

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

4 FEBRUARY 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.*
2. *Receives the tabled financial statements for the period ended 30 November 2014 and 31 December 2014.*

1. Executive Summary

The close of 2014 was dominated by the purchase of the Hodder farm adjacent to the Featherston Wastewater treatment plant. This is a fantastic opportunity for us and gives SWDC the ability to distribute almost 100% of its treated wastewater to land – over time.

The wastewater distributed to land is treated to a very high standard and the main contaminants that disposal to land covers are nitrates and phosphates.

The end of year close down passed generally without incident, apart from those who wanted a cuppa in Martinborough at a certain time.

Following the successful “Cruise Martinborough” event, we are in discussions the organising body to make this an annual event – another great event for the South Wairarapa. A new date around the end of January is planned and there is a slot available in the “classic and hot rod” calendar for this to happen.

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 Local Government Commission (the Commission) announced its (predictable) recommendation for a Super City.

Two relatively detailed documents have been prepared by the Commission and submissions have been called for, closing 2 March 2015.

Next steps are adequately covered on page 279 of volume 2 of the technical report. I will not replicate this information in this report.

3. Strategic Planning and Policy Development

3.1 Meetings/Conferences

3.1.1. Chief Executive Forum

No meetings were held.

3.1.2. Mayoral Forum

No meetings were held.

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

The purchase of the Hodder block has required a rethink on the delivery timeframes against the Wastewater Strategy set some years ago.

This is a fantastic opportunity for us, but it does require a rethink of the capital expenditure program to ensure rates increases are not impacted too severely.

Settlement on this property is Tuesday 2 June 2015.

Councils strategy remains unchanged, the delivery methodology has changed somewhat. The previous methodology included the installation of a high rate treatment plant. This is now no longer necessary, however as we have spent a significant sum of money years earlier than anticipated a rejig of the capital program is required.

3.4 Financial Statements

Financial statements for the five months ended 30 November and six months 31 December will be tabled.

3.5 Long Term Plan

Work has commenced internally on the LTP, with our first two workshops being held, and timetable set.

An update will be presented at the meeting on next steps.

While we are not behind in our program, we do need to focus on completing our programme.

3.6 Rates Arrears (Incl. GST)

DATE	AMOUNT \$'000	NUMBER	DAYS SINCE INSTALMENT DUE	SWDC COMPONENT \$'000 (81%)
30 June 2011	\$851	631	31	\$689
1 August 2011	\$780	463	64	\$632
28 November 2011	\$969	760	7	\$785
1 March 2012	\$925	690	7	\$740
16 March 2012	\$830	602	23	\$672
23 March 2012	\$790	555	30	\$640
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

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

We have demanded payment from the mortgagors after having given the requisite notice. These demands cover 76 properties and amount to \$165K. We anticipate receiving these funds in the next two to three weeks.

In addition we are pursuing \$26K through our solicitors.

The next installment is due 20 February.

4. Corporate

4.1 Staffing

Emma Davidson left us to take up a role in Wellington, we wish Emma all the best (and hope she enjoys the commute!).

Roger Wale has joined the building department, and is quickly getting to know the South Wairarapa District.

4.2 Occupational Health and Safety

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

4.3 General Revaluation

Quotable Value have completed their triennial revaluation of the district.

This valuation is specific for the rates database, the aim of which is to split up the district by property values so that rates can be calculated from a consistent and comparable base.

The revaluation will be as at 1 September 2014 and will apply to the rates database from 1 July 2015.

The revaluation notices were sent, and the time period for objections has closed. There were 138 objections received, compared to 130 for the 2011 revaluation.

4.4 LGOIMA Requests

5 December	Seeking further additional information relating to the Resource Consent relating to Alloa Gun Club	Details provided
10 December	Seeking information about records held on any analysis/costing done to share or merge services for ICT in the GW region.	No records to the best of our knowledge. Some work was done by Wellington Councils but did not involve this Council.
24 December	Grants to churches/ religious groups or organisations from December 2011	
6 January	All material relating to consents sought by Westwood Commercial Ltd or Steve Pilbrow Ltd, for the development at the old Four Square building site. All correspondence from Greytown Heritage Trust on same issue.	
12 January	A schedule of all payments made to Sustainable Wairarapa since 1 January 2012, including details of what each payment was for.	No payments made.
13 January	Requesting numbers of Euthanized dogs	

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