

FUTURE NAPIER COMMITTEE

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: Thursday 28 July 2022

Time: 11.12am – 12.30pm

Venue Large Exhibition Hall
War Memorial Centre
Marine Parade
Napier

Livestreamed via Council's Facebook site

Present **Chair:** Deputy Mayor Brosnan
Members: Councillors Boag [Zoom], Browne, Crown,
Mawson, McGrath, Price, Simpson, Tapine, Taylor and Wright

In Attendance Acting Chief Executive (Richard Munneke)
Deputy Chief Executive / Executive Director Corporate Services
(Jessica Ellerm)
Executive Director City Services (Lance Titter)
Executive Director Infrastructure Services (Debra Stewart)
Acting Executive Director Community Services (Darran Gillies)
Acting Director Programme Delivery (Jamie Goodsir)
Manager Communications and Marketing (Julia Atkinson)
Pou Whakarae (Mōrehu Te Tomo)
Chief Financial Officer (Caroline Thomson)
Team Leader Planning and Compliance (Luke Johnson)
Strategic Planning Lead (Fleur Lincoln)
Economic Development Manager (Bill Roberts)
Team Leader City Design & Urban Renewal (Georgina King)
Team Leader Napier Assist | Āwhina Tangata (Dan Hicks)
Manager Regulatory Solutions (Rachael Bailey)
Manager Property (Bryan Faulknor)
Team Leader Parks Reserves and Sportsgrounds (Jason
Tickner)

Via Zoom Link	Senior Advisor Policy (Michele Grigg) Māori Partnership Manager - Te Kaiwhakahaere Hononga Māori (Beverley Kemp-Harmer) Principal Transportation Engineer (Tony Mills)
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Administration	Governance Advisors (Carolyn Hunt and Anna Eady)
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Apologies

Councillors Wright / Crown

That the apology from Councillor Chrystal be accepted.

Carried

Conflicts of interest

It was noted that Deputy Mayor Brosnan and Councillor Simpson had been appointed to the Hearings Panel to hear the application for 69 Hardinge Road referred to in *Item 1 - Resource Consent Activity Update*.

Public forum

Nil

Announcements by the Mayor

Nil

Announcements by the Chairperson

Nil

Announcements by the management

Napier Assist Update – The Manager Regulatory Solutions, Mrs Bailey introduced Dan Hicks, Team Leader Napier Assist who had assisted in the implementation of the Napier Assist Team, which was now in its fourth week with eight staff and going really well. Many partners have contributed to its success, including WITT, Hastings District Council, Police and Napier City Business Incorporated.

CCTV monitoring works in collaboration with the Napier Assist Team. The primary focus is crime/incident prevention and camera operators despatch the Napier Assist Team to areas where required.

Mr Hicks outlined the daily routine for the Napier Assist Team and provided some examples of how their presence had prevented an incident or crime occurring in the CBD, or assisted in the welfare of the public.

Mobility Parking – Mrs Bailey provided a brief update on the regulatory component that was undertaken in regard to the city's review of the mobility car parking. Disability parks are currently enforced by the parking team with very little discretion; being either displaying a permit or not. The infringement of \$150.00 was set by the Ministry of Justice. To date 117 mobility parking infringements compared to 95 last year had been issued.

Confirmation of minutes

Councillors Crown / Mawson

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2022 were taken as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Carried

Councillor Simpson left the meeting at 11.37am

AGENDA ITEMS

1. RESOURCE CONSENT ACTIVITY UPDATE

Type of Report: Enter Significance of Report

Legal Reference: Enter Legal Reference

Document ID: 1477639

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Luke Johnson, Team Leader Planning and Compliance

1.1 Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on recent resource consenting activity. The report is provided for information purposes only, so that there is visibility of major projects and an opportunity for Elected Members to understand the process.

Applications are assessed by delegation through the Resource Management Act (RMA); it is not intended to have application outcome discussions as part of this paper.

This report only contains information which is lodged with Council and is publicly available.

At the meeting

The Team Leader Planning and Compliance, Mr Johnson spoke to the report noting that resource consent applications were lower by 30% in comparison to the same period last year, but subdivision applications had increased by almost 50%. Due to a number of improvements, the average processing times for applications has been brought down from 23 days down to 17 days, which is a great improvement to the service received by our customers.

