

MEMORANDUM

TO: Motueka Community Board

FROM: Corporate Services Manager

REFERENCE:

DATE: 2 September 2008

SUBJECT: Matters Arising from Chairman's Report dated 24 August 2008

Item 2 Public Consultation

The non attendance of council staff at the cycling/walking public meeting of July 2008 has been queried.

- Council staff did not attend this meeting because they were not invited.
- Public consultation arises from the publication of a draft review.
- Other significant matters are currently in their early stages of consideration by the Council. As the Chairman indicates these considerations cover a very wide range. As some priorities emerge it is intended that the possible inclusion of these matters in the LTCCP will be discussed with the Motueka Community Board.
- Council is mindful of its obligation to consult. It is also mindful of criticism that consultation can become an extremely expensive and unproductive exercise. Where appropriate, Council Officers can and do attend local meetings to explain and inform and receive feedback on various issues.

Item 5 Motueka TDC Carpark

The resealing of this carpark is part of the scheduled maintenance programme. While the carpark may appear to be in good condition, deferring scheduled maintenance inevitably leads to much increased remedial costs in the future. Expert advice is that regular scheduled maintenance ensures best value for money over time.

Item 7 Affordable Housing

Mayor Kempthorne intends to be present at the meeting and will comment on affordable housing issues and the approach being taken by the Queenstown Council.

Item 10 Loans for Works Contained in Annual Plan (2008/2009)

It is important to recognise that both the capital works and operating works programmes for the Ward are funded from a variety of sources. It is inappropriate to draw a conclusion that 10% of the loan funding equates to the same amount of either capital or operating expenditure in the Ward.

Item 11 Motueka Water – Financial Statement (2007/2008 Draft)

As with the abovementioned comment about loans, it is unwise to draw direct conclusions from individual line items. The rate increase was to allow Council to complete the watermain in Woodlands Avenue. Once the work is completed the credit balance will be significantly reduced.

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