

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

20 FEBRUARY 2013

AGENDA ITEM D1

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. Finance

The financial report for the month ending 31 December 2012 is included with the Council papers.

2. General

The last Council meeting was on 12 December 2012 and since then there has been the Christmas and New Year closure of the Council offices. During this period essential staff and contractors were on call to ensure that services were provided and that Council still continued to function effectively and serve the needs of the district. During this period the La De Da Festival took place. La De Da has now become an annual event and this year it went off with no particular problems for Council. At the beginning of February the first of two Martinborough Fairs was held and this was also a successful event that presented no particular issues for Council staff.

The New Year has also seen some staff changes occur. The Group Manager, Planning and Environment, Glenn Bunny, resigned to take up a new senior position in Australia. Glenn did excellent work for Council and it was with regret that his resignation was accepted. However, I am pleased to report that Council has been fortunate in having Vanessa Tipoki accept an appointment as Acting Group Manager, Planning and Environment. Vanessa has been with Council since the restructuring that occurred in 2010 and I am confident that she will be an excellent appointment in the acting role.

Ciaran Hayes has also resigned as Council's Asset Engineer to take up a new position in Wellington. Ciaran has worked as an Engineer in the Infrastructure and Services Department and has done some outstanding

work for Council over the past two years. Again it was with regret that Council received Ciaran's resignation.

The Infrastructure and Services Department welcomed a new staff member since last Council meeting. Jean-Paul Irwin joined the team and he is already making a significant contribution to the work of the unit. The process of recruiting a replacement for Ciaran is currently underway.

2.1 Wairarapa Governance

The Wairarapa Governance Review Working Party has continued to meet since the last Council meeting and public consultation has been undertaken. This consultation has included public meetings and meetings with key stakeholders. Submissions on the Wairarapa's Future options closed on 4 February 2013.

2.2 Planning

The Draft Plans for the District's Coastal Reserves have been made available for public consultation. Submissions on the Draft Plans close on 3 April 2013.

Council initiated Combined District Plan plan changes including the second dwelling rule, the West Street zoning and front yard rule are now out for public submissions and close at the end of February.

2.3 Martinborough Library

Council has signed a lease with the owner of the building at 6 Kitchener Street. The new library will be situated behind the Village Cafe and incorporates the premises previously used by Perception Planning Ltd. Builders are working on some relatively minor modifications. The modification project is aiming for completion at the end of February and it is hoped that a move into the new facility will be underway in early March.

2.4 Water and Wastewater consents

Council officers have continued to work with Greater Wellington Regional Council to progress the waste water consent applications. The Martinborough consent was submitted on 5 December 2012 and the Regional Council has requested additional information and in so doing has extended the time limit for public notification to 30 June 2013.

In respect of the Featherston consent application this was re-submitted on 14 December 2012. The consent application remains on hold while additional consent applications are submitted for discharge to land.

The Greytown consent which was submitted and accepted in January 2008 has been the subject of ongoing requests for additional information. This resulted in Council officers submitting a revised consent application in 2010. There has been ongoing discussion with the Regional Council since 2010 and several delays. It is expected that Council will respond to requests for information from the Regional Council by the end of May 2013.

One of the issues has been the availability of a suitable receiving environment for treated wastewater and Council officers have initiated further assessment of adjacent land.

2.5 Other Meetings Attended

Date	Meeting
12/12/12	Public Meeting Martinborough Town Hall – subject: Wairarapa Governance
14/12/12	Public Meeting Masterton District Council Building – subject: Wairarapa Governance
17/12/12	Public Meeting Pirinoa Community Hall – subject: Wairarapa Governance
31/1/13	CEO Forum – Upper Hutt

Additionally, I have attended a number of other Wairarapa Governance meetings in Wairarapa and Wellington.

2.6 Financial, Legal and Policy Implications

None in particular.

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