

STAFF REPORT

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the Community Services Committee

FROM: Manager Community Services

DATE: 27 April 2005

SUBJECT: Reserve DIL's - 2005/06 Annual Plan

PURPOSE

To advise the Committee of two requests for funding that have been received.

BACKGROUND

The allocations from Reserve DIL's were all considered by the Community Boards and Ward Councillors and adopted by this Committee for inclusion in the draft Annual Plan.

As part of the Annual Plan process, funding for Collingwood Streetscaping was reduced in the Engineering budget and as a result it has been asked whether Reserve DIL's could be used for some of this work.

The other request is in relation to the Motueka Golf Club where they requested funding assistance towards the total cost of \$220,000.00 to install a watering system. An allocation of \$55,000.00 has been included in the draft Annual Plan.

DISCUSSION

1 Collingwood Streetscaping

Staffs view is that should the Community Board wish to allocate Reserve DIL's for work on the Collingwood Streetscaping, this could be done for costs associated with plantings, street furniture etc.

The Golden Bay Reserve DIL's had an estimated \$550,000.00 available and expenditure of \$347,800.00 has been included in the draft Annual Plan.

Discussion would need to be held with the Engineering Department to determine the level of funding required from Reserve DIL's and also to ensure they have sufficient funds to meet their share.

2 **Motueka Golf Clubs**

The Club is struggling to raise the total funds required for their \$220,000.00 watering project. At present they are \$50,000.00 short of their target.

Staff have advised them that further funds from Council this year are unlikely given the level of funds available in the Motueka Reserve DIL's account – estimated to be \$360,000.00 for 2005/06 and this has been fully allocated in the draft Annual Plan.

The Club is considering taking out a loan for the \$50,000.00 but are concerned of its impact on their subscriptions especially in the first few years after the work has been completed. It is hoped that the watering system will attract new members and greater casual use.

Therefore, it has been suggested that Council consider allocating funds to assist with the annual loan repayments of a \$50,000.00 loan for a set number of years, with this amount being reviewed annually based on their membership and green fees.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1 In relation to the Collingwood Streetscaping, this matter be referred to both the Engineering Department and the Golden Bay Community Board advising them that some works in relation to streetscaping in Collingwood could be funded from Golden Bay Reserve DIL's and asking for any recommendation that could be included as a submission to the draft Annual Plan.
- 2 In relation to the Motueka Golf Club, the Motueka Community Board be asked whether they would be willing to commit funds to assist with the loan repayments and, if so, how much would they recommend and what conditions should be imposed.

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