

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

3 JUNE 2015

AGENDA ITEM D3

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

A busy period, dominated by meetings.

The Long Term Plan Consultation Document was adopted and has been released for consultation. Four public workshops on the long term plan will have been completed by the time this agenda is published.

We have already received a number of submissions, the closing date is 2 June 4pm.

The Local Government Commission final proposal is due to be released early to mid June , regional CE's have been reviewing options to ensure that whatever the result the Region continues to move forward.

There has been a significant body of evidence created in support of our Resource Consent application for the Martinborough Wastewater Treatment plant. Hearings are set down for 3 and 4 June, fingers crossed.

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

The regional Mayors tasked the Chief Executives to review what the likely scenarios will be for the Local Government Commission announcement (which is due early – mid June).

The regional CE's have had discussions with the CE of the LGC, and Deputy Director for Internal Affairs on possible next steps. We could not be advised of any direction in terms of the LGC "preferred option" the discussions were around the next steps following the announcement.

The analysis of possible next steps has been driven by the collective view that the process has been difficult and the outcomes may not be satisfactory in terms of what is felt to be the public's overall opinions on this matter, and a desire to ensure something positive comes out of the amount of work that has been done to get to this stage.

3. Strategic Planning and Policy Development

3.1 Meetings/Conferences

3.1.1. Chief Executive Forum

Two meetings have been held, the majority of time has been taken up developing some options for the way forward as requested by the regional Mayors.

3.1.2. Mayoral Forum

One Mayoral Forum was held and I am sure this will be covered in Her Worship's report. As indicated above governance matters were high on the agenda, with a tasking to the regional CE's for some analysis on the way forward following the announcement of the preferred option from the LGC.

3.2 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 3 and 4 June.

3.3 Financial Statements

The year to date 30 April 2015 Financial Statements will be tabled.

3.4 Long Term Plan

The LTP Consultation Document, and Supporting Documentation, was adopted at the public meeting on 1 May.

The Consultation Document was circulated to all households in south Wairarapa (those that receive the midweek), radio messaging has reminded listeners that the consultation has started with public meeting details and submission closing details.

We have held targeted sector group meetings, and of course the four public workshops.

Hopefully through these initiatives there has been sufficient opportunity for the public to become involved, should they wish to do so.

3.5 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.

3.6 Rates Arrears (Incl. GST)

DATE	AMOUNT \$'000	NUMBER	DAYS SINCE INSTALMENT DUE	SWDC COMPONENT \$'000 (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

DATE	AMOUNT \$'000	NUMBER	DAYS SINCE INSTALMENT DUE	SWDC COMPONENT \$'000 (81%)
11 November 2014	\$770	627	83	\$623
27 January 2015	\$672	537	68	\$544
2 March 2015	\$784	798	10	\$635
25 May 2015	\$762	803	3	\$617

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 outstanding relating to the 30 June 2014 and prior balances has reduced to \$82K 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 May 2015, there are approximately 464 ratepayers who missed this installment, i.e. this is the only installment that is currently outstanding for those ratepayers. This remains 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

DATE	TOPIC OF INFORMATION REQUEST	REQUEST RESPONSE
17 April	Details of district parking charges	No parking charges.
22 April	Details of any advice, policy documents or summary that records Council's understanding of its obligations under The Treaty of Waitangi.	Sent copy Of Council Policy.
22 April	Property transactions with Iwi since July 2013	No transactions
23-April	Spend on external consultants in each of the past three years and the purpose	Information provided
23 April	process flow to assess an application for a building or land use consent	Information provided
12 May	Further clarification of Council RMA processes and details of the minutes of a meeting that may have taken place in 2012 between former CEO and the Treasurer of Gun Club.	
20 May	Detail relating to the possible placement of a crematorium on Featherston	
20 May	Detail relating to the prosed sale of vacant land site in Featherston	

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