Mr Johnson advised that through the limited notification process a submission had been received in regard to 69 Hardinge Road, Napier with a request to be heard by the Hearings Panel. The Hearing commenced on 18 July 2022, reconvening on 26 July 2022 and closing on 28 July 2022. The Decision will be released in due course.

Councillor Simpson rejoined the meeting at 11.42am

COMMITTEE Councillors Taylor / Price

RESOLUTION

The Future Napier Committee:

- a. **Note** the resource consent activity update for period 5 May 2022 to 4 July 2022.

Carried

2. BETTER OFF FUNDING TRANCHE 1

Type of Report: Operational and Procedural

Legal Reference: N/A

Document ID: 1477902

Reporting Officer/s & Unit: Fleur Lincoln, Strategic Planning Lead
Bill Roberts, Economic Development Manager

2.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present Council with a prioritised and costed list of eligible projects for Tranche 1 of central government's 'Better Off' Funding and to gain direction as to which projects to apply for funding.

At the meeting

The Economic Development Manager, Mr Roberts advised that the purpose of the report was to present three package options to Council for the Central Government's "Better Off" fund and to seek which package to further develop for an application to the Department of Internal Affairs.

At the workshop held on 30 June 2022 Council expressed a desire to use some of the funds for a "quick win" type initiative that would deliver physical improvements for communities within a timely manner. Attachment 2 of the Agenda Report (Doc Id 1479884) comprised a list that Councillors had selected and officers determined their feasibility and delivery of good outcomes.

The Strategic Planning Lead, Ms Lincoln advised that two options (A and B) were included in the report for the "quick wins" package. Noting that in Option A (quick wins 1) in regard to the Disability Strategy there were two figures for the initiative and combined should read \$270,000.

Both Options A and B included \$500,000 for building capacity and although this did not match the contribution being applied by the Hastings District Council the figure is considered commensurate to the number of entities Council will be working with. The recommendation is for an "in principal" direction which provides scope for further engagement with mana whenua. Option B will achieve a balance of funding, the delivery

of larger scale projects with a longer timeframe for delivery with funding to be able to deliver small scale initiatives with a shorter timeframe for delivery.

In response to questions it was noted:

- The application for funding has to be submitted to the Department of Internal Affairs by 30 September 2022.
- The funding is contingent on mana whenua engagement and many of the projects included in the options have been developed in consultation with mana whenua. Nevertheless, Council Officers intend to engage with mana whenua in relation to all of the projects being included in this proposal for funding following Council approval in principle.
- Tranche 2 of this funding seeks to have much more full engagement with mana whenua and also provides more time with the approach in the second application being quite different.
- Option C was presented at the workshop however, went over the allocated amount and demonstrated the difficulty in trying to allocate funding for a number of projects and the choices that had to be made.
- The pressure on Iwi partners to be able to meet obligations that are required are immense and the resourcing for them is not provided by Central Government.
- Increase the “quick wins” to \$870,000 by reducing either the library public realm or the CBD West revitalisation and include the pedestrian pathway lighting for Taradale and the CBD. It was then stated, and agreed, that the funding allocated to the CBD West revitalisation project should not be reduced.
- Reducing the library and CBD West budget and increasing the disability strategy and the pedestrian pathway lighting for Taradale and the CBD would have lesser impact on staffing than having a new project.
- The pedestrian pathway lighting for Taradale and the CBD would be a new project brought into Option B.
- The project and materials would be value engineered so the design fits the budget so it would be possible to reduce the amount that is allocated to either the CBD West revitalisation or the library public realm and utilise whatever budget is allocated. Neither project has been undertaken at this point and officers would ensure that the budget allocated met the proposed design.
- The same would apply for the pedestrian pathway lighting to make the requirements meet the budget.
- There are \$100,000 worth of pathways designed in the original master plan for Park Island and officers would determine through budget allocation the best value for building one of those pathway linkages. The new sports ground budget could also contribute to ensure completion of pathways.
- Note that the word “demolish” be crossed out leaving the “refurbish Anderson Park Hexagon toilets”. Demolish is not an option. The amount of \$40,000 was the demolish option.
- The hexagon toilet is part of some wider works through the Long Term Plan for a second stage development for the Anderson Park masterplan and it is part of the scoping exercise. There is some budget available to initiate the phase of the project investigation and if it is agreed that the building is to remain then more of that budget from the existing project will be required to deliver further improvements to the reserve with less impact on the ratepayer.
- The funding of \$1.65m for the CBD West revitalisation would be value engineered to the budget. The scale of the budget will dictate the scale and scope of the project.

