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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Motueka Community Board
Meeting Date: 14 June 2011
Subject: 2011/2012 Draft Annual Plan – Reserve Financial Contributions
Report Author: Lloyd Kennedy, Community Services Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council has considered applications for additional funding from the Motueka Reserve Financial Contribution account as part of the Annual Plan submissions and have asked the Board to make final decisions on these.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

- (a) The \$54,768 allocated to the Youth Park be transferred to general playgrounds.
- (b) An allocation of \$25,000 be made towards the Motueka Museum waterproofing.
- (c) No additional funds be allocated to the Imagine Theatre in 2011/2012.
- (d) Unless there is a significant increase in revenue in the Motueka Reserve Financial account during 2011/2012, that no additional allocation be made to walkways/cycleways.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Motueka Community Board receives the 2011/2012 Draft Annual Plan Report (RMCB11-06-01);

THAT the proposal to transfer the \$54,768 from the Youth Park to general playgrounds be approved;

THAT \$25,000 be allocated towards the Motueka Museum waterproofing work in the 2011/2012 Annual Plan;

THAT no change be made to the allocation to the Imagine Theatre;

THAT no additional funds be allocated to walkways/cycleways, however that this be reviewed during 2011/2012 should additional funds be available within the Motueka Reserve Financial account.

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek Board's approval to the staff recommendation on requests through the Draft Annual Plan process from the Motueka Reserve Financial Contributions account.

2. BACKGROUND

The following were the requests received:

- 2.1 Playground funding – Goodman Ledger Reserve.
2.2 New playground equipment – Decks Reserve.
2.3 Motueka Museum waterproofing.
2.4 Imagine Theatre – building upgrade.
2.5 Walkway/cycleway – additional funding.

3. PRESENT SITUATION/MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 3.1 Playground funding – funding of \$54,854 has been allowed in the draft Annual Plan for the Youth Park however most of the required work has been undertaken in 2010/2011 using funds allocated in this financial year. Therefore these funds could be transferred to general playground funding in the 2011/2012 year.

- 3.2 Council has received a report on the condition of the Motueka Museum and this recommends urgent waterproofing work is required to the exterior of the building. While \$50,000 has been requested for this work in 2011/2012, available funds need to be considered when making the decision on funding.
- 3.3 The LTCCP had allocated \$47,174 towards major building works to the Imagine Theatre during 2011/2012. When the draft Annual Plan was prepared, this amount was reduced to \$20,000 due to limited funds being available. The Theatre has submitted requesting the other \$27,174.
- 3.4 Currently \$54,768 has been allocated in the draft Annual Plan for walkways/cycleways and a request has been received for an additional \$15,000 in 2011/2012.

4. FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 Due to the downturn in subdivisions over the last couple of years, funds in the Reserve Financial accounts are limited and as a result some projects have to be held over. The estimated credit balance as at 30 June 2012 is \$110,000. However even this could be difficult to achieve unless there is a significant increase in subdivisions over the next 12 months.

5. OPTIONS

- 5.1 Playground funding – this could either be left at current levels or the funds allocated to the Youth Park could be reallocated to general playgrounds.
- 5.2 Motueka Museum waterproofing – the request is for \$50,000 with Council suggesting that this be reduced to \$25,000 because of limited funds. The Board could either approve \$50,000, \$25,000 or decline to assist with this work.
- 5.3 Imagine Theatre – the Board could agree to support the current funding of \$20,000 or request that this be increased to \$47,174 as requested.
- 5.4 Walkway/cycleway additional funding – the Board could leave the funding at current levels or agree to increase the funding by \$15,000 as suggested.

6. PROS AND CONS OF OPTIONS

- 6.1 Playgrounds – at this stage staff who manage the playgrounds have not been able to consider the requests. However the additional funds would make it possible to undertake some upgrading of existing playgrounds. The removal of funding from the Youth Park will not have any negative impact.
- 6.2 Motueka Museum waterproofing – providing at least some funding for the waterproofing of this building will ensure that the worst areas can be repaired, thus avoiding further deterioration and probably greater repair costs.
- 6.3 Imagine Theatre – the Theatre has provided details of the works they will be keen to undertake with the allocated \$20,000. While this does not allow for the proposed major upgrades, the plans show that significant improvements can be achieved without the full funding.
- 6.4 Walkways/cycleways – while additional funds in this budget would allow for more walkways/cycleways to be installed, the current funding does allow for a considerable amount of new work and with limited funds available, any extra allocations could be left until the Long Term Plan.

7. EVALUATION OF OPTIONS

- 7.1 At this stage staff have had limited involvement with regards to upgrading the two playgrounds mentioned in submissions. Therefore the transfer of funds from the Youth Park does allow for any new or upgraded playgrounds should it be decided to proceed with them based on future staff recommendations.
- 7.2 The Museum is a historic building and must be protected against the weather as suggested under 6.2.
- 7.3 Retaining the \$20,000 budget for the Imagine Theatre will ensure an improved entranceway and upgraded toilets. The other work proposed was part of a long term plan that was prepared a few years ago. Holding the allocation at \$20,000 provides the opportunity for the Theatre group to revisit their long term plan and reapply for funding as part of the LTP.
- 7.4 Because of the lack of funds there is a need for staff to prepare a plan showing how best to allocate the funds in 2011/2012 and then consider further funding as part of the LTP.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

- 8.1 These are not significant decisions according to the Council's Significance Policy.

9. RECOMMENDATION/S

- 9.1 It is recommended that:
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