

STAFF REPORT

TO: Community Services Committee
FROM: Administration Advisor
REFERENCE: C752
DATE: 24 November 2005
SUBJECT: Takaka Drama Society Theatre

PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT

To inform the Committee of the Takaka Drama Society's feasibility study of using the Pohara Hall for a Performing Arts Centre.

BACKGROUND

The Takaka Drama Society approached the Council a few months ago regarding funding a new playhouse for their Society. Indicative costs were between \$1.5 million and \$2 million.

Council staff suggested that the Society look at the possibility of using an existing facility within Golden Bay, and the Society agreed to do a preliminary feasibility study on the Pohara Hall, which currently has limited use, on its suitability for a Performing Arts Centre.

COMMENT/DISCUSSION

The Society has carried out a feasibility study on the Pohara Hall, and has decided that it would not be appropriate for their needs, and would like to revisit their original proposal of building a purpose built theatre on the present site of the Playhouse.

A copy of their letter outlining reasons for this is attached to this report.

OPTIONS

- 1 To agree with the Society's findings and provide them with some assurance that Council may provide funds towards a stand alone project; or

- 2 Advise the Society that it would be unlikely that Council would fund a purpose built theatre as proposed, as Council supports multi-use facilities where possible.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Drama Society be advised that it would be unlikely that Council would fund a purpose built theatre as proposed, as Council supports multi-use facilities where possible.

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