- Proposed amendment to Option B between the two “quick win” packages to increase the disability strategy by \$90,000 and add the pedestrian pathway lighting in Taradale and the CBD.

COMMITTEE Councillors Crown / Mawson
RESOLUTION

The Future Napier Committee:

- Notes** that as part of Central Government’s Three Waters Reforms it has made available Tranche 1 “Better Off” funding to invest in the future for local government, urban development, and the wellbeing of their communities.
- Resolves** that Napier City Council applies to this fund to direct, in principle, towards the projects including the minor amendments as set out in option B below:

Option B (Library part-funded)

Ahuriri Waka Hub & Surrounds	\$2,200,000
Regional Park – Prepare masterplan	\$200,000
Library Public Realm Interface	\$1,040,000
CBD West Revitalisation – design and build	\$1,650,000
Iwi capability	\$500,000
Quick Wins Package 2	\$870,000
Total	\$6,460,000

Option B (Quick Wins Table)

Disability Strategy Quick Wins	\$270,000
Park Island Walkways	\$200,000
Coloured LED Lighting	\$100,000
Refurbish Anderson Hexagon toilets	\$50,000
Dog Lead Hooks	\$10,000
Pedestrian Pathway Lighting (Taradale and CBD)	\$240,000
Total	\$870,000.00

Carried

3. PROPOSED CHANGE TO FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY

<i>Type of Report:</i>	Legal and Operational
<i>Legal Reference:</i>	Local Government Act 2002
<i>Document ID:</i>	1480160
<i>Reporting Officer/s & Unit:</i>	Caroline Thomson, Chief Financial Officer Richard Munneke, Executive Director City Strategy Debra Stewart, Executive Director Infrastructure Services

3.1 Purpose of Report

To outline the proposed approach to update Napier City Council's policy on Financial Contributions as part of the 2022/23 Annual Plan.

At the meeting

The Chief Financial Officer, Ms Thomson spoke to the report seeking approval to amend the financial contributions policy through the Annual Plan process. The Policy review is an across Council project and will involve staff from Infrastructure, City Strategy and Finance.

The Financial Contributions Policy was amended as part of the Long Term Plan process by removing the development contributions to address some issues in the policy where the development contributions could be used for non-residential development.

Reverting to financial contributions only was a short term measure and would be re-assessed as part of the review of the District Plan so that the Policy aligned with the latest spatial plan and growth implications.

Updating the Policy would ensure that development or growth is funding the cost that Council incurs to enable development and to minimise the risk of ratepayers being required to fund these costs. It is proposed that the work will be undertaken to update the Policy to incorporate new development contributions for specific areas as development contributions provide flexibility and can easily be updated through the Long Term Plan or Annual Plan process. Whereas the calculations for financial contributions can only be updated with a change to the District Plan.

It was noted that this report was about the mechanism on how Council collect contributions. If contributions are through the District Plan and plan changes required, it becomes a very slow process and is not the right mechanism. It is quite clear who pays and is not a matter of dis-incentivising but rather apportioning fair and reasonable costs.

With new development the developer does actually pay their fair share and does not fall to the existing ratepayer base, who already have to pay for the maintenance and ongoing costs of current pipes and reticulation.

COMMITTEE Mayor Wise / Councillor Price

RESOLUTION The Future Napier Committee:

- a. **Approve** Council Officers to proceed with a project to amend the Financial Contributions Policy (FCP) to a Financial and Development Contributions Policy via the 2022/23 Annual Plan process.

Carried

The meeting closed at 12.30pm

Approved and adopted as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Chairperson

Date of approval