it will be some time before we fully understand the resourcing implications required to comply.

### 3.3 Wastewater Consents

Evidence has been completed for the Martinborough application, and this application is proceeding as planned.

The hearing for the Martinborough application is planned for the week commencing June 2.

### 3.4 Financial Statements

There are no financial statements to present this month.

### 3.5 Long Term Plan

The Long Term Plan is well underway, with the Consultation Document currently at audit for their final review. Hopefully by the time the Council meeting is held the supporting information, and Consultation Documentation will have been adopted and being prepared for release for consultation.

This LTP has been prepared under a new legislative process and I need to thank Kyra and Kim for their efforts in managing this new process.

### 3.6 Rural Broadband

Following a number of meetings it has been decided to join MDC and CDC to prepare an application under the newly announced fund for rural broadband across the Wairarapa district.

Each district will be required to provide input into the application; accordingly the working group set up will remain to coordinate this input.

We will provide circa \$2,500 toward the cost of preparing the application, and Tim Lusk will sit on the joint committee, along with one other from South Wairarapa yet to be decided.

### 3.7 Rates Arrears (Incl. GST)

| DATE              | AMOUNT<br>\$'000 | NUMBER | DAYS SINCE INSTALMENT DUE | SWDC COMPONENT \$'000<br>(81%) |
|-------------------|------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 June 2012       | \$855            | 722    | 10                        | \$692                          |
| 19 June 2012      | \$730            | 632    | 31                        | \$591                          |
| 10 September 2012 | \$947            |        | 21                        | \$767                          |
| 15 February 2013  | \$820            | 565    | 57                        | \$664                          |
| 17 June 2013      | \$913            | 740    | 27                        | \$739                          |
| 4 March 2014      | \$1,033          | 863    | 12                        | \$836                          |
| 14 April 2014     | \$954            | 675    | 53                        | \$773                          |
| 19 August 2014    | \$818            | 592    | 91                        | \$663                          |
| 30 September 2014 | \$1,008          | 809    | 37                        | \$816                          |
| 11 November 2014  | \$770            | 627    | 83                        | \$623                          |
| 27 January 2015   | \$672            | 537    | 68                        | \$544                          |
| 2 March 2015      | \$784            | 798    | 10                        | \$635                          |

As at 30 September 2014 the balance outstanding amounted to \$1,008K of which \$608K related to prior year (30 June 2014 and earlier).

The arrears amount of \$608K amount outstanding relating to the 30 June 2014 and prior balances has reduced to \$130K which is a good result. This has generally been through demands from the banks, which have all been settled. We are following up a number through legal avenues.

For the installment due 20 February 2015, there are approximately 478 ratepayers who missed this installment, i.e. this is the only installment that is currently outstanding for those ratepayers. This is disappointingly high.

We continue to pursue all arrears.

## **4. Corporate**

### **4.1 Occupational Health and Safety**

There were no OH & S matters since the last reporting period.

### **4.2 LGOIMA Requests**

| <b>DATE</b>   | <b>INWARDS</b>  | <b>SUBJECT</b>   |
|---------------|---|--|
| 2 March 2015  | Non-Compliance related to water prosecutions.   | Advised requester the issues raised are matters for the Greater Wellington Regional Council. |
| 9 March 2015  | Noise complaints in 2014, requesting location, the noise issue and any seizures made.   | Details sent.  |
| 30 March 2015 | Seeking advice as to whether your council have a similar stakeholder group to represent the interests of older persons  | Advised no older person representative group.  |
| 31 March 2015 | Request for Minutes pre 2007: Lake Ferry Community Wastewater System  |  |
| 2 April 2015  | Number of pollution responses logged per annum, number of spills attended to, number of prosecutions for deliberate or illegal disposal/dumping prosecutions, number of illegal disposal sites (cleanfills, ponds) identified and then number of contaminated sites in these regions, and how many of these were caused by inappropriate operational or waste disposal practices. |  |

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